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M Hafeez appointed as FCC Registrar

The federal government has appointed former District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Hafeez as the maiden Registrar of the newly-constituted Federal Constitutional Court. In addition, Mazhar Bhatti has been appointed as Secretary to the Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court.



Sugar price touches record Rs229 per kg

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Oath taking ceremony

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari administering the oath to Justice Aminuddin Khan as Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court at Aiwan-e-Sadr on Friday. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi are also present.



No-confidence vote against PM Anwarul Haq in AJK Assembly on Nov 17

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Speaker of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Legislative Assembly Chaudhry Latif Akbar on Friday summoned the assembly session for November 17 to vote on a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwarul Haq.

According to an official notification, the session will convene on Monday at 3:00 p.m.

Pakistan Peoples Party's motion seeking the removal of the prime

If the motion succeeds, Raja



Lawmakers will vote on the expected to become the 16th prime minister of AJK.

The AJK Legislative Assembly comprises 52 members, with the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)

Faisal Mumtaz Rathore is requiring the support of at least 27 lawmakers to form a govern-

> Earlier, speaking at a press briefing in Islamabad, PPP leaders said the party had secured

the numerical strength required to unseat the government and was "fully positioned" to form the next administration in AJK.

Former prime minister Raja Pervez Ashraf said the decision followed internal consultations, adding that the party was confident of winning the vote.

"We are in a position to form the government. Our numbers are complete, and we do not need anyone's support," he asserted.

Ashraf said the PPP aimed to bring "ease and relief" to the people of Azad Kashmir and would pursue governance through collective decision-making.

He praised Rathore as an educated and capable young leader, and also credited Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari for leading diplomatic efforts globally in the aftermath of the Pahalgam incident.

PPP AJK President Chaudhry Yasin said the party's roots in Kashmir dated back to Benazir Bhutto's strong advocacy for the region, adding that President Asif Ali Zardari had consistently raised the issue of Kashmiris' right to self-determination at international forums.

Yasin claimed the PPP currently commands "27 golden numbers," which could increase to 40 if PML-N members join them.

Justice Amin-ud-Din takes oath as first CJ of Federal **Constitutional Court**

ISLAMABAD: Justice Amin-Ud-Din Khan on Friday was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court, following the signing of the 27th constitutional amendment into law a

President Asif Ali Zardari administered the oath of office to the newly appointed chief justice of the Federal Constitutional Court at a ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Started with the recitation of the verse from the Holy Quran, nity.

the ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif,

and Chief Justice Yahaya Afridi. Chairman of Senate Sved Yousaf Raza Gilani, National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, First Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, federal ministers, Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Asim Munir, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, and PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, were also present. besides parliamentarians and notables from the legal frater-

27th Amendment to ensure justice, uphold Parliament's authority: Khawaja Asif



👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Friday said the 27th Constitutional Amendment passed by Parliament will not only ensure justice for the people but also help resolve constitutional matters transparently and fairly.

Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, he reiterated that Parliament is the supreme institution.

"The Constitution grants powers to Parliament, which is supreme. Now that authority has been restored," he said.

He accused opposition members of showing loyalty to individuals instead of the Constitution or the country. Referring to recent terrorist

incidents in Wana and Islamabad, he said the opposition had failed to express even a single word of condemnation. "Their facilitators have been

arrested, yet there has been no condemnation from the opposition," he alleged. The minister questioned

whether the opposition stood with the country or with militants.

"Their statements, their behaviour, their entire conduct show they do not stand with Pakistan's Constitution or its institutions — especially Parliament, the highest institution. They stand only with their personal interests," he said.

Authorities arrest four terrorists involved in Islamabad suicide blast

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The government of Pakistan has announced the arrest of four terrorists who belonged to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Fitna al Khawaraj for their roles in planning, coordinating, and assisting the suicide blast in Islamabad on November 11, which killed 12.

According to a statement released on Friday, a "joint operation" was conducted by the Intelligence Bureau Division and Counter Terrorism Department.

"During interrogation, Sajidullah alias Sheena, the handler of the suicide bomber, confessed that TTP/Fitna al Khawarij Commander Saeed-ur-Rehman alias Daadullah (resident of Charmang, Bajaur, currently in Afghanistan, and serving as TTP's Intelligence Chief for Nawagai, Bajaur) contacted him through the Telegram application to carry out a suicide attack in Islamabad to cause maximum casualties of LEAs," said the statement.

Sajidullah alias Sheena told the authorities that "Daadullah sent pictures of the suicide bomber Usman alias Qari to Sajid-Qari belonged to the Shinwari tribe and was When he reached Pakistan from Afghanistan, are expected."



Sajidullah alias Sheena arranged his stay in a residence near Islamabad."

Further interrogation revealed that Sajidullah alias Sheena collected a suicide jacket from Akhun Baba graveyard in Peshawar and brought it to Islamabad on the directives of "Afghanistan-based" TTP/Fitna al Khawarij Commander Daadullah.

"On the day of the blast at Judicial Complex G-11, Sajidullah Sheena set the suicide jacket on Usman alias Qari."

The statement asserted that the network was handled and guided at every step by the Fitna al Khawarij/TTP high command based in Afghanistan."

"The entire cell involved in the incident, ullah alias Sheena for receiving him. Usman including its commander and three other members, has been arrested. Investigations are a resident of Achin, Nangarhar, Afghanistan. continuing, and more revelations and arrests

TTAP slams 27th Amendment, launches nationwide protests

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ayeen-e-Pakistan (TTAP), an alliance of opposition parties, on Saturday denounced the 27th Constitutional Amendment as an "assault on the basic structure of the Constitution" and announced a nationwide protest campaign to oppose it.

The statement came after a meeting chaired by the movement's president Mahmood Khan Achakzai, and attended by senior political leaders, including Asad Qaiser, Allama Raja Nasir Abbas, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan, Salman Akram Raja, BNP chief Akhtar Mengal, SUP leader Zain Shah, BNP's Sajid Tareen, Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar and Firdous Shamim Naqvi.

According to the meeting's communique, the 27th Amendment, along with the earlier 26th Amendment, undermines the foundational pillars of democracy and places the judiciary under executive control.

The participants rejected what

they termed "person-specific amendments" and demanded that the Constitution be restored to its original form.

The movement said the controversial amendments had "crippled the judiciary" and limited the authority and existence of the Supreme Court.

It praised the resignations of senior Supreme Court judges Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Athar Minallah, calling their decision an act of resistance against "constitutional robbery" and paying tribute to judges who "upheld their oath."

The movement also endorsed the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Aman Jirga declaration and called for its full implementation.

Announcing a protest plan, the communique said members of the National Assembly and Senate will march from Parliament to the Supreme Court on Monday. A resolution against the 27th

Amendment will be tabled in the KP Assembly the same day, while Punjab Assembly members will march from the assembly to the Lahore High Court.

Pakistan rules out talks with terrorists; FO cites surge in attacks from Afghan soil

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday categorically ruled out any possibility of negotiations with the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) or any other terrorist groups, reiterating that recent terror attacks in the country have intensified under the Afghan Taliban regime.

Addressing the weekly media briefing, the Foreign Office spokesperson said Pakistan supports dialogue with governments, but not with terror outfits.

"Pakistan has never eschewed dialogue with any government in Kabul. However, Pakistan will not hold dialogue with any terrorist groups, be it Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) or Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA)," he said.

He added that the rise in terrorism coincided with the Afghan Taliban's return to power.



stan, despite suffering military and civilian casualties, exercised maximum restraint and did not escalate," he said. The spokesperson said the third round of talks with the Afghan Taliban regime concluded in Istanbul on

Turkiye for facilitating the process. He, however, dismissed Kabul's recent claim that it is unable to act against the TTP

November 7, appreciating the

"sincere efforts" of Qatar and

as "unbelievable". "A regime cannot absolve itself of responsibility in this manner," he remarked.

Scion of Political Dynasty Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore poised for AJK Prime Ministership

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD/ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Peoples Party leadership has finally approved the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq in Azad Kashmir and nominated Member of Assembly Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore for the Prime Ministership of Azad Kashmir. In this regard, PPP Azad Kashmir President Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin nnounced in a crowded press conference along with former Prime Minister of Pakistan Raja Pervez Ashraf.

In this regard, PPP central leaders Sardar Javed Ayub and Aamir Yasin presented a no-confidence motion with the signatures of 17 members of the assembly at the Muzaffarabad Assembly Secretariat today.



date Faisal Mumtaz Rathore has the the assembly.

Faisal Mumtaz Rathore belongs PPP sources say that PPP candi-support of more than 37 members of

to Haveli district and is the younger son of former Prime Minister Raja Mumtaz Rathore. Faisal Mumtaz Rathore has previously been a minister of Azad Kashmir twice.

He was also a trusted and active member of the government team for talks along with the Public Action Committee in the Anwarul Haq government.

Politically, his family has a big career; his mother, Ms. Farhat Rathore, has also been a member of the Azad Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

It should be remembered that there were three strong candidates for the prime ministership from the parliamentary members of the PPP, however, the PPP high command, President Zardari, nominated Faisal Mumtaz Rathore for the prime minis-

PPP incharge Azad Kashmir Mohtarma Faryal Talpur visited the residence of former Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan and expressed grief over sad demise of Dr Naveed Khan and offered Fateha for the eternal peace of departed soul PPP senior leader Ch Riaz Ahmed and others were also accompanied with her.

SSP Hyderabad takes notice of viral video, 2 constables placed in quarter guard lockup

Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: SSP Hyderabad, Adeel Hussain Chandio, has taken immediate notice of a viral video circulating on social media and initiated strict action against the involved police personnel. The video allegedly shows two constables from Police Station 15 Hatri — Ismail Gaho and Muhammad Sharif Laghari engaging in unprofessional behavior, prompting their immediate placement in the quarter guard lockup.



SSP Hyderabad has also ordered a formal departmental inquiry into the incident, assigning the investigation to DSP Chhalgari. The inquiry officer has been instructed to thoroughly examine all aspects of the incident and submit a detailed report to the SSP.

SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio emphasized that indiscipline and unprofessional conduct will not be tolerated in the police department. He stated that strict action will be taken as per the law to uphold the dignity, discipline, and public trust in the police force.

TT Singh DC and PML-N leaders handed over the tractors key to farmers

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the second phase of the Chief Minister Punjab Green Tractor Program, tractors were distributed among successful farmers. The ceremony was held at the District Council Hall Toba Tek Singh, organized by the Department of Agriculture (Extension). Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela, PML-N leader Mian Muhammad Rafiq, Sardar Masood Ahmad Khan Gadhi, Chaudhry Haris Amjad and Sardar Raheel Anwar handed over the keys of the tractors to farmers who had been selected through the lottery system. The event was attended by Director Agriculture Khalid Mehmood, Deputy Director Dr. Nosher Ali Khan, other officials, representatives of tractor manufacturing companies, dealers and the farmers themselves. Director Agriculture Khalid Mehmood said that the Punjab government is providing tractors to all farmers based on merit and through a transparent process. Farmers applied online to participate, and a digital lottery was conducted to select the beneficiaries.

Deputy Director Agriculture Dr. Nosher Ali Khan informed that in the second phase, 209 tractors are being distributed among successful farmers in Toba Tek Singh district, with a subsidy of PKR 1 million per tractor provided by the Punjab government.

Mian Muhammad Rafiq said that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz harif's revolutionary initiatives aim to make farmers prosperous and promote the agriculture sector, and the positive impact of these policies is clearly visible. Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mehla described the Green Tractor Program as a remarkable initiative of the Punjab

Wheat cultivation campaign continued in full swing across in Tehsil Kamalia

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Extra Assistant Director of Agriculture (Extension) Kamalia, Ali Mohtisham said that the Wheat Cultivation Campaign is actively underway across in the tehsil Kamalia. He stated that daily meetings are being held with farmers to guide them regarding modern wheat cultivation practices. Ali Mohtisham explained that the purpose of these meetings is to create awareness among



farmers about timely sowing, seed quality, land preparation and the use of approved varieties to ensure maximum yield. He said that agriculture field teams are visiting different villages, fields and farmer gatherings on a daily basis to provide technical assistance. He further added that the Agriculture Department is emphasizing the use of certified seeds, balanced fertilization and proper irrigation schedules. Farmers are also being informed about pest management, weed control and other important agronomic measures to protect their crops during early growth stages.

The Extra Assistant Director assured that the Agriculture Extension Department is fully committed to supporting farmers throughout the wheat sowing season. He said that all available resources are being utilized to make the Wheat Cultivation Campaign successful so that production targets can be achieved and farmers can secure better profits in the upcoming season.

RPO Faisalabad Visits Jhang and conducts Khuli Kacheri

👺 Abdul Majid



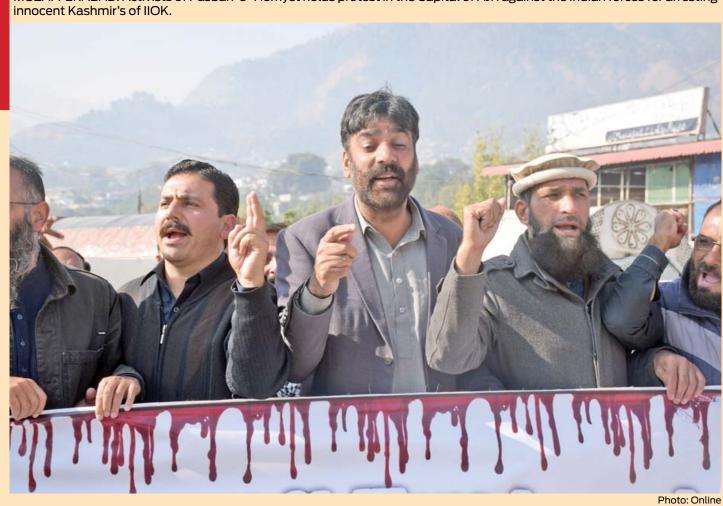
FAISALABAD: Regional Police Officer (RPO) Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar, paid an official visit to District Jhang where he was warmly received by District Police Officer (DPO) Jhang, Captain (R) Bilal Iftikhar Kayani, along with other senior officers. During the visit, the RPO organ-

ized a Khuli Kachehri at Police Station City Jhang to ensure direct access to justice and to hear public grievances firsthand. A large number of citizens attended the session and submitted more than 70 applications concerning various issues. RPO Zeeshan Asghar personally listened to the complaints and issued immediate instructions for their resolution, emphasizing the police department's commitment to swift public redressal and improved service delivery.

As part of his inspection, he visited the Special Initiative Police Station (SIPs) at City Jhang where he examined cleanliness standards, the building's condition, front desk operations, the malkhana and hawalât, details of detained individuals, and various station registers. He also reviewed the facilities provided under the SIPs project. The RPO directed officials to maintain the protocols and standards of modern policing and to ensure a citizen-friendly environment that supports transparency and efficiency.

Protest

MUZAFFERABAD: Activists of Pasban-e-Hurriyet holds protest in the Capital of AJK against the Indian forces for arresting



Sardar Attique Hails Kashmiri Youth Amidst Martyrs' Day Commemorations

Spokesman Report

GUJRANWALA: Former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir and President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan says that Kashmir will become Pakistan is the most popular slogan of the valley even today, the map of the world has changed with Operation Banyan Al-Marsoos, the whole world has recognized the military capabilities of Pakistan.

Speaking at the Jammu Martyrs' Day ceremony, former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar miri youth are standing as a leaden army and are creating new stories of



Attique Ahmad Khan said that Kash- wall in front of one million Indian freedom with their blood.

for the freedom of Kashmir. Kashmir Banega Pakistan is still the most popular slogan of the valley. Kashmir Martyrs' Day is being

of Pakistan have sacrificed their lives

celebrated today with an unprecedented level of grandeur. Former Azad Kashmir Minister Hafiz Hamid Raza, former Azad Kashmir Minister Chaudhry Maqbool Gujjar, All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference Punjab President Waheedul Haq Hashmi Advocate, ex-MPA Tawfiq Ahmad Butt, Sardar Usman Attique, Raja Muhammad Shoaib, Mirza Zafar Iqbal, Raja Arif and others also addressed the cere-

Newly formed GCWUF Alumni Association Oath-Taking Ceremony and annual dinner held

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Government College Women University Faisalabad hosted the Oath-Taking Ceremony of its Alumni Association, newly formed by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (T. I.), followed by the Annual Alumni Dinner 2025 at Jinnah Auditorium. The grand gathering was joined by the Vice Chancellor, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Ms Qudsia Batool, member Syndicate, along with other dignitaries and eminent alumni.

special committee, formulated to revive the Alumni Association, led by Prof. Dr. Avsha Sameen.

The event commenced with a presentation on the objectives and structure creating a vibrant, sustainable alumni Akhter and Dr Sadaf Naqvi.

from the office bearers of the Associa-



its alumni. In her keynote address, Prof. Dr.

Kanwal Ameen shared her vision for of the Alumni Association by Dr Saira network that transcends nostalgia to foster professional collaboration, Then the Vice Chancellor took oath mentorship, and institutional advance-

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali commended GCWUF's visionary leadership and appreciated the establishment of the Alumni Association as a progressive initiative to connect past and present generations of scholars.

Ms. Qudsia Batool (MPA & Member of the Syndicate) also lauded the initi- the flame of connection and commitative, emphasizing the pivotal role of ment.

alumni in mentoring young women and in contributing to social development.

The President of the Association Prof. Dr. Noureen Aziz Qureshi (President) and other officials expressed their committed with the cause and appreciated Prof Kanwal Ameen on igniting





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DFP denounces escalating human rights violations in Indian-occupied Kashmir

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) has strongly condemned the escalating human rights violations and illegal detentions of innocent Kashmiris, particularly the ongoing witch-hunt against educated youth and professionals by Indian forces in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK).

In a statement issued today, DFP spokesperson Advocate Arshad Iqbal evnressed his narty's ser concern over the arbitrary detention of hundreds of civilians arrested during cordon and search operations (CASOs) conducted across the region.

"Nearly 1,500 civilians, mostly youth, have been detained during the massive CASOs and raids carried out across the Kashmir Valley and Muslim-majority areas of the Jammu region," he said, adding that those arrested include medical professionals and pro-freedom activists, have been booked under draconian laws.

The spokesperson also denounced the harassment of residents during raids, as well as incidents of vandalism and theft of personal belongings by Indian forces.

Terming these actions a form of collective punishment, Iqbal said that the confiscation of civilian properties was part of the Indian government's broader strategy to disempower the people of Kashmir.

Economist urges Pakistan to push CPEC Phase II, citing colonial ---sabotage

跨 Bureau Report

KARACHI: China's Belt and Road Initiative offers new opportunities for economic growth and prosperity to developing countries. Through this project, nations can strengthen their basic infrastructure, build modern roads, railways, ports, and economic zones, benefit directly from global trade, boost local industries, and create more jobs. Renowned econo-

chi, presided over by Speaker Gen (r) Moinuddin Haider at the Hamdard Corporate Head Office yesterday. Ms Sadia Rashid (Hilal-e-Imtiaz) President Hamdard Foundation Pakistan was also present.

Dr Shahida Wizarat said that the Western economic model is based on loans, which has led to rising poverty and inflation across the world. For developing countries struggling with mist and scholar Dr Shahida Wizarat poverty, China's initiative is a message expressed these views while addressing of prosperity and holds great signif-

the session of Hamdard Shura Kara- icance. That is why colonial powers strongly oppose this project.

> Engr Anwarul Haq Siddiqui, Brig (r) Tariq Khalil, Mubashir Mir, Zafar Iqbal, Engr Ibnul Hasan Rizvi, Afzal Hameed, Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan. Dr Amjad Jafri, Justice (r) Zia Parvez, Professor Dr Hakim Abdul Hannan, Col (r) Mukhtar Ahmed Butt, Dr Hina Khan, Brig (r) Dr Riazul Haq, Professor Dr Nasreen Afzal, Syed Muzaffar Ijaz, Dr Amir Tauseen, and



cipled diplomatic stance against the towards Pakistan, but thanks to the national community.

oppression in Palestine and Sudan, excellent military strategy of Field which has been supported by many Marshal Asim Munir and the Pakicountries. To cover up its atrocities stan Armed Forces, Pakistan's dignity others said Pakistan has taken a prin- in Kashmir, India showed aggression and standing have risen in the inter-

Welcome

ISLAMABAD: A view of the portraits of President and Prime Minister of Pakistan along with King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, along the road sides of Constitution Avenue as displayed by the Government of Pakistan on the visit of His Excellency to Pakistan on 15-16 November 2025.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Pakistan Rises to 33rd in Global Tobacco Industry Interference Index 2025

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has shown improvement in its global ranking on the Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Index 2025, prepared and launched by the Society for Alternative Media and Research (SAMAR) on Friday, despite a slight increase in its overall score.

According to the report, Pakistan now ranks 33rd out of 100 countries, an improvement from 32nd out of 90 countries in 2023. The country's score rose from 53 to 54, suggesting minor setbacks caused largely by increased interactions between the tobacco industry and certain non-health govern-

Mazhar Arif renowned jour-



report. We hope the government will implement its recommendations. It will also ence and ensuring Pakistan's Speaking at the event, and MOP meetings. He further future. reaffirmed their commitment

nalist and Executive Director to supporting the govern-SAMAR said this is a timely ment and civil society in safeguarding tobacco control policies from industry inflube helpful in Pakistan's prepa- continued progress toward rations for the upcoming COP a tobacco and nicotine free

The launch event was

attended by the government officials and health experts including Director Tobacco Control Cell Dr Nadia Nooreen, Project Manager Tobacco Control Cell, Aftab Ahmad, tobacco control experts, and civil society representatives.

Dialogue and reconciliation are essential for stability in Balochistan: Aman Shah

News Desk

KARACHI/QUETTA: Syed Aman Shah, Provincial Convener of the Awaam Pakistan Party (APP) Balochistan, has expressed deep concern over the ongoing political confrontation, harsh statements, and increasing polarization in the country. He stated that the current situation has severely affected the daily lives of ordinary citizens. Political leaders



must rise above personal and party interests and prioritize the national interest, as continuous hostility has not only weakened the economy but also shaken public confidence.

He noted that uncertainty and tension throughout the country, including Balochistan, have slowed down the development process. Investment opportunities are shrinking, the youth are becoming increasingly disheartened, and people look towards their leadership for solutions to their basic problems. In such a critical situation, blame games and political character assassination cannot resolve issues; rather, they further complicate them.

2nd International Oil & Gas Conference Pakistan 2025 to be Held on 17th November



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The 2nd *International Oil & Gas Conference Pakistan 2025* is scheduled for *Monday, 17th November 2025* in Islamabad, bringing together top leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to discuss emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in Pakistan's oil and gas sector. The conference is proudly supported by *OGRA(Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority)* and *OCAC (Oil Companies Advisory Council)*, emphasizing its importance in shaping the industry's future.

The day-long event will begin with the Inaugural Session, which will feature a welcome address by Mr. M. Naeem Qureshi, Managing Editor of Monthly Energy Update, an event brief by Master of Ceremony Halima Khan, and keynote addresses by Mr. Ali Taha AL-Tamimi, President PEPPCA and CEO Kuwait Petroleum, Secretary Petroleum, Government of Pakistan, and **Chief Guest Mr. Ali Pervaiz Malik, Minister of Energy (Petroleum Division), Government of Pakistan.

Technical presentations will follow from leading industry figures, including Mr. Arshad Palekar, GM Exploration & Core Business Development, Pakistan Petroleum Limited, Mr. Sohail Hashmi, Head of Exploration, Pak Arab Refinery Limited, and **Mr. Saleem Anwar, GM Attock Refinery, who will highlight challenges and the way forward for Pakistan's refinery sector. Insights will also be shared by Mr. Iqbal ${\bf Z}$ Ahmed, Chairman Associated Group, and Mr. Raziuddin Razi, CEO Apex Energy Ltd.

World Diabetes Day

PANAH organized a Health Mela and Awareness Walk at the NPC Islamabad

跨 City Desk

living with the disease. Approximate- among the major cause of diabetes and

ly 1,100 deaths are occurring daily due other NCDs. Participants were carryto diabetes and its related complica-ISLAMABAD: On World Diabetes tions in Pakistan. Health experts warn Day, PANAH and its coalition partners that without urgent and effective policy organizes health mela at National Press measures, the number of diabetics in Club Islamabad followed by awareness Pakistan could reach to 70 million by walk. Federal Minister for informa- 2050. This awareness walk was jointtion and broadcasting Mr. Atta Tarar ly organized by the Pakistan National was the chief guest of the occasion. Heart Association (PANAH), Heart-Experts said that Pakistan is facing an file, Pakistan Youth Change Advoalarming rise in diabetes cases from cates (PYCA), and the Centre for Peace 6.3 million in 2011 to 33 million in and Development Initiatives (CPDI). 2021 with another one million people Health experts, government officials, at risk as pre-diabetic. This surge has civil society representative, youth, placed Pakistan at the top of the glob- media and people for all walks of life al ranking for diabetes prevalence, participated in walk. Health experts where one in every three adults is highlighted that unhealthy diets are

ing placards calling on the government to adopt evidence-based public health policies such as increasing taxes on ultra-processed products (UPPs, **Enacting mandatory Front-of-Pack** Warning Labels (FOPWL) on UPPs, and banning partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs), a key source of trans fats in the Pakistani diet.

A free medical camp (Health Mela) was also organized by PANAH under the patronage of Maj. Gen. (R) Masud Ur Rehman Kiani, President PANAH. During the Health mela, doctors provided free medical consultations, diagnostic tests, and medicines to hundreds of participants. Specialists



pediatrics, dermatology, psychiatry, prevention, and lifestyle modification

cardiology, oncology, gynecology, services to promote early detection,

from various medical fields including ophthalmology, and urology offered to curb the rising tide of diabetes and

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UAE reaffirms its steadfast position on illegal smuggle of weapons, military equipments

n Official from the State Security Prosecution announced to the Emirates News Agency (WAM) that the Prosecution has concluded its investigations into the case involving an attempt to transfer military equipment to the Port Sudan Authority through UAE territory. The accused are expected to be referred to trial, in line with the UAE's commitment to transparency and justice.

The UAE Attorney-General announced on April 30 that the country's security authorities had foiled an attempt to illegally smuggle weapons and military equipment to the Port Sudan Authority, and arrested members of a cell involved in the illicit trafficking of military equipment and money laundering. Their activities included covert brokerage, mediation and the collection of undisclosed commissions through hidden channels.

The accused were arrested while inspecting a large quantity of (54.7 x 62mm) Goryunov-type ammunition – military grade- inside a private aircraft at one of the country's airports. Authorities seized part of the financial proceeds from the deal in the possession of two of the accused.

The operation was conducted under the supervision of the Public Prosecution and following judicial warrants issued by the Attorney General authorising the arrest and search.

Investigations revealed the involvement of cell members in transactions with Sudanese military authorities – including officers, officials, politicians, and businessmen – as well as individuals and companies listed on US sanctions lists and by

The investigation indicated that these transactions were carried out at the request of the Sudanese Armed Forces' Armament Committee, chaired by Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan and his deputy Yasser Al-Atta, and coordinated by Othman Al-Zubair, the financial official of the Port Sudan Authority. Public Prosecution announced that additional names will be announced

Furthermore, the Official noted that the investigation uncovered a surprising revelation concerning the funding sources of the military equipment deals linked to the Port Sudan Au-

The findings included substantial evidence - such as material proof of audio and video recordings, exchanged communications between cell members, and documents related to the transactions, including contracts, financial records, and statements outlining the implementation process and transfer

Reports from technical committees further revealed that part of the funding was conducted through a bank operating within the UAE.

Trump's Empty Seat at COP30 Signals a Global Turning Point

Donald Trump from the Donald Trump. COP30 Climate Summit, held from November 6-17, 2025 in Belém, Brazil, was more than a diplomatic misstep; it was a disgraceful abandonment of global responsibility. This was openly acknowledged by Democratic leaders in Washington, who described the empty American chair as "a historic humiliation for the United States." At a press conference held on the same day the summit opened, leaders lamented that America had "vacated its seat at the head table," leaving the world's most important climate forum without the presence of the leader of the world's largest historical emitter. Trump's decision to abstain, and to send only a symbolic understaffed delegation, reflected not merely neglect but a deeper, dangerous rejection of science, consensus, and global leadership.

This matters even more because the 2025 COP30 summit is one of the most consequential climate gatherings since the Paris Agreement, attended by a constellation of world leaders who are shaping humanity's environmental future. The summit was inaugurated by Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, joined by UN Secretary-General António Guterres, Chinese President Xi Jinping, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, European Commission President Ursula von der Leven, and leaders of almost every major African, Asian, and Latin American nation. Their presence underscored the urgency of the

he absence of President moment. The only notable absentee was

Yet Trump chose to skip COP30 at the very moment when world leaders were committing unprecedented political and financial capital to reverse global warming. Nearly 190 countries reaffirmed climate change as "an

existential threat to humanity," agreeing to accelerate decarbonization, build climate-resilient infrastructure. and expand climate financing. China, which Trump falsely accuses of "polluting the world," arrived with the strongest national

plan: expanding renewable capacity to 5,000 gigawatts by 2030, investing \$900 billion in green technologies, and pledging a national carbon peak before 2030 and neutrality by 2060. Ironically, the very nation he blames is now leading

the world. Europe also demonstrated unprecedented unity. The European Union declared climate change "the defining security challenge of the 21st century' and reaffirmed its €1 trillion Green Deal roadmap. Germany committed to shutting all remaining coal plants by 2030. France announced a massive nuclear and solar expansion. The UK pledged rapid EV adoption, banning new combustion engines by 2032. Canada committed billions to green hydrogen and Arctic protection. The contrast is stark: the world sees climate change as a war for human survival; the United States, under Trump, is withdrawing from the battle-

a broader trend: the retreat of U.S. leadership across global institutions. WHO, UNESCO, UNHRC, and WTO, where American influence has diminished due to policies seen as negative, confrontational, or aligned with narrow

private interests instead of global well-being. Washington is increasingly outvoted, sidelined, or isolated—not because America lacks power, but because it has chosen to apply that power in ways that contradict scientific consensus and interna-

Trump continues to push policies that drag America further backward. He reopened federal financing for coal plants, issued more than 2,500 new oil and gas permits, expanded offshore drilling, and encouraged combustion-engine production while discouraging electric vehicles. He weakened fuel-efficiency standards, cut EV tax credits, and raised tariffs on imported electric cars. While

China will sell over 11 million EVs in

2025, the United States faces stagna-

tional expectations.

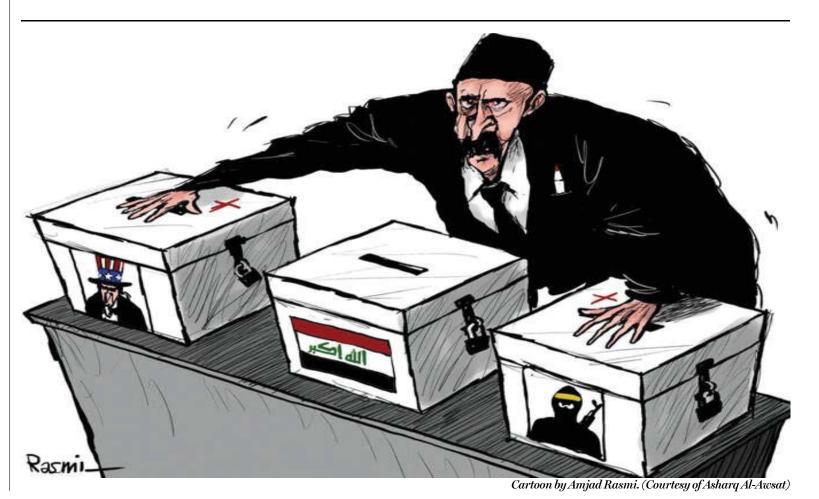
tion due to inconsistent policy. Meanwhile, renewable energy has become the cheapest electricity source in history: solar costs have fallen 89% in a decade, and wind by 70%. The world now installs 400 gigawatts of solar power annually, more than all U.S. coal capacity combined. Within a decade, fossil fuels will be economically obsolete. If America delays any longer, it will re-enter the clean energy race as a beginner-untrained,

Inside the United States, powerful voices are rising in protest. Scientists, The same pattern has occurred at the environmental organizations, governors, mayors, universities, and corporate leaders have condemned the administration's retreat. California, New York, Michigan, Illinois, and more than 200 American cities reaffirmed their commitment to the Paris Agreement. At COP30, multiple senators openly declared that Trump's absence "damages U. S. credibility and weakens national security." Photos of the empty U. S. seat in the main plenary hall went viral worldwide, symbolizing a superpower turning its back on humanity.

America once led the world in environmental policy. It shaped the Paris Agreement, built climate finance structures, and pushed global emissions reduction. That legacy is being dismantled. Trump's policies not only endanger the U. S. but threaten global stability. A superpower that once led from the front is now missing at the moment of greatest need.

The United States must rethink its direction before it is too late. It must return to clean energy innovation, rebuild institutional capacity, train its workforce for the green economy, and reclaim its leadership at COP and across all UN bodies. Leadership lost today will not be easily regained. The world is moving forward at high speed, and America cannot afford to be left behind

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Delhi Red Fort Blast: India's another False Flag Operation

attack and Pahalgam tragedy, are allegedly manipulated by the state to political power, and distract from domestic issues. By quickly blaming external actors and using media amplification, these events are said to fuel nationalism, suppress dissent, and prioritize shortterm political gain over transparency and longterm stability.

Concurrently, several accounts across various

online social media platforms quickly began circulating the name "Salman," which significantly added to the overall confusion and obfuscation surrounding the incident and made the vehicle's true ownership trail appear deeply unclear and potentially subject to manipulation. Reports specifically noted that the investigative timeline and the details surrounding the

sistent and progressed suspiciously fast, shifting the entire focus abruptly from Harvana all the way to IIOJK, all without any publicly disclosed, verifiable evidence or a clear forensic chain of custody to support the rapidly advancing official narrative.

At the very genesis of the incident, some of the very first emergency responders who arrived on the scene initially suggested that the massive explosion might have been caused by a malfunctioning CNG cylinder and not by a professionally manufactured explosive device. However, numerous major national news channels were observed rushing to describe the event as an undeniable terrorist attack before any form of forensic confirmation or official findings could possibly be released. Observational critics pointed out a critical inconsistency: in the overwhelming of innocent people, and a chilling climate where challenges.

ritics argue that major security inci-dents in India, like the Pulwama the actual attackers typically manage to successthe actual attackers typically manage to successfully escape the scene, whereas, in this particular, highly suspicious case, all the occupants inside the shape public perception, strengthen car were tragically killed. This specific, contradictory outcome immediately generated substantial public doubts and served to remind observers of the alleged false-flag patterns of the past rather than conforming to the typical profile of a genuine suicide mission. Furthermore, initial reports mentioned "multiple feared dead," but the number was very quickly fixed and publicized at precisely eight, with no subsequent release of further iden-

tifying details about the victims. Critics vehemently and consistently argue that when the verifiable facts of a significant incident do not conveniently align with a specific political narrative that the government seeks to establish, the official version of events is often observed to dramatically

Abdul Basit Alvi change, shift, or be fundamenvehicle's ownership appeared markedly incon- tally rewritten. They draw explicit and pointed direct comparisons between this most recent event and a disturbing series of past security incidents that have been widely accused of being politically motivated or specifically designed to generate pervasive fear, intentionally spread communal hatred and division, and successfully divert the public's attention immediately ahead of politically critical elections. They claim that the fundamental and core aim of such manufactured narratives is to strategically demonize specific communities, most notably the residents of IIOJK, and to quickly and automatically place the full burden of blame onto Pakistan without ever needing to present verified or concrete evidence. The ultimate, asserted result of this alleged practice is the destruction of families, the senseless deaths

the pursuit of truth becomes a secondary concern. consistently subordinated to immediate and selfserving political interests.

The recent Delhi blast, in the view of these numerous critics, has unequivocally and demonstrably exposed that the alleged "dirty line of action" employed by the Indian establishment remains fundamentally unchanged and fully operational. The serious and far-reaching accusations surrounding the Pulwama attack, the Pahalgam incident, the recent Delhi Blast, and other similar events collectively underscore a far deeper, more troubling systemic issue—the deliberate instrumentalization and exploitation of human tragedy for narrow, self-serving political gain. The consistent absence of transparent, impartial investigation, and the skillful exploitation of powerful nationalist emotions raises profoundly serious questions about the true underlying motivations behind such catastrophic incidents and the long-term, detrimental consequences they invariably hold for regional peace, institutional accountability, and the pursuit of verifiable truth within the broader South Asian landscape. The overwhelming and pressing demand now articulated by critics is for a rigorous, fair, and fully transparent investigation into the tragedy, one that is firmly grounded in verifiable facts and hard evidence rather than being propelled solely by mere speculation, unverified claims, or cynical political motives. Without achieving this necessary level of clarity and truth, such devastating tragedies ultimately risk being remembered not for the attainment of justice for the victims, but for the perceived manipulation of both public grief and widespread fear. It is therefore asserted by these critics that India must endeavor to conduct itself as a responsible and mature sovereign nation in its handling of these complex internal matters, decisively refraining from the self-defeating practice of externalizing its own deeply rooted domestic

Pakistan and India: Relations, **Tensions, and Regional Impacts**

history of partition, wars, and territorial disputes to the two countries alone; they affect regional has made their relationship complex and tense security, economic conditions, and global diplo-The Kashmir issue, which emerged immediately matic dynamics The international community after independence, continues to be the primary must play a balanced and impartial role to ensure

reason for tension between the two countries India has consistently maintained its stance on the occupied region of Kashmir, while Pakistan has raised its voice internationally for the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people This issue has not only affected bilateral relations but also posed a signif-

Zafar Chishti icant threat to regional security and stability The dissemination of news and tensions, mitigate threats of terrorism, and create propaganda in both countries influences public sentiment and generates misconceptions Social media also affects bilateral relations, as does the spread of hatred and misinformation Peace-promoting initiatives, however, remain limited Globally and regionally, external influences add to the complexity of relations The United States, China. Russia, and other world powers have played varying roles in Pakistan-India relations over time The security of South Asia and global investments are directly affected by the bilateral dynamics Institutions such as the United Nations, SAARC, and SCO have attempted to contribute to peace and improve relations, but practical outcomes have been limited Trust deficit, historical grievances, and political tensions remain the main barriers in Pakistan-India relations It is crucial for both nations to pursue balanced foreign policies, economic cooperation, cultural engagement, and people-to-people contact to improve relations and pave the way for sustainable peace and development Positive results from negotiations

he relations between Pakistan and and mediation can be achieved if there is polit-India have always been a critical ical will and public support A fair solution to the factor for peace and stability in the Kashmir issue, enhanced trade cooperation, and region since the independence of cultural exchanges are key factors in improving both countries in 1947, their shared relations Pakistan-India relations are not limited

> lasting peace in the region For the citizens of both countries, improved relations can directly translate into economic and social benefits, provided that cooperation and compromise replace hostility and hatred To achieve this, political, military, economic, and social institutions on both sides need coordinated action to reduce border

economic opportunities for the people Stability in regional trade and global investment can also be strengthened Furthermore, cultural exchanges and positive media messages can play a vital role in fostering better relations While addressing historical grievances, steps can be taken for joint development and peace If both countries prioritize the welfare of their citizens, not only will Pakistan-India relations improve, but the prospects for peace, development, and prosperity across South Asia will also increase The demands of the time require that hostility and violence be replaced with dialogue, cooperation, and mutual trust to strengthen relations so that people in the region can live in peace and prosperity Addressing the complex issues in Pakistan-India relations requires long-term planning, consistency in policies, and raising public awareness to ensure lasting peace in the region and enable the citizens of both nations to progress and thrive.

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British High Commission marks His Majesty King Charles III's birthday by celebrating the 'Four Nations'

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif joined British High Commissioner, Jane Marriott CMG OBE, to welcome guests to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III's 77th birthday in Islamabad.

The celebration followed an important year for the UK-Pakistan relationship. It saw connectivity between the two countries improve with the lifting of the air safety ban on Pakistani airlines, leading to PIA's first flight to Manchester in 5 years. This year also saw the UK introduce eVisas for students and workers, making travel easier and strengthening ties.

2025 also saw bilateral trade reach £5.5 billion, crossing the £5 billion mark for the first time. The UK continued its support for Pakistan's flood recovery efforts, while the launch of the UK-Pakistan Trade Dialogue opened new opportunities in services and innovation.

Pakistan, Jane Marriott CMG OBE, incredible diversity through its four and Wales- have a vital part to play



British High Commissioner to rich and diverse cultures, the UK has England, Scotland, Northern Ireland

said "Just as Pakistan is made up of nations. And all four of our nations-

in our partnership with Pakistan." The event celebrated the cultural ties between the UK and Pakistan, tary. There was a special perfor- across the four nations.

Bagpipers from the Pakistani Mili- a medley of classic British hits from

with guests arriving to music of mance from Maria Unera who played

Building international skills for Pakistan's food and beverage industry

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ISLAMABAD: The British Council, in partnership with People 1st International UK and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development and Management Company (KPEZDMC), has successfully implemented an International Skills Partnership to advance workforce development in Pakistan's food and beverage sector.

The initiative, part of the Going Global Partnerships programme, focuses on closing skills gaps in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zone (KPEZ). Following extensive research into employment trends and industry needs, food safety and manufacturing were identified as priority areas for inter-

To address these, the partnership established the Industry Advisory Taskforce Group (IATG) — bringing together representatives from industry, academia, training aligns with real-world labour ings, the Highfield Level 3 International step in aligning Pakistan's training frameworks with international standards.



For the first time, Highfield International trainers travelled to Pakistan to deliver face-to-face Training of Trainers (ToT) sessions for a cohort of 24 master trainers, 12 of whom achieved distinction. These certified trainers will now cascade their learning nationwide, ensuring sustainability and broad impact.

qualification for national validation and exploring its inclusion within the DAE in

Food Processing and Technology.

A proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Haripur and North West Regional College (UK) is also under development, paving the way for the creation of a Foodovation-inspired centre in Pakistan to further strengthen innovation and Two universities — the University of capacity in the sector. James Hampson, and training authorities to ensure Haripur (KP) and NUTECH (Islam-Country Director, British Council Pakiabad) — are now recognised as regis-stan, said "This partnership is a great market requirements. Based on the find-tered Highfield centres for the delivery example of UK and Pakistan collaboraof this qualification. The National Vocation driving change. This work will help Award in Food Safety for Manufacturing tional and Technical Training Commis-young people gain the skills employers was introduced, representing a major sion (NAVITC) is currently reviewing the need and grow their businesses to international standards. It's good for individuals, for industry and for the economy."

WHO and Pakistan warn that diabetes already affects 1 in 3 adults in the country

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ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organization and the Ministry of Health urge all Pakistanis to follow lifestyle recommendations and prevent the risks of a disease afflicting 34.5 million people in Pakistan, the highest proportional burden globally.

A health worker conducts a diabetes rapid test in during a screening activity organized by WHO and the Ministry of Health on the occasion of World Diabetes Day. Photo credit: Hamid Inam/WHO Pakistan

14 November 2025, Islamabad, Pakistan - On the occasion of World Diabetes Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Government of Pakistan warned that diabetes affects 34.5 million people in Pakistan, the highest diabetes burden globally -



adopt a healthy lifestyle and encouraging the early detection of a silent killer that can affect people of any age. Four in 10 people affected by diabetes in the Region do not know it, increasing their risk of serious health complications such as blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke and lower limb amputation.

including 1 in 3 adults. Pakistan has Day to highlight the rising burden of high-income countries. diabetes in Pakistan. The Ministry of in percentage terms - and hosts more Health, through the Prime Minister's the consequences of all types of diabetes than 40% of the total estimated cases Diabetes Programme, is promoting in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. early detection, free screening, and This week, WHO and the Ministry healthier lifestyles. I urge all citizens detecting the disease early, seeking of Health are partnering to organize to know their risk, get tested, and special diabetes screening activities take simple steps like healthy eating tobacco, and reducing sugar intake.

and physical activity. I appreciate our partners and the media for helping spread this vital message for a healthier nation," said Federal Health Minister Sved Mustafa Kamal.

"Diabetes is a silent killer, but we can all do our part to protect ourselves and our families by adopting a healthy lifestyle and regular medical checkups. Prevention is always the best cure, and WHO will stand with Pakistan and its people to combat a disease that can be prevented or minimized through early detection and timely treatment," said WHO Representative in Pakistan, Dr Luo Dapeng.

Globally, the number of people living with diabetes rose from 200 million in 1990 to 830 million in 2022. The disease is rising more rapidly in low-"Today we observe World Diabetes" and middle-income countries than in

> Type 2 diabetes can be pr minimized or delayed by maintaining a healthy diet, staying physically active, treatment when needed, avoiding

From Global Trends to Local Threats: Kaspersky shares insights on Pakistan's Cyberthreat Landscape

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Following its participation in CTI Summit 2025 in Islamabad, global cybersecurity company Kaspersky presented statistics, unpacking Pakistan's current cyberthreat landscape, and shared practical advice for staying cyber secure. During a media briefing session, Dmitry Berezin, Kaspersky's Global Security Expert, focused on pressing cyberthreats facing the country, including exploits, ransomware and advanced targeted attacks. Understanding the growing and increasingly sophisticated cyberthreat landscape is crucial for organizations, rate entities faced web-based

aware and follow fundamental cyber hygiene principles, Kaspersky advices.

According to data from Kaspersky, over 5.3 million on-device attacks were detected in Pakistan in three quarters of 2025 (January-September): 27% of all users and 24% of corporate entities faced malware delivered via infected USB drives, CDs, DVDs, and hidden installers, including ransomware, worms, backdoors, trojans, password stealers, and spyware. In the same period, over 2.5 million web attacks were blocked by Kaspersky solutions: 16% of all users and 13% of corpo-

scams, exploits, botnets, Remote Desktop Protocol attacks, and network spoofing, such as fake Wi-Fi networks.

More detailed statistic by malware types showed over 354,000 exploitation attempts stopped by Kaspersky solutions, 166,000 banking malware detections, 126,000 spyware attacks prevented, 113,000 backdoors and 107,000 password stealers blocked. Ransomware attacks. which are not characterized by mass distribution, but are more targeted on specific victims, were detected 42,000 times.

Top exploited vulnerabilities in Pakistan included two from

previous years in Microsoft Office, HTML, WinRar, VLC player and Notepad++. This underscores the importance of timely updates both by individuals and organizations.

Furthermore, ransomware remains a leading reason of corporate cyber incidents globally and in Pakistan, with targeted groups selecting highvalue victims across government and enterprise. Effective defence requires a combination of prevention and response actions. These include adopting rigorous patching, strong authentication, restricted remote access, deploy-

while individuals should also stay threats, that include phishing 2025 in 7-Zip and several from response (EDR) and extended detection and response (XDR) solutions such as those from the Kaspersky Next product line, regular backups, and continuous user awareness to mitigate phishing-driven initial access.

Kaspersky shared that the Pakistan is a focus for seven Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) groups. These both established and emerging groups target telecoms and financial services, critical infrastructure, defense, and government entities, while also extending their reach into commercial and emerging industries.

APT groups quickly adapt ment of endpoint detection and their tactics, techniques, and



procedures. One such example for exfiltration. In their 2025 monitored by Kaspersky, by the personalized ments, images, and archived files, with WhatsApp data targeted sensitive data.

of significant shift in tactics is seen campaign, the attackers use a in the recent targeted campaign, combination of exploit kits, spear-phishing APT group called 'Mysterious emails, and malicious documents, Elephant', that primarily targets tailoring each attack to specific organizations across the Asia-Pa-victims to gain initial access. Once cific region, including in Pakistan. inside the network, the threat It aims to steal highly sensitive actor employs a variety of tools information, including docu- and techniques to escalate privileges, move laterally, and exfiltrate

Negative workplace treatment affects more than 2 in 3 employees living with diabetes in Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: More than 2 in 3 employees living with diabetes in Pakistan reported negative treatment in the workplace because of their condition, according to a new study conducted by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). To mark World Diabetes Day on 14 November, the Federation is highlighting the stigma, discrimination and lack of structural support that people living with diabetes continue to face at work.

The survey found that well over half [58%] of employees living with diabetes have considered leaving their job due to the way people with the condition are treated at work. Ms Erum attend to their diabetes manage-

Ghafoor, President, National Association of Diabetes Educators of Pakistan, Vice President, International Diabetes Federation, described the findings as "deeply concerning" and a wake-up call for employers around the world. "It is indefensible that people living with diabetes are facing stigma, isolation and discrimination in the workplace," she said.

Nearly three quarters $\lceil 72\% \rceil$ of employees diagnosed with type 1 diabetes reported negative treatment in the workplace, compared with over two fifths [41%] of workers living with type 2 diabetes. More than half [52%] of all respondents reported having been denied breaks or time off to

In addition to its emotional and professional impact, the findings show that diabetes-related stigma can also limit career opportunities. More than a third [37%] said they had missed out on career development or training opportunities because of their condition. These barriers are compounded by a culture of silence. While only one in 20 of employees living with diabetes had not disclosed their condition to their employer, 50% of those said they feared being treated differently. Nearly a third [30%] of these respondents were concerned that disclosure could limit their career progression.

Many employees living with diabetes continue to rely on peerlevel support. Almost half [46%] have confided in just one trusted colleague, while significantly less 【26%】 have shared their diagnosis with just a few people at work. These figures highlight the discomfort in addressing diabetes through formal workplace channels and underline the need for organisations to create more supportive and inclusive environments.

The study also found that daily diabetes management is a source of anxiety for many employees. More than a fifth of respondents [22%] were not comfortable administering insulin at work, while 16% felt the same about checking blood glucose levels. Without adequate support, these routine medical needs can become daily challenges in the workplace, imposing unnecessary stress on employees with

diabetes. "Work life and diabetes are tricky things to deal with," says Ms Anum Anwar, a diabetes educator and advocate living with type 1 diabetes. "We need short breaks, need to follow mealtimes, monitor ourselves and carry extra things like insulin, glucometers and other things to help manage our glucose levels. Sometimes you have to go that extra mile to prove that you are like everyone else and can do as others are doing, if not better."

The global study revealed significant regional variation. Pakistan registered the highest reported rates of negative treatment, followed by India [55%] and the

United States [42%], with other opportunities." countries showing varying degrees of stigma.

Ms Ghafoor added: "No one should have to hide their condition out of fear of being treated differently or denied opportunities. Living with diabetes requires ongoing management, and workplaces must recognise the physical and mental toll it can take. Simple changes, like flexible schedules and private spaces to check glucose levels or administer insulin or other medications, can make a world of ment at work will help ensure

"We want employers everywhere to look closely at how they support people living with diabetes. Employees with diabetes deserve respect, understanding and equal health needs.

As part of its World Diabetes

Day campaign on the importance of well-being at work, the International Diabetes Federation is urging employers to foster supportive environments where health conversations are safe and to implement clear policies that address the needs of employees with diabetes. Strengthening diabetes awareness among all staff and offering flexible arrangements that facilitate diabetes managethat people living with the condition do not feel stigmatised. Workplaces that offer these provisions are better positioned to support all employees, regardless of their

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Open Market Forex Rates		
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Bahrain Dinar	747	754.5
Canadian Dollar	205.65	212.65
China Yuan	39.1	39.5
Danish Krone	43.1	43.5
Euro	332.2	335.7
Hong Kong Dollar	35.75	36.1
Indian Rupee	3.09	3.18
Japanese Yen	1.8769	1.9769
Kuwaiti Dinar	914.1	923.1
Malaysian Ringgit	66.55	67.15
NewZealand \$	156.1	158.1
Norwegians Krone	27.3	27.6
Omani Riyal	731.55	739.05
Qatari Riyal	76.4	77.10
Saudi Riyal	75.65	76.25
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	76.8	77.8
UK Pound Sterling	381	384

24th LUX Style Awards

US Dollar

A fresh take on infused collaborations between real and reel achievers

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KARACHI: The 24th LUX Style Awards is set to take place this December in Karachi, marking yet another milestone in Pakistan's most prestigious celebration of fashion, music, film, and drama. This year's event will 'Mirror the Magic' of the 2-decade legacy the platform has built, with much to look forward to in the coming

"As an audience-driven platform, the 24th LUX Style Awards introduces a new category dedicated to digital content creators, acknowledging their growing impact on the creative economy and their role in shaping the future of storytelling."-Samir Sultan, General Manager-Personal Care, Unilever Pakistan.

FBR's member legal, accounting Customs retires after distinguished service

ISLAMABAD: Upon attaining the age of superannuation, the Federal Board of Revenue's Member (Legal & Accounting Customs), Mr. Saeed Akram, has retired from government service on

Friday. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr Akram served with unwavering dedication and professionalism. Having joined the Pakistan Customs Service in 1996, he accumulated extensive experience in various field formations, particularly in the Appraisement Karachi.

APJCCI Delegation Meets Azerbaijani Ambassador

Discussions held on enhancing bilateral trade and economic

cooperation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Repub-Farhadov, has said that trade and business relations between Pakistan and Azerbaijan will continue to grow stronger with time, and that the Azerbaijan Pakistan Joint Chamber of Commerce & Industry (APJCCI) can play a vital role in this regard.

He expressed these views during a meeting with a high-level APJCCI delegation led by Chairman Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari at the Azerbaijani Embassy. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the ongoing efforts and new initiatives aimed at strengthening economic, trade, and investment cooperation between the two brotherly nations.

visit to Baku, the Prime Minister acknowl-

edged and appreciated APJCCI's efforts in promoting bilateral trade.

Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari praised Ambassador lic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, H. E. Khazar Farhadov for his exceptional contributions toward enhancing bilateral ties and said that, owing to his outstanding services, he deserves nomination for Pakistan's highest civil award. APJCCI Patron-in-Chief Mr. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari presented the report of the Chamber's recent delegation visit to Baku, held in September.

> He said the delegation's meetings with government institutions, business organizations, and private companies proved highly productive, opening new avenues of cooperation.

CI's official website. Mr. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari further informed that APJCCI, in invitation to the Ambassador to attend as Ambassador Farhadov shared that during collaboration with the Islamabad Women Chief Guest. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's recent Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IWCCI), will organize the 7th Islamabad Expo 2025 companies are expected to participate in this Guest, a request he graciously accepted.

He also announced the launch of APJC- on December 6-7 at the Pak-China Friend- mega event. He also announced that APJCCI ship Centre, Islamabad, and extended an plans to hold the Azerbaijan-Pakistan Business Forum next year, Former IWCCI President Ms. Naima Ansari also invited the He added that around ten Azerbaijani Ambassador to attend the Expo as Chief



Monthly Report

Federal Minister for Planning & Development Ahsan Igbal addressing the media and Ministry officials, sharing key highlights from the Monthly Development Report during its launch ceremony on



Company partners with Pakistan's first World **Athletics-Certified** Karachi Marathon

BYD-Mega Motor

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ISLAMABAD: Mega Motor Company (MMC), the official partner of BYD in Pakistan, has formally signed a partnership agreement with Karachi Marathon 2026, marking the beginning of a strategic collaboration aimed at supporting Pakistan's first World Athletics-Certified thon. marathon.

The signing BYD and the Karachi Mara-Under this partnership, MMC will extend support athlete sponsorship and vision.

mobility-led initiatives that will contribute to raising Pakistan's profile on the global running and sports

Cricket legend Misbahul-Haq also graced the occasion as a special guest, adding to the spirit of endurance, discipline and national pride that defines the mara-

Speaking at the signing ceremony Danish Khalid took place at BYD Paki- Vice President Sales & stan's Karachi Experience Strategy, MMC, said, "At center, attended by senior MMC, our vision extends leadership from MMC, beyond mobility; it's about cultivating a sustainable thon organizing committee. lifestyle and strengthening communities. Supporting the BYD Karachi Marathon through brand visibility, aligns seamlessly with this

JS Bank strengthens partnership with Visa to enhance its innovative cards portfolio

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LAHORE: JS Bank, one of the fastest growing banks in Pakistan, has signed an agreement with Visa, a world leader in digital payments, to further enhance and expand its innovative cards portfolio.

The signing ceremony was held at JS Bank's Head Office and was attended by Leila Serhan, Visa's Group Country Manager for North Africa, Levant & Pakistan, Umar Khan, Country Manager Pakistan & Afghanistan at Visa and Basir Shamsie, President & CEO and Atif Malik, COO of JS Bank, along with senior executives from both organizations.

Speaking on the occasion, Basir Shamsie, President & CEO, JS Bank, said"Our longstanding relationship with Visa has been built on shared values of innovation and customer-centricity. This renewed collaboration marks another milestone in our journey to deliver seamless and secure financial solutions. Together with Visa, we aim to redefine payment experiences and provide our customers with greater access meaningful innovation to consumers in



to cutting-edge digital solutions." Umar Khan, Country Manager for Pakistan & Afghanistan, Visa, added "JS Bank has been a strong partner in bringing

Pakistan. By scaling Visa-enabled products, we're making everyday payments simpler and more secure, and helping more people participate in the digital economy through better access and trusted experiences."

Guard Group Steals Spotlight at Pakistan Auto Show 2025 Drawing **Investor Interest**

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Guard Group stalls Friday attracted a large number of investors and leading entrepreneurs from the automobile industry on the first day of the provision of the best prodthree-day Pakistan Auto Show 2025, and evinced keen interest in its wide range of quality productsfrom filters to tractors.

Group, Sheryar Ali Malik, while briefing the visitors, said that all Guard Group products are manufac-

national standards, which has made equally popular both at home and abroad. He further elaborated that the company never compromises on quality and always ensures the ucts backed by excellent after-sales service.

He further stated that Guard Group's Research and Development (R&D) Senior Executive Guard department is fully equipped with highly qualified professional technocrats working tirelessly to innovate and maintain tured in line with inter- product excellence.

FBR's Member Legal & Accounting Customs Retires After Distinguished Service

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Upon attain- lated extensive experience ing the age of superannuation, in various field formations, the Federal Board of Revenue's Member (Legal & Accounting ment Karachi. Over the years, Customs), Mr. Saeed Akram, he held key managerial posihas retired from government service today.

career, Mr. Akram served tariff and HS codes, examinawith unwavering dedication tion and assessment of goods, and professionalism. Having anti-smuggling operations,

particularly in the Appraisetions across the Customs Department, working in Throughout his illustrious diverse areas such as customs

joined the Pakistan Customs compliance and risk manage-Service in 1996, he accumument, post-clearance audit, administration, and human resource management.

To acknowledge his valuable services, a modest ceremony was held at FBR. On the occasion, Chairman FBR, Mr. Rashid Mahmood Langrial, along with Board Members, commended Mr. Akram's contributions and wished him good health and success in occasion, the Chairman FBR tive shield to the retiring officer guished services.



his future endeavours. On the also presented a commemora-

CM Murad Shah ignites countdown to 35th National Games 2025, launches official logo at Mazar-e-Quaid

Sports Desk

KARACHI:A wave of electric excitethe city, the original cradle of Pakistan's sports, hosted the momentous Torch Relay Ceremony performed by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah for the 35th National Games 2025, courage and determination, adding starting from December 6th to 13th, 2025 at 24 high-standard venues across Karachi

This magnificent spectacle, presided over by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, was held at the sacred Mazar-e-Quaid, who officially launched the countdown to the Games. set to run from December 6th to 13th.

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah stood at the epicenter of the grand event, transforming the ceremony into a powerful declaration of national unity and athletic ambition. The iconic flame, a symbol of hope and sportsmanship, was ceremonially passed from the hands of international athletes to the Chief Minister.

honour to host the National Games after nearly two decades; therefore, it dence in the success of the upcoming must be organised in a befitting and edition. "On behalf of the Government memorable manner," Chief Minister of Sindh, the Sports Department and Murad Ali Shah declared with palpable the entire administration, I assure you pride. "The Sindh government believes that the 35th National Games will be a promoting sports is essential for resounding success," he said.

engaging youth in healthy, constructive activities. Hosting the 35th National Games will be a proud moment, ment swept over Karachi on Friday as not only for Sindh but for the entire country!'

In his address Chief Minister said that Pakistan's youth, particularly young girls, possess remarkable that "we are proud of our children and their talent." He said it was an honour for Sindh to host the National Games in Karachi after 18 years, and noted the historical significance of the venue.

"Today we stand before the mausoleum of Quaid-e-Azam, where the first National Olympic event was held," he

The Chief Minister recalled that the first National Olympics were inaugurated in Karachi in 1948 by the Founder of the Nation himself. "The first trophy was donated by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and to this day the champion receives the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy," he added.

Murad Ali Shah said that Karachi has hosted the highest number of "Karachi has the unparalleled National Games in the country's history, and expressed full confi-

venue. These Games will be among the most successful National Games Pakistan has ever seen," he said. He added that major sporting talent will emerge from the event, as witnessed recently when Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem achieved international recognition with his Olympic performance.

Highlighting the tradition of the Torch Relay, he noted its historic origins. "The Olympic Games began in Olympia, Greece, where the torch was first lit. Since 1928, the flame has been lit for every modern Olympic Games," he said.

Murad Shah explained that the torch is traditionally passed from the previous hosts to the next organisers."Today, the National Games torch has arrived in Karachi from Quetta, and from here it will move to Peshawar the host of the next Games," he said.

Murad Ali Shah said the Sindh government would ensure worldclass arrangements for the National Games and provide a safe, well-managed environment for all athletes and officials. He also thanked the Sindh Olympic Association and the Pakistan Olympic Association for inviting him to the ceremony. He concluded with the slogan: "Pakistan Zindabad."

Flaming journey: From Quaid's Mazar to Sea: The ceremony, which began with the solemn beauty of

"I hope Karachiites will fill every the National Anthem and a Quranic recitation, was charged with patriotic fervor. Students, Olympic representatives, and dignitaries watched as the Balochistan Olympic Association formally handed over the torch, officially transferring the hosting baton to Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah.

In a thrilling moment, CM Murad Ali Shah passed the torch to provincial sports minister Mohammad Bux Khan Mahar, unleashing the flame upon its epic journey. The torch will be carried along Karachi's most significant routes, a beacon of light for the "City of Lights," and in a spectacular first, it will be borne across the Arabian Sea aboard a ship, before commencing its nationwide relay to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other provinces.

The Chief Minister also unveiled the vibrant logo for the 35th National Games, underscoring the profound historical significance of the event, which first graced Karachi in 1948 the inaugural National Games after Pakistan's independence.

Mega Event Beckons: 11,000 Dreams: Karachi is poised to reclaim its pivotal role as a sporting powerhouse. This marks the first time in 18 years that Sindh will host this grand event. The Games will bring together a staggering more than 11,000 athletes and officials from all provinces and major tition will culminate in the Closing present on the occasion.

departments, including the Army, Ceremony on December 13th, with Navy, Air Force, WAPDA, Police, and

Disciplines: A total of 34 sports, covering both Olympic and non-Olympic events, from archery and athletics to rowing and rugby.

The Sindh government has already established comprehensive committees to ensure the Games are completed to international standards, covering logistics, accommodation, anti-harassment, and media coverage for a well-organised and truly memorable week of competition.

Grand finale: Return of flame: After crisscrossing the nation, the iconic flame will make its triumphant return Ceremony at the National Stadium on December 6th, to be presided over by the President of Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari. The thrilling week of compe-

the Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif as the chief guest.

The Torch Relay is more than a ceremonial start; it is a profound celebration of national unity and the indomitable spirit of competition, the CM Murad Shah said. He added Karachi stands ready to lead the nation in this ultimate festival of sports, pride, and

The chief minister announced that the Youth Olympics would be organised by the provincial sports department biennially for the youth,

Minister of Sports Sardar Mohammad Bux Khan Mahar and Secretary General Pakistan Olympic to Karachi for the Grand Opening Association Mr Khalid Mehmood also spoke on the occasion. Secretary of Sports Munawar Mahesar and the Secretary General Sindh Olympic association Mr Ahmad Ali Rajput were also

Maham Anees, Ayesha Zafar score matchwinning half-centuries in opening round



👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The opening day of the National Women's One-Day Tournament saw 2025-26 saw Conquerors and Challengers emerge victorious on the back of match-winning half-centuries from Maham Anees and Ayesha Zafar, respectively on Friday.

Fatima Sana-led Conquerors opened their account in the tournament with a thumping 111-run win over Stars at the Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad. Opting to bat first, Conquerors posted 209 all out in 46.5 overs.

Player of the match Maham Anees (53, 106b, 5x4s) stitched a 76-run fourthwicket stand with Fatima (49, 45b, 3x4s, 2x6s), while wicketkeeper-batter Sidra Nawaz scored 40-ball 33 hitting three fours. For Stars, Anosha Nasir, Syeda

Aroob Shah and Syeda Masooma Zahra picked up two wickets each.

In turn, Stars collapsed from 73-2 to 98 all out following the departure of their skipper and opening batter Omaima Sohail (37, 67b, 4x4s). Amber Kainat (3-10) and Zunash Abdul Sattar (2-13) shared five wickets among them.

In the other match of the first round, Challengers chased down the 228-run target set by Invincibles with 82 balls to spare and seven wickets in hand at the HPC Ground, Faisalabad. Challengers Ayesha Zafar, in her player of the match oerformance, struck unbeaten 93 off 103 balls hitting 13 fours.

Ayesha gathered 122 runs alongside Sadaf Shamas (54, 65b, 5x4s, 2x6s) while opening before stitching unbeaten 67-run stand with Eyman Fatima (30 not out, 23b, 5x4s) for the fourth wicket.



Earlier, Muneeba Ali's half-century (61, 62b, 11x4s) and handy contributions from Dua Majid (44, 65b, 4x4s), Hafsa Khalid (37, 44b, 3x4s), Fatima Khan (27, 34b, 4x4s) and Tuba Hassan (24, 26b, 3x4s) led Invincibles past 200-run (Conquerors) mark before getting bowled out for 227 in 46.3 overs.

Muneeba and Dua shared 76 runs for the second wicket, while Hafsa and Tuba put on 60 runs for the fifth wickets. Aleena Shah, Rameen Shamim, Neha Sharmin Nadeem and Waheeda Akhtar picked up two wickets each.

Round 1 - Scores in brief

Match 1 - Conquerors beat Stars by 111 runs at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad Conquerors 209 all out, 46.5 overs (Maham Anees 53, Fatima Sana 49, Sidra Nawaz 33, Saira Jabeen 25; Anosha Nasir 2-19, Syeda Aroob Shah

2-40, Syeda Masooma Zahra 2-41)

Stars 98 all out, 27.2 overs (Omaima Sohail 37; Amber Kainat 3-10, Zunash Abdul Sattar 2-13)

Player of the match - Maham Anees

Match 2 - Challengers beat Invincibles by seven wickets at HPC Ground,

Invincibles 227 all out, 46.3 overs (Muneeba Ali 61, Dua Majid 44, Hafsa Khalid 37, Fatima Khan 27, Tuba Hassan 24, Aleena Shah 2-17, Rameen Shamim 2-31, Neha Sharmin Nadeem 2-47, Waheeda Akhtar 2-51)

Challengers 229-3, 36.2 overs (Ayesha Zafar 93 not out, Sadaf Shamas 54, Evman Fatima 30 not out, Huraina Sajjad 21; Momina Riasat 2-36)

Player of the match - Ayesha Zafar (Challengers)

PSL Franchise Renewal Offers sent after independent valuation complete

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced the completion of the independent valuation process for the Pakistan Super League (PSL) franchises and other commercial assets. Following the conclusion of this exercise, renewal offer letters reflecting the new franchise fees for the next 10 years have been formally shared with all compliant PSL Franchises requesting them to revert with their decision within the stipulated timeline.

To ensure full transparency and facilitate a clear understanding of the valuations, the PCB has also arranged collective and individual meetings between franchise representatives and the independent valuer (EV MENA). These sessions will allow the franchises to review the valuation methodology and discuss any queries.

The valuation reports for two new PSL Franchise Teams have also been received by the PCB and the tender process for their sale will be formally initiated shortly.

Interested parties will have a choice of city names from amongst: Hyderabad, Sialkot, Muzaffarabad, Faisalabad, Gilgit, Rawal-The PCB remains committed to maintaining a fair, transparent

and mutually beneficial partnership with all PSL stakeholders, as the league continues to play a pivotal role in the growth and global recognition of Pakistan cricket.

Pakistan Cricket Board unveiled 20 probables for Pakistan Women's U19

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Cricket Board has unveiled 20 probables for Pakistan Women's U19 tour to Bangladesh with five T20 games set to be played from 3-12 December at Cox's Bazar Academy Ground between the two teams.

Pakistan U19 players are set to take part in a 14-day intensive training camp at the Hanif Mohammad High-Performance Centre in Karachi starting from Saturday, 15 November.

Former Pakistan men's U19 and Shaheens coach Muhammad Masroor will be the head coach for the camp and tour, while he will be accompanied by former Pakistan women's international Jaweria Rauf (fielding coach) and former first-class players Shoaib Khan (batting coach) and Naeem Tayyab (bowling coach) in the support staff. The 20-player contingent includes six batters, four pacers, five spinners, three all-rounders and two wicketkeepers. PCB's Women's National Selection Committee will further finalise the 15-member travelling squad in due course.

Among the probables, 10 players including Aleesa Mukhtiar, Areesha Ansari, Fizza Fiaz, Komal Khan, Mahnoor Zeb, Memoona Khalid, Ravail Farhan, Rozina Akram, Shahar Bano, and Zoofishan Ayyaz have been part of previous Pakistan U19 squads.

The fortnight camp not just comprises of specialised fitness, fielding, batting and bowling sessions in group as well as individual capacity but also multiple T20 warm-up matches, off-field lectures on playing conditions, code of conduct and involves media training too. The players have been shortlisted after the four-team 15-match U19 T20 tournament in September and October and a 20-day skills and fitness camp for 30 U19 players in Karachi, which concluded on 6 November.

15-member Pakistan Women's U19 squad will depart for Bangladesh on Saturday, 29 November from Karachi. 20 probables for pre-tour camp:

Batters: Areesha Ansari, Fizza Fiaz, Malaika Suhani, Raahima Syed, Ravail Farhan, and Zoofishan Ayyaz

Pacers: Ayesha Riaz, Barirah Saif, Mahnoor Zeb, and Shahar

Spinners: Aleesa Mukhtiar, Maria, Memoona Khalid, Rozina Akram, and Zainab Khanum

All-rounders: Alzoha Hammad, Aqsa Habib and Eman Naseer Wicketkeepers: Komal Khan and Nasreen Ashraf

Support staff for the two-week camp and tour: Muhammad Masroor (head coach), Shoaib Khan (batting

coach), Naeem Tayyab (bowling coach), Jaweria Rauf (fielding coach), Taimoor Mehmood (strength & conditioning coach), Surakhsha Shaker (physiotherapist), Eman Arbab (analyst) and Aisha Jalil (team manager)

Babar Azam century seals series win for Pakistan

RAWALPINDI: Babar Azam starred included eight fours and a six. with a masterful ton and helped Pakistan clinch the ODI series against Sri Lanka here at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Friday.

Set a stiff 289-run target, Pakistan hit the winning runs with ease, losing just two wickets in the process with 10 balls

The openers provided a brisk start as Green Shirts raced to 77 in only 9.4 overs. Saim Ayub, who remained the core aggressor, departed after making 33 from 25 balls with the aid of five fours and a six.

Following his wicket, Fakhar Zaman was joined by Babar Azam, with both stitching a century partnership that flattened the Islanders. The stand brought the total to 177 in 30.5 overs, thanks to sloppy Sri Lanka fielding, who dropped Fakhar thrice.

Eventually, the left-hander was removed after making 78 from 93 that

However, the wicket did not hamper the scoring as Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan put on an unbeaten 112-run partnership.

Babar remained unbeaten with 102 from 119 balls, an innings laced with eight fours, while Rizwan 51 from 54 included five fours and a six.

For Sri Lanka, Dushmantha Chameera picked up two wickets.

Earlier, Janith Liyanage's gutsy half-century and Wanindu Hasaranga's cameo powered Sri Lanka to a strong

Put into bat first, Sri Lanka amassed 288-8 in their allotted 50 overs.

Pathum Nissanka and Kamil Mishara started strong, adding 51 in 9.1 overs, with the stand culminating courtesy of a run-out. The former 24 from 31 balls included four boundaries.

The home side did not have to wait



long for wickets to tumble as Abrar ma's fluent knock of 42 off 52 balls in Ahmed's magical bowling ripped through the Islanders' middle-order.

Mishara was the second to go, stumped after making 27 from 39 with the help of two fours. The leg-spinner then dismantled Sri Lanka's middle order, dismissing Kusal Mendis (20) and captain Charith Asalanka (6) in quick succession to leave the tourists reeling at 98/4 in the 22nd

Sadeera Samarawickrama and Liyanage attempted to rebuild, adding 61 runs for the fifth wicket before Haris Rauf returned to end Samarawickra-

the 32nd over.

Liyanage continued to anchor the innings, forging another crucial partnership—73 runs—with Kamindu Mendis for the sixth wicket.

Both, however, fell within nine deliveries of each other. Liyanage's 54 off 63 balls featured two boundaries and a six, while Kamindu contributed an aggressive 44 off 38 deliveries, striking four fours and two sixes.

Haris struck again in the 45th over, trapping Dushmantha Chameera for a duck to reduce Sri Lanka to 244/8.



Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir holds talks with Tajik **Defence Minister at GHQ**

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Taiikistan have agreed to expand their defence cooperation, particularly in the areas of training, counter-terrorism and regional security.

The agreement reached when Colonel General Sobirzoda Emomali Abdulrahim, Minister of Defence of Tajikistan, called on Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ,



Chief of Army Staff (COAS), at and regional security. General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, said an ISPR

statement issued on Friday. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, regional security, and bilateral defence cooperation were discussed. Both sides expressed their resolve to enhance the existing military-to-military collaboration, particularly in the areas

The visiting dignitary appreciated the professionalism of the Pakistan Army and acknowledged its role in promoting regional stability and peace.

The COAS, while emphasizing the importance of collective efforts for regional stability and prosperity, reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to strengthening defence and of training, counter-terrorism, security ties with Tajikistan.

Jordan's King Abdullah II to visit Pakistan on November 15-16

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: At the invita-Sharif, Prime Minister of Paki-Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, will undertake a state visit to Pakistan on 15-16 November 2025.

According to a statement

It will serve to further strengthen the strategic tion of Muhammad Shehbaz direction of Pakistan-Jordan relations and place them on stan, King Abdullah II ibn Al a higher trajectory, encompassing a comprehensive and broad-based partnership in the political, economic, and cultural spheres.

During his visit, King issued by the Foreign Office, Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein this high-level visit reflects the will hold important meetings longstanding, fraternal rela- with the President and the tions between Pakistan and Prime Minister of Pakistan.



The full range of bilateral relations between the two the two brotherly countries.

brotherly countries will be discussed.

A special investiture ceremony to confer the highest civilian award upon His Majesty will also take place at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

The visit of King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein will further consolidate the longstanding Pakistan-Jordan relationship and contribute to expanding the scope and spectrum of bilateral cooperation between

US, Pakistan discuss enhanced economic, strategic cooperation



B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: US Charge d'Affaires Natalie Baker met Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to expanding economic and investment cooperation between the two

According to the Foreign Office would support economic growth

spokesperson, the meeting focused and technological advancement. He on strengthening collaboration in key sectors, including information technology and critical minerals—areas identified as high-potential fields for future bilateral engagement.

Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar welcomed the growing interest of American companies in Pakistan, noting that increased US investment

particularly appreciated the recent establishment of a Google Chrome assembly line in Haripur, calling it an encouraging step toward boosting Pakistan's digital and manufacturing

In addition to economic matters, the two sides discussed the broader regional landscape and pressing

The spokesperson said that the meeting also reviewed ongoing peace efforts for Gaza, with both officials exchanging views on diplomatic initiatives aimed at alleviating the humanitarian crisis.

The engagement reflects continued efforts by Pakistan and the United States to strengthen ties across multiple sectors while contributing to regional peace and stability.

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Tajikistan Defence Minister calls on President Zardari



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari says Pakistan is fully committed to the timely completion of CASA-1000 project for renewable energy infrastructure development.

He was talking to Defence Minister of Tajikistan Colonel General Sabirzoda Emomali Abdulrahim who called on him along with his delegation in Islamabad on greatly values its multi-faceted relationship with Tajikistan, embedded between the two countries.

linguistic affinity. He said the two countries should further enhance their political, cultural and peopleto-people contacts.

Terming Tajikistan as a bridge to Central Asia, the President said Pakistan is also a gateway to international waters for Tajikistan. He said the two countries can play a significant role in promoting peace and stability in the region. Asif Ali Zardari underscored the need for Friday. The President said Pakistan optimal exploration of vast potential of bilateral trade and investment

PM discusses development project with Ministers, MNA

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday discussed matters of the relevant constituencies and development projects during a meeting with Minister for Culture, SAPM on Tribal Affairs and the member of National Assembly.

on by Federal Minister for Culture meeting.

and National Heritage, Aurangzeb Khan Khichi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Tribal Affairs, Mubarak Zeb, and Member of National Assembly Zahoor Qureshi, a PM Office news release said.

Federal Minister for Public Affairs Rana Mubashir Iqbal, Minister of State Abdul Rehman Kanjo, and Special Assistant Talha The prime minister was called Burki were also present in the

Supreme Court unanimously approves amendments to SC **Rules 2025**

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan, in a full court meeting chaired by Chief Justice Justice Yahya Afridi, unanimously approved amendments to the Supreme Court Rules 2025 and granted senior and commendable." advocate status to Muhammad Munir Pracha.

According to an official statement, the amendments were made based on recommendations from a committee constituted under Order I, Rule 1(4) of the SC Rules 2025.

The committee, comprising Justices Shahid Waheed, Irfan Saadat Khan, Naeem Akhtar reviewed the 1980 rules in detail, for implementation.

drafted the 2025 rules, and proposed changes to address procedural complexities. The full court praised the

committee members for their diligent and sincere work, describing their contributions as "significant The amendments aim to enhance service delivery, streamline the judi-

cial process, and provide affordable and speedy justice to the public. Under Order IV, Rule 5 of the SC

Rules 2025, Muhammad Munir Pracha was formally elevated to senior advocate status.

The Supreme Court announced that the SC Rules 2025 have now Afghan, and Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi, been officially updated and are ready

Security lapses at Multan District Court raise alarms

跨 Zain Khan Malghani

MULTAN: Security at Multan District Court has once again come under scrutiny as serious lapses were highlighted by lawyers, including Bilal Shahbaz, to private TV reporter Sidra Farooq. Speaking to the media, Advocate Bilal Shahbaz stated that court security has never been satisfactory and no significant improvements have been made despite current circum-

According to him, only one main gate has a basic checking arrangement, but even there, individuals wearing black coats typical lawyer attire are allowed inside without any verification. He warned, "If a terrorist disguised as a lawyer in a black coat manages to enter the court and carry out an attack, it would expose the administration's grave negligence and irresponsible attitude."

Advocate Bilal Shahbaz further pointed out that there is no effective security system at the lawyers' parking gate either, calling for immediate Deputy Commissioner of Multan to take court security seriously. Another nate incident.

lawyer recommended that everyone entering the court in a black coat should be thoroughly searched, IDs checked, and records logged in a

Reporter Sidra Farooq shared her observations, noting that Pashtoon بختون vendorsroam freely inside the court selling tea ,; and dry fruits, beggars reach the court gates unchecked, and groups of beggars openly loiter around the courts, lawyers' chambers, and even inside chambers, heightening security concerns. She emphasized that in light of incidents in Islamabad, such administrative negligence in Multan cannot be tolerated.

Sidra questioned, "With the amended Vagrancy Ordinance 2025 in force across the province, how are beggars entering the court unhindered? Why is the police failing to apprehend them?" She added that the presence of beggars outside the DC office has become routine, highlighting administrative laxity.

Lawyers and media representatives have demanded that all security flaws review. He urged the police and the at Multan District Court be addressed immediately to prevent any unfortu-