(مصحح بخاری: حدیث نبر 6492) **Barkat Rice Mills** 

The Spokesman Trump calls Democrats who told US military to refuse illegal orders 'traitors'

President Donald Trump on Thursday assailed Democratic lawmakers who told members of the US military they must refuse any illegal orders, calling them traitors who should face execution. Trump reposted an article about a video released Tuesday by six Democratic lawmakers who served in the military or in the intelligence community.



integral to its reform, Pakistan tells UNGA Pakistan has told the UN General Assembly that the issue of the

Veto power paralyses UNSC, must be

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# Meeting on Railway ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on the matters related to Pakistan Railways on Saturday.

# PM Shehbaz directs PPP model, digital upgrades for Pakistan Railways

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister adoption of a public-private partnership (PPP) model to manage Pakistan Railways' property and land affairs, emphasising the railof the country's economy and communications.

The directives came during a high-level meeting on Pakistan Railways held in Islamabad, Shehbaz Sharif has directed the which reviewed ongoing initiatives for modernisation, regional connectivity, and international train link projects.

The prime minister also called way system's role as the backbone for hiring internationally recognised legal and economic experts to advise on key projects.

Officials briefed the meeting the system, and free Wi-Fi at Abbasi, Minister for Economic on multiple steps being taken to improve rail services.

Four trains have already been set to follow, generating an estimated additional revenue of Rs8.5 billion.

Digital initiatives include seven operational "Raabta" portals, the integration of 56 trains into

Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Faisalabad stations, with 48 more stations set to receive outsourced, with eleven more connectivity by next month. A pilot digital weighing bridge has been launched at Karachi City Railway Station, with plans to expand it to additional major

Railways Minister Hanif

Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, and senior officials attended the meeting.

The prime minister praised the ongoing initiatives, calling the restoration and modernisation of Pakistan Railways a vital step for economic growth and enhanced regional and international connectivity.

# Judges' transfer case: IHC judges urge FCC to return appeal to Supreme Court

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development, five judges of the Islamabad High Court on Saturday filed a miscellaneous application challenging the shifting of their intra-court appeal from the Supreme Court to the Federal Constitutional Court (FCC).

The application was submitted by Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Justice Babar Sattar, Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan, Justice Saman Rafat Imtiaz and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri.

The dispute stems from the high courts to the IHC. transfer of three judges from other





of the Supreme Court ruled that the In June, a Constitutional Bench transfers were not unconstitutional. an intra-court appeal against that



The five IHC judges later filed

However, the appeal has now been placed before the FCC, created under the 27th Constitutional Amendment, for a hearing scheduled on November 24.

In their fresh petition, the IHC judges asked the FCC to send the appeal back to the Supreme Court, arguing that the matter falls squarely within the apex court's constitutional jurisdiction.

They contended that the appeal was moved to the FCC under the 27th Amendment, but maintained that the amendment itself is inconsistent with the Constitution and cannot be used to transfer the case.

# Sugar crisis deepens in major cities as prices spike

### 👺 Bureau Report

QUETTA: The ongoing sugar crisis has deepened in the country, at Rs166/kg. with prices rising sharply across

Rs200/kg and for Rs185/kg in kilogram.

The situation is slightly better in Peshawar, where sugar is priced

In Lahore, despite various measures taken by the govern-In Quetta, the sugar price ment to control the situation, the reached Rs225 per kilogram, sugar crisis continued, with many while in Lahore and Karachi, the stores selling the commodity commodity is being sold around between Rs180 and Rs210 per



In Punjab, the district administration is also struggling to enforce the official rate of Rs177/kg.

### Sugar crushing season delayed

Meanwhile, a delay in the crushing season has prompted

the Punjab Cane Commissioner to issue notices to ten sugar mills. Mills were ordered to begin crushing by November 15, but crushing has yet to begin in many

authorities summoned Mills management

to the Cane Commissioner's office on November 26.

Sources indicate that failure to provide satisfactory responses could result in daily fines of up to

Officials warn that the delay in starting the crushing season is also affecting timely wheat sowing, adding to agricultural concerns.

# **Eight India-backed** militants killed in Bannu operation, says ISPR

跨 City Desk

BANNU: Security forces and law enforcement agencies carried out a joint intelligence-based operation in Bannu, killing eight Indiabacked terrorists, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Saturday.

According to the military's media wing, the operation was launched on actionable intelligence, after which the suspected hideout of the militants was cordoned off.

A heavy exchange of fire ensued, resulting in the killing of eight militants.

Weapons and ammunition were recovered from the slain militants, who were involved in hkam" initiative, stating that various terrorist activities in the region, the ISPR added.

The ISPR said the operation continue with full force.



reflected excellent coordination among the participating forces.

It added that the network and movement of the militants were being strictly restricted, while intelligence-based operations in the region had been intensified.

A clearance and sanitisation operation is currently underway in the area to eliminate any remaining threat.

The military reaffirmed its resolve to root out terrorism as part of its "Azm-e-Istiaction against foreign-sponsored terrorist networks would

# PM appreciates security forces for killing 8 terrorists

a successful operation against Fitna-al-Khawarij (terrorists) in district Bannu.

eight terrorists during the country.

He said that the security forces LAHORE: Prime Minister were achieving major successes Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif against terrorism under the on Saturday paid tribute to the vision of 'Azm-e-Istehkam.' security forces for carrying out Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said, "The entire nation is standing with its Armed Forces in the war against terrorism." The premier appreciated the The prime minister reiterated professionalism and bravery of his commitment to eliminate the security forces for killing all sorts of terrorism from the

# **DG ISPR holds** interactive session at **NED University Karachi**

👺 City Desk

Lieuten-ISLAMABAD: ant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations, the media and public relations wing of the Pakistan Armed Forces, held an interactive session with students and teachers at NED University

Addressing the session, Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said that the younger generation was determined to play its role in the country's defense and will thwart the enemy's misleading narrative on social media.

Karachi on Sunday.



The teachers said that Pakistan and its armed forces are fully capable of uniting and countering any conspiracy against national security.

The participants of the session paid tribute to the professional standards and sacrifices of the Pakistani armed forces and reiterated their commitment to play their role in the country's development.

### Tarar, D-8 SG discuss enhanced media collaboration, tackling fake news

News Desk

BAKU: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar, in a meeting with D-8 Secretary General Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, discussed enhancing collaboration in the media sector, countering fake news, and addressing key global issues among D-8 countries.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister described fake news as one of the biggest global challenges. He stressed the need for an effective strategy on social media platforms and underscored that a robust factchecking system is essential to counter misinformation.

narrative of D-8 nations hinges on curbing the spread of fake news. The minister stressed that member states must adopt a unified media strategy to effectively counter misinformation and safeguard regional discourse. D-8 Secretary General

The strength of the collective

Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam emphasized that the success of member states hinges on their ability to support each other's development. He underscored the importance of sharing media experiences and organizing joint trainings and workshops, while calling for deeper cooperation within the D-8 framework to strengthen a unified narrative.

# PM Rathore vows full focus on Muzaffarabad development amidst resource pledge

### 👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore has said that Muzaffarabad, being the face of the state, will receive the government's fullest attention and resources for its improvement and development. Speaking to the media after offering Fateha at the mausoleum of Colonel Asif Ali Awan Shaheed, the Prime Minister paid rich tributes to the martyr, noting that Colonel Asif Ali Awan sacrificed his life for the beloved homeland.

The Prime Minister said the government would formulate a comprehensive plan to address the traffic problems in the capital and ensure its effective implementation. He expressed confidence that the federal government would fully support us accomplishing the ongoing development projects in the region, including those under the

He added that he would also take the Prime Minister of Pakistan into confidence regarding these initiatives. "The Mansehra-Muzaffarabad Motorway, the M4 project, and the Lohar Gali Tunnel project are also among our priorities," he noted.



Highlighting the limited time available to the current government, PM Rathore said, "We have little time, but our government will perform like a

fours and sixes." The Prime Minister Sardar Javed Ayub, PP leader Mukhtiar of PPP workers.

T20 team, and you will see us hitting Abbasi, Deputy Mayor Khalid Awan, Shaiq Gilani, Qalb Abbas, Sheikh was accompanied by Forest Minister Azhar, Shaukat Khaksar, and hundreds

# Popularity

MUZAFFERABAD: People are taking selfie with Prime Minister of AJK Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, on his visit of the Capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.



### Rathore's Cabinet First Session

# Promises of Road Construction and Staff Shortage Address

### 👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The Cabinet of Azad Jammu & Kashmir has decided to re-evaluate the issuance of the Health Card, address the shortage of staff in educational institutions, and review proposals for the establishment of new schools and colleges. Relevant summaries will be finalized and placed before the cabinet within one week for approval.

The Cabinet endorsed the commitments made by Prime Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore during his inaugural address in the Legislative Assembly. It was further decided to approve 30 km  $\,$ of road construction for each constitimprovement of 500 km of inter-district and inter-tehsil roads to the competent forum.



the media by Ministers Sardar Javed Ayub, Chaudhry Muhammad Rasheed, Ms. Nabeela Avub, and Advisor to the Government Sardar Fahad Yaqoob following the first cabinet meeting uency and to submit proposals for the chaired by Prime Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore.

Sardar Javed Ayub informed that the cabinet discussed an 11-point agenda in These decisions were shared with addition to 35 pending items from the

gratitude to the President of Pakistan, Chairman PPP, and Ms. Faryal Talpur for their role in facilitating the formation of a people's government in Azad Kashmir under the leadership of Faisal Mumtaz Rathore.

On the Health Card, he clarified that it will be issued without any discrimination. Immediate steps will also be taken

previous term. The Cabinet expressed to repair the angiography machine at the Cardiac Hospital after reviewing the fault report.

> Speaking on the education sector, Minister Chaudhry Muhammad Rasheed stated that 900 schools in AJK lack proper shelter, while 1,100 institutions remain incomplete. A total of 4 billion rupees is required to finish these

# Occupied Kashmir Has Become a Prison; Why Is the World Silent? - Sardar Attique

### **Spokesman Report**

RAWALPINDI: President of the Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, has expressed deep concern over the latest situation in Indian-occupied Kashmir, stating that the entire valley has effectively been turned into a prison where neither human rights nor civil liberties remain



In his statement, he said that Indian occupation forces continue to unleash brutal repression on unarmed Kashmiris. Daily incidents of house raids, enforced disappearances of youth, harassment of women, and prolonged detentions of political leaders have become routine.

Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan voiced serious concern over the deteriorating health of Hurriyat leader Shabir Ahmed Shah Yasin Malik and other leaders in prison, adding that the Indian government is deliberately denying them medical treatment in clear violation of international human rights standards. He termed the silence of global institutions over these abuses as deeply regrettable.

He added that the Kashmiri struggle for freedom cannot be suppressed through force. India must understand that the people of  $Kashmir \ continue \ to \ keep \ the \ flame \ of \ freedom \ alive \ with \ their \ sacrifices$ — and the day is not far when they will achieve their rightful freedom.

## Crackdown on Child Labour $Intensifies \ in \ Attock$

### 👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: Under the special directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, effective measures are underway in Attock district to eliminate child labour. As part of this drive, the Assistant Director Labour Welfare Attock, Assistant Commissioner Attock Anza Abbasi, and the In-charge Early Morning School conducted inspections of various workshops and markets.

During the visits, shopkeepers and workshop owners were strictly informed that employing children below 15 years of age is illegal, and any violation would result in strict legal action. According to official data, 7 FIRs have been registered in November 2025 on complaints related to forced child labour.

The In-charge Early Morning School stated that the Punjab government has established a two-hour "Early Morning School" system for working children above the age of 15, enabling them to continue their education alongside work.

The Assistant Director Labour Welfare emphasized that assigning hazardous or heavy work to children aged 15 to 18 years is also a punishable offence under the law, and immediate action will be taken against any such violation.

## Massive Development Projects Underway in NA Attock

### 👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: Under leadership of PML-N Mian Muhammad Nawaz

Sharif and the effective governance of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chief Minister



of rupees are underway across the tehsils of Hassanabdal, Hazro, and Attock—the home constituency of the PML-N central leadership.

This was stated by Member National Assembly and Member Supreme Judicial Commission Sheikh Aftab Ahmed while addressing a large public gathering at Pir Mandiala village in Tehsil Hassanabdal, where he inaugurated the 2.25 km Pir Mandiala Road built at a cost of Rs. 50 million. The project will directly benefit six villages including Kalu Pind, Pir Mandiala, Salikabad, and Browal, along with several neighboring settlements.

Former MPA Sardar Iftikhar Ahmed Khan (Mitho Khan), ex-UC Chairman Haji Rafiqat Khan, PML-N Tehsil General Secretary Abid Shehzad Malik, district leader Mir Naveed Akhtar, Numberdar Syed Zahoor Hussain Shah, and former Councillor Hafiz Ehsan Khaliq also addressed the gathering and lauded Sheikh Aftab Ahmed's efforts for unprecedented public welfare and infrastructure development in the constituency.

Local residents assured their full support to Sheikh Aftab Ahmed and Sardar Iftikhar Ahmed Khan, expressing confidence that PML-N would win upcoming local and general elections with a heavy majority due to ongoing development works.

# Opposition Leader Links Kashmiri Refugees to Consistent Indian Atrocities

### 👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's central leader and Leader of the Opposition, Khawaja Farooq Ahmed, has expressed his views on the ongoing debate regarding Kashmiri refugees residing in Pakistan. He stated that whether the refugees arrived in 1948, 1965, 1971, or 1989, the bitter reality remains that all these families faced extreme Indian oppression, massacres, and violations of dignity. On 6 November and 9 November, nearly 250,000 Kashmiri Muslims from Jammu were massacred. In 1965, unprecedented brutality was inflicted upon residents of Rajouri, Batmaloo, and other areas of Indian-occupied Kashmir. More recently, after 1989, refugees were compelled to cross the Line of Control after suffering severe atrocities committed by India.

Khawaja Farooq Ahmed said that the Kashmir issue remains unresolved and is still part of the unfinished agenda of the United Nations. The right to self-determination is the fundamental right of the Kashmiri people, and one day it will inevitably be achieved. In this regard, the votes of Kashmiri refugees living in Pakistan hold decisive importance.

# PML-N AJK manifesto committee convenes in Islamabad to address governance issues

### **Spokesman Report**

ing of the Manifesto Committee of Khan, former Ministers Sardar Farooq Pakistan Muslim League (N) Azad Ahmed Tahir and Sardar Abdul Khal-Jammu & Kashmir was held yesterday in Islamabad under the chairmanship Raja Azhar Iqbal, Shahid Mehmood of the Party President, Shah Ghulam Wani, and Ms. Maryam Idrees. Former tenure, political parties were deliber-

Chairman Manifesto Committee and ISLAMABAD: The first formal meet- former Minister Raja Nisar Ahmed

Qadir. The meeting was attended by Minister Chaudhry Muhammad Ishaq. Chaudhry Sohaib Saeed, and Advocate Anees Gillani participated via tele-

Addressing the meeting, PML-N iq Wasi, Raja Bashir Ahmed Khan, AJK President Shah Ghulam Qadir said that in the previous government's

ately sidelined under a systematic plan, political parties once raised demands now make demands—reflecting the which eroded public confidence in the collectively, but the situation has dete-weakening of the political structure in governance system. He stated that riorated to a point where individuals Azad Kashmir.





# **Namaz Timings**

### **EMERGENCY**

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Bomb Disposal	15
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Islamabad	1122 & 16
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& Rescue Services	4451122
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MH	561116
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Holy Family	9290322-7
PIMS	9261170-79
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Potohar Town	9209224	
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### **COMPLAINTS**

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Highway patrol police ensures safety of citizens on roads. DSP AsifRahim Butt



Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP) Toba Tek Singh, Asif Rahim Butt said that ensuring the safety of citizens' lives and property is the foremost duty of the Punjab Highway Patrol. He stated that the Highway Patrol teams remain active on the roads around the clock, conducting continuous patrolling to prevent any incident of theft, robbery or other criminal activity.

He further explained that due to the strict and effective patrolling system, several suspects involved in drug trafficking, theft and robbery have been arrested during routine checks. DSP Asif Rahim Butt highlighted that the patrol personnel remain alert at all times, keeping a close watch on suspicious vehicles and individuals to maintain a peaceful environment for the public. According to him, the Punjab Highway Patrol is not only focused on crime prevention but also assists commuters in emergencies, providing help in cases of road accidents, vehicle breakdowns and other urgent situations. He reiterated that the department is fully committed to ensuring law and order on highways and will continue its efforts to protect the public with dedication and professionalism.

# **Acting President thanks** UN, stresses humanity in service at humanity in service at wheelchair event

MULTAN: Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani has said that Multan is a 5,000-year-old city where the traditions of tolerance, peace and service to humanity are still alive. He noted that he studied in a missionary school where all his teachers belonged to the Christian community—an enduring testament to the city's interfaith

Gillani recalled that there was a time when women were not even allowed to obtain photo identity cards, yet the Benazir Income Support Programme empowered millions of women by giving them identity, financial security and autonomy. "Today, these women are supporting their families," he added.

He expressed these views on Thursday while addressing the wheel-chair distribution ceremony organized by the Society for Special Persons.

Thanking the United Nations, Gillani said that international organizations have always stood by Pakistan in times of calamities such as earthquakes and floods. "The true spirit of humanity is to work for those



remarked.

During the speech, participants raised the demand for a separate province for South Punjab. Responding to this, Gillani said he was the first leader to have the resolution for a separate province passed by the Punjab Assembly, National Assembly and Senate. He stressed that South Punjab should not merely be a province in name it must have its own assembly, chief

who can offer you nothing in return," he minister, governor, budget, NFC share and proper representation in the Senate.

The Acting President thanked national and international organizations, saying that due to their efforts, this programme continues successfully in Multan and is giving a new life to persons with disabil-

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani also distributed wheelchairs among special persons.

# National Day of Oman

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi along with Ambassador of Oman to Pakistan Fahad bin Sulaiman bin Khalaf Al Kharusi and others cut the cake during ceremony to celebrate



# Punjab Education Minister Opens State-of-the-Art AI Center and Digital Library at University of Kamalia

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Havat visited the University of Kamalia on the special invitation of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Yasir Nawab, where he reviewed the ongoing development initiatives and inaugurated two major for AI, Computing & Innovation and the KB (Khushi Brothers) Digital Library

The Minister appreciated the university's rapid progress, calling it an emerging model for skill-based, future-focused higher education in Paki-



academic facilities: the Center modern learning environments members, industry partand urged them to pursue their ners and faculty. He stated studies with dedication, disci- that the new IT Block, AI & pline, and a commitment to national development.

Speaking at the ceremony, the transformational journey vation-driven learning for of the University of Kamalia stan. He stressed the need and acknowledged the collecfor providing students with tive support of community standards.

Computing Center, and the KB Digital Library will significantly expand research capa-Dr. Yasir Nawab highlighted bility, digital access, and inno-

students, bringing the institu-

tion closer to global academic

Chaudhry Khushi Muhammad Jutt, along with the Minister and the Vice Chancellor, took part in the inauguration of the KB Digital Library, a state-ofthe-art learning facility that will provide students with advanced digital resources, online journals, research databases and modern study spaces.

The event was attended by prominent political, social, and media figures, including Mian Zahid Rehman, Chaudhry Shahid Gujjar, Sardar Raheel Anwar, Malik Muhammad Sharif, Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Mian Zahid Ramday, Naveed Akbar Mangla, and Sheikh

# Oman's 55th National Day is celebrated at Indus House Mabela, Muscat



Qayoom Sarohi

OMAN: Oman's 55th National Day is celebrated at Indus House Mabela, Muscat, Oman. Members of the Pakistani community, including doctors' families, participated in the event, where a cake was cut and good wishes, love, and prayers were expressed for the prosperity of Oman. All expressed their thoughts that the future of Oman is bright. They expressed their best wishes and love for the Omani nation, including the Sultan of Oman, His Majesty, Haitham bin Tariq. Finally, dinner was arranged. Dr. Dilip Kumar Daultani welcomed all the guests.

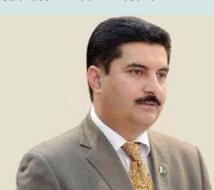
### Foreign Tourist Honors Pashtun Culture by Wearing Chador at World Heritage Site Takht Bahi



跨 Tariq Khan Yousafzai

TAKHT BHAI: Located in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Mardan district, the Buddhist-era archaeological remains of Takht Bahi attract tourists from around the world due to their antiquity, magnificent architecture, and unique cultural significance. This site is considered one of the most important archaeological locations not only in Pakistan but in all of South Asia. In 1980/81, UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site, which further enhanced its international recognition and led to a noticeable increase in the arrival of foreign tourists. In recent days, a Japanese tourist delegation visited the ancient ruins of Takht Bhai, accompanied by a foreign roman tourist who also explored the site in detail. Notably the woman tourist wore a traditional Pashtun chador and burqa as a gesture of respect for Pashtun culture and local customs, something that was highly appreciated by the local community. According to her, the layout, structure, and antiquity of Takht Bhai make it distinct from other Buddhist sites around the world. Sharing her impressions, the tourist described Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as a peaceful region for travel. She stated that the local people were friendly, their hospitality exemplary, and the environment completely safe an opinion that strengthens the province's positive image internationally. During the visit, the delegation also enjoyed local cuisine. The woman tourist, in particular, greatly liked the famous Takht Bhai Special Chapli Kabab, a hallmark of traditional Pashtun food. Due to its historical significance, religious background, archaeological value, and status as a World Heritage Site.

## Governor Kundi visits Gujrat to mourn death of Ex-MNA Mazhar Ali Khan



GUJRAT: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi visited the residence of former MNA Nawabzada Ghazanfar Gul to offer condolences on the passing of veteran politician and ex-MNA Nawabzada Mazhar Ali Khan. The Governor offered Fateha and expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved family, praying for the departed soul and patience for the relatives. He said the late Nawabzada Mazhar Ali Khan was a respected political figure whose services to the region and the country will always be remembered.

# Sajjad Ali, Armaan Rahim and Muneeb Khan deliver a Spectacular performance at musical concert in World Culture Festival

the 39-day "World Culture Festi- Head" and musical concerts in val 2025", the Portuguese Ambasda Silva visited the Arts Council. Mesmerised the audience with On this occasion, the Portuguese

art workshops, film screenings, KARACHI: On the 23rd day of theatre play "The Transposed which renowned singers Sajjad sador Manuel Frederico Pinheiro Ali, Armaan Rahim and Muneeb their performances. President Embassy's Political and Econom- of the Arts Council, Moham- ro da Silva, while exchanging ic Officer, David Arcao and official mad Ahmad Shah, presented the views, said that the Arts Coun-Syed Amin Uddin Faqeer, along Portuguese Ambassador, Manuel with Portuguese musician Ricar- Frederico Pinheiro da Silva with for the promotion of fine arts. He

ing Sindh's ancient culture. In return, the Portuguese Ambassador presented Ahmed Shah with a medal chain to mark 75 years of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Portugal. Ambassador Manuel Frederico Pinheicil of Pakistan Karachi is striving do Passos, were also present. The a traditional Sindhi Ajrak, Sindhi said that Ahmad Shah is doing

cap, and a bouquet, symboliz- remarkable work toward build- added that his interest has always ing a better world and that he is deeply impressed by Shah's cultural efforts.

He added that Portuguese artists are participating in the World Culture Festival this year, and more artists from Portugal stated that the Arts Council organizes cultural programs not only in

been in promoting culture. "We are a democratic institution, and the members of the Arts Council place their trust in me. I have a team of 300 young people who work alongside me. Our six academies-including the Art Schoolwill perform at the Arts Council in provide training in painting, the future. President Ahmed Shah music, dance, theatre, and textile design. Last year, we hosted guests Karachi but across Pakistan. He 142 countries are part of the of the Arts Council Academy are international artists."



from 44 countries, and this year, World Culture Festival. Students learning from the creative skills of

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# Pakistan says veto power paralyses Security Council, calls for urgent reforms

akistan has told the UN General Assembly that the issue of the veto power, which gives the Security Council's five permanent members disproportionate sway in matters of international peace and security, should be tackled as part of the 15-member body's reform aimed at making it more effective

Speaking in a debate on the use of the veto, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, said the Security Council has often been paralyzed by the strategic rivalries of its permanent members — Britain, China, France, Russia and the US — and the exercise of the veto.

"It comes as no surprise therefore, and past and recent experiences have confirmed that the abolition, or restraint on the use of veto, will have to be an integral part of the reform of the Security Council," he added.

'We note that their proposals are designed to re-invigorate the Charter functions of the General Assembly, and are not related to, or impinge upon the IGN's (Inter-Governmental Negotiations') consideration of Security Council reform."

The 2022 Assembly's resolution, adopted by consensus, calls for the General Assembly to automatically meet within 10 days if any of the five permanent members uses their right of

The aim is to hold those countries accountable for exercising this special voting power, which allows them to block any Council resolution or decision.

This right is enshrined in the UN Charter, the Organization's founding document, because of their key roles in establishing the global body eight decades ago.

In his remarks, Ambassador Asim Ahmad said that Pakistan - together with the UfC (Uniting for Consensus) Group - remains opposed to the creation of new permanent members on an expanded Security Council.

"More permanent members and more vetoes will only aggravate the problem, and multiply the likelihood of paralysis or inaction by the Security Council."he told the 193-member

"Let us be clear: The problem cannot be the solution," the Pakistani envoy added.

Progress towards restructuring the Security Council remains blocked as the so-called Group of Four — India, Brazil, Germany and Japan — continue pushing for permanent seats.

As a compromise, UfC has proposed a new category of members — not permanent members — with longer duration in terms and a possibility to get re-elected.

Noting the negative power of the veto, Ambassador Asim Ahmad said this can be "balanced" by, on the one hand, placing restrictions on the use of the veto, and, on the other, enhancing the role of non-permanent members through larger and perhaps longer representation.

# Pakistan and the SCO: Opportunities, Challenges, and the Road Ahead

again underscored the regional forum in shaping the future of Eurasia, South Asia, and beyond. The SCO, comprising China, Russia, Pakistan, India, and Central Asian republics-Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan—has emerged as one of the largest regional organizations, covering nearly half of the world's population and a significant portion of global GDP. With Iran joining recently and other countries seeking observer or dialogue partner status, the SCO is no longer just a regional grouping; it is gradually evolving into a global player.

For Pakistan, the SCO presents a multidimensional platform—one that offers opportunities for economic integration, regional connectivity, and diplomatic engagement, while also presenting challenges in navigating competing interests among major powers. The recent conference highlighted how member states can collaborate in trade, security, and counterterrorism, but also revealed underlying tensions that countries like Pakistan must carefully manage.

There are a lot of Opportunities for Pakistan 1. Economic Connectivity and

Through the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) of the SCO, Pakistan can share intelligence and coordinate with member states to combat terrorism, extremism, and drug trafficking. Given Pakistan's sacrifices in the war on terror, this cooperation enhances its global image and strengthens internal security.

The SCO gives Pakistan the rare oppor-

he recent summit of the tunity to sit at the same table with both Afghanistan remains a pressing threat. Organization (SCO) once eral relations, such forums create space for dialogue and at least minimal diplomatic increasing relevance of this engagement. Additionally, close cooperation with Russia and Central Asian states enhances Pakistan's foreign policy diversification, reducing overreliance on

the West. A stable Afghanistan remains critical for Pakistan's security and connectivity goals. The SCO, with its growing influence, can play a significant role in stabilizing Afghanistan, and Pakistan's active participation ensures its voice is

heard in shaping the future of the region. While the SCO provides an opportunity for dialogue, the persistent hostility between Pakistan and India often overshadows regional cooperation. India has frequently attempted to use multilateral forums to criticize Pakistan, creating tensions that hinder constructive engage-

The SCO brings together China and Russia on one side, and India on the other, while Pakistan attempts to balance its relations with all. The growing rivalry between the US and China also impacts the SCO, making it difficult for Pakistan to avoid being caught in great-power competition. While Pakistan seeks to benefit from SCO economic opportunities, its internal economic crisis, debt burden, and governance issues limit its ability to fully capitalize on these projects. Without structural reforms, Pakistan risks being left behind even as regional connectivity improves. Instability in

refugee influx directly impacts Pakistan's security and economic ambitions through the SCO framework.

Despite these challenges, Pakistan's recent diplomatic performance deserves recognition. Over the past few years,

Pakistan has gradually improved its foreign policy image by focusing on pragmatic engagement, balancing relations, and diversifying partnerships. Strengthened Ties with China: Pakistan's "all-weather friendship" with China has deepened, particu-

larly under the CPEC framework. China's support in multilateral forums, including the SCO and UN, continues to be an asset.

Renewed Engagement with Russia: Once distant, Pakistan-Russia relations have warmed, with increasing cooperation in defense, energy, and trade. SCO provides a vital avenue for this partner-

Closer Links with Central Asia: Pakistan has actively pursued connectivity with Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan, offering access to seaports through Gwadar and Karachi.

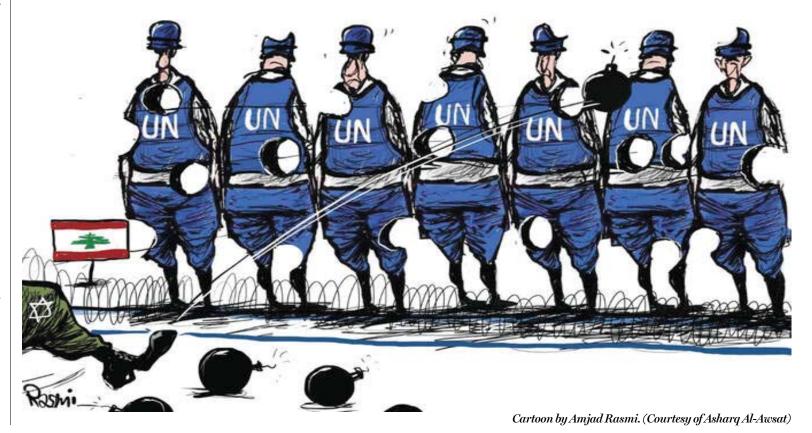
Balanced Relations with Gulf States: Improved ties with Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Qatar have strengthened Pakistan's economic resilience, with remittances and investments flowing in.

Constructive Role in Afghanistan: Pakistan has supported peace efforts, hosted dialogues, and advocated for regional stability, earning appreciation within the SCO framework.

For Pakistan, the SCO is not just Shanghai Cooperation India and China. Despite strained bilat- Any spillover of terrorism, extremism, or another international grouping—it is a platform that aligns directly with its strategic, economic, and security goals. However, success depends on how effectively Pakistan can leverage opportunities while mitigating challenges. Some steps include: Enhancing internal political and economic stability to attract investment and maximize connectivity potential. Proactively engaging in SCO's economic projects, particularly in trade facilitation, digital economy, and energy cooperation. Using the SCO as a bridge to normalize relations with India, at least to the extent of preventing conflict and fostering dialogue.

Working with China and Russia to stabilize Afghanistan, which remains central to Pakistan's long-term regional vision. The SCO summit reaffirms the growing importance of regionalism in today's multipolar world. For Pakistan, it is both an opportunity and a test. The opportunity lies in positioning itself as a bridge between regions, an energy and trade hub, and a key player in regional peace. The test lies in overcoming domestic challenges, avoiding entanglement in great-power rivalries, and pursuing a consistent, forwardlooking foreign policy. In recent years, Pakistan's foreign policy has made visible improvements, with strengthened relations across Asia, the Middle East, and beyond. If pursued with vision, discipline, and stability, Pakistan's engagement with the SCO can mark the beginning of a new era of regional integration, economic progress, and diplomatic maturity

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# Democracy, Media and Human rights

decision-maker in influencing opinions and stimulating political discourse in Pakistan. The past two decades have seen the change towards liberalization, technological upgrades, and an explosion of digital platforms completely transform the ways of how individuals enter politics and how politicians address the masses. The stuff that used to be consumed through newspapers and TV has been replaced by online portals, blogs, and social media, which are now

on. This media transformation has had a severe impact on the political communication game as it not only has provided some cool new opportunities, but has also left a lot of headaches to the democracy of Pakistan.

The journalists have no option but to balance between their business needs, business ethics, and political pressure. I

think the way forward is to establish an ethical and media-literacy programs are the key to culture that values ethical journalism and in this way the credibility will be restored, the public will have confidence in the media and the media will be in a position to fulfill its democratic task.

Another human right that is a source of great concern in Pakistan is freedom of expression. Constitution tells us that we have the right to free speech and to information, but truth is more brutal, in the form of oppressive legislation, online surveillance, and threats to activists and journalists to shut down their mouths. Self-censorship is prevalent among people, and there is no appropriate chatter. It is not a legal checkmark to protect the free speech, it is an essential moral imperative that sustains the democracy, ensures governments are not left out of control and gives human beings an active influence in the life of the masses.

between the state and the society and provides news, provokes debates, and holds the government accountable. It fires openness, drives governance and drives civic participation. Nevertheless, that relationship is so weak. Media can be severely damaged by political pressure, censorship, fake news and unstable ethics. My firm opinion is that the democracy of health in Pakistan is maintained by the independence of the media and the right to speak out.

Social media is a two-sided sword to Paki-

mixing with the places that you can always count stan. On the one hand, it provides activist and rallying tools, as well as political participation. The grassroots movements utilize platforms to defy the old power bases and to give the voice of the voiceless. On the other end, the self-regulation allows false news, gossip and propaganda to be headlong, deceiving the people as well as creating rifts. Responsible Internet behavior

> embracing the good aspect of social media and reducing the risk.

Muhammad Sohail Hassan

I believe that reinforcing media in Pakistan should have a complex strategy. To begin with, iournalists should be ensured with hard-core legal protection against intimidation and political encroachment. Second, journalism ethics should be developed by enhancing training, transparency, and accuracy and equity. Third, media pluralism needs to be advanced to prevent information monopolies and preserve a variety of opinions. Lastly, civic-education impetuses ought to enhance the knowledge of the populace about the media so that people can filter on what they hear and participate in democracy in a meaningful manner.

Pakistan has some case studies which demonstrate the power and weakness of media. Corrup-There is a nexus of media, democracy and tion, electoral fraud, and human-rights abuses human rights that is tricky but important. have been investigated to the point where they

he media is practically the final The independent press represents a mediator have caused outcry in the masses and brought about change in institutions. Conversely, cases of censorship, closing down of channels, and bringing out harassment of journalists bring to the fore the insurmountable challenges to freedom. These instances clearly prove why the independence of the media and protection of the rights of the individuals were in the media is non-negotiable.

It is my opinion that the democratic future of Pakistan is closely connected with a vibrant media environment in the country. An independent, moral, and responsible press will empower the citizens, serve the well-informed debates and hold governments accountable. In the absence of such a press, the democratic institutions will fail to realise their potential and the human rights will fall into the wrong hands. A censored or twisted media society implies that people will have no real exercise of their rights and the government will be neither transparent nor responsible in its rule.

The Pakistani media situation is an evenhanded combination of optimism and concern in regard to the democratic process in the country. It may be a force towards transparency, civic participation and human-rights protection. However, it is under political interference, ethical follies and miscommunication that endanger its purpose. In my opinion, the independence of media, promotion of ethical journalism, and defense of expression should be the key steps towards establishing a democratic, participatory, and accountable society. Through empowerment of the media houses, and the people, Pakistan will be able to create a place whereby the governance is transparent, people enjoy their rights, and the populace maintains an active and participatory discussion. The democracy of Pakistan not only depends on its institutions but also on the power and the reliability of its media.

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# Abid Lashari Hope to Hundreds Children with **Disabilities in Sindh**

(NDF) Pakistan, is one of the childhood development. country's most prominent and dedicated social leaders working for disability raised in Sindh, Abid Lashari grew up witnessing and physical disabilities in underserved communities. These early observations shaped his life's

mission: to build a Pakistan where every child with a disability receives equal opportunity, dignity, and the support needed to reach their full poten-One of Abid Lashari's

greatest achievements is the

establishment and expansion of NDF Rehabilitation **Anwar Adil Khanzzada** Centers with collaboration of of four centers located in Nawabshah, Hyderabad, Larkana, Gulistan-e-Johar Karachi, and Gulshan-e-Hadeed Karachi. Today, these centers provide free rehabilitation services to more than 600 children from low-income backgrounds. The services include physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychotherapy, remedial education, and special education.

afford transportation. Through continuous hard work and compassionate leadership, Abid Lashari has successfully created an ecosystem where children with intellectual disabilities are supported, trained, and

Each center also offers pick-and-drop facilities

to ensure accessibility for families who cannot

bid Lashari (Tamgha e Imtiaz) His work has not only transformed hundreds President of the National Disa- of lives but also inspired a shift in public awarebility & Development Forum ness about disability rights, protection, and early

Beyond rehabilitation services, Abid Lashari has played a vital role in disaster response, saferights, rehabilitation, and inclusion. Born and guarding and protection programs, child rights advocacy, and awareness campaigns on early and the struggles faced by children with intellectual forced marriages. During the 2022 floods, his leadership helped NDF Pakistan support affected families in Nawabshah through disability-in-

clusive disaster risk reduction initiatives-earning recognition nationally and internationally.

His lifelong dedication and exceptional contributions were officially honored by the Government of Pakistan when he received the prestigious Pakistan Civil Award "Tamgha-e-Imtiaz". This award reflects his decades of service, resilience,

DEPF Government of Sindh. Starting with and unwavering commitment to uplifting some limited resources, he gradually built a network of the most marginalized children in society. It stands as a national acknowledgment of his remarkable vision and leadership in disability and development.

Today, Abid Lashari continues his mission with even greater passion. As a State Alumni and active member of multiple networks, he is expanding partnerships, strengthening programs, and advocating for inclusive policies across Pakistan. His journey is not just a story of personal success—it is a story of hope, compassion, and a relentless fight for equality.

Through his work with NDF Pakistan, Abid Lashari has proven that one person's commitment can spark lasting change, turning challenges into opportunities and transforming the gradually mainstreamed into schools and society. lives of thousands across Sindh and beyond.

# Saudi Arabia Holds Pakistan in High Esteem, Says Ambassador Nawaf Al-Malki at Jamia

Salfia Ceremony

**E** City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A grand Qur'an Memorization Competition was organized at Jamia Salfia Islamabad under the patronage of the Saudi Ministry of Religious Affairs and in collaboration with Jamia Salfia. Students from various hifz institutions across Rawalpindi and Islamabad participated in the competition.

The closing ceremony was attended by Ambassador of bin Saeed Al-Malki, Sheikh Mutib bin Muhammad Al-Judaie, Director of Religious Affairs at the Saudi Embassy, Dr. Fahd bin Faraj Al-Juhani from Imam University Riyadh, and Dr. Adel Al-Subaie from Imam University as special guests. The event people engagement. was also graced by Rector Jamia Salfia Hafiz Sheikh Muhammad Shafiq, Sheikh-ul-Hadith Allama Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Ibrahim Khalil Al-Fazli, along Arabia is expanding its invest-

dignitaries from Rawalpindi and and public welfare initiatives in

Cash prizes were distributed among the students who secured top positions, along with awards for all participants to acknowledge their efforts and dedication.

Addressing the ceremony, Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Malki said that Saudi Arabia regards Pakistan as a close, brotherly, and trusted partner. He stated that the relations between the two countries Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Nawaf are not merely diplomatic but are rooted in shared faith, history, and cultural foundations. In recent years, bilateral ties have grown stronger than ever, with significant progress in economic cooperation, investment, security partnerships, and people-to-

He added that, under the special directives of Crown Prince with prominent scholars and ment, development assistance,

Pakistan with renewed priorities. He emphasized that Saudi Arabia is committed to supporting Pakistan's economic stability, youth development, and religious as well as cultural programs. This Qur'an Memorization Competition is a symbol of the deep and enduring ties between both nations. Saudi Arabia will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with Pakistan in every field, and we aim to pass on these brotherly relations to the generations ahead, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Rector Jamia Salfia Hafiz Sheikh Muhammad Shafiq expressed gratitude to Ambassador Al-Malki and the Government of Saudi Arabia. He said that such religious, educational, and cultural initiatives play a vital role in bringing the people of both countries closer and further strengthening bilateral friendship



# Air University holds 13th Convocation, 1,585 Graduates step into the future

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ISLAMABAD: Air University (AU) Islamabad marked a momentous milestone as it held its 13th Convocation at the main auditorium of its main campus. The ceremony was graced by Mr. Nadeem Mahbub, Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, and Acting Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC), who attended as the chief guest. A total of 1,585 graduates were conferred degrees, including 42 PhD scholars, 42 Gold Medalists, and 26 Silver Medalists, making it a proud day for students, parents, and faculty alike.

In his opening address, Air Marshal Abdul Moeed Khan, Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military) (Retd.), Vice Chancellor, Air ings, crediting its quality education, producing graduates who are serving



University, congratulated the graduates highly qualified faculty, and cuttingon their remarkable academic achieve- edge programs. He emphasized that sector. He also appreciated the contriments. He highlighted the universi- AU has excelled in computing, arti- butions of Air University's other facul-

the nation, particularly in the defence ty's steady rise in international rank-ficial intelligence, and cybersecurity, ties including engineering, basic and

strategic studies, and management sciences for nurturing competent and motivated graduates who are excelling nationally and internationally.

The Vice Chancellor proudly shared that Air University now operates six active campuses nationwide, including Islamabad, Multan, Kamra, Kharian, and Karachi. He announced a major new development that with the generous support of the Chief of Air Staff, AU is set to launch its new campus at Shorkot Cantt, with land and infrastructure already allocated by the Pakistan Air Force. He thanked the chief guest for honoring the event and expressed gratitude to parents for trusting Air University with their children's futures.

The Vice Chancellor also reminded the graduates that they will forever remain an integral part of the Air University fraternity. He urged them

in any capacity professionally, academically, or as mentors to create meaningful impact through the knowledge and skills they have acquired. He encouraged them to uphold the values of Air University and make their alma mater and the country proud through their contributions to society.

Addressing the audience, Mr. Nadeem Mahbub extended heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and their families. He commended the Air University leadership, faculty, and management for providing a conducive, high-quality learning environment. Praising the university's rapid expansion and growing national and international reputation, he remarked that its rising ranking reflects its academic excellence.

going fast-paced technological trans- with pride by graduates and their famiformation and appreciated Air Univerlies.

applied sciences, social sciences, to stay connected with the institution sity's commitment to delivering hightech, future-oriented degree programs that prepare students as leaders, innovators, and national assets. He lauded the university's distinct standing in Pakistan, particularly in the fields of computing, Artificial Intelligence, and cybersecurity, and acknowledged its strong regulatory compliance and academic discipline.

> Encouraging graduates to uphold spirit of lifelong learning, he urged them to contribute to nation-building as responsible citizens. He expressed confidence in Pakistan's bright future, empowered by talented youth graduating from institutions like Air University. The chief guest also formally awarded PhD degrees, gold medals, and silver medals to outstanding achievers. The dignified ceremony He added that the world is under- concluded on a high note, celebrated

# Breakthrough 'JITTER' Technology Shrinks Data by Half, Set to Redefine Data Efficiency and Security

nology developed from his PhD ient security. research in cybersecurity. This pioneering technology challenges Digital Reality core data principles by determinisquantum computer attacks.

world, Dr. Khan Farhan shatters this paradigm by unifying Rafat, an ex-cadre BS-19 them into a single, atomic operacybersecurity expert of the tion. The result is a guaranteed 50% Cabinet Division, has unveiled reduction in data size, independent of "JITTER," a groundbreaking tech- content, with built-in, quantum-resil-

From Mathematical Certainty to Impact Across Indus-

Inspired by the unwavering logic tically compressing any two bits into of trigonometric identities, JITTER's one without loss, all while providing core is a clever algorithmic process. a robust defense against future It treats data bits as coordinates on a circle, using a secret key to map

n a landmark development (encryption) have been separate, compartment, JITTER's decoder— pre-transmission, JITTER can double

from the single transmitted one, ensuring true lossless compression. Far-Reaching

The implications for our connected world are profound: ·Telecommuni-

cations & IoT: For billions of IoT For decades, making data smaller them into a compressed representa-sensors, battery life and bandwidth could dramatically accelerate the devel-(compression) and keeping it safe tion. Much like a key unlocks a unique are precious. By halving data volume opment of smarter, more private AI.

poised to reshape the digital resource-intensive steps. JITTER using the same secret key—perfectly device battery life, reduce network reconstructs the original two bits congestion, and slash costs, making smart cities and large-

> scale networks far more feasible. ·Artificial Intelligence & Federated Learning: Training AI on data from millions of devices

(like smartphones) massive bandwidth. JITTER's ability to halve the size of these secure updates

·Information Security in the encryption, JITTER offers a timely solution. Its security, based on quantum-resistant symmetric cryptography, is designed to meet rigorous standards, establishing a future-proof

shield for sensitive data. relentless growth of data strains storage. JITTER's multi-pass capability progressively shrinking data to a minute fraction of its original size unlocks massive savings in storage costs and energy consumption for data centers.

JITTER is more than an algo-Quantum Age: With quantum rithm-it proposes a new foundational computers threatening current layer for the digital world. It redefines the economics of data, transforming how we move, store, and secure information. As it moves toward commercialization, this technology holds the potential to power everything from the smallest sensor to the largest AI, ·Big Data and Cloud Storage: The ensuring a digital future that is not only smarter but inherently safer and more sustainable. The research will be made public in the proceedings of the IEEE Future of Machine Learning and Data Science 2025 Conference.

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# Ziauddin University hosts International Nursing Research Conference 2025

👺 City Desk

KARACHI: "Artificial Intelligence is a machine-based technology that can support decision-making, but at the end of the day, it is the human connection: the care, comfort, and kindness that nurses provide, which helps patients heal rapidly. Preserving these values while integrating technology is essential for of nurses to be both skilled and deeply humane", said Prof. Dr. S. M. Tariq Rafi, Chairman, Sindh Higher Education Commission

He expressed these views as the Chief Guest at the 2nd International Nursing Research Confer-Artificial Intelligence in Nursing Research, Education and Practice: Preparing the Next Generation", hosted by the Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery, Ziauddin University.

The conference aimed to high-

AI applications in the profession, identifying opportunities for innovation, and addressing the ethical, social, and educational challenges associated with AI, ensuring that the next generation of nurses is equipped with critical thinking and the skills required to use AI responsibly.

He further emphasized the preparing the next generation irreplaceable role of humanity and highlighted the practical benefits of AI in nursing, stating, "Artificial intelligence-powered monitoring systems enable us to detect patient changes early, allowing timely interventions that improve outcomes, reduce hospital stays, and minimize ence 2025, themed "Navigating medical errors. Despite these advancements, technology cannot replace human intelligence, compassion, and empathy that define nursing.

Delivering her keynote address, Dr. Tracie Risling, Associate Dean of Innovation at the University light the transformative role of of Calgary, Canada, provided a

focused on examining current practice. She underscored that AI-enabled tools, from predictive systems to intelligent monitoring can enhance early detection, reduce medical errors, and support nurses in making timely, evidence-based decisions. Emphasizing the balance between innovation and humanity, she remarked, "Artificial intelligence should support our judgment not replace it. Because at the end of the day, it is human intelligence, compassion, and ethical care that define nursing and will continue to guide our profession into the Reflecting on the role of

technology in her introductory remarks, Dr. Yasmin Amarsi, Advisor to the Chancellor, Ziauddin University, stated that while AI is reshaping healthcare, the essence of nursing remains rooted in humanity. She noted that "AI enhances compassion, judgment, and human connection but it will never replace nursing judg-AI in nursing research, educa- forward-looking perspective on ment or the human touch." She

tion, and practice. Its objectives how AI is reshaping nursing further encouraged the audience by adding, "Let us work together to prepare the next generation for a future shaped by innovation and technology, while remaining deeply rooted in our values."

The conference also featured invaluable insights from international experts. Prof. Dr. Pammla Petrucka from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, focused on the transformative power of AI in nursing research, noting that it "unlocks new frontiers for evidence and discovery." Meanwhile, Dr. Jessica M. Gordon, a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from Washington, DC, highlighted AI's role in direct patient care, illustrating how it serves as a powerful tool to enhance nursing practice and improve patient outcomes.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Sumaira Khowaja Punjwani, Principal, College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ziauddin University brought together distinguished leaders from the nursing profession who collectively expressed strong support for integrating AI



into nursing education and practice. The panelists included Prof. Dr. Dildar Muhammad, Dean Faculty of Nursing Sciences at KMU, Prof. Dr. Tanseer Ahmed, Principal at DUHS, Dr. Khalil Ahmed, Principal of Al-Hamd College of Nursing and Health Sciences Bhakkar, and

Ms. Khairunnissa Hooda, Chief Nursing Officer at AKUH, reaffirmed that AI has immense potential in streamlining workhigh-pressure environments, and improving patient monitoring and safety.

Earlier in her welcome address, Dr. Pamela Marshall, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery, highlighted the significance of preparing nurses for a digital the conference, followed by shield future and set the tone for the and award distribution recogconference. She emphasized the need for capacity building, stating, "As the world moves

systems, our nurses must be equipped with the skills, confidence, and vision to lead this transformation."

The event also included student-led cultural performances, which added vibrancy to nizing outstanding contributions from participants, speakers, and organizers.

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

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Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index				
Current	Prev. Close			
162,102.92	162,936.93			
Day's High	Day's Low			
163,357.51	161,853.58			
Index Value	Change			
17,053,863,508	-834.01			
Percentage	Time			
-0.51%	21 Nov, 2025 4:30 pm			
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index			
Index Value	Change			
9,539.71	+12.06			
Percentage	Time			
+0.13%	21 Nov, 4:35 pm GMT			
<b>USA: Dow Jones</b> I	ndustrial Average			
Index Value	Change			
46,432.05	+679.79			
Percentage	Time			
+1.49%	21 Nov, 12:20 pm GMT-5			

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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average					
Index Value	Change				
48,625.88	-1,198.06				
Percentage	Time				
-2.40%	21 Nov, 3:45 pm GMT+9				

### **Open Market Forex Rates**

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	181	186
Bahrain Dinar	745	752.50
Canadian Dollar	199.50	204.50
China Yuan	39.2	39.6
Danish Krone	43.1	43.5
Euro	324	327.5
Hong Kong Dollar	35.8	36.05
Indian Rupee	3.09	3.18
Japanese Yen	1.7700	1.8700
Kuwaiti Dinar	910.75	919.75
Malaysian Ringgit	66.6	67.2
NewZealand \$	156.15	158.15
Norwegians Krone	27.3	27.6
Omani Riyal	729.65	737
Qatari Riyal	76.55	77.25
Saudi Riyal	75.05	75.5
Singapore Dollar	213.75	218.75
Swedish Korona	29.1	29.4
Swiss Franc	346.1	348.85
Thai Bhat	8.45	8.6
U.A.E Dirham	76.7	77.50
UK Pound Sterling	374.1	377.1
US Dollar	281.55	281.7

## PSX closes in the red as KSE-100 sheds 834 points

### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) ended the day in the red on Thursday, as the benchmark KSE-100 Index fell sharply, losing 834 points to close at

During the session, the index swung between highs and lows, touching an intraday peak of 163,357 points and a low of

Trading activity remained strong, with 768 million shares changing hands, generating a turnover of over Rs 28 billion.

Out of 475 listed companies, 144 stocks ended in the green, while 289 closed in the red, showing that sellers held the upper hand throughout the day.

Earlier in the morning, the market got off to a flying start, gaining more than 400 points and pushing the KSE-100 to

However, profit-taking and market pressure later pulled the index down, causing a sharp reversal by the close.

## Minister opens advanced modular theatres at hospital

FAISALABAD: State Minister for National Health Services Dr. Malik Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath on Saturday inaugurated the newly established advanced modular operation theatres at Madinah Teaching Hospital, affiliated with University Medical & Dental College, The University of Faisalabad, and declared it a revolutionary step for providing international-standard surgical facilities to patients.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the government is committed to healthcare reforms, technological advancement, and the provision of accessible, high-quality medical services to the public. He commended the hospital administration and staff for their professionalism and expressed confidence that the advanced surgical facilities would play a pivotal role in delivering superior healthcare services to the population of the region.

# MG Pakistan Unveils MG U9-True Luxury Off-Roader

### Spokesman Report

KARACHI: MG Pakistan has unveiled the MG U9, targeted as a "True Luxury Off-roader" in Pakistan's developing highend luxury pickup segment.

MG has opened nationwide pre-bookings for the all-new MG U9, with the official launch scheduled in January 2026 & customer deliveries to begin from February 2026.

Pakistan, being the second country after Australia to receive the U9, MG reinforces its commitment to bringing world-class, early-release models to Pakistani consumers. MG U9 represents a new generation of intelligent, powerful, and refined off-road mobility.

Combining cutting-edge engineering, premium craftsmanship, and advanced 4x4 capability, it stands among the most sophisticated pickups in its class.

As MG Pakistan introduces the MG U9 to the market, the brand brings forward a vehicle built on a robust platform

pickup. Its bold geometric surfaces, Wide Front the road. grille, Matrix LED headlights, and 20-inch



Equipped with a 2.5L Turbo Diesel engine matic transmission. Its BorgWarner Intelli- style users alike.

that delivers the comfort of an SUV with the Cyclone Force alloy wheels come together to delivering 160 kW Power and 520 Nm of — offering a unique blend of rugged capability strength and versatility of a high-performance create a muscular and modern presence on torque, the MG U9 offers strong, responsive and elevated comfort tailored to the needs of performance paired with an 8-speed ZF auto- modern adventure seekers and premium life-

gent 4WD system make it a highly capable vehicle across all terrains including Extreme off-roading. Safety is further supported by a 5-Star ANCAP rating, seven airbags, Level 2 ADAS, and Bosch's latest stability systems.

Inside, the MG U9 offers a refined and industrial-inspired cabin finished with premium materials and high-end technology. Drivers and passengers are welcomed by dual 12.3-inch digital displays, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, an 8-speaker JBL sound system, wireless charging, panoramic sunroof, and a range of other comfort features. These include power-adjustable front seats with heating, ventilation, and massage functionality for the driver, elevating the cabin experience far beyond that of a traditional pickup.

With its powerful engineering, refined interior, advanced safety architecture, and state-of-the-art technology, the MG U9 marks a major step forward in the evolution of luxury pickups in Pakistan

# Construction of Parking Plaza

LAHORE: An Ariel view of the construction site of the Parking Plaza at Neela Gumbad area of the



# **Customs Enforcement** Gadani Destroys Huge Quantity of Illicit and **Hazardous Goods**

### Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Collec-Enforcement, Gadani has ucts in the local market. destroyed a large cache cigarettes, and 21.25 MT of China salt in a major oper-The action was conducted with full transparency and in strict compliance with all legal and procedural requirements.

The goods

tion reflects FBR's strong commitment to preventing the circulation of prohibtorate of Customs ited and hazardous prod-

The incineration cereof illicit, banned, contra- mony was attended band and expired goods by officers and staff of which included 614.6 MT Customs Enforcement of betel nuts, 85.7 MT of Gadani, along with the gutka and supari, 21,261 Deputy Commissioner outers of foreign-origin and DPO Hub, Judicial Magistrate, representatives of the Environment ation at FEU Khurkhera. Department, Pakistan Tobacco Company, Philip Morris, and officials from law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

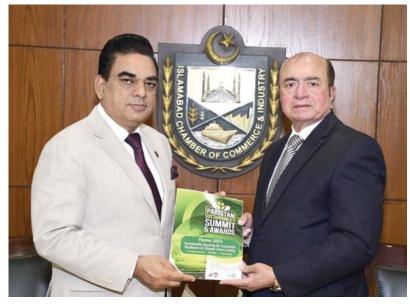
The Federal Borad of Revenue reiterates its comprised of items deemed resolve to curb smugharmful to public health, gling, enforce regulatory illegal under import regu- controls, and safeguard the lations or unfit for human health and safety of citizens consumption. Their seizure—through sustained enforce. and subsequent destruc- ment actions.

# ICCI, Realtors back 'Pakistan Sustainability Summit 2025' on Sustainable Housing

### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The capital city is set to host one of the most significant dialogues on sustainable urban development as preparations intensify for the Pakistan Sustainability Summit 2025, themed "Sustainable Housing for Economic Resilience and Climate Smart Living." The upcoming summit, scheduled on December 3, is gaining momentum across both public and private sectors, as key national stakeholders express strong support for an urgent transition towards environmentally responsible, economically viable, and socially inclusive housing models in

This renewed push for sustainability in urban planning was evident on Saturday when the Founder of the Pakistan Sustainability Summit and Executive Director of Devcom-Pakistan, Syed Munir Ahmed, called on the President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and Chairman of the Realtors Association of Pakistan, Sardar Tahir Mahmood, and briefed him on the vision, objectives and national relevance of the summit. The meeting underscored the strategic importance of engaging busi-



in shaping Pakistan's housing future at a time when cities are expanding rapidly and climate vulnerabilities are intensi-

ness leadership and the real estate sector that sustainable housing is no longer an option but a necessity for Pakistan's longterm economic resilience. "The real estate and construction sectors are the backbone of Pakistan's economy, but they must Expressing his full support for the initi- now evolve in accordance with modern ative, Sardar Tahir Mahmood emphasized sustainability principles," he said.

# Gold price rises by Rs2,300 per tola

### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The price of 24-karat gold increased by Rs2,300 on Saturday, reaching Rs428,862 per tola, compared to Rs426,562 on the previous day, according to the All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association.

Similarly, the price of rose by Rs1,972, climbing to Rs367,680 from Rs365,708 a day earlier. The 10 grams of 22-karat gold were by Rs1,808, against the previous rate of Rs335,244. day.

In the international market, gold prices increased by \$23, reaching \$4,065 compared to \$4,042 on the preceding

Likewise, the per tola price of 24-karat silver surged by Rs48, settling at Rs5,270 against Rs5,222 on Friday. The price of 10 grams of 24-karat silver 10 grams of 24-karat gold rose to Rs4,518, marking an increase of Rs41 from Rs4,477 previously.

International silver was traded at \$49.98, showing sold for Rs337,052, up a rise of \$0.48 compared to \$49.50 on the last trading

# Minister Mujtaba reviews development projects

LAHORE: Punjab Minis- infrastructure but will also ter for Finance Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Rehman reviewed development projects around the Railway Station, Misri Shah, and the adjoining three-kilometre stretch here at LDA Headquarters

Addressing the meeting, the Minister stated that these projects in the Railway Station and Misri Shah areas are being undertaken on the special instructions of Punjab Chief Minister, under a sustainable development model.

He said, "For the first time, mega development projects of this scale are being launched in and around the Railway Station and Misri Shah. These initiatives will not only modernize urban

contribute to increased business activity at the local progress on the proposed level." He directed that daily routines and economic activities of residents and traders be facilitated during the construction phase to ensure continuity of commercial operations. Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Re-

hman said, Punjab government prioritizes the development of underdeveloped and neglected areas, and these projects reflect the continuation of that policy. He emphasized that under the sustainable development model, a comprehensive strategy has been adopted to eliminate waste, encroachments, and traffic congestion in inner Lahore, which will significantly improve the overall quality of life for citizens.

# LCCI committee to ensure viable solution for traders in LAHR Project LCCI President Faheem the business community protect both economic activity

### **№** Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) on Saturday formed an 11-member committee comprising leading private-sector representatives to engage with the government on the Lahore Authority for Heritage Revival (LAHR) Project.

The committee is headed by LCCI President Faheem Ur Rehman Saigol.

Ur Rehman Saigol said that supports the preservation objective of the committee is of Lahore's historic charto develop a win-win situa- acter, the proposed solution tion for the public and private

He said that Chamber's primary objective is to ensure sustainability. that heritage restoration and urban development proceed without undermining the livelihoods of traders who have operated in different markets

for decades. He stressed that while workable alternatives that

of relocating traders to basement-level markets is not viable for their commercial

"The traders cannot survive in basement markets. Such locations drastically reduce footfall, visibility and business continuity.

We need commercially

and the city's heritage, the LCCI President noted. He added, the Chamber is committed to construc-

tive engagement and will not endorse any plan that places the burden of development on small traders He reiterated that commercial viability, accessibility,

safety and long-term business prospects are essential elements of any relocation

# Punjab Sports Minister to lead Punjab contingent in National Games

**Sports Desk** 

LAHORE: Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar will lead the Punjab contingent in the upcoming 35th edition of National Games.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry shared this information during his visit to Nishtar Park Sports Complex on Saturday where reviewed the arrangements of Punjab athletes' training camps being organised for preparation of National Games.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry was accompanied by Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum, Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Deputy Director Yasmeen Akhtar, Divisional Sports Officer Lahore Tariq Khanzada, Assistant Director Bilal Akram and other officials during his inspection visit.

During his visit, Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry inspected Punjab Stadium, International Tennis Stadium and National Hockey Stadium. He also visited the hostels to inspect the accommodation arrangements of the players.



He directed the hostel administrator to make best cleaning arrangements during training camps.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry also inspected the players' food arrangements at mess. He directed the officials concerned to spray anti-dengue medicine at Nishtar Park Sports Complex

hostels and all sports venues.

Talking on this occasion, Director arrangements for Punjab training ised at Karachi from December 6 to 13".

Director General Sports and General Sports and Youth Affairs Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said Chaudhry said that he is supervising that Punjab's all teams will report to all the arrangements being made the training camps on November 23 for training camps. "A well prepared (Sunday). "Duties have been assigned Punjab contingent will participate in to top SBP officers for making best the 35th National Games being organ-

# Pakistan Claim Three-Run Victory over South Africa as IMC Over-40s T20 World Cup begins in Karachi

**Sports Desk** 

KARACHI: The IMC Over-40s T20 World Cup commenced in Karachi with six matches decided on the opening day.

The feature match at the National Stadium saw Pakistan begin their campaign with a hard-fought three-run victory over South Africa. After winning the toss, South Africa opted to field first. Pakistan posted 134 for 5 in their allotted overs, with Tariq Mahmood contributing a composed 45 and captain Abdul Razzaq adding 36.

South Africa responded with deternination, led by Werner Moolman who played a resilient innings of 55 off 48 balls. However, Pakistan's bowlers held their nerve in the closing stages. Player of the Match award. Sohail Khan delivered a decisive spell, conceding 29 runs in four overs and claiming three wickets, earning him the



At Southend Club, the USA recorded a 24-run win over Rest of the Gulf. Batting first, the USA reached 168 for 5 and their

in their allotted 20 overs. The Rest of the World team overcame Zimbabwe at Karachi Gymkhana, defending their total of 134 for 9 as Zimbabwe faltered for 80-8 in their innings. At the National Bank Stadium, Sri Lanka secured a three-wicket victory over Australia, chasing 147 for 7 with one over to spare. Marlon Fernando and Manjula Guruge stood out for Sri Lanka with valuable contributions of 35 runs each.

with seven wickets in hand.

In other matches, the United Arab

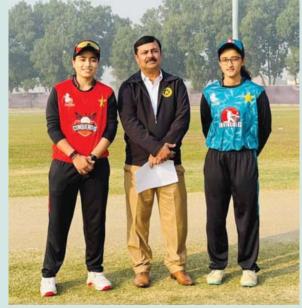
Emirates defeated Hong Kong by 31

runs at Southend Club after setting 166

for 8 and restricting Hong Kong to 135-7

The opening day of the IMC Over-40s T20 World Cup highlighted the competitive spirit and enthusiasm of veteran tion to 144 for 9. At Karachi Gymkhana, cricketers from around the world, setting a promising tone for the remainder of the

## National Women's One Day *Tournament*



👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Challengers and Conquerors won the matches played on Saturday in the National Women's One Day Tour-

Challengers (209 runs, 5 out) defeated Strikers (208 runs, 4 out) by 5 wickets.

Ayesha Zafar scored 83 runs for Challengers and 59 runs for Iman Fatima for the Challengers.

Mahnur Aftab took three wickets for Strikers.

Alia Riaz scored 101 runs for Strikers. Nashra Sindhu scored 50 runs for Ayesha Zafar.

Ayesha Zafar was named Player of the Match.

Conquerors (244 runs) defeated Invincibles (206 runs) by 38 runs. Saira Jabeen scored 88 runs for Conquerors, Gul Feroza scored 64 runs. Both made an opening partnership of 124 runs. Natalia Parvez scored 66 runs for Invincibles and Muniba Ali scored 51 runs. Saima Malik and Ayesha Bilal took three wickets each for Conquerors. Saira Jabeen was the Player of the Match.

# Auction for two new PSL franchise on January 6

Sports Desk

LAHORE: The auction for the two new franchise teams in the Pakistan Super League (PSL) will be held on January 6, 2026, says a press release of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday.

The PSL was played with six teams for the initial 10 years

while eight teams will be part of the world's second best league in the eleventh edition in 2026.

This marks a significant milestone in the league's continued expansion and its commitment to expanding its footprint across Pakistan. The addition of two new teams will also create fresh commercial, sporting and fan engagement opportunities.

The pool of cities shortlisted for potential franchise allocation includes:

1. Faisalabad 2. Rawalpindi 3. Hyderabad 4. Sialkot 5. Muzaf-

The successful bidders at the auction will have the right to choose from amongst these city/team names. Only technically qualified bidders will be invited to the auction.

The HBL PSL, now recognized as one of the premier T20 leagues globally, continues to grow in stature, commercial strength and fan following. The PCB and PSL Management look forward to welcoming new stakeholders to the HBL PSL ecosystem and to further elevating the league's impact on Paki-

# Pakistan outplays Sri Lanka by seven wickets

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan clinched a seven-wicket victory over Sri Lanka at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Saturday, driven by a superb unbeaten 80 from Sahibzada Farhan.

Chasing a modest target,

Pakistan wrapped up the match with 27 balls to spare, thanks largely to Farhan's explosive 80 off 45 balls, which featured six fours and

off 18 balls as the pair added wicket before Saim fell to Dasun Shanaka.

16 off 22 balls before being bowled by Dushmantha mantha Chameera, who struck impressed with figures of 2 Nissanka (17 runs off 23

Mews Desk

Former test cricket captain Rashid Latif

has issued unconditional apology for

making controversial remarks against

Pakistan Cricket Board. In a clarifica-

tion regarding his recent statements

made on social media and in inter-

views, Rashid Latif stated that linking

wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad

Rizwan's support for Palestine to his

removal from captaincy was unjustified

and baseless. Latif admitted that his

earlier comments were inappropriate

and not supported by any concrete



He set the tone alongside for a duck, caught behind and Babar had earlier built

> For Sri Lanka, Dush-Chameera

Rashid Latif issues apology to

PCB over controversial remarks

remove Salman Ali Agha chipped in with 1 for 14.

Earlier, Sri Lanka after Saim Ayub, who scored 20 by Kusal Mendis. Farhan winning the toss managed to score 128 runs for 7 in 47 runs for the opening a solid 69-run stand for the their allotted 20 overs, with second wicket, stabilising the Janith Liyanage anchoring innings. Usman Khan also the innings with an unbeaten Babar Azam contributed remained not out on 5 runs. 41 off 38 balls, featuring three boundaries and a six.

Openers Pathum balls) and Kamil Mishara (22 runs off 12 balls) provided a brisk start, the latter striking two fours and

West Indies successfully chased Canada's

total of 122 for 6, completing the target

Kusal Perera added valuable runs with a lively 25 runs off 19 balls, including two fours and a six, while Wanindu Hasaranga chipped in with 11 down the order. However, others batters stumbled as Kusal Mendis and Kamindu Mendis contributed just three runs each.

Pakistan's bowling unit delivered a powerful performance, led by Mohammad Nawaz, who impressed with figures of 3 for 16. Salman Mirza, Faheem Ashraf, and Abrar Ahmed supported well, claiming one wicket apiece. Nawaz was declared Player of the match.

to implicate players, board members,

or other stakeholders in wrongdoing.

He said his statement regarding the

removal of Mohammad Rizwan from

expressions of opinion are respon-

sible, evidence-based, and measured,"

Rashid Latif said. He emphasized that

the country's reputation takes prec-

"I will ensure that my future

ODI captaincy was incorrect.

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ments regarding advertisements comments is not an option. Latif also expressed his commitment to playing a fair, balanced, and constructive role in public discourse moving forward.

were related to possible violations of government advisory.

Former captain said his state-

He added that his intention was not

edence, and making irresponsible

Tejas crash at Dubai Airshow biggest embarrassment for

**India: Analysts** 

# Meeting with EU High Representative

BRUSSELS: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar meet with EU High Representative/ Vice President Kaja Kallas during 7th Strategic Dialogue on Saturday.



# Pakistan, EU reiterate commitment to broad-based, forward-looking partnership

### City Desk

reaffirmed their commitment EU's GSP+ arrangement, as a sels, Foreign Office spokesto a broad-based, multidi- driver for sustainable growth, person said in a press release. mensional and forward-look- export diversification, job creaing partnership anchored in tion and mutually beneficial shared values, the UN Charter, economic opportunity. multilateralism, and the principles of mutual respect and

They underlined the Foreign Minister Senator sustained institutional interimportance of further deep-

Strategic Dialogue co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister/

Mohammad Ishaq Dar and the actions. ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and ening trade and investment EU High Representative/Vice the European Union, Saturday, ties, including through the President Kaja Kallas in Brus-

> The meeting provided a comprehensive review of the full spectrum of Pakistan-Both sides convened the 7th EU relations, building on the positive momentum of recent

The dialogue also offered an opportunity to exchange views on regional and global developments, including South Asia, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and broader geopolitical developments.

Both sides underlined the importance of coordinated high-level engagements and approaches to peace, stability, ahead, it was further added.

sustainable development, and global challenges such as climate change and connec-

They agreed to strengthen cooperation under the Strategic Engagement Plan (SEP 2019), advance work on ongoing dialogues, and identify concrete avenues to expand collaboration in the years

# 17 militants killed in counterterror operations in Bannu region

### 跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Security forces in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu district and surrounding areas have killed 17 militants, including three key commanders, during extensive joint operations conducted over the past 24 hours, sources said on Saturday.

Several other militants were also injured, while a large cache of weapons and ammunition was recovered during the operation.

According to a police spokesperson, the operations were launched in the rugged mountainous belt of

Khawarij terrorist group. Police units from Lakki



and Nasar Khel after intelli- other security units jointly gence indicated the presence carried out the raids, in which the Indian-backed Fitna Al were injured, and one facilitator was arrested.

Sherikhel, Pakka Khel Pahar Marwat, the CTD Bannu and retrieved so far, while three remain in inaccessible terrain.

police and security agencies. In Nasar Khel, Lakki Among those killed were Marwat Police, the CTD of armed groups belonging to 10 militants were killed, five two high-value commanders and local peace committee - Niaz Ali alias Akasha and members killed another Abdullah alias Shpunkoi — wanted militant during a Seven bodies have been both of whom were wanted by separate operation.

A clash also took place between militants and peace committee members in the Hawed area.

In Domel, militants opened fire on a police APC, triggering an eight-hour gun

Six militants were killed and dozens injured in the encounter.

Notorious militant commander Rasool alias Commander Ariana was killed along with his associates, and weapons were seized

from the site. KP's Inspector General of Police Zulfiqar Hameed said the province would be cleansed of terrorism and security forces would continue pursuing militants to their hideouts.

He vowed that operations would not stop until the last terrorist is eliminated.



News Desk

rity environment.

ISLAMABAD: Retired Pakistan

Air Force officers and defence

analysts have termed the crash of

India's Tejas fighter jet at the Dubai

aviation credibility, Radio Pakistan

Air Vice Marshal (retd) Ijaz Malik

said aviation mishaps at airshows

are not unusual, but the Tejas crash

carries "special significance" in the context of the current global secu-

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has renewed its call for urgent, predictable and equitable climate finance, enhanced technology transfer and stronger international cooperation to support climate-vulnerable countries, during a series of high-level side events organized by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination UN Climate Summit (COP30) in

Belem, Brazil. The sessions, addressed by Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Dr Musadik Masood Malik, Minister of State Shezra Mansab Kharal and Moriani, drew participation from of support systems tailored to "the negotiators, global agencies, scien- realities of those most at risk."

tific institutions and civil society. MoCC&EC spokesperson

defence circles had already been questioning the capabilities of

Indian pilots, fighter jets and air-de-

Malik recalled that India has been

Commenting on the Dubai inci-

dent, he suggested that the Indian pilot may have been under "immense

psychological pressure" following an

impressive acrobatic display by Paki-

attempting to replace its ageing MiG

coffins" due to frequent crashes with the indigenously developed

fence systems.

Airshow a major blow to New Delhi's fleet — often described as "flying

He noted that international stan's JF-17 Thunder a day earlier.

Pakistan renews call

technology transfer at COP30 side events

for climate finance,

Tejas.

Mohammad Saleem Shaikh told APP on Saturday that the events served as a platform to highlight Pakistan's climate vulnerabilities. adaptation priorities and ongoing initiatives, while strengthening the country's diplomatic voice on climate

justice and governance reforms. Secretary Aisha Humera Moriani, who led Pakistan's coordination (MoCC&EC) on the sidelines of the efforts at COP30, said the ministry aimed to present a climate narrative backed by evidence and clear policy direction.

She noted that Pakistan's pavilion had become a focal point for discussions on adaptation needs of devel-MoCC&EC Secretary Aisha Humera oping nations and the importance

# By-elections in 13 National and provincial constituencies to be held today

### Bureau Report

LAHORE: By-elections for six National Assembly constituencies and seven provincial assembly seats will be held today (Sunday).

Polling for the National Assembly seats NA-18 Haripur, NA-129 Lahore, NA-143 Sahiwal, NA-185 Dera Ghazi Khan, NA-96 Faisalabad and NA-104 Faisalabad will take place on Sunday.

Voters in provincial constituencies PP-98, PP-115, PP-116, PP-73 Sargodha, PP-87 Mianwali, PP-203 Sahiwal and PP-269 Muzaffargarh will also head to the polls tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has issued a code of conduct for the Pakistan Army and civil armed forces deployed for the upcoming by-elections in Punjab and

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to the guidelines, police will



forces as second responders and the Pakistan Army as the third responder under the Quick Response Force (QRF) act as the first responders, civil armed mechanism. Army personnel will be

polling stations.

The code states that the Army and civil armed forces will provide security at polling materials.

stationed outside the most sensitive the printing presses where ballot papers are being printed and during the transportation of ballot papers and other

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# Over 20,000 police deployed for security in Punjab by-elections

### 👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Security arrangements for the by-elections in Punjab have been finalised as 20,000 personnel of police will perform security duties in the province on Sunday. According to officials announcement. surveillance systems at sensitive polling stations have already been installed. Army and Rangers troops will also assist in maintaining law and order.

According to Punjab Police, personnel from the Elite Force, Police Response Unit (PRU), and Dolphin Force will be patrolling round-the-clock during the by-elections. Officials said the enhanced deployment aimed at preventing action will be taken against anyone any untoward incidents and ensure a peaceful voting process across national and provincial constitu-

Authorities have ranked 408 compromise.

polling stations as "highly sensitive", prompting heightened security measures. An additional 1,032 polling stations have been labelled "sensitive," where police presence and surveillance will be significantly increased.

Police confirmed that the installation of CCTV cameras at all sensitive and highly sensitive polling stations has been completed. The entire election process will be monitored in real time from the Safe City Headquarters, ensuring quick response to any threat or violation.

Pakistan Army and Rangers personnel will also be deployed at key locations to support civil forces. Officials warned that strict legal violating Section 144 or the Election Commission's code of conduct, emphasizing that security protocols will be implemented without