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Kyrgyz President Japarov to begin first official Pakistan visit on December 3

Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov is set to undertake his first historic visit to Pakistan, arriving on December 3 for a two-day official trip. Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Jeenbek Kulubaev will accompany the President, along with a high-level delegation that includes senior Kyrgyz ministers.



Islamabad, Rawalpindi admins impose **Section 144 amid security concerns**

Section 144 has been imposed in the federal capital Islamabad and Rawalpindi due to security concerns, restricting all forms of gatherings and protests. According to the Islamabad district dministration, Section 144 strictly prohibits any protest, rally or public gathering. Any illegal activity will prompt immo

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Called on

RAWALPINDI: Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey, Al-Persalan Bayraktar, called on Field Marshal



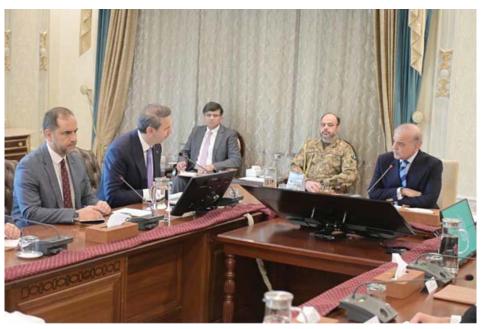
PM invites Turkish companies to increase investment in Pakistan's energy sector

B Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressing satisfaction at the positive trajectory of bilateral relations, reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to further expanding cooperation with Türkiye, particularly in the energy sector.

The prime minister was talking to Turkish Minister of Energy & Natural Resources Alparslan Bayraktar who called on him here at the PM House.

He noted with satisfaction that Turkish Petroleum had joined offshore and onshore exploration activities in Pakistan, marking a major milestone in bilateral energy cooperation. He also extended an invitation to Turkish companies to increase their investment footprint in Pakistan's energy market.



While underscoring the historic and fraternal ties between Pakistan and Türkiye, the prime minister emphasized

on the importance of expanding collaboration between Pakistan and Türkiye in energy, petroleum,

and mineral sectors. The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik, Minister for Power Sardar Awais Khan Leghari, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Syed Tariq Fatemi, and senior government officials.

The two leaders also witnessed exchange of Memorendums of understanding and agreements between Turkive and Pakistan in the field of mining, i.e, Deed of assignment - Eastern Offshore Indus-C, Petroleum Concession agreement Ziarat North Block, Petroleum Concession agreement Sukhpur-II Block, Petroleum Concession agreement Deep C block and Offshore Deep F Block.

Tarar clarifies reports about notification of Gen Asim's appointment as CDF



tion and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said on Monday there was no issue or obstacle in notifying Field Marshal Asim Munir's appointment as Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), dismissing reports circulating on social and

Speaking to reporters, the minister said the matter had been unnecessarily turned into a controversy online, despite clear communication from the government. He said that Defense Minister Khawaja Asif had already explained the situation in a recent tweet, confirming that all formalities regarding the

The information minister urged the public to avoid speculation and rely on official statements, stressing that the notification is being handled without any hindrance or problem.

Turkiye Energy Minister calls on **COAS Field Marshal Asim Munir**

Maveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Mr. Alparslan Bayraktar, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkive, called on Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), at General Headquarters (GHQ) Tuesday.

During the meeting, matters of mutual interest were discussed, with a particular focus on expanding Pakenergy sector, strengthening bilateral ties, and exploring avenues for strategic collaboration. Both sides reaf-

firmed their commitment to enhancing partnership in areas of shared objectives and regional stability.

The COAS highlighted the deep-rooted and historic brotherly relations between Pakistan and expressing appreciation for Turkiye's steadfast support to Pakistan at various international forums. Minister Bayraktar conveyed Turkiye's desire to deepen coopera-Turkiye cooperation in the tion across the energy domain and acknowledged Pakistan's efforts toward regional peace, stability, and sustainable devel-

Mohsin Naqvi attends passing out parade at Shab Qadr FC Training Centre



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi Tuesday visited the Federal Constabulary Training Centre, where he attended the first passing out parade of the FC since its establishment. Commandant Federal Constabulary Nazir Gara, along with senior officials, received the Interior Minister upon arrival.

The ceremony featured colourful contingents of the FC marching past the saluting dais, followed by a smartly executed parade inspection by the Interior Minister.

Naqvi also observed prace event for the force.

tical training demonstrations by personnel, showcasing operational readiness and tactical discipline.

The Interior Minister praised the professionalism and high standard of training displayed by the constabulary members, commending their performance and dedication. He later distributed prizes to outstanding personnel who excelled during the training program.

Earlier, Commandant FC Nazir Gada delivered the welcome address, highlighting the institution's progress and the significance of the milestone

Mahmood Achakzai accuses government of dismantling constitutional principles

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Mahmood Khan Achakzai, chief of the Movement for the Protection of the Constitution of Pakistan and Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party, Tuesday delivered a charged political address in Quetta, attended by participants from across Balochistan.

Achakzai emphasised that the gathering was voluntary, stating that not "a single rupee" was paid to mobilize attendees. He said history would record the strong turnout at Ayub Stadium as a reflection of public sentiment.

Highlighting Pakistan's natural abundance, Achakzai said the country is rich in resources and referenced Quranic verses on divine

blessings. He argued that Pakistan must operate under a social contract and accused the current government of dismantling constitutional principles. "This is not a representative government of the people," he asserted.

He urged supporters to remain civil, rejecting abusive politics: "Those who respect their own mothers and sisters do not abuse others." He also stressed that his party would not remain silent if women are violated.

Achakzai said peace cannot be separated from justice, adding that war is "the work of madmen" and inconsistent with Islamic values. He stated that Pakistan is home to multiple nations and that tribal and regional issues must be resolved through dialogue.

SJC constitutes committee for making rules Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Judge, Federal tional Court of Pakistan and Justice Aalia

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Judicial Council of Pakistan on Tuesday met at the Conference Room of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

The meeting was attended by Justice

Constitutional Court of Pakistan, Justice Aalia Neelum, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, (Via Video Link) and Justice Sardar Muhammad Sarfraz Dogar, Chief Justice, Islamabad High Court.

The Council unanimously constituted Aminuddin Khan, Chief Justice of the a committee comprising Justice Jamal Federal Constitutional Court of Pakistan, Khan Mandokhail, Judge, Supreme Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Jamal Khan Court of Pakistan, Justice Syed Hasan Procedure of Inquiry, 2025", provision-Mandokhail, (Via Video Link), Justice Azhar Rizvi, Judge, Federal Constitually.

Neelum, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court for making draft rules for regulating the procedures and conduct of business of the Council under clause 10 of Article 209 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic

Meanwhile, the Council unanimously adopted the "Supreme Judicial Council

Amir, Sanaullah chair high-level meeting of political committee on AJK

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON, Engineer Amir Muqam and Advisor to Prime Minister on Political Affairs, Senator Rana Sanaullah Khan here on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting of the Political Committee constituted by Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif regarding Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). The meeting discussed area. He highlighted that the PML-N had

current political situation there in details, said a press release.

During the meeting, Amir Muqam said that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) will fully participate and contest the upcoming elections in AJK and to win the polls due to its government's past performance, the current prudent policies of the federal government, and the steps taken for the development and uplift of the

the general elections 2026 in AJK and the always worked for the welfare and prosperity of the people and was committed to serving the Kashmiri people in the future The meeting was attended by PML-N

AJK President Shah Ghulam Qadir, former Prime Minister Raja Farooq Haider, Secretary General Chaudhry Tariq Farooq, Senior Vice President Mushtaq Minhas, Secretary Information Barrister Iftikhar Gilani, and Chaudhry Abdul Rehman Arain and also expressed their views.

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Informaelectronic media.

CDF notification were proceeding smoothly.

AJK cabinet approves over 1.8 billion rupée development package including two hydropower projects

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet Development Committee, chaired by Prime Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, has approved three major development projects worth 1,818.924 million rupees under the annual development programme.

The approved schemes include the 500 KW Pithiali Hydropower Project, the 500 KW Hariala Hydropower Project in Muzaffarabad, and the 220-meter-long Gulpur Bridge

The meeting was attended by cabinet members, the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Development), secretaries of relevant departments, and other senior officials. As per the revised cost estimates, Rs 495.305 million will be allocated for the Pithiali Hydropower Project, Rs 499.250 million for the Hariala Hydropower Project, and Rs 824.369 million for the construction of the Gulpur Bridge.



Officials noted that completion of these major projects will help meet local electricity requirements, generate economic activity, and create employment opportunities at the community level.

The Gulpur Bridge, once completed, will significantly improve travel facilities and connectivity for residents. Addressing the meeting, Prime Minister Rathore said that there would be no compromise on the quality or pace of development projects.

monitored to ensure the best possible results within the available time frame," he emphasized.

"These projects must be strictly

potential, the prime minister said that launching these two major hydropower schemes under the annual development programme would help meet local energy demand. He directed cabinet members to strengthen oversight of ongoing development projects in their respective areas to ensure Highlighting the region's hydel timely completion.

Food stalls

KOHAT: A stunning view of the King Gate Bazaar as vendors are preparing tasty Foods such as traditional Chappli Kabab,



AJK PM Rathore meets public delegations, vows to address regional issues

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Various public delegations and civil society representatives from across Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) called on Prime Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore on Tuesday.

During separate meetings with the Prime Minister, the visiting delegations highlighted problems and development-related needs of their respective areas.

Prime Minister Rathore listened to their grievances with patience and issued immediate instructions to the relevant departments for necessary

Speaking on the occasion, he said that serving the people is the foremost responsibility of the government. He reaffirmed that the doors of the present



He reiterated that ensuring basic rights and civic facilities for the public

public welfare projects. The visiting delegations appreci-

remains the government's top priority. ated the Prime Minister's initiative Muzaffarabad met the Prime Minister The administration, he added, has of direct interaction with the public

government are open to every citizen. been directed to accelerate work on and termed it a positive and encouraging step. Delegations from Haveli, Mirpur, Dadyal, Kotli, Rawalakot, and

Early Detection Saves Lives: Awareness **Against Breast Cancer** diseases. Try to eat before 7,0 clock.

👺 Qura-tul-Ain

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women, but it can be undergarments plays treated successfully if detected early. Awareness, regular check-ups, and healthy habits are the best ways to stay fitted, comfortable bras

monthly self-examination and report tight or wired bras for any unusual lump, pain, or change in long hours, as they may breast shape to a doctor immediately. cause discomfort or are also important for early detection. you should not wear fitted undergar- avoid cancer or other fatal and deadly

Nano technology plays an important ments at night. role to cure.

Wearing the right a role in breast health. Always choose wellmade of breathable Every woman should perform a cotton fabric. Avoid

Mammograms and clinical screenings restrict blood flow. Most importantly, follow the natural system in eating to

Light-coloured undergarments especially white, beige, or pastel shades—are best because they are gentle on skin, help detect any discharge or irritation early, and reduce sweat-related infections. Besides all these should eat a balanced diet. Try to

clean diet. A balanced diet, regular exercise, and avoiding smoking and alcohol further lower the risk of breast cancer. Awareness programs encourage women to take care of their health and support others in doing the same. Remember: early detection saves

lives. Stay aware, choose comfort, and make breast health a daily priority. (The writer is Assistant Professor, Home Economics).

Eat a simple, healthy, balanced and

Punjab government's big step towards sustainable development: Bilal Yasin



👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The foundation stone of Punjab's first wastewater treatment plant was laid in Faisalabad. Punjab Housing Minister Bilal Yasin and Danish Ambassador to Pakistan Maya Mortensen inaugurated the project at a grand inauguration ceremony at the construction site of Faisalabad Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase 1. The project was formally launched in collaboration with Denmark and the Punjab government. The Danish ambassador, while appreciating the efforts of the Punjab government, said that the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif is commendable. Reducing the effects of climate change is of utmost importance. Denmark and the Punjab government will continue cooperation in more projects. On this occasion, Provincial Minister for Housing Bilal Yasin said in his speech that this project will create employment opportunities at the local level. The total estimated cost of the project is 56. Billion rupees, the project will be completed in October 2028. It will play an important role in preventing environmental pollution in Faisalabad. On $\,$ this occasion, Secretary Housing Noorul Amin Mengal, Faisalabad members of the provincial assembly Rana Shehryar, Tahir Jamil and a large number of other administrative officers and Muslim League leaders were present.

Global Human Rights Organization Honors Two Leaders on World Human Rights Day



Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The Global Human Rights Organization JK HRM announced awards to two important personalities in recognition of outstanding services on the occasion of World Human Rights Day on December 10, former Member Assembly Secretary Red Crescent Mohtarma Gulzar Fatima and Ms. Rehana Khan Chairperson Women Commission Azad KashmirThey will be awarded for outstanding performance for promotion of human rights and public welfare. Special thanks to the Chairman saying that this honor will further strengthen their struggle for human rights. playing an active role for women's rights and social justice

Price control measures discussed in a meeting with ADCG Zeeshan Labbha Masih in the chair

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: In line with Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision, a monthly performance review meeting on strengthening price control measures was held in Toba Tek Singh. The meeting, convened on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela, was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner General Zeeshan Labbha Masih at the DC Office. During the session, Assistant Director Economics and Marketing Zahid Sharif presented the detailed performance report for November. According to the report, price control magistrates conducted 97,288 inspections, imposed Rs 964,000 in fines, sealed 65 shops and arrested 10 individuals for violations. The meeting emphasized maintaining a zero-tolerance policy on overpricing and substandard food items. Officials were directed to further intensify daily operations against profiteering and hoarding and to ensure timely redressal of consumer complaints.

Faisalabad Artist shines at prestigious three-day Sufi Festival in Lahore



FAISALABAD: A three-day Sufi Festival was organized by the Lahore Arts Council Al-Hamra, in which Sufi sessions, Qawwali gatherings and painting exhibitions were organized. The heart-touching Qawwali gatherings captivated the hearts of the audience and created a spiritual atmosphere. Renowned and budding artists from all over Pakistan presented their masterpieces in the painting exhibition. Different colors of Sufism, love, peace and spirituality were prominent in these creative works of art. A large number of people interested in art appreciated the exhibition and highly praised the creative talents of the artists. Naeem Taswar from Faisalabad was honored to participate in the three-day Sufi Festival art exhibition held at the Lahore Arts Council Al-Hamra. Many renowned calligraphers and artists from all over Pakistan participated in this exhibition. Naeem Taswar says that it is a matter of pride and great honor for me to exhibit my artwork on such a large and prestigious platform. This festival not only served as a means of highlighting Pakistani culture and Sufi tradition, but also proved to be an excellent opportunity for young artists to showcase their talents.



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The fear of Allah frees us from all the fears of this world, says Allama Syed Riaz Hussain Shah

跨 City Desk

RAWALPINDI: Allama Syed Riaz Hussain Shah. Patron-in-Chief of Idara Taleemat-e-Islamiya Pakistan, said that the fear of Allah removes all worldly fear and that patience and tolerance are signs of sainthood.

Speaking at a Quranic gathering, he explained verses from Surah Al-Mu'minun and highlighted that the Quran uses three forms of fearkhashiyat, ashfaaq and

wajal. He said that true faith lies in obedience to Allah and the Holy Prophet (PBUH), and that jealousy, hatred and greed corrupt a person's heart.

He emphasized the examples of Hazrat Ali and other companions in devotion to Allah and warned that deeds lose value if a person displeases Allah.

The event concluded with prayers for the nation's progress and success

Eight maritime security workshop (MARSEW-8) commenced at Lahore

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: The 8th Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW-8) commenced at Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore. The workshop was formally inaugurated by Commandant Pakistan Navy War College, Rear Admiral Sohail Ahmad Azmie.

In his welcome address, Rear Admiral Sohail Ahmad Azmie underscored the strategic importance of harnessing Pakistan's maritime potential in the evolving global landscape. He noted that since its inception in 2017, MARSEW has matured into a premier national forum for knowledge sharing and continues to support a whole-of-nation approach towards strengthening the maritime sector and blue economy of Pakistan.

Organized under the auspices of Pakistan Navy, MARSEW-8 aims to advance strategic understanding of contemporary maritime security dynamics and enhance national awareness of Pakistan's blue economy potential. The platform brings together parliamentarians, policymakers, senior civil and military leadership, academia, media professionals, entrepreneurs and business community to promote inclusive dialogue and cross-sectoral collaboration and explore



able ocean governance.

in Lahore which will be followed by field quarters, National Institute of Mari- including maritime awareness, coastal

visits to major Pakistan Navy installations time Affairs (NIMA) and Ministry of development, marine resource security, The workshop is scheduled from 2-12 in Karachi, Coastal and Creeks areas. The Maritime Affairs (MoMA), Islamabad. Dec 25. It will include interactive sessions participants will also visit Naval Head-

MARSEW-8 will examine key themes

critical undersea infrastructure, international maritime law and the role of mari-

80 years France Germany cooperation

ISLAMABAD: President "IRS" Amb Jauhar Saleem addressing a panel discussion on "80 Years of France-Germany Cooperation" as German and the French embassies jointly organized at local ho-



LUMS Economics delegation wins top honours at the 20th SAESM in Kathmandu, Nepal

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A team of undergraduate students from the Chaudhry Nazar Muhammad (CNM) Department of Economics at LUMS represented the University at the 20th South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM) 2025, hosted by the Nepal Economic Association in collaboration with the Central Department of Economics at stan. Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, with support from the World Bank. At the conference, the LUMS delegation shared the top title, securing an exceptional result for Paki-



year's theme, "Assessing Risks and Vulnerabilities in South Asia and the Path to Economic Resilience," brought together undergrad-

across the region. SAESM is an annual regional gathering, and LUMS has proudly participated since the conference's inception in 2004.

This year's LUMS delegauate economics students from tion comprised Muhammad

Hasaan Haroon, Hiba Sajjad, Maria Khalid, Simran, Zainab Asad, Zulekha Shoib, Amen, and Muhammad Shahwali Najmi, accompanied by Dr. Ali Hasanain (Associate Professor and Country Coordinator for Pakistan for SAESM) and Dr. Fahd Ali (Assistant Professor) from the CNM Department of Economics. Also representing Pakistan were Aliza Waseem,

H. E. Abrar H. Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to Nepal, warmly received the triumphant team from LUMS and congratulated them on their outstanding performance at this prestigious regional

CDA Chairman meets Bahraini Ambassador to discuss Islamabad Development and Cooperation

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Muhammad Ali Randhawa met with Bahraini Ambassador Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Abdul Qadeer at CDA Headquarters Tuesday to discuss matters of mutual interest and ways to further enhance bilateral cooperation.

During the meeting, both sides reiterated their commitment to strengthening relations between Pakistan and Bahrain. Muhammad Ali Randhawa described Bahrain as a "brotherly country" and expressed Pakistan's respect and goodwill toward it.

The Bahraini Ambassador praised the CDA's initiatives for the beautification and development of Islamabad, calling the city "exceptionally green and one of the most beautiful capitals."

Muslim Businessman's House Purchase Sparks Hindu Group Protests in Meerut

Spokesman Report

MEERUT: Hindu organisations staged protests in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut district over the sale of a house to a Muslim family, highlighting the growing anti-Muslim bias and communal pressure in the region.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the house in Thapar Nagar was purchased by Saeed Ahmed, a Muslim businessman, for INR 1.50 crore. Despite completing the sale, local Hindutva groups pressured Ahmed and staged a sit-in at the Sadar Bazar police station, reciting Hindu hymns and demanding cancellation of the transaction. Reports said Ahmed fainted en route to the police station and was hospitalised.

Local Hindu leaders, including Sachin Sirohi of the Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Suraksha Sangathan, insisted that the sale be annulled, claiming it would cause Hindu migration. Some community members, however, allowed the police to mediate.

Residents and activists say such incidents are part of a wider pattern of systematic marginalisation and intimidation of Muslims in housing and public life since the BJP assumed power at the Centre in 2014. Previous cases in Meerut, including in 2017, have similarly targeted Muslim families purchasing homes in predominantly Hindu localities.

PTI Leader Slams Traffic Crackdown: Fines Hinder Children's Education

Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader and candidate for NA-148 Dr. Rubina Akhtar has said that the sudden strictness on traffic rules by the government, heavy fines and ongoing crackdown on the roads have put the public in serious difficulties. She said that reports are being broadcast on the media every day with great enthusiasm about the implementation of traffic rules, but it is regrettable that the government seems satisfied with its performance, while it is indifferent to the plight of the people. Addressing a press conference, she said that a common citizen, who leaves home in the morning to drop his children to school, if he gets a challan or his motorcycle or car is impounded, the children present with him are the most affected. She said that such incidents have come to light in several areas that children have not gone to school due to fear of heavy fines and impounding of motorcycles.

Convener of Pakistan–Kyrgyz Republic PFG Holds Meeting with Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Convener of the Mr. Rana Iradat Sharif Khan, lic to Pakistan, at the Parliament House, Islamabad.

Kyrgyz Republic, rooted in shared tive PFGs following the completion

He noted that the forthcoming Pakistan-Kyrgyz Republic Parlia- visit of the President of the Kyrgyz mentary Friendship Group (PFG), Republic to Pakistan, after a gap of two decades, offers an important met with H. E. Kylychbek Sultan, opportunity to advance cooperation Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Repub- in trade, connectivity and parlia-

mentary exchanges. Both sides emphasized the need Welcoming the Ambassador, the to strengthen inter-parliamen-Convener reaffirmed Pakistan's tary linkages, including enhanced longstanding brotherly ties with the coordination between the respec-

history, cultural affinity and mutual of the electoral process and reconstitution of the Kyrgyz Parliament.

The Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic informed that, during the forthcoming visit of the President, His Excellency will also hold a meeting with the Honourable Speaker, National Assembly.

The Convener highlighted the strong presence of Pakistani students in Kyrgyz educational institutions and growing peopleto-people linkages.

Ambassador Sultan further



conveyed his interest in seeing Kyrgyz students explore educational opportunities in Pakistan.

a dedicated meeting between the ient time.

Both sides agreed to maintain Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic close engagement and to schedule and the Group at a mutually conven-

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UN chief warns unpaid dues near \$1.6 billion, as budget cuts deepen

N Secretary-General António Guterres told the Fifth Committee the UN is facing its most fragile cash position in years, despite sharp reductions already built into next year's budget plans.

"Liquidity remains fragile, and this challenge will persist regardless of the final budget approved," he said, pointing to the "unacceptable volume of arrears" owed by Member States.

The UN ended 2024 with \$760 million in unpaid assessments, most of it still outstanding, and has yet to receive \$877 million in contributions due for 2025 – bringing total arrears to around \$1.586 billion.

With less than five weeks remaining in the year, only 145 of UN's 193 Member States had paid their 2025 dues in full. Key contributors such as the United States and Russia have yet to pay what they owe.

"I have repeatedly appealed to Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time," the Secretary-General said, warning that cash shortfalls are forcing the organisation to operate well below approved budget levels.

The warning comes as delegations consider revised estimates for the UN's 2026 regular budget, which already reflect deep structural cuts under the UN80 reform initiative – a system-wide efficiency drive aimed at modernising operations and lowering costs.

Under the revised proposal, the UN's regular budget for 2026 would stand at \$3.238 billion, a reduction of \$577 million – or 15.1 percent – compared with 2025. Some 2,681 posts would be cut, an 18.8 percent reduction from current levels.

Special political missions would also face cuts of more than 21 percent compared with 2025 levels, largely due to mission closures and streamlined staffing.

As part of the savings drive, the UN plans to consolidate payroll processing into a single global team across three duty stations and create shared administrative hubs starting in New York and Bangkok.

The Secretariat is also reviewing functions that can be moved to lower-cost locations. Since 2017, lease terminations in New York have already saved \$126 million, with a further \$24.5 million a year in expected savings from additional clo-

The plan includes one-time separation and relocation costs \$5.4 million, as voluntary exit programmes are used to limit involuntary job losses.

The revised estimates have been reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and are now before the Fifth Committee for negotiations ahead of year-end budget approval.

Member States commended the Secretary-General's efforts in presenting the revised estimates, acknowledged the Organisation's ongoing liquidity challenges, and expressed support for a stronger and more agile UN.

USA Has Normalised Collective Punishment

civilization, long before for the crime. Judaism, Christianity, Islam, or Buddhism emerged to reshape the moral foundations of society, humanity lived under a brutal and irrational law: when one person committed a crime, entire tribes, cities, and nations were punished. The crime of an individual became the burden of thousands. A conflict between two men could trigger decades of warfare. A single act of adultery could unleash generational blood feuds. Ancient history is filled with examples of wars ignited by the wrongdoing of a few but fought by tens of thousands who had no connection to the original offense. Around 1200 BCE, the legendary Trojan War erupted because of the actions of one couple—Paris and Helen—but ended with the deaths of an estimated 40,000 to 100,000 warriors and the destruction of Troy. In 490 BCE, the entire city of Miletus was destroyed by the Persian Empire in retaliation for the Ionian Revolt, though only a handful of rebels had participated in the initial uprising. In 586 BCE, the kingdom of Judah was crushed and Jerusalem destroyed because King Zedekiah rebelled against Babylon; tens of thousands were exiled for the decision of one ruler. These ancient precedents reveal an era dominated by collective vengeance rather than individual responsibility.

Christianity later reinforced this concept through the teachings of Jesus, emphasizing forgiveness and individual accountability. Islam, too, declared unequivocally in the Quran that "no soul shall bear the burden of another," and that punishment must be proportionate and directed only toward the guilty. These religions attempted to end the age-old normalization of collective punishment. Yet despite these divine instructions, humanity repeatedly drifted back into the primitive instinct of retaliating against entire populations instead

rom the dawn of human of targeting the individuals responsible

The twenty-first century has unfortunately normalized collective punishment in new and devastating forms. After the 9/11 attacks of September 11, 2001—committed by 19 individuals— America understandably pursued all those who plotted, supported, facilitated, or financed the attack. Justice against

morally justified. But the response soon expanded far beyond those responsible. The invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001 resulted in more than 170,000 Afghan civilian deaths over two decades. In March 2003, Iraq was invaded even though Iraq had

no involvement in 9/11; the war killed between 300,000 to 600,000 Iraqis and displaced millions. Libya was bombed in 2011, leaving 30,000 dead. Syria's civil war, ignited by a small protest in 2011, eventually claimed over 500,000 lives and displaced more than 12 million people—half of the population. These tragedies illustrate a dark truth: the punishment for the crime of a few was extended to entire nations.

In the most recent and heartbreaking episode, the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel killed around 1,200 Israelis and took approximately 250 hostages-a horrific and indefensible act that demanded justice. Yet the response unleashed upon the civilians of Gaza escalated into one of the deadliest campaigns of the 21st century. By late 2025, more than 70,000 Palestinians had been killed, 75 percent of the population displaced, nearly all hospitals destroyed, food and medicine blocked, and children left freezing under plastic sheets in harsh winter rain. Families buried under rubble, newborn babies

dying without incubators, entire neigh- cion because of the actions of one man. justice against the perpetrators but a sweeping punishment against an entire population for the crimes of a few.

The world watched collective punishment become normalized once again. Instead of targeting militants, the response treated every man, woman, and child in Gaza as equally punishable, the perpetrators was necessary and an approach that contradicts not only

international law but the core moral principles of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and every civilized system of justice ever established.

And now, November 2025, America risks repeating this ancient mistake within its own borders.

After a lone gunman killed one National Guard soldier and severely wounded another, the United States had every right and duty to pursue the killer and anyone who supported or facilitated him. The safety of American soldiers and citizens must always come first, and no one can dispute that justice must be delivered swiftly and firmly. But instead of targeting the perpetrator and his network, sweeping executive orders were issued that affected millions of immigrants who had no connection whatsoever to the crime. Immigration processing was halted. Asylum cases were frozen. Green card holders and legal permanent residents-people who have committed no crime, who work hard, pay taxes, raise families, and contribute to America's GDP—were suddenly labeled suspicious, stereotyped as criminals, and threatened with deportation.

overshadowed common sense. American immigrants, who statistically commit fewer crimes than native-born citizens, found themselves trapped under suspi-

borhoods turned to dust—this was not These families fled economic collapse, persecution, and violence in their home countries; now they face being thrown back into the very instability they escaped. Their dreams, their years of sacrifice, their contributions to the U.S. economy have been jeopardized by an act they neither supported nor participated in.

The logic is simple and eternal: punish the guilty, not the innocent. Every major religion, every moral code, and every civilized legal system supports this principle. Collective punishment is not justice—it is a return to the darkest chapters of human history. It destroys trust, divides societies, and creates new cycles of hatred.

The United States is a great nation with strong institutions and a history of self-correction. It has the capacity to distinguish between a criminal and an entire community. It can choose a path guided by law, reason, and fairness rather than anger. As President Trump often says, his movement is a movement of "common sense." But common sense does not support punishing millions for the crime of one. Common sense teaches us to hold the perpetrator accountable, not innocent families. Common sense demands proportionality, fairness, and justice—not blanket retaliation.

The question now is whether America, and indeed the world, will learn from history. Will we continue to repeat the ancient mistakes of punishing nations for the crimes of individuals, or will we finally embrace the moral clarity that has been taught to us for thousands of years? The answer will determine whether humanity advances toward justice-or falls backward into its brutal past.

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PAF's Ascendancy: How Marka-e-Haq Redefined Airpower and Reaffirmed Pakistan's Strategic Maturity

Izmi Herlani

t Pakistan Air Force Academy Asghar Khan graduation parade, a moment of national significance unfolded, blending tradition and transformation into a single event. Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu's remarks to the graduating Officers were charged with purpose, offering a clear vision of a Force that not only safeguards Pakistan's skies, but now redefines airpower and Multi-Domain Warfare across South Asia. His address distilled an era-defining conflict, endorsed the nation's evolving strategic posture and boldly charted the course of PAF's modern-

From the outset, the Air Chief made clear that the graduates were stepping into a very different Air Force from the one their predecessors inherited. He reminded them that they were entering a Force "on the rise-battle-tested, technologically resurgent and globally acknowledged" a description grounded in operational experience rather than aspiration. He underlined that "the trust Pakistan places in its Armed Forces is earned through decades of sacrifice, professionalism and devotion to duty," assuring the nation that PAF will remain "Second to None and a symbol of pride for the nation."

Rather than waiting for perfect, imported solutions, PAF chose to build, adapt and integrate what it needed at a pace unmatched in the region, turning necessity into a driver of innovation. Within this broader transformation, National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP) serves as a concise emblem of the new mindset: a national-level

initiative designed to energise Pakistan's aerospace innovation ecosystem and accelerate the development & integration of indigenous Kill-Chain components. NASTP marks the shift from being a conventional importer of aerospace technology to becoming a serious devel- Marshal was a professional acknowledgement oper of Next-Generation solutions tailored to that leadership at the highest level often deter-

national needs. Strategic maturity formed another central pillar of both PAF's conduct and ACM Sidhu's narrative. Despite achieving decisive superiority in the air and demonstrating reach across hostile territory, from northern approaches to southern industrial corridors, PAF calibrated its responses with

deliberate restraint. In his speech, ACM Sidhu stressed that Strength does not equate to escalation and real power does not require the humiliation of an adversary. Pakistan could have extended the confrontation; instead, it chose to restore deterrence, demonstrate capability and then stabilise the environment in line with national leadership's objectives. The balance between aggression in battle and composure in victory is the hallmark of a professional Air Force and has reinforced Pakistan's standing as a net stabiliser in a volatile region.

Within this strategic envelope, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir's role was acknowledged as pivotal. ACM Sidhu implicitly outlined his contribution in four dimensions: providing strategic clarity when the adversary sought to exploit misperceptions, ensuring rapid and synchronised political-military decision-making, forging Tri-service synergy at a level rarely seen in the subcontinent's history & strategic environment in which that airspace projecting calm resolve at moments of national

uncertainty. This combination of clarity, speed, unity and steadiness created the strategic conditions under which PAF's modernization could translate into operational success.

Air Chief Marshal Sidhu's tribute to the Field

mines whether a nation experiences strategic paralysis or strategic poise. He also drew a clear line between professional militaries that operate on evidence and adversaries that rely on post-conflict narratives. Every PAF claim, he affirmed, is backed by data, every engagement recorded and every operational announcement rigorously

validated. In an age defined by information warfare, this insistence on verifiable fact has itself become a form of strategic capital.

ACM Sidhu linked PAF's modernization and performance in Marka-e-Haq to Pakistan's broader international profile. As a responsible nuclear power, Pakistan's posture is increasingly viewed as central to regional stability and key partners have taken careful note of PAF's professionalism in crisis, the effectiveness of its indigenous systems, the discipline with which Force was applied and the maturity shown in de-escalation. For the graduating Officers on the parade square, the implications were clear: they are joining a force whose modernization journey is far from over, but whose conduct in Marka-e-Haq has already compelled the region to recalibrate its understanding of airpower. Pakistan Air Force is no longer merely guarding the nation's airspace; it is actively shaping the will be contested in the decades to come.

In Memory of Master Naqib **Ullah (1934-2013)**

n this momentous occasion, we of a remarkable individual, Alhaj Master Naqib Ullah an embodi-Today, we are privileged to remember and cele-

brate a life that enriched the lives of many.

Born on December 3rd, 1934, Master Naqib Ullah was a distinguished alumnus of Government High School No.1, Kohat. He was fortunate to be guided by a constellation of outstanding educators of the former N. W. F. P, including Sahibzada Abdul Qadir Khan,

who later served as Deputy Inspector of Schools, as well as Khanzada Mustafa Khan and Syed Mian Mehmood Shoukat, both of whom also rose to the same esteemed position. Their mentorship, combined with his innate brilliance and thirst for learning, laid the groundwork for an exceptional career defined by excellence and service.

In addition, becoming a qualified various courses from the Civil Defence Academy Lahore, including training as a Fire Prevention Officer, Special Instructor for Education, Leading Fireman, and Special Instructor Warden Service.

Throughout his distinguished career, he served in several reputable institutions, including Kohat Comprehensive High School, Froebel's International School Islamabad, Marjan Public School, Hamdard Public School, and Science School and College Islamabad. He was also educational institutions. Many of his students remember him with deep respect and gratitude. our own lifetime.

His contributions extended far beyond classgather to honor the luminous life rooms and institutions. One of the most heroic episodes of his life took place in the rugged terrain of the Kohat Pass, where a passenger ment of knowledge, service, and bus plunged into a deep ravine. In an extraornoble character. He was a man of unwavering dinary display of courage, Master Naqib principles and unshakable integrity, whose Ullah risked his own life, descended into the legacy continues to inspire countless people. dangerous depths, and rescued the injured passengers, carrying them to safety and accom-

panying them to the hospital. The press praised him widely, celebrating his bravery and compassion, and his heroic act remains etched in the collective memory of the region. It was this devotion to humanity that earned him the divine blessing of visiting the sacred precincts of the Almighty and

the Prophet's shrine an honor reflective of the purity of his intentions and

As we commemorate his birth anniversary on December 3rd, we pay tribute to a life devoted to service, leadership, excellence, and humanity. Master Naqib Ullah's remarkable journey stands as a shining model of what it means to be an educator, a mentor, and a servant of the people. His contributions to education, his dedication to public service, and his unwavering pursuit of excellence form a legacy that will continue to inspire generations. He returned to his Creator on 10th August 2013, leaving behind cherished

memories. His life reminds us of the profound impact a single individual can have leaving footprints that do not fade with time. Master Naqib Ullah's story is a guiding light, illuminating the path of purpose, compassion, and meaningful service. consulted on the establishment of several new His enduring legacy inspires us to strive for excellence, to serve humanity with sincerity, and went on to achieve great success and continue to to contribute to the world in ways that outlast

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Graduation Ceremony held at PAF Academy

Asghar Khan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Graduation Ceremony of the 151st GD(P), 97th Engg, 108th AD, 10th Nav (Alpha), 28th A& SD, 11th Log, 134th Combat Support, and 98th EC (RSAF) Courses was held today at PAF Academy Asghar Khan, Risalpur. Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

Upon his arrival, Chief of the Air Staff was received by Air Vice Marshal Shahryar Khan, Air Officer Commanding PAF Academy Asghar Khan. Addressing the parade, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu congratulated the graduating cadets and their families, appreciating the high standards upheld by the Academy.

He lauded the achievements of distinction holders and recipients of the Swords of Honour, offering special compliments to the Royal successful completion of training.

He highlighted the participation of Saudi cadets as a reflection of the strong and enduring friendship between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Chief Guest in his address urged the young officers to honor ners. their legacy and defend Pakistan's skies with courage and professionalism.

Highlighting the paradigm shift in PAF training, the Air Chief underscored the integration of future-focused technolcharacter building, intellectual enrichment, mental resilience and physical robustness to prepare cadets for the complex

challenges of modern warfare. Referring to recent regional developments, he recalled attempts to challenge Pakistan's sovereignty during the conflict

He noted that Pakistan Air engagements in modern history.

Reiterating PAF's legacy of excellence, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu stated that Pakistan Air Force Saudi Air Force cadets on their remains Second to None and stands as a symbol of national pride. He reaffirmed that PAF's modern capabilities and operational readiness continue to fortify Pakistan's strategic posture while strengthening defence cooperation with regional part-

> He assured that PAF will continue to safeguard the nation's airspace with vigilance, resolve and unwavering dedication.

While reiterating the significance of National Aerospace Science and Technology Park, ogies, leadership development, Chief of the Air Staff emphasized that NASTP is poised to become one of the world's premier Aerospace, Cyber and IT clusters, transforming Pakistan's national landscape through cutting-edge design, research, and innovation in emerging and disruptive tech-

nation and the professionalism sionalism is proven through

of the Armed Forces.

He further said that the victory also reflects great credit on the firm resolve of our national leadership, as well as on the well-executed tri-service synergy, aggressive decision-making, full support and the pivotal leadership role of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir.

Force achieved overwhelming aerial dominance through the effective employment of Space, Cyber, Electronic Warfare, UAVs, Long-Range Vectors and Loitering Munitions. State-ofthe-art enemy aircraft including multiple Rafales, SU-30MKI, Mirage-2000, Mig-29, and advanced unmanned aerial systems were neutralized in one of the most intense and prolonged BVR versus BVR

The Chief Guest concluded in May, praising the unity of the by stating that PAF's profes-





operational achievements, not narratives or propaganda. While Pakistan remains committed to peace and friendly relations with

A total of 136 Aviation Cadets, 10 Gentleman Cadets and 20 Royal Saudi Air Force all nations, any challenge to its Cadets graduated on the occasovereignty will be met with an sion. The trophy for Overall Best mance in Flying Training was to Gentleman Cadet Ali Ahmad even stronger and more resolute Performance in General Service received by Aviation Cadet Wing Mustafa while Chief of Air Staff cadets.



tion Cadet Wing Under Officer mullah. Muhammad Ali Arif, whereas,

Trophy for outstanding perfor-

Training was awarded to Avia- Under Officer Muhammad Arha-Chief of the Air Staff Best Pilot for Best Performance in Engi-

Chief of Air Staff Trophy neering Discipline was awarded

Trophy for Best Performance in Air Defence Course was won by Aviation Cadet Murtaza Ali.

The Trophy for Overall Best Performance in the Admin & Special Duties Course was clinched by Aviation Cadet Yahya Nayyar, whereas, Trophy for Overall Best Performance in Logistics Course was awarded to Aviation Cadet Hunain Sarwar.

Trophy for Overall Best Performance in Combat Support Course was received by Aviation Cadet Talha Ishaque. Sword of Honour for Overall Best Performance in College of Aeronautical Engineering was awarded to Aviation Cadet Wing Under Officer Muhammad Ali Arif while the Sword of Honour for Overall Best Performance in College of Flying Training was received by Aviation Cadet Academy Under Officer Muhammad Saad Shahzad. Trophy for Overall Best

Performance in Allied Course was awarded to Royal Saudi Air Force Cadet Muhammad Khalid Jalfan. The ceremony concluded with a spectacular aerial display by an impressive formation flypast of F-16, JF-17 and J-10C aircraft, showcasing precision, skill and operational mastery. The Graduation Parade was attended by senior military and civil dignitaries, along with proud parents of the graduating

Credentials

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE received the credentials of H.E. Shafqat Ali Khan, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan during a ceremony held in Qasr A1 Watan in Abu Dhabi.



Federal Minister for Railways and Parliamentary Secretary for Information & Broadcasting visits RCCI

Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi visited the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), where he addressed a gathering of traders and briefed participants on recent developments within Pakistan Railways. President RCCI Usman Shaukat. Group Leader Sohail Altaf, and other chamber officials warmly welcomed the minister upon his arrival. They appreciated the steps taken for the improvement of the railways and the performance of the Ministry of Railways. Sohail Altaf said has announced the establish-



ment of an industrial estate around the Ring Road, your

cooperation will be needed. Senior Vice President Khalid Farooq Qazi, Vice President Fahad Barlas, Former Presidents, VP FPCCI Tariq Jadoon, Executive Committee Members. trade representatives and that the provincial minister members also present on the occasion.

Speaking to the business community, Minister Hanif Abbasi stated that Pakistan has successfully emerged from difficult economic times due to effective policy measures implemented by the government. He announced that more business-friendly policies and initiatives aimed at boosting investment and strengthening the economy

will soon be introduced.

Highlighting the significant progress achieved in Pakistan Railways over the past eight months, he described the ongoing transformation as a "revolution." Key improvements include the digitalization of 54 railway stations, provision of Wi-Fi services for passengers, and comprehensive upgrades across the railway network.

He noted that the Rawalpindi Railway Station is now equipped with a modern security system comprising 184 cameras, making it the second most advanced facility in Pakistan after Islamabad Airport. Similar "smart and secure" systems are being introduced in Karachi and Lahore.

A Farewell That Lights the Way

跨 Zain-ul-Abideen Abid

This is neither a tribute crafted to please those in power, nor a glossy report produced by a government department. It is a tribute to a man who spent his entire life lighting the lamp of knowledge a teacher, a mentor, a friend and a dignified human being: Principal Professor Ali Sukhanver. As lecturer, professor, and later principal, he shaped generations. He guided their dreams, moulded their thinking, and instilled in them the confidence that changes destinies. When he first stepped into a classroom, even he could not have imagined that his smile, his words, and his presence would one day transform the futures of countless students. Yet today, when we look back, every day of his career appears like a chapter of hard work, sincerity, and selfless service. He was not merely a teacher; he was a sheltering tree offering comfort to weary minds, direction to the confused, and illumination to every searching gaze. He did far more than teach English; he taught the art of thinking, understanding,

and being human. And today yes, today—he lays

down his professional responsibilities. One may call it retirement, but the truth is that such men never retire. Their work, their affection, and their mentorship live on in the generations they leave behind.

Writing these lines as a friend, a brother of sorts, the heart moves between pride and grief pride that such a man was my companion, and grief that his luminous presence will no longer grace the corridors of our college. No one else will serve samosas to guests with his characteristic warmth. The reality is simple: people like Professor Sukhanwar never depart; they simply shift their residence from this world to our hearts.

His association with Alamdar Hussain College is not a matter of a few years; it is an entire era. His latest tenure from 6 May 2021 to 3 December 2025 spanned four and a half years. It may seem brief on paper, yet in this period he added colours to the academic atmosphere that will endure long after his departure.

But the truth runs deeper: his bond with Alamdar Hussain Islamia College began in 1994, when he first joined as a lecturer in English and continued till 2018

twenty-four years, almost a full generation. In that time, innumerable students learned the subtleties of language from him, discovered the spark of critical thinking, and inhaled the fragrance of character through his words. Circumstances took him away for a while, but when he returned in 2021, it felt as if the college had recovered a lost grace. His presence revived the academic spirit of the institution; students felt renewed energy, and the college rediscovered the intellectual dignity long associated with him. These four and a half years were not routine administrative service they were a period of construction and renewal.

An RO filtration plant was installed at no cost to the college donated entirely by a philanthropic foundation. The science laboratory was rebuilt to modern standards; its renovation, upgraded equipment and digitised records set new benchmarks. All donations were properly documented. In these years, four new water coolers were also donated and installed, and a comprehensive public-address system connected the principal's office to the entire campus. The outdated manual bell

was replaced with an automated system, strengthening academic discipline. Lighting was improved throughout the college, classrooms brightened, and the staff room renovated. Collaborating with the Buildings Department, new cabinets were added and essential infrastructure restored. As principal, Professor

Sukhanwar ushered in a quiet but lasting transformation one that never made headlines but could be felt in the discipline, sincerity and compassion that radiated through every corner of the college. Remarkably, the man behind these changes never desired recognition. At every word of praise, he would smile and say: "Whatever happened was made possible by God's grace and the support of my colleagues. No achievement is ever a one-man show. If people think I succeeded, it is because of your prayers and affection." These words reflect his refinement, spiritual softness, and inner dignity.

During his tenure, a new staff room was built. Fifty chairs and a dais were donated by Mumtaz Ahmad Khan, and ten valuable chairs by Amjad Farooq Dhaha. A room abandoned for two decades once considered haunted and home to snakes and wild creatures was cleared, retiled, and roofed anew. Today it stands among the three finest rooms in the college. These were not mere repairs but reflections of a worldview, an ethic, and a character. Professor Sukhanwar's final words remain: "Much has been done, but much remains. I pray that those who follow me will serve this institution even better. If your prayers remain with it, the college will continue to progress."

Thus, one institution stands witness to his youth, his finest years, his teaching, his labour and now, his retirement. The footprints he leaves behind are not just memories; they are a legacy that will continue to guide generations His departure has cast a hushed silence over the entire campus. The man who did not merely build rooms but illuminated hearts is about to leave. The playgrounds he revived once abandoned seem desolate today. The principal who gave young students the courage to speak, the sense to think, and respect for their own voice his absence feels as if the institution has paused its own breath. And the poor students whose education he

treated not as duty but devotion stand heartbroken at the farewell of a fatherly mentor. His departure is not the ending of a person alone, but of an era an era defined by dignity, humanity, and light.

Several staff members shared that his relationship with his colleagues was never one of officer and subordinate. He was a compassionate guardian, a dignified leader. He never hid behind the rigidity of hierarchy; rather, he honoured the opinions, dignity and labour of every teacher. His door remained open. He listened calmly, resolved issues sincerely, and upheld principles firmly but always with respect and affection. He made each of us feel that we were not employees but the very pillars of the institution. Working with him was not only a duty but

a privilege. Professor Ali Sukhanwar is also a distinguished columnist whose writings in Daily Khabrain and various English newspapers have shaped public opinion and guided intellectual discourse. His poetic sensibility lends depth and emotional nuance to his work. His retirement marks not merely the end of a career but the graceful



milestone of an era defined by knowledge, character and enlightened thinking. For years, he taught English with integrity, dignity and intellectual honesty. His teaching did more than explain words it expanded minds, refined thought, and gave direction to countless young people.

His scholarly stature, elegance, tireless dedication, and paternal kindness will long be remembered. Today, we are not bidding him farewell: we are saluting his service, his legacy, and the lamp of wisdom he leaves glowing among us.

May the every coming years bring him health, peace and joy for surely, his journey of knowledge will continue into a new and beautiful chapter. Farewell, Ali

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Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share Index Fluctuation

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Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
167,642.27	168,062.19	
Day's High	Day's Low	
169,289.21	167,445.92	
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Index Value	Change
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Percentage	Time
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USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	

Index Value	Change
47,526.48	+237.15
Percentage	Time
+0.50%	2 Dec, 12:22 pm GMT-5
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Averago	

Index Value	Change	
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Percentage	Time	
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Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	182.5	186.5
Bahrain Dinar	744.75	754.75
Canadian Dollar	200.1	205.1
China Yuan	39.26	39.66
Danish Krone	43.17	43.57
Euro	326.25	328.75
Hong Kong Dollar	35.69	36.04
Indian Rupee	3.05	3.14
Japanese Yen	1.7905	1.8905
Kuwaiti Dinar	911.4	921.4
Malaysian Ringgit	67.31	67.91
NewZealand \$	158.95	160.95
Norwegians Krone	27.42	27.72
Omani Riyal	729.6	739.6
Qatari Riyal	76.39	77.09
Saudi Riyal	75.15	75.60
Singapore Dollar	215.5	220.5
Swedish Korona	29.39	29.69
Swiss Franc	346.63	349.38
Thai Bhat	8.59	8.74
U.A.E Dirham	76.7	77.45
UK Pound Sterling	372	375.50
US Dollar	281.5	283.25

BingX Hosts Lahore OnTour Event, Strengthening Regional Community Engagement



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: BingX, a leading cryptocurrency exchange and Web3 AI company, hosted the second Pakistan edition of its BingX On Tour series with a community meetup in Lahore on November 29, 2025. Following the strong reception of its inaugural Karachi event, the Lahore meetup underscores BingX's continued effort to engage directly with traders, developers, and

blockchain communities across the region. The BingX OnTour - Lahore Meetup welcomed guests at the Ramada Hotel, including active crypto traders, Web3 builders, regional key opinion leaders, and guest speaker Mr Muqadas Butt "ilm-ealam", who spoke on the advantages of centralized exchanges and copy trading for new users. Participants took part in product-focused discussions, community activities, networking sessions, and exclusive rewards. The event also introduced new users to the BingX ecosystem, supporting the platform's goal of strengthening its footprint in one of the region's most active crypto markets.

"Community shapes the direction of our products and our decisions, which is why being present with our users matters," said Vivien Lin, Chief Product Officer at BingX. "Lahore's meetup reflects the growing energy of Pakistan's crypto community, and it's important for us to support that growth by creating spaces where people can exchange ideas, build relationships, and advance together. These engagements help us stay close to user needs while contributing to a stronger local ecosystem."

Bakhtawari Praises UBG-BMP Merger as Key to Economic Revival

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, member of the Central Core Committee of the United Business Group (UBG), has termed the historic alliance between UBG and the Businessmen Panel (BMP) as a highly positive development, saying that this step is a milestone for Pakistan's business community and an important opportunity for the country's economic advancement. He stated that the visionary lead-

ership of S. M. Tanveer, the insight and strategic approach of Gohar Ejaz, and the reconciliatory abilities of Anjum Nisar have laid a solid foundation of trust and harmony between the two groups. Their lead-

ership, cooperation, and foresight have not only united the groups but also promoted confidence, transparency, and mutual respect within the business community.

Inauguration

Federal Capital.



In his statement, he said that this historic alliance will make the decision-making process in FPCCI more effective, balanced, and transparent—benefiting

ISLAMABAD: Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi cut the ribbon along with Rec-

tor NUML Maj Gen Shahid Mahmood Kayani and others to inaugurate "Equity Lounge" at NUML, in

not only traders but also the national economy and the overall investment environment.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that through joint efforts and a shared vision, the business community will play a key role in creating new opportunities for employment, investment, and economic growth in the country.

He added that this alliance not only sets an important example of cooperation and consensus for Pakistan's traders but will also reinforce the country's overall economic direction and strengthen the climate for sustainable investment.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari congratulated all three leaders and prayed that Allah Almighty blesses them with more wisdom, respect, and

success so that Pakistan's business community may continue to play its vital and effective role in the nation's economic devel-

Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited awarded working capital banking mandate by EMAAR Pakistan



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Karachi: In a significant move for Pakistan's real estate and financial sectors, Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited has been chosen by EMAAR Pakistan as its banking partner for projects in Karachi, delivering a full suite of solutions from working capital to mortgage facilities for resident and non-res-

ident Pakistanis. The agreement was signed by Saadya Riaz, Head Wealth & Retail Banking, Standard Chartered Pakistan, and Aziz Jindani, Chief Executive Officer, EMAAR Pakistan. Present at the signing from SC Pakistan were senior management officials, including Arslan Nayeem, Head of Coverage Pakistan, Shada El Borno, Regional Head of Global Subsidiaries UAE, ME & Pakistan, and Motasim Iqbal, Regional Head Corporate Sales, MEA clients' growth and opera-& P. EMAAR Pakistan was

Chief Financial Officer, and Asim Khan, Senior Manager,

Finance. Aziz Jindani affirmed: "Emaar Pakistan's collaboration with Standard Chartered underscores our commitment to advancing the country's real estate sector and strengthening investor confidence. Partnerships like this help reinforce the sector's credibility

and transparency. Saadya Riaz stated: "This mandate is a testament to the strength of our global relationships and our ability to serve clients across markets. Standard Chartered has been a trusted financial partner to EMAAR in the UAE, and we are delighted to extend that collaboration to Pakistan.

Arslan Naveem remarked: "This arrangement signifies our capacity to provide value-added solutions that cater to our multinational tional requirements."

Pak-Qatar Asset Management Company Limited announces dividend of PKR 0.8000 per unit

Commerce Desk

Pakistan, and part of Pak-Qatar Group, which is Pakistan's Pioneer and Premier Islamic financial services group. PQAMC has recently announced the monthly dividend of Pak-Qatar Monthly Income Plan (PQMIP) under PQAMC's Shariah-Compliant Income Fund. The plan is also amongst the highest category.

per unit for the month of has achieved an upgrade to

AM2 with a 'Positive Outlook' from PACRA.

Management Company of Pak-Qatar Asset Manage-Limited (POAMC) is a lead-ment Company Limited ing dedicated Islamic Asset - Mr. Farhan Shaukat has Management Company in approved the distribution of dividends for the month of November 2025, under the authority delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Farhan Shaukat stated that: "We are delighted to announce this distribution to the unit-holders of PQMIP. This reflects the strength of our investment strategy, consistent perforreturn paying plan in the mance, and commitment to creating long-term value for PQMIP announced a our Participants. We are also dividend of PKR 0.8000 pleased with the recent rating upgrades, which reaffirm the October 2025, earned as on trust and confidence placed November 27, 2025. PQAMC in PQAMC by our stake-

Mobilink Bank and NAVTTC Sign Strategic Partnership to Advance Skills Development

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Pakistan's leading digital microfinance bank, Mobilink Bank, has entered into a strategic collaboration with the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) to strengthen skills development, expand financial inclusion, and support young people and women across Pakistan.

Under the partnership, Mobilink Bank will deliver free financial literacy training programs at NAVTTC funded institutes, supported by digital literacy initiatives through Jazz and their She Fixes programme.

The Bank will facilitate instant digital account opening for trainees, enabling seamless access to formal financial services. NAVTTC graduates and aspiring entrepreneurs will also receive access to MSME financing solutions to help them launch or scale micro-businesses, alongside free online banking services to encourage safe digital adoption. In addition, the partnership extends virtual medical consultations through the Mobilink Bank app and provides tailored health insurance options for NAVTTC employees and affiliated members.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Haaris Mahmood Chaudhary, President & CEO, Mobilink Bank, said:

"This partnership with NAVTTC



marks an important step toward economic participation and enable them building a more inclusive, future-ready, and financially empowered Pakistan. At Mobilink Bank, we believe that sustainable growth comes from equipping people with the right skills, digital tools, and access to finance.

By supporting NAVTTC trainees, especially women and young entrepreneurs, we aim to strengthen their inclusion agenda.

to thrive in a rapidly evolving, skillsdriven future.

Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Gulmina Bilal Ahmad, Chairperson NAVTTC, reaffirmed the Commission's commitment to expanding equitable opportunities for skilled youth nationwide, calling the collaboration an important contribution to Pakistan's economic

PCJCCI lauds Pakistan's new economic roadmap

Corridor (CPEC), terming it a transformative step toward high-tech industrialization, enhanced provincial cooperation, and sustainable national development.

PCJCCI President Nazir Hussain said here Tuesday that CPEC Phase-II aims to shift Pakistan from infrastructure-led growth toward innovation-led expansion through industrial upgra-

LAHORE: Pakistan China tion, and modern govern-Joint Chamber of Commerce ance. The declaration of and Industry (PCJCCI) has 2026 as the "Year of Reform welcomed Pakistan's newly and Modernization" underintroduced roadmap to scores a national commitfast-track Phase -II of the ment to reducing bureau-China-Pakistan Economic cratic hurdles, promoting a pro-investment environment, and improving institutional efficiency.

He said that Pakistan's new direction under CPEC Phase-II reflects a bold and future-focused approach. "High-tech industrialization, innovation-led growth, and deeper cooperation with China will unlock new opportunities for our industries, our youth, and our emerging dation, digital transforma- entrepreneurs," he remarked.

SECP Stakeholder Survey Reveals High Trust in Regulator's Integrity

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Perception & Feedback Survey"

conducted by Gallup Pakistan. The survey, the first of its kind ISLAMABAD: The Securities and undertaken by the regulatory body, Insurance, and NBFCs, indicated Exchange Commission of Pakistan reveals a high level of confidence in consistent trust in the SECP's (SECP) has released the findings SECP's fairness and market stewof a comprehensive "Stakeholder" ardship while highlighting key scores ranging from 3.1 to 3.6 on

rate Registries, Capital Markets, intent. Stakeholders awarded areas for operational improvement. a 5-point scale regarding the regu-

The survey, which covered Corpolator's integrity. Gallup Pakistan Stakeholders, particularly within

fall within a conservative band. identified gaps in user experience. nels.

noted that such positive percepthe Corporate Registry, pointed tion is significant, given that public to challenges regarding the turnsector scores in Pakistan typically around time (TAT) of queries, the clarity of regulations, and the However, the findings also responsiveness of support chan-

Punjab's 500-member contingent to participate in 26 sports disciplines in National Games

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Punjab's top performing athletes in the upcoming 35th edition of National Games will be inducted in the list Punjab Sports Endowment Fund beneficiaries. DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry made this announcement while addressing a crowded press conference at the National Hockey Stadium on Tuesday.

Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum, Punjab Olympic Association (PbOA) CEO Idris Haider Khawaja, SBP Chief Sports Consultant Hafeez Bhatti and other officials were also present on this occasion.

DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab said that Punjab's 500-member contingent will participate in 26 sports disciplines during the 35th National Games being organised at Karachi from December 6 to 13, 2025. "Prior to training camps, Punjab's male and female teams were selected purely on merit in transparently held trials".

He said that Punjab's athletes have been imparted best possible training during the 12-day training camps at multiple venues of Nishtar Park Sports Complex. "Expert coaches taught modern techniques to improve the game skills of Punjab athletes at the training camp. We are quite upbeat that Punjab athletes will produce better



results in the National Games than previous editions".

Khizar Afzaal said that Punjab Chief Minister is taking full interest in Punjab contingent's preparations for National Games. "Punjab Sports Minister Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar will be the head of Punjab contingent in National Games." Replying a query, Khizar Afzaal said

that hockey is our national game and Punjab Sports Department is going to provide astro-turfs in all the cities of Punjab in accordance with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister. "Several top players including whole volleyball team, who are Endowment Fund, are part of Punjab contingent".

PbOA CEO Idris Haider Khawaja, in his address, said that Sports Board Punjab under the leadership of DG Sports Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry has worked hard for better results in the upcoming National Games. "Two doctors will also accompany receiving scholarships from Punjab Sports the Punjab contingent to cope with any medical emergency during the 8-day National Games".

Final match of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy

LAHORE: Players of Karachi Blue and Sailkot Country Part, Cricket Teams are playing final match of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy at



U19 WC preparation in mind as next generation of Pakistan, Bangladesh Women's players take field

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan's Eman Naseer and Bangladesh's Sadia Islam will lead their respective U19 teams in the five-match T20 series from Wednesday as they look to kick-start the preparations for the ICC Women's U19 World Cup 2027 to be held in Nepal and Bangladesh.

The series is set to be played on 3, 5, 7, 10 and 12 December at the Cox's Bazar Academy Ground in Bangladesh. All the five matches are set to begin at 12.30pm PKT with the toss taking place at 12pm. The action will be streamed live on BCB YouTube channel.

Pakistan Women's U19 arrived in Bangladesh in the wee hours of Sunday before taking part in two training sessions at the venue. The team underwent a two-week intensive pre-series training camp at Karachi's Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre.

Skipper Eman, Raahima Syed, Aqsa Habib, Ayesha Riaz and Barirah Saif will be making their Women's U19 debuts, while the other players in the squad have represented the team previ-

Speaking exclusively to PCB Digital throughout the training sessions and



on the eve of the series, Pakistan captain Eman said, "Our squad is quite balanced with good combination of pacers and spinners who bring variety to it. The batters have looked in good rhythm

we looking forward to the series."

On being appointed leader of the side Eman expressed that she relishes the challenge of captaincy and, "I like to lead from front. The team management and the players have been really

supportive, which has made my job relatively easy but I'm excited to do it at international level and see how it goes.' Pakistan 15-member squad:

Eman Naseer (captain), Aleesa Mukhtiar, Aqsa Habib, Areesha Ansari, Ayesha Riaz, Barirah Saif, Fizza Fiaz, Komal Khan (wicket-keeper), Mahnoor Zeb, Memoona Khalid, Raahima Syed, Ravail Farhan, Rozina Akram, Shahar Bano and Zoofishan Ayyaz

Bangladesh 15-member squad:

Sadia Islam (captain), Achena Jannat Emanta (wicket-keeper), Aritry Mondol Nirjona, Boby Khatun, Farjana Easmin, Habiba Islam Pinky, Jarin Tasnem Labonno, Kumari Sraboni Rani Shil, Lamiya Mreda, Mymuna Naher Shornamoni, Otoshi Mojumder, Rumana Ahmed, Sadia Akter, Sadiva Nusrat and Sumaiya Akhter Suborna (wicket-keeper)

Pakistan v Bangladesh Women's U19 T20 series: (All matches at Cox's Bazar Academy Ground, Bangladesh)

1st T20 - 3 December 2nd T20 - 5 December 3rd T20 – 7 December

4th T20 - 10 December 5th T20 - 12 December

PCB Talent Hunt Programme for School Cricket Sindh Region



Sports Desk

KARACHI: Grace Academy of Learning Secondary School Karachi become Sindh Champion of PCB Talent Hunt Program $for \, School \, Cricket \, after \, beating \, Aspire \, School \, BeNazir Abad \, by \,$ 6 Wickets at Niaz Stadium Hyderabad and qualify for the next round for All Pakistan PCB Talent Hunt Programme.

The highlights of the days play was some dashing batting by Haider Ali 83 and Maqsood Ali 61.

After the end of the Match Shakeel Qureshi, President District Cricket Association Hyderabad distribute the Prizes. Winner Trophy received by Muhammad Khan Captain of Grace Academy of Learning Secondary School Karachi while runner Trophy received by Abuzar Abid Captain of Aspire School Benazirabad. Scores in Brief:

Grace Academy of Learning Secondary School Karachi beat Aspire School Benazirabad by 6 Wickets at Niaz Stadium Hyderabad. Aspire School 198 all-out in 36 2 overs. Haider Ali 83 4x4 10x6, Abuzar Abid 49 5x4 2x6. Arsalan Riaz (sla) 3/27, Muhammad Khan (lb) 3/37.

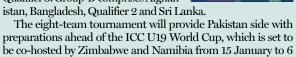
In reply Grace Academy of Learning Secondary School 202/4 in 31.4 overs. Magsood Ali 61 6x4 not out, Muhammad Bilal 45 5x4, Muhammad Ibrahim 28 2x4 3x6, Feroz 18. Shabbir Ahmed 2/33.

Farhan Yousaf to lead Pakistan in ACC U19 Asia Cup

Tahir Amin Malik

Farhan Yousaf, who featured in last year's ACC U19 Asia Cup, will lead Pakistan U19 in the upcoming edition of the tournament, scheduled to take place in Dubai from 12 to 21 December. The 50-over event will feature eight teams.

Pakistan, who were beaten by Bangladesh in last year's semi-final, are placed in Group 'A' alongside India, Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 3. Group 'B' comprises Afghan-



Pakistan will open their campaign on Friday, 12 December against Qualifier 3 at The Sevens Stadium in Dubai. Their second group match is against India on Sunday, 14 December at the ICC Academy Ground in Dubai, while their final group fixture is against Qualifier 1 on Tuesday, 16 December at the same venue.

The semi-finals will be played on 19 December at The Sevens Stadium and ICC Academy Ground, while the final will take place on Sunday, 21 December.

18-year-old Farhan recently led Lahore Region Whites in the National Men's U19 Cup, scoring 369 runs from seven matches, including a century and two half-centuries. Usman Khan, who scored a century in the last edition of the ACC U19 Asia Cup, will be Farhan's deputy in the event.

Playing for FATA in the National Men's U19 Cup, left-handed Usman scored 429 runs from seven matches, which included two centuries and a half-century.

Pakistan team will undergo a camp in Karachi from later today until the team's departure for Dubai, which will be confirmed in

due course. 15-member squad:

Farhan Yousaf (captain), Usman Khan (vice-captain), Abdul Subhan, Ahmed Hussain, Ali Hassan Baloch, Ali Raza, Daniyal Ali Khan, Hamza Zahoor (wk), Huzaifa Ahsan, Momin Qamar, Mohammad Huzaifa, Mohammad Sayyam, Mohammad Shayan (wk), Niqab Shafiq and Sameer Minhas

Non-traveling reserve players:

Abdul Qadir, Hasnain Dar, Mohammad Hassan Khan, Ibtisam Azhar and Umar Zaib

Support staff:

Sarfaraz Ahmed (manager/mentor), Shahid Anwar (head coach/batting coach), Rao Iftikhar (bowling coach), Mansoor Amjad (fielding coach.), Abrar Ahmed (trainer), Ubaidullah (physio), Ali Hamza (analyst)

PPBL president represents Pakistan at twin WBC conventions in Thailand

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: President of Pakistan Professional Boxing League (PPBL), Nauman Shah, is representing Pakistan at two major global events, the 1st WBC MuayThai Convention and the 63rd WBC Boxing Annual Convention, being held in Bangkok, Thailand, from November 29 to December 5.

Hosted by the World Boxing Council (WBC), the twin conventions have brought together top officials, champions, promoters, and regulators from around the world to deliberate on key matters shaping the future of boxing and MuayThai. The WBC termed Pakistan's representation, important for strengthening the sport's global and regional footprint, said a press release.

In a letter the WBC highlighted the significance of international collaboration in boxing, stating that the annual gatherings serve as "a global meeting of the boxing family, where great friends and their families share a fraternal environment full of laughter, joy, good faith, friendship and unity for the good of the sport we love

Speaking to APP from Bangkok, Nauman Shah expressed pride in representing Pakistan on one of the sport's biggest platforms. "It is a tremendous honour for me and for Pakistan's professional boxing community," he said. "This invitation reflects the growing recognition of Pakistan's role in the global boxing landscape."

He said the conventions would provide Pakistan with an opportunity to deepen engagement with international stakeholders. "My focus here is to build strong global linkages, attract wider exposure for our fighters, and highlight Pakistan as a rising force in combat sports," Shah remarked.

He added that discussions at the twin events were centred on athlete safety, governance, training standards, and future collaborations. "I am also exploring avenues to bring international boxing and Muay Thai events to Pakistan, which will help our fighters gain world-class experience at home," he noted. The WBC MuayThai Convention is the first of its kind, aimed at boosting coordination among the rapidly expanding MuayThai community, while the 63rd annual boxing convention is addressing regulation, rankings, global championships, and athlete development.

The Spokesman

Meeting on Tax Reforms ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of the working group on Tax Reforms on Tuesday.

PM Shehbaz assures Sri Lanka of help after cyclone wreaks havoc

City Desk

day chaired a review meet- the relevant institutions Lanka. ing on Pakistan's relief oper- to provide full assistance affected by the devastating tions in Sri Lanka. cyclone "Ditwah."

time. Expressing sorrow over was briefed on Pakistan's ISLAMABAD: Prime Minis- the loss of precious lives in ongoing relief operations in deployed in Sri Lanka, was ter Shehbaz Sharif on Tues- Sri Lanka, Sharif directed the cyclone-hit areas of Sri

According to the briefing, ations in parts of Sri Lanka regarding the relief opera- Pakistan's Urban Search and Rescue team will depart for After the search and rescue Sri Lanka tomorrow. Addi-During the meeting, phase, Pakistan will also play tional relief supplies will a family that had been the prime minister said an active role in the rehabili- also be sent tomorrow via a that Pakistan stood by the tation and reconstruction of commercial cargo ship, the Lanka. government and people of the affected areas, the prime briefing added. The meeting

activities for the flood-affected people. It was also briefed that a helicopter onboard the Pakistan Navy ship had rescued

Navy's ship Saif, which was

actively engaged in relief

The meeting was attended senior government officials.

stranded for five days in Sri

Sri Lanka in this difficult minister said. The meeting was informed that Pakistan by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar, Minister of State for Finance Bilal Azhar Kayani, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister Tariq Fatemi, the NDMA Chairman, and other

Participants of Cambrian Patrol competition calls on COAS

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Participants of the Cambrian Patrol competition called on Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), at General Headquarters (GHQ) Rawalpindi Tuesdav.

COAS congratulated the team for their outstanding performance in one of the world's toughest military endurance and leadership competitions.

He commended the participants for demonstrating exceptional standards of physical endurance, tactical proficiency, and exemplary team spirit, in keeping with the highest traditions of the Pakistan Army.

COAS appreciated the dedication and rigorous training undertaken by the team, noting that their success has brought pride to the nation and reaffirmed Pakistan Army's



commitment to excellence. The participants expressed

gratitude to COAS for the resolve to continue upholding selfless devotion, and profeshonour and reiterated their the core values of discipline, sional excellence.

Gas leakage sparks blast at NUML; 5 students among 7 injured: IGP Islamabad

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Five students were among seven people injured after a gas leakage caused an explosion at the National University of and by 4:00 p.m., leaked gas Modern Languages (NUML) in Islamabad on Tuesday an electrical short circuit, trigafternoon. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi shared the details while small prayer area and an office addressing a press conference.

NUML; 5 students among 7 injured, says IGP Islamabad

IGP Rizvi said the blast took place around 4:00 p.m., shortly after the university turned on its gas supply for the winter season. and is under treatment.

He explained that NUML usually keeps the gas connection closed during summer and reopens it when winter begins. Around 3:30 p.m., the gas connection was restored, inside the room caught fire after gering the explosion.

The affected place included a used by clerical staff. As a result, Gas leakage sparks blast at five students, a naib qasid and a clerk were injured. Doctors have confirmed that most of the injured are out of danger. However, the clerk received burns on 65 percent of his body

Maryam Nawaz stops handcuffing of students; announces licenses for 16-year-old youngsters

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has ordered an immediate halt to the practice of handcuffing students over traffic rule violations, expressing strong displeasure at incidents involving minors being tured and legal pathway for restrained by police. In a young riders. major policy shift, the Chief Minister has also approved, the Punjab traffic police



als aged 16, offering a struc-

Maryam Nawaz directed driving licenses to individu- educating the public, particu- responsible road behavior.

the new guidelines, a warning ticket will be issued for a firsttime helmet violation rather than immediate punitive Modern enforcement tech-

larly students, on road safety

and legal requirements. Under

nology will also be deployed, including the use of drones and body-worn cameras by traffic police for the first time.

"Traffic rules exist to protect in principle, the issuance of to launch a province-wide lives," the Chief Minister said, smart cards and motorcycle awareness week focused on urging the public to adopt

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Seven militants killed by security forces in North Waziristan



ISLAMABAD: Seven militants sponsored by the Indian proxy Fitna Al Khwarij were killed in two District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, on

An intelligence-based operation was conducted by the security forces in general area Mir Ali on reports of presence of militants in the area. During the operation, troops effectively traced the khwarij location and killed six of them after an intense exchange of fire.

Another intelligence-based operation was conducted in general area Spinwam. In the ensuing exchange of fire, a kharji was neutralised by the security forces.

Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the terrorists sponsored by India. These terrorists remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against engagements in North Waziristan the security forces of Pakistan, law enforcement agencies and targeted killing of innocent civilians.

Sanitization operations are being conducted to eliminate any remaining Indian-sponsored terrorists in the area.

A relentless counterterrorism campaign is being carried out under the vision "Azm-e-Istehkam" (as approved by Federal Apex Committee on National Action Plan). Security forces and law enforcement agencies of Pakistan are working at full pace to eradicate the menace of terrorism from the country.

Israeli forces close all main northern entrances leading to Ramallah





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down all main entrances to the northern area of Ramallah. According to local sources, Israeli troops closed the Atara and Ein Sinya checkpoints north of Ramallah, as well as Saleh gate, the entrance to Umm Safa village, the Sinjil gate, and the Ayoun al-Haramiya junction connecting Nablus and Ramallah.

The soldiers also intensified their were erected after October 7, 2023.

military presence and measures around the city and its surrounding RAMALLAH: Israeli forces shut villages and towns to the north, northwest, and east of Ramallah.

According to a report issued by the Wall and Settlement Resistance Commission last October, the total number of permanent and temporary the Rawabi roundabout, the Nabi checkpoints (gates, military barriers, and earth mounds) that divide Palestinian lands and restrict the movement of people and goods has reached 916. Of these, 243 are iron gates that

Palestinian man killed in ongoing Israeli drone strikes across Gaza despite ceasefire agreement

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GAZA: A Palestinian man was killed by Israeli forces on Tuesday in al-Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, as Israeli forces continued demolishing homes and shelling across the Gaza Strip, in a persistent

violation of the ceasefire agreement. WAFA correspondents said that Israeli warplanes launched intensive airstrikes on Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, and demolished residential buildings in northern Gaza.

Armored vehicles and explosive-laden military robots were detonated near the Shuja'iyya intersection in the Shuja'iyya neighborhood east of Gaza City, and drones dropped bombs on Palestinian homes near the al-Sanafir intersection in the al-Tuffah neighborhood, coinciding

with heavy gunfire. Israeli artillery shelled the eastern 909 reported wounded.



areas of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, while military vehicles opened fire east of the city.

Meanwhile, helicopter drones also targeted Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, while artillery and military vehicles fired on the northern and eastern parts of al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza.

Since the ceasefire agreement on October 11, the death toll has risen to 356 documented fatalities, with over