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Ishaq Dar concludes Brussels visit after key EU meetings

DPM Ishaq Dar attended the Pakistan-European Union Strategic Dialogue and European Union Indo-Pacific Forum meetings. The Foreign Minister also held talks with various international leaders and expressed the hope that Pakistan's relations with European Union countries will be strengthened.

Waheed Murad's legacy remembered on his 42nd death anniversary

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Counting the votes

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif view of debris of the demolished Chambers of Lawyers at F-8 Football



Vote counting begins after by-elections across six NA and seven Punjab seats

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The counting of votes is underway after polling for six National Assembly and seven Punjab Assembly constituencies concluded on Sunday. The polling continued without a break from 8am to 5pm.

Turnout was low in the early situation improved as tempera-

of the transgender community also cast votes.

transgender voter One complained that their address had not been recorded with the electoral lists, causing difficulties for them.

An interesting scene was witnessed in Sahiwal, where a hours due to severe cold, but the groom left his wedding proces-

sion to cast his vote. In Faisalabad, an elderly man

In NA-18 Haripur, members arrived at the polling station supported by a walking stick, while disabled voters in several constituencies also participated

> in the by-elections. Tensions flared at a men's polling station in Chichawatni, where supporters of the PML-N and an independent candidate

exchanged harsh words. Police reached the spot, inter-

vened and restored order. Overall, polling remained peaceful, with no major untoward incident reported.

The Election Commission had announced that all polling stations would be closed at 5pm, after which no one would be allowed inside.

According to the commission, voting proceeded smoothly throughout the day with no significant complaints received at the central monitoring room.

A few minor issues were

reported from Punjab, but officials said they were resolved promptly.

Strict security arrangements were made for the by-elections, as more than 20,000 police officers and personnel were

deployed to ensure law and order. Most of the seats being contested had fallen vacant due to the disqualification of lawmakers in the May 9 riots

Voters reject boycott call, turn out in strong numbers, says Talal Chaudhry

👺 Bureau Report

FAISALABAD: State Minister for Interior Senator Talal Badar Chaudhry on Sunday said that the most significant outcome of today's by-elections was the clear rejection of boycott calls, declaring that voters demonstrated their commitment to democratic participation despite attempts by a political party to discourage turnout.

Talking to the media after casting his vote in NA-96, he



said that the people of Punjab had refused to endorse the boycott narrative and questioned why, in a single day of nationwide by-elections, two different principles had been adopted — one allowing voting in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa while urging abstention

He argued that discouraging citizens from exercising their fundamental right to

should take notice of an "assault on the basic right," he added.

Talal said that although various notices had been issued by the ECP, including one served to him, his party would respond to all such notices through constitutional and legal means. He said that the larger issue was the attempt by a political party to prevent citizens from voting. "If a party claims to be democratic and representative, vote amounted to a violation of how can it call for a boycott of a the constitution. The Election right clearly guaranteed by the Commission of Pakistan (ECP) constitution?" he asked.

By-polls remain peaceful, no major complaint received: Sikander Raja

ISLAMABAD: Chief Election Commissioner Sikander Sultan Raja has said that today's by-election remained very peaceful and in this regard the support of the governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were praiseworthy. Talking to media at the Election Commission office,



Sikander Raja said that turnout is

always low in by-elections. He said there were many

reasons for low turnout. The Chief Election Commissioner said this election was not supposed to be a number game change, due to which public interest remained low. Sikandar Raja said ECP took indiscriminate action against those who violated the code of conduct. Chief Election Commissioner said DROs have sent some reports and

ECP itself took notice of some

complaints.

Chief Election Commissioner said no unusual complaints were received in today's by-election. Chief Election Commissioner said federal minister Talal Chaudhry has been summoned on Monday for hearing.

Sikandar Raja said a minister and a candidate were disqualified for violating the code of conduct

in the local government elections. Th ECP chief said there was a legal scheme for everything, there are violations in elections all over the world.

Chief Election Commissioner said the commission sends its suggestions to the government from time to time, however, the commission has no authority to give instructions to the tribunal.

Tarar warns of repercussions as PTI shuns by-polls

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Sunday stated that Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) was boycotting the majority of constituencies in the by-elections, cautioning that the move was bound to carry political repercussions.

Talking to media after attending the 29th National Age Group Swimming Championship (Boys) 2025 and the 24th Championship (Girls), he expressed the confidence that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) will secure a clear lead.

Tarar stated that political boycotts carry inevitable costs, emphasizing there was no room for such decisions in democratic practice.

He noted that the strong voter turnout in the by-elections signaled public confidence in the government's the Pakistan Muslim League- process, he said.



Nawaz (PML-N) appeared poised to secure a clear lead.

He noted that the Sunday's by-elections witnessed a robust voter turnout, with citizens from across social and economic divides stepping forward to exercise their democratic right.

In Lahore, unusually large crowds gathered at polling camps, while Dera Ghazi Khan reported a steady flow of voters throughout the day. Elderly citizens, young people and women turned out in significant numbers, reflecting broad public performance, adding that participation in the electoral

Polling completed peacefully, people exercised vote right transparently: Sanaullah

👺 Bureau Report

FAISALABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister (PM) on Political and Public Affairs Senator Rana Sanaullah Khan has said that polling has been completed peacefully and transparently across the district as people exercised their right to vote in a free, secure, and well-managed atmosphere during by-elections 2025

Talking to the media here on Sunday, he said that Pakistan can no longer afford any more political engineering as the only way to move the country forward is political stability, democratic continuity and politics of service.

He also reviewed the ground situation in five by-election constituencies of Faisalabad and said that some individuals were "deliberately pushing a narrative of rigging" even before ten votes were cast. Such claims are baseless and politically motivated, he added. He said that the people of

Faisalabad would vote for



service, development and problem-solving and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) had consistently delivered on these fronts. He said that Pakistan's

greatest national achievements including becoming the first Islamic nuclear power in 1998 and securing a historic victory in the 2025 Markae-Haq Bunvan-um-Marsoos Operation had come under PML-N leadership. These are the moments that brought pride not only to Pakistan but to the entire Muslim world.

The 2025 victory was globally acknowledged including by India itself, marking the first time in history that the world unanimously recognized Pakistan's success in a direct military conflict, he added.

Constitutional court to hear PTI plea on election rigging

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Constitutional Court has scheduled a hearing on a Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) petition seeking the formation of a tribunal to investigate allegations of election rigging.

Chief Justice Aminuddin constituted a five-member larger bench, which will take up the case on November 25.

The bench will be headed by Justice Aamir Farooq and will also include Justice Ali Baqar Najafi, Justice K. K. Agha, Justice Rozi Khan and Justice

Arshad Hussain Shah. PTI's central secretary-gen-

approached the court for the establishment of an independent tribunal to probe alleged electoral irregularities. The party had initially filed

eral Salman Akram Raja had

the petition in the Supreme Court, arguing that a free and empowered tribunal was essential for transparent elections.

Following the enforcement of the 27th Constitutional Amendment, petitions related to electoral disputes are now transferred to the Federal Constitutional Court. Under this new procedure, the PTI petition was also moved to the constitutional court, which will hold its first formal hearing on November 25.

AJK PM meets KIIR Interns, Stresses Ideological Ties with Pakistan



👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: A delegation of interns from the Kashmir Institute of International Relations, led by its Chairman Altaf Hussain Wani, called on the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu world. Progress, he noted, depends on and Kashmir (AJK), Faisal Mumtaz timely, well-considered decisions and a Rathore, here today.

Welcoming the delegation, the AJK of development. Prime Minister said that Azad Kashmir's relationship with Pakistan is ideological and that the state serves as a base and adopt a broader national outlook.

Appreciating the presence of talented youth from different parts of the country, he stressed that research, innovation, and technological advancement are essential in today's fast-changing willingness to embrace new standards

The Prime Minister underscored the need to rise above narrow prejudices camp for the Kashmir freedom move- Kashmiris' relationship with Pakistan,

he said, is rooted in love and brother-

Commending the resilience of the people of Indian-occupied Kashmir, he said their sacrifices can never be forgotten. In the current situation, he emphasised the importance of countering Indian propaganda, restoring youth confidence, and strengthening the relationship between the state and its people.

He added that the PPP's manifesto ensures service without discrimination and reaffirmed the government's

commitment to continuing this mission for public welfare.

The Prime Minister assured full support for the Kashmir Institute of International Relations in achieving its goals.

At the end of the meeting, the KIIR Chairman Altaf Hussain Wani presented a commemorative shield to the Prime Minister. Government Ministers Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed, Director Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell Raja Sajjad, and others were also present

Balloting

FAISALABAD: An older man is cast his ballot in a polling station during the by-election, in the city on Sunday.



Photo: Online

SCICON 6.0, 2025: A Celebration of Science, Creativity, and Innovation

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: The curtains have closed on SCICON 6.0, the premier science olympiad, marking the end of a thrilling two-day journey that showcased the exceptional scientific aptitude and creative genius of students from across Karachi. This year's event brought together approximately 450 students from over 25 schools and colleges, who battled it out in a range of exciting competitions and activities designed to test their knowledge, skills, and innovative thinking.

The diverse range of modules, including Decryptica, Kinetic Cascade, Market Mayhem, and Silent Testimony, challenged students to apply scientific concepts in practical contexts,



pushing them to think outside the box and showcase their talents. The

competition was fierce, with teams from Beaconhouse Jubilee Campus and other institutions leading the charge, their standout performances catapulting them to frontrunner status in the pursuit of the coveted Scicon 6.0 Championship title.

"I would like to thank all the participants for their enthusiasm and passion for science," added Ms. Humera Khalid, Headmistress of the O-Levels section. "It's heartening to see students from different institutions coming together to showcase their talents. Special mention to our participants from KVTC (Karachi Vocational Training Center) and 3 government schools/colleges who participated in SCICON 6.0, making

Tehreek Tahaffuz-e-Aain Pakistan Announces Three-Day Public Mobilisation Campaign in December

👺 Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

KARACHI: Tehreek Tahaffuz-e-Aain Pakistan held an important meeting in Karachi under the chairmanship of its Vice Chairman and President of Sindh United Party, Sayed Zain Shah. The meeting was attended by PTI Sindh President Haleem Adil Sheikh, MWM's Molana Sadiq Jafri, SUP leader Muneer Naich, Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party's Sarbaz Abdul Rubb, Basheer Khan Tareen, and other political leaders. The forum reviewed in detail the prevailing political and constitutional situation in the country and finalised several key decisions.



Speaking to the media, Sayed Zain completely disillusioned with the Shah said that the public has become current system, as unemployment,

inflation, and economic instability have made daily life unbearable. He accused the Pakistan Peoples Party of repeatedly imposing Section 144 across Sindh to avoid public backlash and restrict political activities.

PTI Sindh President Haleem Adil Sheikh said the 27th Constitutional Amendment has seriously undermined judicial independence and that only public resistance can put an end to what he termed a "stolen mandate". He said former Prime Minister Imran Khan has been unlawfully imprisoned, while anti-people amendments are being pushed through, which will not be accepted at any cost.

Anti-Smuggling Enforcement Sargodha has carried out a major operation in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD:

Anti-Smuggling Enforcement Sargodha has carried out a major operation in Faisalabad. While non-custom paid chemical and dye cartons worth crores of rupees have been seized from a private ware-

house. officials Customs raided a private warehouse in Faisalabad and seized non-custom dyes and chemicals worth around ten crore rupees and started the operation. According to the details, on the instructions of Collector Customs



Taimur Kamal Malik and Additional Collector Customs Falak Sher Rana, Customs Inspectors Malik Muhammad Aslam, Muhammad Arsalan Mughal and Khalid Mahmood Gujjar led by Superintendent Customs Syed Imran Shah jointly carried out a successful operation. The said team had earlier seized illegal powdered milk worth about Rs. 30 million during the operation. Customs officers congratulated their team for both these successful operations and appreciated their professional performance and said that smugglers in Pakistan will continue to be held accountable.

Launches Strict Crackdown on Child Labour in Distt TT Singh

TOBA TEK SINGH: Assistant Director Labour Welfare Department Toba Tek Singh Muhammad Shahbaz said that a strict crackdown is underway against child labour across the district. He stated that special inspection teams have been mobilized to identify workplaces where children are being employed illegally. According to Muhammad Shahbaz, surprise visits are being conducted at shops, workshops, hotels, factories and other commercial establishments. He added that employers found violating child labour laws will face legal action, including fines and possible closures of their businesses. He emphasized that protecting children from exploitation is the top priority of the Labour Welfare Department. Awareness campaigns are also being launched to educate parents and business owners about the harmful effects of child labour and the importance of education. Muhammad Shahbaz further said that the department is committed to ensuring that every child in Toba Tek Singh enjoys a safe, healthy and educated future.

International Online Webinar at Women's University Multan



Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: An International online webinar At Women's University Multan titled "From Ideas to Impact Learn the Power of Crowdfunding was successfully conducted, drawing enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and professionals keen to learn about innovative funding approaches.

The session featured Dr. Nadia Arshad, an accomplished scholar from the Centre for Crowdfunding Research, University of Agder, Norway, as the resource person. Dr. Arshad delivered an insightful presentation on the significance of crowdfunding in today's digital economy, explaining how individuals and organizations can effectively use crowdfunding platforms to transform creative ideas into meaningful projects. She discussed global trends, key success factors, and practical strategies for planning and executing impactful crowdfunding campaigns.

The event was organized by the Centre for Professional Development, The Women University Multan. The focal person for the webinar, Dr. Ayesha Ashraf, Deputy Director, Centre for Professional Develop-

ment, ensured the smooth coordination and management of the event. Participants appreciated the relevance of the topic and the clarity with which complex concepts were explained, acknowledging that the session enhanced their understanding of crowdfunding as a modern and accessible financing tool.

The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks extended to the speaker and the organizing team for their valuable contributions.

CBD Punjab Launches Historic \$1.8 Billion Al-Watani Jv *Initiative*

№ News Desk

LAHORE: The Punjab Central Business District Development Authority (PCBDDA) also known as Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab) has announced a projected development value of 1.8 billion USD, marking a major step in the province's economic transformation. Under the vision of the Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz and the Onward & Upward roadmap, CBD Punjab is converting previously under-utilized land into Lahore's most dynamic economic engine.

To accelerate this progress, CBD Punjab has launched Al-Watani, a landmark \$1.8 billion Joint Venture initiative. Built on the "Select -Sign - Start" model, it offers global and local investors a streamlined entry into Pakistan's fastest-growing economic corridor.

The authority highlighted rapid progress driven by global partnerships, vertical development, and major public infrastructure upgrades, including the Kalma Underpass Remodeling Walton Road Upgradation, Capt. Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed Flyover, and Route 47—all contributing to renewed investor confidence.

Commenting on the announcement, Imran Amin, CEO CBD Puniab, said.

"CBD Punjab is shaping a modern, globally competitive Lahore. With Al-Watani, we are unlocking world-class joint ventures that will boost growth, create jobs, and redefine Punjab's urban future."

Envisioned as a transformative mixed-use zone, Al-Watani integrates commerce, technology, hospitality, and modern infrastructure. CBD Punjab continues expanding through the Quaid District, CBD Bab District, and CBD NSIT City, forming Punjab's new economic core.

Investors are encouraged to join the Al-Watani waitlist for upcoming opportunities.



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Illegal Medical Clinics Sealed $in \, Chak$ No.739 GB Kamalia



👺 Bureau Report

TOBATEK SINGH: On the directives of Assistant Commissioner Kamalia Igra Nasir, Deputy District Health Officer(DDHO) Dr. Asim Ijaz carried out an operation against unqualified doctors involved in illegal medical practice and sealed clinics operating in Chak No. 739 GB. The sealed clinic include Al-Mustafa and Faizan Mustafa. During the operation, Dr. Asim Ijaz stated that strict and indiscriminate action against unqualified doctors and unregistered clinics will continue. He said that ensuring compliance with health regulations is essential for safeguarding public health. He further advised citizens to seek treatment and medical consultation only from qualified and registered doctors to protect themselves from the dangers associated with quackery.

Gilani Directs to expedite expansion work at the shrine of Hazrat Musa **Pak Shaheed**

MULTAN: Acting President of Pakistan Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani Visited the Shrine of Hazrat Musa Pak Shaheed on Sunday. On the occasion of the visit, Pir Syed Sajjada Nashin Syed Abul Hassan Jamaluddin Gilani tied the turban on the Acting President. Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani visited the shrine along with Deputy Commissioner Multan of Islam and sacrificed their lives for the building and to start the construction

Waseem Hamid Sandhu and reviewed various issues related to the expansion of the shrine. On this occasion, the Acting President inspected different parts of the shrine and the mosque and received a briefing from the Deputy Commissioner on the technical aspects of the expansion project. Acting President of Pakistan Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said that the Sufis have worked tirelessly for the promotion



Acting President Sved Yousaf Raza Gilani, during his visit to the shrine of Hazrat Musa Pak Shaheed, directed Deputy Commissioner Multan Waseem Hamid Sindhu to further accelerate the expansion project of the palace, to integrate the verandah into the main

of the mosque soon. He emphasized that the services of expert engineers and relevant technical experts should be obtained immediately for the quality and timely completion of the project. During this time, he also reviewed the security arrangements and issued necessary instructions. Deputy Commissioner Waseem Hamid Sindhu assured

that work on the expansion project will be started soon and strict monitoring of all stages will be done. Former MPA Syed Ahmed Mujtaba Gilani, Dr. Javed Siddiqui, Administrator Augaf Syed Ayaz-ul-Hassan Gilani and Syed Fayyazul-Hassan Gilani and members of the Gilani family were also present on the occasion of the visit.

Shake Hands

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar shake hands with Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, at China stall during Annual Charity Bazaar 2025 organized by Pakistan Foreign Women Association (PFOWA) at Ministry of foreign affairs, in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

World Culture Festival 2025 featured a Dance workshop

👺 City Desk

KARACHI: On the 24th day of the 39-day "World Culture Festival 2025" featured a Dance workshop, Film screening,, Theatre, Dance and Music Performance. Meanwhile, Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab visited the Arts Council with his children and rode a snorkel with his children and viewed the mural art "Karachi Balooms" by French artist Chifumi on the Arts Council building. President Arts Council Muhammad Ahmed Shah and French artist Chifumi were also present. Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab appreciated the efforts of the Arts Council to promote art and culture in the city.

but we are doing "Karachi Blooms". French



from foreign countries are loving Karachi, artist Chifumi has created a mural art we are seeing Karachi changing, culture inate evil with our good deeds.

Speaking at the Visit, Mayor Karachi on the Arts Council building with great was the real story of this city, he added that Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that effort and dedication, we did not think may Allah protect the city of Karachi from Karachi used to be "boom boom" a lot, that such a festival would happen, artists the evil eye and the evil of the envious, both good and bad things happen, we can elim-

British Philanthropists Mufti Yousuf Shabbir and Riaz Hussain visit Ayesha Bashir Complex

👺 Bureau Report

GUJRAT: Renowned British philanthropists Mufti Yousuf Shabbir and Riaz Hussain paid a goodwill visit to the Avesha Bashir Complex located on GT Road, Gujrat. The visit aimed to review the welfare-based medical services being provided to children suffering from congenital cleft lip, cleft palate, and various other conditions.

During the visit, the delegation held detailed discussions with the founder and patron-in-chief of the complex, Dr. Ijaz Bashir, as well as the enduring benefactor and Chief Executive of Midland International Aid Trust, Dr. Abdul Rashid Gatrad. Both leaders briefed the guests on the ongoing humanitarian initiatives, medical facilities, patient care system, and the longstanding mission behind the Ayesha

Bashir Complex. The British delegation also toured



the Pakistan Cleft Lip & Palate Association (PCLAPA) Head Office, Ayesha Bashir Trust Hospital, and Cleft Hospital Pakistan, where they observed free surgical and medical

services being provided to patients from across the country. They met with patients, caregivers, and hospital administrators, inquiring about treatment standards, recovery progress, and

Mufti Yousuf Shabbir and Riaz Hussain expressed deep satisfaction over the hospital's high-quality, welfare-oriented medical services. They appreciated the dedication of the medical, administrative, and volunteer teams working tirelessly for underprivileged families.

In their remarks, they commended the vision of Dr. Ijaz Bashir and the lifelong humanitarian contributions of Dr. Abdul Rashid Gatrad, noting that the Ayesha Bashir Complex has become a beacon of hope for countless families in Pakistan.

The delegation pledged their full support for strengthening and expanding the humanitarian activities of the complex. They expressed confidence that continued collaboration would further enhance the impact of free medical care provided to vulnerable children.

A delegation of the 53rd Common Probationary Officers of CSA visited the historic Poonch House



跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: A delegation of the 53rd Common Probationary Officers of the Civil Service Academy (CSA) visited the historic Poonch House and Sir Shadi Lal buildings in Lahore yesterday. They were warmly received by Director Administration Industries, Javeed Ahmad, along with Conservation Consultant Malik Magsood Ahmed.

The delegation described the visit as "inspirational, eye-opening, and a powerful reminder of Punjab's glorious heritage," expressing profound appreciation to Secretary Tourism, Archaeology and Museums Punjab, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta, and the Industries Department for curating suc an exceptional exhibition on heritage preservation.

Under the C. M. Magnificent Punjab Vision, the officers were particularly impressed by the Bhagat Singh Gallery, the 1931 courtroom replica at Poonch House, and the beautifully restored Sir Shadi Lal building, which now features three dedicated galleries and two replicas of courtrooms, including new galleries on Sir Shadi Lal and Ghazi

The officers also visited the historic courtroom and hawaalat where Ghazi Ilm Din Shaheed was confined during his 1930s appeal. They lauded the Government of Punjab's inspiring Magnificent Punjab tourism initiative and extended heartfelt gratitude to the Tourism Department, Industries Department, and TEVTA for their warm hospitality and remarkable conservation efforts.

Sardar Attique hails 'great achievement' as terrorists are eliminated in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan congratulated security forces during successful operation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa In his statement, he said that the forces have once again proved that the enemies of the Pakistani nation and state cannot succeed in their evil ambitions at any cost. The elimination of extremely dangerous and brutal terrorists is a great achievement of national security. They paid tribute to the Pakistan Army, Police, CTD and other security agencies saying that these brave forces are sacrificing their lives at any moment to protect the motherland. Ka is the greatest enemy, but our brave forces stand like a lead-ply wall against this temptation. "Our army is the most powerful, brave and professional army in the world. The nation stands shoulder to shoulder with its armed forces," Sardar Attique said, adding that the entire nation is under threat because of terrorism. Meanwhile, President of Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Former Azad Kashmir Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan condoled on the death of his son -in-law Dr Naveed in Islamabad. He offered Fateha for the departed soul and prayed the patience of brieved family

Governor Kundi inaugurates NADRA office in Paniala

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, NOV 23 (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday inaugurated the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) office in Paniala to facilitate people of the area.

Addressing the ceremony, the governor said the government was committed to the welfare and betterment of the people, and the opening of the NADRA office was a clear reflection of these efforts.

He termed the facility an important milestone for the area, as it would provide residents with easier access to essential identity-related services. Governor Kundi also announced that the process of granting Tehsil status to Paniala had been expedited, with instructions already issued to the relevant authorities.

He further revealed plans to establish a passport office in Paniala, saying, it would offer additional convenience to the local population. Commenting on the law-and-order situation, he said he would consult with the DIG Police to ensure peace and stability in the region.

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Riyadh and **Washington renew** their vows

s predicted in this column previously, the recently concluded visit of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to Washington not only reset the tone of the Saudi-US relationship, but also redefined it. Exactly 80 years after the historic meeting between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and King Abdulaziz aboard the USS Quincy, the two nations have once again charted a bold new course for the future.

What unfolded in the US capital was more than just a diplomatic spectacle, though the F-35 flyover greeting the crown prince certainly made for a powerful image. It was the formal launch of a new era, one built on mutual respect, shared interests, and a clear-eyed understanding of the region's evolving dynamics.

At the heart of this transformation lies a realization – one that came early to President Donald Trump and somewhat belatedly to his predecessor Joe Biden — that with Saudi Arabia's help, the Middle East may no longer be a region defined solely by conflict but, instead, one of opportunity, innovation, and ambition. And the engine driving this change is none other than the man Trump described repeatedly as "a great friend" and "the future king of Saudi Arabia."

So, what changed? Much like the adage that "when America sneezes, the world catches a cold," Washington has come to understand that "when Saudi Arabia leads, the Arab and Muslim worlds follow." Vision 2030, by design, is an outward-facing program. It depends on global partnerships, particularly with the US, to deliver the goods, services, and knowledge transfer needed to secure borders, extract critical minerals, and build the cities of the future.

That is why scant attention was given to the cynics who claim that \$1 trillion of investment pledged during the Washington visit was effectively Saudi Arabia buying its way into US decision-making. Of course, that amount whether it materializes fully, partially, or even if transactions exceed it — is in no way a gift to the Trump administration. Instead it is intended to buy F-35s, tanks, the latest technology in artificial intelligence, and US expertise in nuclear energy, mining and other industries — provided, of course, that the US approves the sales, and delivers on

On the American side, we have a president with nothing to lose and everything to gain. Trump, the entrepreneur and dealmaker, recognizes this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in Saudi Arabia, and does not want American companies and industry to miss the chance, as it has done in the past. He realizes that if the US does not move, Riyadh will have to procure its needs from other suppliers.

How Zohran Mamdani Charmed Trump

New York's mayor-elect more than a routine courtesy call. It became a living testimony to the unusual chemistry that unfolded between the two most powerful figures in the United States. One commands the entire nation — the President of the United States, the de facto king of the world. The other is now the political sovereign of New York City — the financial capital of the planet, a city richer than many countries, and home to more than eight million people who struggle daily with rent, transportation, unaffordable healthcare, groceries, and childcare.

It was these very struggles that Mamdani turned into the core of his campaign. His promises of affordable rent, cheaper living costs, universal accessibility to basic services, and a fairer economic structure energised New Yorkers across all boroughs. Today, in the Oval Office, it became clear that those same promises had resonated with President Trump as well.

From the moment Mamdani walked into the Oval Office, his demeanour radiated calm confidence. There was nothing of the intimidated politician bracing for a clash with Trump's famously explosive temper. His forehead shone under the lights not with anxiety, but with assurance. When both men sat before the media, Trump leaning comfortably into his chair and Mamdani standing beside him with poise, the visual alone revealed an unexpected harmony. Mamdani looked every inch a leader who believed in his mission — and had just successfully sold it to the most unpredictable

president in modern American history. Journalists, sensing the unusual warmth, immediately tried to provoke the president with pointed, provoca-

he meeting between Pres- Trump that Mamdani had once called adversaries. ident Donald Trump and him a "fascist." The remark could have triggered an eruption — Trump has Zohran Mamdani was far unleashed furious tirades for far less. But instead, he smiled. He dismissed the insult, saying he did not feel offended at all and adding that people evolve, learn, and change with time. It was a striking moment of restraint from a man known for his instinctive aggression.

Another reporter attempted to escalate the tension further by pointing out that Mamdani had famously declared he would arrest Benjamin Netanyahu if the Israeli leader ever came to New York City. Again, Trump refused to

Qamar Bashir be baited. He brushed the question aside by explaining that Mamdani, like every new leader, would learn through experience. He even drew a parallel with his own political evolution, candidly admitting that during his first term he himself was naïve and had to adjust, recalibrate, and grow with the responsibilities of office.

This calmness from Trump did not come from political calculation alone it came from admiration. The president who had once called Mamdani a "communist," a "danger," and a "Democratic disaster," now praised him openly, respecting the clarity of his mission and appreciating the resonance between their agendas. For months, Trump had campaigned on lowering inflation, reducing grocery prices, bringing down soaring mortgages, and dismantling Obamacare in favour of a more affordable system. Today, he recognised that Mamdani was fighting for the same goals within New York. It was this alignment of economic priorities that created a surprising bridge between two men tive questions. One reporter reminded who had once seemed destined to be

Trump acknowledged that their missions were not contradictory but complementary — one applying nationally, the other locally. And this recognition brought an unmistakable sense of camaraderie to the room. Both men Both appreciated that their philosophies, though different in ideology,

converged on the fundamental question of affordability for ordinary people. It was here that Mamdani's charm proved itself most effective. He didn't merely communicate policy; he made Trump see himself in the same fight.

Reporters continued probing, trying to extract conflict, but Trump controlled the entire exchange with surprising discipline. When pressed again about his earlier insults toward Mamdani — calling him communist, $obnoxious, dangerous, and someone\,who$ should be deported — Trump did not retreat into excuses. Instead, he said that after meeting Mamdani, he now believed the mayor-elect would "do extremely good," calling him good-natured, dedicated, and aligned with his own mission.

The most remarkable moment came when Trump was asked whether he would help Mamdani. Instead of distancing himself, Trump leaned forward and declared: "Not only will we help him — we will help him a lot." That sentence alone symbolized the complete transformation of a relationship that had begun in hostility and evolved into respect.

This was not merely political politeness. It was evidence of Mamdani's extraordinary persuasive power. He had managed to win over not just the voters of New York, but the president

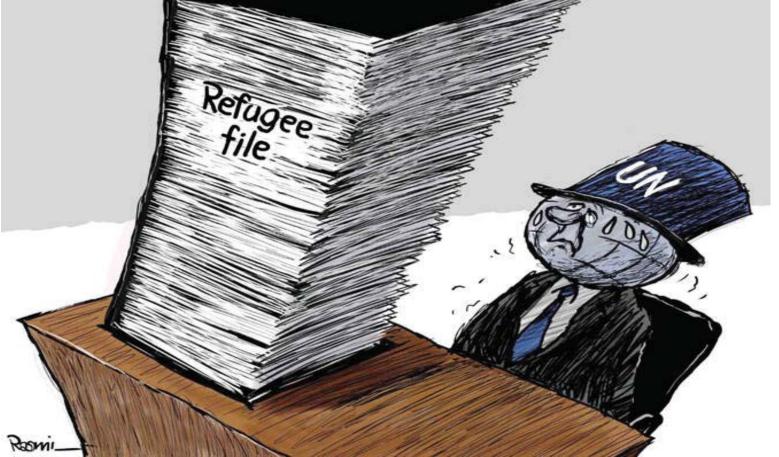
of the United States - a man known to bend for no one. Mamdani emerged from the meeting not as a subordinate seeking approval, but as a leader who had earned Trump's admiration through conviction, clarity, confidence, and charm.

What makes Mamdani's success even smiled often. Both radiated assurance. more compelling is his promise not to create distance between himself and the people he serves. He has pledged not to hide behind the glass ceiling of officialdom. He will not use the bulletproof mayoral limousine but will continue to ride the same subways, eat in the same restaurants, walk the same streets, and take the same buses as ordinary New Yorkers. He intends to remain accessible, exposed, and connected — experiencing firsthand the delays, the overcrowding, the rent pressures, and the daily hardships that shape the lives of millions. It is this commitment to immersion that will give him constant, unfiltered feedback as he navigates the complexities of the job.

The meeting between Trump and Mamdani ended on a note of rare optimism. A president who was once his critic is now his unexpected ally. A mayor-elect once dismissed as radical is now seen as a capable, persuasive, solutions-driven leader. With the backing of the president and the trust of his constituents, Mamdani now prepares to take office with unprecedented momentum.

If today was any indication, New York City is about to witness a political chapter defined not by confrontation, but by confidence, clarity, and collaboration led by a mayor who has already demonstrated the rare ability to charm even the most uncharmable man in American

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The Economist, Bushra Bibi & Sohail Afridi

Bushra Bibi exercised extraordinary spiritual and political influence over Imran Khan's government has intensified longstanding concerns about informal power networks shaping state decisions. Claims that she affected major appointments, policy directions, and even received sensitive intelligence briefings have reinforced a widespread belief that personal relationships and mysticism overshadowed institutional mechanisms during PTI's rule. Many citizens remember how Bushra Bibi and Farah Khan frequently appeared at ified and often inflammatory accusations have the center of political discussions, symbol-

izing unaccountable influence amid ongoing controversies, governance paralysis, and heightened confrontation with state institutions trends viewed as contributing to deeper national polarization and weakened administrative Much of the PTI's current

political energy appears to be obsessively focused on the singular goal of securing political relief for their imprisoned leader, Imran Khan, and this intense, singular focus has, in the public view, severely overshadowed their fundamental responsibility toward effective governance. Citizens believe that PTI leaders are intentionally adopting adversarial and confrontational stances not because these positions genuinely benefit the people of KP, but specifically because such postures increase targeted political pressure on national institutions. This entire approach is widely interpreted as reckless, dangerous, and fundamentally misaligned with the severe, existential

security threats currently faced by the country. A clear and consistent sentiment has now emerged across the country: the public perceives a worrying, consistent pattern, extending from ship that unequivocally places national the actions of Imran Khan to Bushra Bibi, to security, comprehensive economic recovery, personal agendas.

he Economist report alleging that 🛾 Farha Gogi, and now to Sohail Afridi, of persis- 🐧 and institutional resilience far above every tently prioritizing personal agendas over collective national priorities. The PTI's leadership frequently presents itself as a victim of relentless political persecution while concurrently failing to acknowledge or accept the damaging consequences of its own political decisions. People and political analysts consistently highlight how the PTI's aggressive confrontations with national institutions, its frequent refusal to engage in constructive dialogue, its deep-seated reliance on dramatic, hyperbolic narratives, and its alleged promotion of unvercollectively created a political environment

where the unity and essential stability of the country are constantly compromised. According to these observers, the distinct political style associated with the PTI is one that demonstrably thrives on intense polarization rather than consensus-building, on substantive reform, and on

confrontation rather than constructive coop-In discussions unfolding across the nation, Pakistanis are firmly insisting that the nation can no longer afford a style of politics that is solely built upon bitter personal rivalries, the uncritical worship of a charisma cult, or the continuous assertion of unverified claims. They powerfully emphasize that Pakistan's current, multifaceted challenges are too dire—encompassing profound economic instability, escalating security threats, the worrying rise of extremism, and institutional fatigue—for political actors to indulge in political strategies that intentionally divide rather than urgently unite. In the public's emphatic view, Pakistan requires leader-

other consideration. They stress with urgency that political actors must immediately cease weaponizing divisive narratives that actively undermine vital national institutions, especially at a time when soldiers and civilians are sacrificing their lives daily in the difficult fight against terrorism. The citizenry believes that the people of Pakistan are profoundly weary of politicians who self-servingly present themselves as national saviors while simultaneously engaging in political behaviors that actively create deeper and more destructive rifts within the country's fabric.

The continuous political drama surrounding the PTI, its leadership, its multiple controversies, and its currently perceived approach to governance in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has pushed the Pakistani populace to express not only significant disappointment but also an outright, visceral rejection of what they widely regard as profoundly destabilizing political conduct. In their conversations, they articulate the clear sentiment that Pakistan deserves political spectacle rather than substantially better-better leadership, more effective governance, stronger institutions, and greater national unity. They argue passionately that the long-term future of the country must not be sacrificed at the altar of narrow, shortsighted personal political ambitions. And in the collective view of the people, the time has definitively come for the public to demand rigorous accountability, not merely for traditional corruption or administrative incompetence, but also for political behavior that fundamentally undermines essential national cohesion. Whether these widespread, deeply held concerns will ultimately shape the course of future political outcomes remains a crucial question, but the sentiment being expressed is unequivocally clear: the people of Pakistan overwhelmingly desire stability, unity, and a model of leadership that is firmly grounded in responsible action, not solely in self-serving

Millions Face Hunger as Systemic Challenges Persist

Syed Shaukat Ali Zaidi

akistan, despite being an agrarian food crisis, affecting millions of people who have no or limited access to nutritious and safe food. In the 2025 Global Hunger Index (GHI), Pakistan ranked 103rd out of 123 countries, indicating that the burden of malnutrition remains severe in our country. Pakistan's Bureau of Statistics highlighted that 22% of the population was impacted by acute food insecurity in early 2024, such as the regions of Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa suffering the hardest.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Bank, the root causes, urban-rural divides, and policy shortcomings that contribute to the crisis are evident heavily in rural district areas. Tharparkar's malnutrition epidemic and food shortages in Umerkot and Qambar Shahdadkot are a demonstration of this harsh reality, where especially children under five and women of reproductive age have been facing severe consequences of malnutrition. The food swamps in Karachi have been forming the impoverished neighbour hoods and deprived communities, which speaks to the severity of the situation

Household Food Security has also been at risk. PSLM data gathered around 2019-20 highlights that over 60% of households had inconsistent access to sufficient food during the COVID-19 pandemic. While 30 percent had faced moderate food insecurity, which includes missing meals and reducing dietary quality.

The major underlying causes of Pakistan's heavy burden of food crisis are climate change and farming challenges. Tharparkar's child mortality crisis, along with recurring

droughts and insufficient aid, contributed to over 1,500 child deaths from malnutrition. Besides, devastating floods and unpredictable weather patterns have worsened the situation. economy, has been facing an acute Although the agricultural sector employs 40% of workers, it still contributes a smaller share of GDP; after 2023, the factor productivity has dipped below 20%, exacerbating rural poverty.

To address this complex crisis, Pakistan needs not only a multifaceted approach but also institutional reform accompanied by citizen-led initiatives. Institutional reforms must build an accountable subsidy programme with biometric checks to prevent fraud, such as the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP). Promotion of drought-resistant crops and efficient irrigation methods to expand climatesmart agriculture. Furthermore, encourage urban farming projects in dense, urban areas like Karachi's slums to increase food self-suf-

Additionally, we must not overlook the integration of the strategic alignment of the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) into our national planning. The zero hunger plan significantly strengthens food storage, promotes crop diversity, and ensures fair distribution.

Hence, Pakistan's food insecurity is not a product of insufficient production but rather a deep, systemic, embedded injustice and poor governance. This crisis is an interplay of administrative failures, climate change, economic strain. In order to overcome corruption and modernize agricultural practices, it will definitely require a consistent, focused strategic effort to empower communities at the local level. Without these reforms, millions will continue to live in a state of hunger and depri-

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AJK PM vows development for LoC Residents, thanks Pakistan for School Funding

Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister of Azad Government of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, has stated that the approval of Danish Schools in Leepa Valley and Haveli-at an estimated tion in the region. He expressed grati-

The Prime Minister said that tolerance, decency, political maturity, Rathore further stated that the historic consultation, and confidence-building are integral components of the Pakistan Peoples Party's long demo- Field Marshal Hafiz Syed Asim Munir, cratic struggle. He reiterated that his government is a bouquet of hope He said that Pakistan and Kashmiri for all segments of society. Paying nation played the role of a fronttribute to the people living along the line force in safeguarding national Line of Control (LoC), he said resi-honor and an impregnable defense. dents of Leepa Valley, Neelum Valley, He added that India faced a crushing Forward Kahuta, Nakval, and Poonch defeat in Operation Sindhoor and is sectors bravely stood shoulder to now diplomatically isolated and in shoulder with the valiant Pakistan disarray globally. Armed Forces in the defense of Pakistan, the Kashmir liberation struggle, regional identity, and national dignity. He assured that these long-neglected areas, which endured Indian shelling for over 15 years, would now be provided essential services and fasttracked towards development.

The Prime Minister instructed cabinet members to conduct open kutcheries at the district and tehsil levels to resolve public grievances at their doorstep. He also announced that he would soon visit Leepa Valley to review public demands personally.

He made these remarks during cost of Rs. 7 billion-will mark the a meeting with PPP AJK Central beginning of an educational revolu- Deputy Secretary Information and candidate for LA-7, Shaukat Javed tude to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mir, at the Prime Minister's Office. Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, on Minister for Health and Population behalf of the people for this significant Welfare Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi was also

> Prime Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz victory in Ma'raka-e-Bunyan-e-Marsous, achieved under the leadership of stands as a shining chapter in history.

of Ma'raka-e-Bunyan-e-Marsous elevated the prestige of the Pakistan Armed Forces not only in Pakistan and Kashmir but across the world. Referring to the contrasting public sentiments, he said Pakistanis and Kashmiris greet their forces with flowers



often protest, block roads, and hold their army accountable for its failed strategies and aggressions.

The Prime Minister emphasized that maintaining excellent working relations with the federal government is among his key priorities. times. He reaffirmed his commitment to furthering discussions with the Action Committee to implement agreed points with sincerity.

He directed party leaders and workers to maintain close contact with PPP government will usher in an era

He highlighted that the success and garlands, whereas Indian citizens He said that the doors of his office the people to bridge the gap that had remain open to the public at all widened in the past between governments and the public. He reiterated that under the leadership of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, President Asif Ali Zardari, and Political Affairs Chairperson Ms. Faryal Talpur, the

of public welfare, with visible changes expected within the first three months. He stressed that instead of changing faces, his government is focused on reforming outdated systems, and its priorities remain education, health, employment, and infrastructurefundamental rights of the people.

The Prime Minister added that the government will engage constructively with the media, implementing reforms in consultation with journalists while addressing their legitimate concerns by eliminating bureaucratic hurdles.

Speaking about the issues of Kashmiri refugees, he said that he is fully aware of their hardships and that the government will strive to address the grievances of the families who left behind their homes and livelihoods for the Kashmir liberation movement. He announced his intention to visit refugee camps soon to resolve their legitimate issues.

On this occasion, Shaukat Javed Mir extended a formal invitation to the Prime Minister to visit LA-7 Leepa, which the Prime Minister accepted. He also thanked both the AJK and federal governments for the timely approval of Danish Schools in Leepa and Forward Kahuta. He appreciated the vision and policies of Prime Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, expressing confidence that the PPP government would meet public expec-

Ethiopia officially announced as host of COP32 at COP30 Closing Plenary in Belém

News Desk

BELÉM, BRAZIL: Ethiopia has been officially announced as the host of the 32nd Conference of the Parties (COP32) during the Closing Plenary of COP30 in Belém, Brazil marking a historic milestone for both the country and the African continent. The decision brings the world's largest annual climate gathering back to Africa in November 2027.

In its acceptance statement, H. E. Mr. Seyoum Mekonen, State Minister of Planning and Development of Ethiopia highlighted its strong record of hosting major international conferences, supported by world-class infrastructure, modern conference facilities, and



seamless global connectivity through Ethiopian Airlines—Africa's largest carrier, serving more than 130 international destinations. With these capacities, Addis Ababa is prepared to welcome over 60,000 participants representing governments, multilateral institutions, civil society, academia, youth, and the private sector.

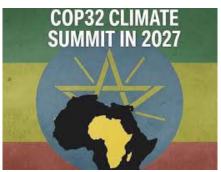
Ethiopia emphasized that COP32 will embody Africa's ambition, innovation, and unified voice in global climate diplomacy. The conference aims to shift outdated narratives that portray Africa solely as a victim of climate change and a recipient of charity. Instead, Ethiopia calls for true partnership, fair climate finance, and green investments that benefit both Africans, all developing countries and the world. The country pledged to deliver an impactful, inclusive, green, and solutions-driven COP that advances global action on climate actions and forward looking ambitious policies and reporting framework.

"Ethiopia welcomes the world to Addis Ababa— the Land of Origins and the Home of

Climate Action and Green Transformation," the announcement stated. Ethiopia underscored its commitment to showcasing bold national climate initiatives—from the Green Legacya world reforestation program in the world to renewable energy expansion and the transition to a green economy.

Preparations for COP32 have already begun. Ethiopia will work closely with the UNFCCC, all Parties, regional bodies, and global partners to ensure a successful and ambitious conference. COP32 in 2027 is expected to be one of the most consequential global gatherings for advancing equitable climate solutions and strengthening international solidarity.

COP31 will be hosted by Türkiye in



November 2026, in partnership with Australia, which will serve as the lead negotiator for the

Ambassador of Netherland Call on Federal Minister for Commerce

islamabad: November 22, 2025

The Ambassador of the Netherlands informed that he has presented his credentials and is very happy to be in Pakistan. He found Pakistan very warm and welcoming. Bureaucracy as well as Pakistan has, services sectors can the political leadership are quite accessible, and he foresees healthy interac-

Jam Kamal Khan welcomed the and its role in Digital Financial Inte-Ambassador and wished him success for his assignment in Pakistan. the bilateral trade he notices immense potential to enhance the exports of agricultural and food products from explored to improve productivity as well as quality.

Rice is an important crop as well as a key export sector of Pakistan including exports to the Netherlands. The Minister also underscored the importance and potential of Services sector. Given the youth bulge that surpass goods exports very easily and in a lesser time, Minister emphasized. Commerce Minister also applauded Federal Minister for Commerce, the Netherlands-based Jazz Telecom gration of rural population.

The Ambassador also mentioned Minister stated that while looking at that they are discussing dates for starting a formal round of discussion to room for diversification. There is huge explore new areas and opportunities of coordination and bilateral interaction. With reference to the upcoming GSP Pakistan. There is a lot that can be Monitoring Mission's visit, he hoped this interaction to improve relations between EU and Pakistan.



Minister for Commerce, Mr. Jam, this regard. Kamal mentioned that after 18th Amendment many subjects have been shifted to provinces, however Ministry of Commerce is coordinating and sensitizing all the stakeholders in

Secretary Commerce, Mr. Jawad Paul explained that EU has just one scheme of interaction with Pakistan that is GSP plus. He assured that Pakistan is committed to fulfilling all the

benefit to do so.

Secretary Commerce also raised the issues of EUs removal of the concessions on ethanol. He explained that Pakistan's industry feels that they have been hard done by. The industry association has appealed to EU in this regard. Secretary requested the ambassador to take their appeal into consideration. He further mentioned that the application for GI of Basmati Rice has been filed by both India and Pakistan. Indian claim for exclusive right of Basmati is neither supported by history nor literature. Secretary also mentioned that exports of rice from Pakistan to the Netherlands regardess of the variety have a huge potential

that is being underutilized. The Dutch Ambassador mentioned that previously Dutch companies were this regard.

obligations considering it in its own facing hardship in repatriation of their dividends, but the issue has now been resolved with the cooperation of stakeholders in Pakistan. He was optimistic that improved macroeconomic conditions will win confidence of the foreign investors

Minister of Commerce also mentioned that Pakistan is working to expand its Dairy and meat sector and to enhance its exports in these two commodities. He requested the Dutch Ambassador, if there can be a possibility of technology sharing between Netherlands and Pakistan in these sectors, to which the Ambassador assured that there are several projects, particularly drone-assisted efficient water management that can be helpful for Pakistan and he showed his full commitment and support in

JF-17 Thunder steals spotlight at Dubai Airshow 2025, captivates global audiences

跨 Maryam Shah

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's JF-17 Thunder fighter iets commanded global attention at the Dubai Airshow 2025, held from 17th to 21st November, where over 200 aircraft from 98 countries participated. The jets represented Pakistan's Air Force. They impressed audiences with speed, precision, and skillful maneuvers.

Defense experts, aviation enthusiasts, and international media praised Pakistan's growing aerospace capability. The aircraft's performance, backed by Pakistan's recent success in Operation Bunyanum Marsoos and professionalism during the Pakistan-India border conflict, showed how Pakistan has moved beyond using technology to creating it.

Two JF-17 Block III aircraft represented Pakistan. One performed in dynamic flying displays. The other was on static display for delegates and visitors. The jets' sleek design, advanced

systems, and combat readiness the skies." drew large crowds.

Observers and defense analysts highlighted Pakistan's technological achievement. The JF-17 Block III is agile, affordable, and reliable. Many international delegations expressed interest in purchasing the jets. The aircraft is not just tools for defense, they are the proof that Pakistan is now a creator on the global stage. The real strength lies not only in the aircraft but also in the pilots and industry professionals behind it. The JF-17 is only one piece of Pakistan's broader aerospace treasure.

Social media is now buzzing with pride. Comments like "Our brave heroes have lifted our heads with pride" were common. Overseas Pakistanis also expressed strong emotions.

Sarah Khan from Canada remarked, "Seeing our Air Force excel on the world stage fills our hearts with pride. The JF-17 is not just a jet; it is Pakistan's courage, skill, and excellence flying across

Omar Ali from the United Kingdom said, "Thousands of miles away, we feel connected to the nation's strength. Our Air Force and its engineers are showing the world the spirit of Pakistan."

The young pilot who flew the demonstration became a symbol of courage. His daring maneuvers and precise execution were widely admired. Veterans and officers praised the dedication, skill, and professionalism of the entire team behind the jets from pilots to engineers to aircraft industry experts.

Students and engineers felt inspired. Seeing the jets on a global stage sparked ambitions in aviation, defense technology, and engineering. Discussions about careers in aerospace surged in colleges and training institutes.

The airshow also strengthened Pakistan's diplomatic image. Delegates and diplomats recognized the country's achievement in designing, producing, and flying

an advanced fighter jet. Business reports highlighted that potential sales could boost Pakistan's aerospace industry and global influence. Analysts noted that the JF-17 opened new opportunities. Pakistan is no longer just participating in defense technology, it is innovating as well.

The aircraft attracted attention for multiple reasons. Pakistan's success in Operation Bunyanum Marsoos reinforced confidence. The Pakistan-India conflict had already highlighted the Air Force's skill. Combined with the JF-17's advanced features, the fighter became highly appealing to other

Global analysts praised the JF-17 as cost-effective and ready for export. They highlighted proven performance in training and combat. International media called it a milestone in aviation. Pakistan had moved from being a user of technology to creating it. Its combination of affordability, reliability, and combat capability



At the airshow, visitors agreed that they are more than planes. They are a statement of Pakistan's aerospace strength. Delegates studied the cockpit, radar systems, and weapons. Exhibitors were impressed by Pakistan's ability to design, build, and operate an advanced fighter. Business reports noted that potential deals could strengthen Pakistan's global standing.

Inside Pakistan, pride was everywhere. Television programs and social media highlighted the aircraft's performance. Veterans and officers reflected on the years

of skill required to produce and operate the jets. The JF-17 is one jewel, but it represents the broader excellence of Pakistan's aerospace industry.

Young students and engineers felt motivated. Seeing the jets on a our heads with pride. The words global stage sparked ambitions in aviation and defense technology. Delegates recognized Pakistan's achievement. The country had moved from being a user to a international skies. They left a creator of technology. The JF-17 is only one piece of the nation's

As the Dubai Airshow concluded, the message was clear. The JF-17 Thunder had impressed the world. Its extraordinary

performance generated interest for international purchase. The jets demonstrated Pakistan's capability, innovation, and influence in aerospace.

Our brave heroes have lifted rang true. The JF-17s were more than aircraft. They were symbols of national achievement. They carved Pakistan's mark across lasting impression worldwide. Pakistan has risen from a user of technology to a proud creator. Its pilots, engineers, and industry professionals together make the nation's skies a testament to excel-

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Pakistan: PSX 1	00-Share Index	
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Day's High	Day's Low	
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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

Pakistan Furniture Council Eyes China for Manufacturing Upgrade'

№ Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) delegation led by its Chief Executive Officer Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday left for China on a 5-day visit aimed at further strengthening bilateral cooperation in the furniture industry.

The delegation will hold meetings with leading Chinese manufacturers, exporters, and technology suppliers to explore opportunities for joint ventures, knowledge sharing, and the introduction of modern manufacturing techniques in Pakistan's furniture sector. The visit will help enhance Pakistan's furniture exports by focusing on design innovation, value addition, and improved access to international markets. He added that China's advanced expertise in automated production systems offers valuable prospects for local firms seeking to upgrade their manufacturing capabilities.

During the visit, the delegation will also participate in B2B networking sessions and tour industrial parks to study state-ofthe-art machinery, supply chain mechanisms, and export models, he concluded.

PCMA delegation meets senior officials of SBP, discusses ways to enhance exports

ISLAMABAD: A six-member delegation of the Pakistan Carpet Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PCMA) on Sunday met with senior officials of the State Bank of Pakistan and discussed matters relating to enhance exports.

The delegation gave a detailed briefing on issues related to exports of carpets and urged the need for addressing them to enhance exports from the country.

Those who met with the senior officials of the State Bank included Chairman Mian Atiq-ur-Rehman, Patron-in-Chief Abdul Latif Malik, senior members Usman Ashraf, Shahid Hassan Sheikh, Naeem Khokhar, and Muhammad Naeem Sajid, said a press release.

Pakistan's global connectivity gets major boost with new submarine cable

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strengthened its global digital connectivity with the deployment of the SEA-ME-WE 6 submarine cable system, a 19,200-km high-capacity fibre network linking Pakistan to countries between Singapore and France, a statement from the Information Technology (IT) said on Saturday.

Offering more than 100 Tbps of total and Telin."

capacity, SEA-ME-WE 6 will provide one of the lowest-latency routes between Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Western Europe, according to the statement.

"The consortium includes Transworld Associates (Pakistan), Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company, Bharti Airtel, Dhiraagu, Djibouti Telecom, Mobily, Orange, Singtel, Sri Lanka Telecom, Telecom Egypt, Telekom Malaysia,



The system enables rapid scalability, improved fault protection, and lower total network owner- the broader digital economy," the IT ministry ship costs for participating service providers, said.

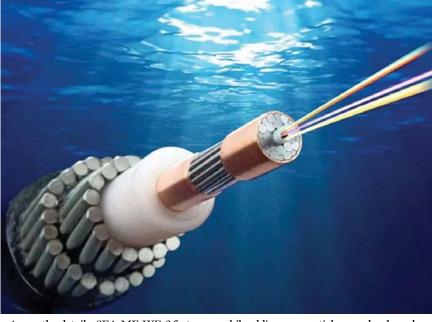
while adding an essential new redundancy layer to the global internet backbone.

"Under this deployment, Pakistan has been allocated a total of 13.2 Tbps, with 4 Tbps being enhancing support for cloud services, data centres, fintech, e-commerce, streaming, and

Pak-American

Strategic Partnership, Shaping the future of critical minerals and

rare earth innovation



raditional items

ISLAMABAD: Visitors busy in buying traditional items on Vietnam stall during Annual Charity Bazaar 2025 organized by Pakistan Foreign Women Association (PFOWA) at Ministry of foreign affairs, in the Federal Capital.



😂 Abdul Waheed Khan

ISLAMABAD: Himalayan Earth Exploration (Pvt.) Ltd. (HEE) and Nova Minerals Limited (NASDAQ: NVA ASX: NVA | FRA: QM3) have entered into an exclusive strategic partnership to represent each other's the United States.

This landmark collaboration strengthens joint capabilities in exploration, mining, processing, personnel training, and the trade of critical minerals and rare earth elements driving a new chapter of cross-border cooperation to meet the accelerating global demand interests in Pakistan and from both public and private

Former SAARC President: Continuity of Reforms Vital for Pakistan's Regional Ascendance

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE:- SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former president Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday said that Pakistan is steadily emerging as a pivotal economic corridor linking South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East, with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) reshaping the country into a key regional hub.

In a statement here today, on regional connectivity and trade prospects, he said Pakistan's strategic location is once again gaining global attention as new transport networks and energy routes take shape under CPEC. He said Pakistan is now at the heart of major commercial pathways, offering direct access to nearly three billion consumers across adjoining regions. He said this unique geographic advantage, backed by modern infrastructure, has strengthened the country's potential to facilitate cross-border trade, transit and investment. "CPEC has modernised Pakistan's logistics backbone and created new economic openings that were previously unimaginable," he added.

He underlined that Pakistan's ascendance as a regional hub will depend on continuity of reforms, political stability and policies that encourage long-term investment. Efficient customs systems, reliable energy supply and seamless transport corridors, he said, are essential for boosting Pakistan's competitiveness in emerging value chains. Regarding Malik noted that the second



phase of CPEC, which focuses on industrial cooperation, special economic zones, agriculture development and technology transfer, will further elevate Pakistan's role as a regional connector. He said improved road and port infrastructure—particularly Gwadar—positions Pakistan as the most viable gateway for Central Asian states seeking access to global markets, while also enhancing commercial ties with Gulf

Malik stressed that the business community remains committed to advancing regional cooperation and building partnerships that support sustainable economic growth. "Pakistan's location is its greatest

economic strength. With collaborative regional efforts, the country is poised to play a decisive role in shaping Asia's future trade landscape," he added.

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PFCCI Convener: Higher Input Imports Are Proof of Pakistan's **Economic Rebound**

E Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Convener Pakistan Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry Regional Committee on Food, Shahid Imran, Sunday said that the rising imports of industrial inputs should be viewed as a sign of economic revival rather than decline, particularly as Pakistan undertakes a comprehensive long-term tariff reform agenda.

delegation of traders led by Mian Muhammad Azhar Shaukat he said when industries begin importing greater quantities of raw materials, machinery and intermediate goods, it reflects an upward trajectory in production, investment confidence and export-oriented expansion.

Pakistan's gradual shift toward rationalising and reducing tariffs is aimed itiveness and integrating and resilience.

local industries into global value chains.

He said higher imports of industrial inputs typically precede increased manufacturing activity, job creation and improved export performance.

The transition may temporarily widen the import bill, but it ultimately lays the foundation for sustainable economic growth, he added. He is of the opinion that

Talking here today to a consistent and predictable tariff structures will help attract foreign investment, encourage technology transfer and support domestic diversification.

He urged policymakers to maintain policy continuity, strengthen ease of doing business and provide targeted facilitation to sectors capable of driving export-led growth.

He reiterated that Pakistan must embrace longat lowering production term reforms to secure costs, enhancing compet- durable economic stability

Federal Tax Official Warns Water Shortage Threatens Agricultural Growth and Food Security

Example 2 Commerce Desk

Ombudsman, Saif Ur Rehman, agricultural development, limited constraint in efforts to reclaim vated land, undermining long-

led by Iqbal Hussain Shah Qureshi sluggish that it now lags behind LAHORE: Coordinator to the from Canada, he said that despite the country's population growth Minister of State and Federal Tax the government's growing focus on rate, creating serious concerns for future resource management. Sunday cautioned that water water availability continues to He said Pakistan possesses vast scarcity remains the most critical slow down the expansion of culti- tracts of fertile yet uncultivated land, but without reliable water barren regions across the country. term food security goals. He said sources, these regions cannot be Talking here today to a delega- the pace of bringing new land made productive. He stressed the

tion of Pak origin foreign investors under the plough has been so need for comprehensive water to prioritise long-term strategies management reforms, including modern irrigation systems, rainessential to enhance efficiency and reduce wastage.

He further urged policymakers agricultural potential.

that ensure sustainable water supply for agriculture, warning water harvesting, and better utili- that negligence will exacersation of surface and groundwater bate rural poverty, increase food resources. He said investment in imports, and intensify socioecotechnology-driven solutions is nomic pressures. He reaffirmed that addressing water scarcity is central to unlocking the country's

PM felicitates nation on Pakistan's Snooker World Cup triumph

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday congratulated the nation on Pakistan's remarkable victory at the Snooker World Cup held in Muscat, praising the national team for securing the title through outstanding performance and exceptional skill.

The Prime Minister lauded the brilliant display of talent by cueists Muhammad Asif and Asjad Iqbal, noting that their performance had once again highlighted Pakistan's strength

"Pakistani players clinched the World Cup title with extraordinary mastery," he said, adding that the entire nation, including himself, felt immense pride in the achievement.

The Prime Minister further stated that Pakistani athletes continue to bring honour to the country on global platforms through their hard work, dedication and exceptional abilities.



Pakistan's swimming future poised for international triumph: Tarar

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Sunday expressed confidence that Pakistan's young swimmers will soon compete at major international events, including the SAF Games, Asian Games, and Olympics, and ultimately win Olympic

Speaking at the 29th National Age Group Swimming Championship (Boys) 2025 and the 24th Championship (Girls), the minister said Pakistan has outstanding swimming talent, supported by gifted athletes, dedicated coaches, and a strong support staff.

He commended the remarkable performance of the young participants, noting that their enthusiasm and talent reflect a promising future for them, not highlighting the strong display stan will one day win medals only in Pakistan but also on the of sportsmanship across all in swimming, expressing international stage.



He described the event as under-10 categories. oth healthy and competitive. He voiced the hope that age groups, from under-16 to confidence that the country's

young athletes will represent the nation at the major events

young swimmers, calling the event inspiring. He commended the organ-

families who supported the

izers and acknowledged the contributions of Major Majid, Col (R) Ahmed and Madam Yasmin Arshad in ensuring the competition's success.

He made special mention of celebrated swimmer Kiran Khan, saying that swimming is a sport in which Pakistan has the potential to achieve a prominent place on the global stage.

Tarrar affirmed the government's commitment to providing modern facilities and creating an environment that enables young athletes to compete at the international

Under the special directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, he said the swimming pool will undergo a comprehe sive renovation and moderni-The minister praised the zation, ensuring athletes have enthusiasm of parents and access to world-class facilities.

Babar, Usman star as Pakistan storm into Tri-Series final

gutsy half-century, backed by tried to put the Chevrons' Usman Tariq's four-wicket chase back on track with a two in his four overs. haul, propelled Pakistan to a 34-run partnership along-69-run victory over Zimba- side Ryan Burl. bwe in the fourth fixture of the

T20I tri-series. target, Zimbabwe were bowled bowling, a wicket that sparked out for 126 in 19 overs.

Naseem Shah Mohammad Wasim inflicted a poor start on Zimbabwe as on misery with a hat-trick in overs. they were reduced to 25-3 in the 10th over, which left them 3.3 overs.

Brendan Taylor also got out 100-run mark. after scoring only eight.

Set a daunting 196-run off Mohammad Nawaz's a collapse that the visitors and could not recover from it.

reeling at 60-7. However, it Brian Bennett managed to was Ryan Burl's spirited knock score nine while Tadiwanashe off 67* from 49 balls with the Marumani went back after aid of eight fours and two scoring four. Veteran batter sixes that helped them cross

RAWALPINDI: Babar Azam's Raza arrived at the crease and wickets to his name, whereas Mohammad Nawaz scalped

> Earlier, Sahibzada Farhan and Babar Azam's half-cen-The scorecard read 59 turies and Fakhar Zaman's when Raza (23) was caught cameo powered Pakistan to a strong total.

Batting first here under lights at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Pakistan Usman Tariq further piled piled up 195-5 in their 20

> Saim Ayub and Sahibzada Farhan added 29 for the opening wicket in 2.3 overs. scoring 13 from 8 with the help of two sixes.

For Pakistan, Usman Sahibzada Farhan and Babar With this, skipper Sikandar Tariq stood out with four Azam forged a 103-run stand



as both players flexed their 15th over when Pakistan were muscles at the back end of the innings.

from 41 balls, laced with three The former was caught after maximums and four boundsecond fiddle and hit two sixes Following the early wicket, and seven fours on his way to 74 from 52 balls.

Sahibzada departed in the in his quota of four overs.

cruising at 132 in 15.2 overs.

Nonetheless, it was Fakhar Farhan, who remained Zaman's cameo in the last over the core aggressor, made 63 that took Pakistan near the 200-run mark. The southpaw, who came down the order, hit aries, while Babar played the three sixes in his 27 from just 10 balls.

For Zimbabwe, Sikandar Raza picked up two wickets

Daniyal Ahsan, Huzaifa Bin Sajid and Afaq Ahmed Shine in S. M. Adil Zone-IV Inter Club Cricket Tournament

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Three more matches were decided in the S. M. Adil Zone-IV Inter Club Cricket Tournament at various grounds of the City. The highlights of the days play was brilliant Century by Daniyal Ahsan, Deadly bowling by Huzaifa Bin Sajid 5/22 and Hamza 5/24. The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Asso-

ciation Karachi Zone-IV.

Scores in Brief: Malir Gymkhana beat Comrade Sports by 300 runs at RLCA Gulberg Ground. Malir Gymkhana 337/3 in 35 overs. Daniyal Ahsan 108 17x4 1x6, Arsalan Khan 97 9x4 1x6, Abdul Rehman 617x42x6, Test Cricketer Khurram Manzoor 418x4.

In reply Comrade Sports 37 all-out in 8 overs. Hamza Tahir 5/24, Talah Ahsan 4/13. Later Daniyal Ahsan received the Man of the Match Award.

In the 2nd Match Youngster Gymkhana beat Pak Star Cricket club by 4 Wickets at Pak Star Ground. Pak Star CC 210/9 in 35 overs. Saad Murtaza 62 7x4 2x6, Masood Ali 40, Muhammad Masham 40, Raja Aftab 20. Huzaifa Bin Sajid 5/22, Abdul Rehman 2/55.

In reply Youngster Gymkhana 211/6 in 33.2 overs. Faisal Nasir 60 4x4 2x6, Ahad Ali 35, Salah Khan 31, Abdul Rehman 26, Efaz uddin 23. Raja Aftab 3/45. After the end of the Match Huzaifa Bin Sajid received the Man of the Match Award.

In the 3rd Match Malir Cantonment Gymkhana beat Air Port Star cricket club by 6 Wickets. Air Port Star c.c. 148 all-out in 34.5 overs. Abid Sheikh 27, Mureed Abdul Haq 25, Zubair Iran 25. Afaq Ahmed Khan 3/36, Muhammad Talha 2/18, Yasir Muneer 2/23.

In reply Malir Cantonment Gymkhana 154/4 in 23.5 overs. Anwar Ahmed 49 5x4 4x6, Afaq Ahmed Khan 46 8x4 1x6, Noman Shahid 19, Ishtiaq Ghouri 19 not out. Abid Sheikh 2/23, Mureed Abdul Haq 2/25. Later Afaq Ahmed Khan declared Man of the

ODI series against Australia likely to be rescheduled

№ Sports Desk

The three-match One Day International (ODI) series between Pakistan and Australia, originally scheduled for March, is now likely to be rescheduled, sources said on Sunday.

Discussions are ongoing between the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and Cricket Australia to determine new dates for the series. Reports suggest the ODIs could take place after the conclusion of the 11th season of the Pakistan Super League (PSL).

The ODI series was initially planned for March 13–19. Meanwhile, Australia is expected to tour Pakistan for a T20 series ahead of the T20 World Cup, with matches set to be played from January 30 to February 5.

PCB Chairman restores Faisalabad Cricket Body, Rana Anees elected President



FAISALABAD: PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi has issued notifications for Faisalabad Region Cricket Association President Rana Anees Ahmed Khan and General Secretary Rana Saeed Akhtar. After more than two years, a wave of joy has spread in the cricket clubs of Faisalabad on the revival of Faisalabad Cricket Association.

Congratulations continue to Rana Anees Ahmed Khan on being elected president. According to details, Faisalabad Region Cricket Association has been inactive for the past two and a half years due to differences and various cases were going on.

However, after the decision was made in favor of Rana Anees Group vesterday, the PCB has issued regular notifications for Faisalabad Region Cricket Association President Rana Anees Ahmed Khan and General Secretary Rana Saeed Akhtar.

On Rana Anees becoming president, former Faisalabad Cricket Association President and Muslim Cricket Club President Mian Haseeb Ullah Shahid A dignified ceremony was held at the Bohra Wali Ground.

All the cricket clubs of Faisalabad were invited, in which the presidents of all the clubs fully participated and expressed their confidence in Rana Anees. Rana Anees was garlanded and flower petals were showered on him for being elected as the president. Cricket Association President Rana Anees Ahmed Khan, while addressing the ceremony, said that I am very grateful to PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi.

He trusted us. We will continue to strive for the betterment of cricket. I would like to express my gratitude to Mohsin Naqvi for the revival of cricket in Faisalabad. Cricket has been restored in the Faisalabad region due to the PCB Chairman.

Finally, he invited all the cricket clubs, let us all work together for the betterment of the kit.

Muhammad Saim Tahir Clinches the title of 11th Vice Admiral H. M. S. Chaudhry Amateur Golf Cup-2025

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Muhammad Saim Vice Admiral H. M. S. Chaudhry Amateur Golf Cup 2025. Abdul Rauf Ali and Shahnaz Moeen secured top positions in the Senior Amateur and Ladies categories, respectively. Chief of Staff, Pakistan Navy, Vice Admiral Raja Rab Nawaz graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

While addressing the cereulated the winners on their remarkable achievements and commended all participants of golf, with exceptional skill, precision, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. He Pakistan Golf Federation and the a strong national sports culture. lies.

also acknowledged the unwavering support and contributions of the sponsors, media, and the Tahir won the title of the 11th management of Defence Raya Golf & Country Club, whose collective efforts ensured the event's resounding success.

The four-day-long Golf Cup was held from 20 to 23 November 2025 at Defence Raya Golf & Country Club, Lahore. Around 185 golfers from across Pakistan participated in the event. Competitions were held mony, the Chief Guest congrat- in multiple categories, including Amateur, Senior Amateur, and

The 11th Vice Admiral H. M. S. national golf circuit. The event regular national-level golf event commitment to fostering sportsfeatured in the calendar of the manship, physical excellence, and



AMATEUP GOLF CUP

for displaying high standards Chaudhry Amateur Golf Cup is a reflects Pakistan Navy's enduring attended by various dignitaries,

The closing ceremony was including officers, organizers, sponsors, golfers, and their fami-



PFOWA Annual Charity Bazaar

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq posing for a group photograph along with children during Annual Charity Bazaar 2025 organized by Pakistan Foreign Women Association (PFOWA) at Ministry of foreign affairs, in the Federal Capital.



JI Ameer vows nationwide movement to challenge existing system

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Hafiz Naeem on the gathering, he said the nation Sunday announced that his party will not participate in any of the next date of general elections in the country.

Addressing the third and final day of public rally "Change the System" at Minar-e-Paki-

message of Islam should reach welfare state.

Earlier Saturday, addressing the participants of wouldn't allow the government to accept the supremacy of the election till the announcement United States in the foreign policy and internal affairs of He said Islam doesn't

provide immunity to anyone, be it a marshal or president. stan in Lahore, the JI Ameer He stressed the need to bring vowed that his struggle will reforms in all sectors, adding continue till the achievement that the youth are desperate Hafiz Naeemur Rehman said the JI would guide and id. "We will challenge the empower the youth to transwhole system". He said that the form Pakistan into an Islamic



He directed his party's held local government elec-

for a change in the country. He workers to respect every young tions in the past one and a half political worker, no matter decades. The PML-N should hich party he or she belongs to. value and respect votes, he said He raised the question of why Some 26.2 million children the wealth created by their the Punjab government had not are out of school due to the labour.

flawed governmental policies,

"A capitalist mindset is making the poor even poorer," he said, adding that a movement to change the system must also be expanded in Sindh to eliminate feudalism and oppression.

"We will not come to power through anyone's blessings but through the will of the people," he said, adding that corporate feudalism has now replaced traditional feudalism, enslaving the public even further. Jamaat-e-Islami, he said, will ensure that farmers receive their rightful share of

Bilawal urges voters to turn out, stresses importance of Form-45

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari urged the people to come out of their houses and use their right to cast. He also advised the people not to leave the polling stations without obtaining Farm-45.

In his message on the social media platform "X", PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that by-elections on two provincial assembly seats were being held in South

He said that PPP fielded Mian Alamdar Qureshi from PP-269 as its candidate, and Dost Mohammad Khosa is the PPP candidate from NA-185.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari paid



dates for their outstanding tributes to these two candi- several hurdles.

election campaign despite of Muzaffargarh and Dera

He appealed to the people the polling and cast their vote. He urged them to use their Ghazi Khan to participate in right to vote and raise their

voice for people's rights. He again advised party workers not to turn away without obtaining Farm-45.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that the symbol of the "arrow" will definitely win.

Polling for bye-elections is already underway in Lahore, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Haripur, Mianwali, Muzaffarabad, and

Dera Ghazi Khan. Strict security arrangements have already been adopted by the Pakistan Army, and contingents of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) have already been deployed at the polling stations.

Two thousand seven hundred ninety-two polling stations were declared sensitive, and 408 were declared

Punjab CM Maryam increases monitoring of DC's performance

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Demonstrating that no leniency would be shown towards those either found negligent or underperforming, Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Maryam Nawaz has increased the monitoring of the steps taken to ensure cleanliness and good governance in the province.

It has been learnt that on the instructions of the chief minister, teams will be sent secretly to every district of the province to judge the level of govern-

The CM has also warned the

to perform well of immediate action. According to reports, CM Maryam has expressed indignation over inade- of those contractors not performing



contractors of Saf Suthra Punjab failing quate arrangements made for cleanliness in some cities of the province, and has ordered to withhold the salaries

satisfactorily. Similarly, she has admonished the deputy commissioners of the districts

bite and people falling into manholes. She has also taken notice of the non-provision of free medicines at a

who have failed to stop incidents of dog few government hospitals. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

DPM inaugurates **PFOWA** annual charity bazaar

跨 City Desk

Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar Sunday inaugurated the PFOWA Annual Chari-

Affairs. He appreciated PFOWA's spirit of service, community engagement and longstanding commitment to humanitarian causes. He ture event and wished all particiacknowledged the contributions of the Foreign Service community, the experience.

Diplomatic Corps, the volunteers, and PFOWA leadership for their ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime dedication to social welfare, especially their support to underprivileged communities across Pakistan.

The DPM/FM also visited the ty Bazaar at the Ministry of Foreign vibrant stalls showcasing diverse cultures and cuisines from around

He congratulated PFOWA for successfully organizing this signapants an enjoyable and meaningful

DG ISPR holds special open session at Jamia-Tur-Rasheed Karachi



👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Director General (DG of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry held a special session at Jamia-Tur-Rasheed in Karachi and met ulema and students.

On the occasion, participants said

this session is the best way to bridge the gap between the army and the people and increase trust.

Students and ulema thanked DG ISPR at the end of the session and fully expressed love for the country and the spirit of the Pakistan Army.

Reporter: Zubair Rashid

Pakistan strongly condemns Israeli attacks across Gaza

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, on Sunday, condemned in the strongest possible terms, the attacks by Israeli occupying forces across Gaza, which reportedly resulted in the deaths of several Palestinian civilians, including women and children and left many more wounded.

"Such actions constitute a blatant violation of international law, relevant UN resolutions, and the recently concluded peace agreement at Sharm el-Sheikh. These attacks also undermine international efforts aimed at achieving lasting peace and stability in the region," Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press statement.

The Government of Pakistan reiterated its call upon the international community to take immediate steps to end Israeli impunity and ceasefire violations and to uphold inter-



national human rights and humanitarian law

"Pakistan reaffirms its principled position in favor of the establishment of an independent, sovereign, viable, and contiguous State of Palestine, based on pre-June 1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital," it was added.

Tarar urges citizens to respect security routes for Int'l cricket teams



E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Sunday urged the residents of Islamabad to respect the routes designated for the safety and security of visiting international cricket teams.

Talking to the media at a route placed for the international teams in Islamabad, he said, "I am myself facing the route today and waiting for the international teams to pass by because this is important, not only for your safety and security but also for the guests who have

come from overseas."

routes during the movement of teams, there is no harm in bearing these delays for a few moments so that the international cricket restored in Pakistan can proceed effectively. He cited similar secu-

rity arrangements worldwide, including in Sri Lanka, where such measures are taken for the safety of international guests.

Unfortunately, it has become a trend to criticize such situations, he said, urging citizens to take these

measures in a positive sense. He added that a time will come when such situations will no longer be necessary, as the government

He noted that while many is committed to overcoming these people complained about security security challenges.