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PML-Q decides to participate in GB elections

Pakistan Muslim League Quaid group (PML-Q) has decided to participate fully in Gilgit-Baltistan elections. In an meeting, important decisions were taken on the instructions of PML-Q President Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain.

Opponents spreading disappointment in Karachi: Murtaza Wahab

Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab on Sunda opponents for spreading disappointment in Karachi. Talking with the media, Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab said that his run Karachi; the City will progress through better work.

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Finance Ministry rejects claims of new IMF conditions

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ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance on Sunday said that no sudden or unexpected conditions have been introduced under the ongoing Pakistan's IMF Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme, stressing that the current Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies (MEFP) is a continuation of the government's pre-agreed reform

In a statement, the ministry said the reforms being implemented under the International Monetary Fund's Extended rather as part of a phased plan



be viewed as new conditions, but stability and sustainable growth. asset declarations of government The ministry said measures employees, improved perfor-

Fund Facility (EFF) should not aimed at ensuring economic such as the public disclosure of

mance of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), access to financial information for provincial anti-corruption bodies, and efforts to boost remittances have been part of the programme since its inception.

According to the ministry, remittances are expected to increase by 26 per cent in fiscal year 2025 and by 9.3 per cent in fiscal year 2026.

The statement added that reforms in the sugar sector, recommendations to promote the local currency bond market, the Federal Board of Revenue's transformation plan, and the establishment of a Tax Policy Office are also part of the government's long-term reform strategy

The ministry further said that the privatisation of power distribution companies, including DISCOs, HESCO, and SEPCO, amendments to the Companies Act and the Special Economic Zones Act, and the imposition of federal excise duty on fertilisers and agricultural pesticides are among the measures included in the agreed reform agenda and are being implemented in phases.

The Finance Ministry emphasised that portraying the current reforms as sudden or newly imposed IMF conditions reflects a misunderstanding of the facts, adding that all measures are being carried out in line with a plan mutually agreed upon by the government and the IMF.

Operational readiness through firepower display in North Arabian Sea

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Navy Fleet, Rear Admiral Abdul reaffirmed its operational readiness and war fighting capability through a successful Live Weapon Firing (LWF) of FM-90(N) ER Surface-to-Air Missile in the North Arabian Sea.

During the firepower demonstration, Pakistan Navy ship successfully engaged highly manoeuvrable aerial targets, thereby of Pakistan and to safeguard Pakistan reaffirming Navy's war fighting capa- under all circumstances.

bility and combat potential. Commander Pakistan Munib, witnessed the LWF at sea onboard Pakistan Navy Fleet unit.

Commander Pakistan Fleet commended officers and men involved in the firing for their commitment and professionalism.

He reiterated Pakistan Navy's unwavering resolve to ensure the seaward defence national maritime interests

13 terrorists neutralized by security forces in KP gunbattles: ISPR

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: At least thirteen terrorists were killed by security forces in two separate engagements in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. According to ISPR press release, on 12-13 December 2025, thirteen khwarij belonging to Indian Proxy Fitna Al Khwarij were killed in two separate engagements in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. the country

On reported presence of District. During the conduct of operation, own troops effectively engaged the khwarij location and after an intense fire exchange, seven khwarij were sent to hell.

In another Intelligence based operation conducted in Bannu District, six more khwarij were effectively neutralised by Security Forces.

Sanitization operations are being conducted to eliminate any other Indian sponsored kharji found in the area as relentless Counter Terrorism campaign under vision "Azm e Istehkam" (as approved by Federal Apex Committee on National Action Plan) by Secu-



rity Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies of Pakistan will continue at full pace to wipe out menace of foreign sponsored and supported terrorism from Meanwhile, Prime Minister

khwarij, an intelligence based Shehbaz Sharif and Presioperation was conducted by the dent Zardari on Sunday paid Security Forces in Mohmand tribute to security forces for carrying out successful operation against terrorists in Khyber Paktunkhawa. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

stated that successful operations by security forces against terrorists disrupting law and order situation was a proof of government's resolve against terrorism. The prime minister said, "We

are fully determined in eradicating all forms of terrorism from the country."

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has also lauded security forces for foiling terror attack in KP. In his messages, he lauded the forces for protecting the boundaries of the country without caring for the lives.

Governor Balochistan, Quetta Corps Commander pay tribute to Christian martyrs

跨 Bureau Report

QUETTA: A Christmas ceremony was held in honour of martyrs of the Balochistan Christian community. Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhel and Corps Commander Quetta attended the ceremony held in honour of Christian

Special guests paid rich tribute to Christian martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country and nation.

Governor Balochistan and Corps Commander appreciated the solidarity and cooperation of all religious communities with the Pakistan Army

Governor Balochistan and Corps Commander also met with members of the Christian community and extended Christmas greetings.

Special guests called religious harmony and national unity the real strength of Pakistan at the Christmas ceremony

On this occasion, Pastor Asif Jan said that the sacrifices of our martyrs are the strong foundation of national unity. The pastor called the ceremony an excel-

services of the martyrs. The Pakistan Army and the provincial government are committed to national unity and the protection and development of citizens.

lent opportunity to remember the great

Minister says Faiz Hameed, Imran Khan were partners in crime

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain said on Sunday that the former spymaster Faiz Hameed used to make plans for the former prime minister and PTI founder Imran Khan. Speaking to the media at Sheikhupura, he said both Faiz and Imran were partners in crime. Whosoever collaborated with Imran will be brought to justice," he added.

He further said that after Faiz,

there would also be a hearing of a

The minister claimed that

He accused the former prime

neither the PTI founder nor his

May 9 case against Imran.

party had any future.

minister of following the agenda of India and Israel. Tanveer also threatened Afghan-

istan with more strikes in case the Taliban regime in the country did not rein in the terrorists. "We have conveyed this to the Taliban in clear and unambiguous terms that they must control the terrorists." "India is using the Afghan soil

for carrying out terrorist attacks in Pakistan," the minister added. Also on Sunday, Prime Minister

Youth Programme Chairman Rana Mashhood said that the court-martial of former ISI chief

> Faiz Hameed marked the beginning of a new chapter in the country. Speaking to the media at the conclusion the 13th Inter-School Gymnastic

Championship, he said that action had begun against those unleashing propaganda against Pakistan, and such more verdicts like the one given against Faiz would be given in days



Monday, December 15, 2025

PM Rathore calls for youth engagement and modern adaptation at Sudhan **Conference Reception**

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

RAWALAKOT: President of Sudhan Educational Conference Sardar Shahzeb Shabbir hosted a reception in honor of P rime Minister Azad Government of Jammu and Kashmir Faisal Mumtaz Rathore. Addressing a solemn function held on the occasion, Azad Kashmir Prime Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore said that it is time for the thinking, play our role in building Kashmir is the strength of Pakistan, vouth to come forward with traditional thinking.

The younger generation will have to adapt to modern requirements so that they can play their effective said anything negative about the role in the practical field to provide People's Action Committee. Azad facilities to the public.



Kashmiris are loved and treated

with special importance in Pakistan.

They also emphasized on the need

for research on Akabrin in educa-

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tional Conference Dr. Ghulam

tional institutions.

and development of a state free from discrimination. Always volunteers his time to solve public problems.

They made it clear that they never Kashmir PM said that besides the He said that we will move forward present system, we don't have any with solidarity and common other model. Gay. He said that

Azad Kashmir Sardar Yaqub Khan, Government Advisor Sardar Saghir Chaghatai, Justice retired Sardar Abdul Hameed Khan, former Ministers Sardar Tahir Anwar Khan and Sardar Abid Abid Hossain Saud Sadiq, Former Secretary Government Sardar Naeem Shiraz, Raja Mabashar Ejaz, President X Service Chief Brigadier (R) Sardar Zareen Khan, President Sudhan Educational Conference Siddhanvati Sardar Tasnim Ahmad Deputy Secretary President A Local Government Sardar Zafar Iqbal, Dr Wajid Hussain and other dignitaries attended the function. On this occasion, the Prime Minister also Hussain briefed the participants on presented a souvenir on behalf of

Former President and Minister of

Fateha

POONCH/KOT FATEH KHAN: Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Faisal Mumtaz Rathore and other Ghazis visited



All Pakistan Education Conference: A new era for private educational institutions in Punjab

RAWALPINDI: In line with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, reforms have been introduced in the education sector just like in other fields. Scholarships have been award- $\underline{ed}\ to\ \underline{encourage}\ \underline{board}\ toppers.\ \underline{Teach-}$ ers from the private education sector will also be included in foreign training programs. I announce the allocation of 25,000 Google scholarships to the Private Association for private educational institutions equipped with IT

Advertisements for the recruitment of Chairpersons, Secretaries, and Controllers in Punjab's educational boards will be issued within a week. We are prepared to grant five-year regis-



we have reduced the difficulties faced tion have been blocked. by male and female students. CEOs Education and DEOs Education have been appointed strictly on merit. In trations to private educational insti- accordance with Maryam Nawaz's All Pakistan Education Conference

These views were expressed by Punjab Minister for Education Rana Sikandar Hayat while addressing the tutions. By introducing smart syllabi, vision, the paths of bribery and corrup- organized by the All Pakistan Private

(APPSMA). Hundreds of male and female teachers from across Punjab participated in this grand conference, with representation also present from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Kashmir, Sindh, and other regions. While speaking at the event, Rana Sikandar Hayat said that APSAMA Central President Kashif Adeeb Jawadani, senior journalist associated with the field of journalism Mujib-ur-Rehman Shami, former Minister for Education Mian Imran Masood, Central Secretary General Amjad Ali Khan, President North Punjab Abrar Ahmed Khan, Joint Secretary Muhammad Hasnain Chaudhry, President Central Punjab Fayaz Maqsood, Secretary Information Mian Azam Sagar, and President South Punjab Ghazala Wain also addressed

Schools Management Association

Sardar Attique Pays Tribute to Pir Zulfiqar Ahmed Naqshbandi's Lifelong Sufi Contributions

Spokesman Report



RAWALPINDI: President Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has expressed deep sorrow and grief over the death of Pir Zulfiqar Ahmed Naqshbandi and paid rich tribute to the religious and spiritual services of the deceased. The President Muslim Conference said that Pir Sahib was a great spiritual figure of the Islamic world. His services in the field of Sufism will

always be remembered. Pir Sahib's demise has caused irreparable loss to those seeking inner reform. Pir Sahib was a great religious, spiritual and comprehensive scholarly personality. May Allah grant complete forgiveness to Pir Sahib and patience to the devotees and the survivors of late Pir sahib.

Nation Recognized by Its Historical Heritage, says Dr. Ehsan Bhutta

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Highlighting the vital role of culture and harmony in nation-building, Secretary/Chief Administrator Auqaf Punjab Dr. Ehsan Bhutta delivered a comprehensive lecture on the importance of culture, religious harmony, and the protection, preservation, and promotion of Pakistan's rich history and heritage to officers of the 53rd Common Training Programme (CTP) at the Civil Services Academy (CSA), Walton, Lahore.

During the lecture, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta emphasized the significance of local culture, interfaith harmony, and the safeguarding and



promotion of heritage buildings. He remarked that living nations are those that not only protect and preserve their rich history, culture, and heritage but also actively promote it for future generations

He also shed light on the teachings of Sufia-e-Karam and highlighted the importance of promoting local folklore and literary figures such as Waris Shah, Bulleh Shah, Shah Hussain, and Baba Farid, explaining their pivotal role in spreading tolerance, peace, and social harmony.

At the end of the session, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta responded amicably to various questions raised by the probationary officers. Director Finance, Civil Services Academy, thanked Dr. Bhutta for delivering an insightful and independent lecture on a highly important subject and presented him with a souvenir on behalf of the Director General, Civil Services

DC Ayesha Rizwan Inspects Chiniot District HQ Hospital to Ensure Quality Patient Care



👺 Bureau Report

CHINIOT: Deputy Commissioner Chiniot Ayesha Rizwan made a detailed visit to the District Headquarters Hospital to review the medical and administrative affairs. She visited various wards and confirmed that patients were receiving medicines from the hospital itself. She also checked the functioning of machines in various departments and said that the hospital should be made complaint-free. She also checked the attendance of doctors and staff in the hospital, the standard of cleanliness

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to adopt a comprehensive strategy in view of the rush of patients at the OPD and take steps to provide speedy medical facilities to the patients. She stressed the need for proper seating arrangements for the relatives of the patients. She urged the CO Health and Medical Superintendent to continuously inspect the hospital and said that the fruits of the revolutionary measures of the Punjab government's health sector should reach the common patients without any hindrance and no delay will be toler-

Malik Kamran Munir Appointed as Central Deputy Information Secretary of Pakistan Muslim League

👺 City Desk

Muslim League (PML), Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, Muslim League. has appointed Malik Kamran Munir as the Central Deputy Information Secretary of the Munir during a ceremony party. A notification in this held at Muslim League House Information Secretary Azam President and Federal Minister regard has been issued.

Central President Pakistan General Muhammad Tariq Muslim League Chaudhry Hassan, and Central Secretary Shujaat Hussain and in consul- Information Mustafa Malik. tation with Senior Vice Presi-

Kamran Munir has been ISLAMABAD: The Central nominated Kamran Munir as President of the Pakistan the Central Deputy Information Secretary of the Pakistan The official notification

was handed over to Kamran by PML Chief Organizer Dr. On the directions of the Muhammad Amjad, Secretary

The ceremony was attended Mrs. Tarbiya Bukhari, along Central Secretary Information

dent Chaudhry Salik Hussain, by PML Punjab President Malik Muhammad Sameen Khan, President Women Wing Mrs. Farah Khan, President Ulema Mashaykh Wing Syed Chiraghuddin, Vice President Mehreen Malik Adam, President National Strategic Insti-Chaudhry, President Human Rights Wing Yasir Laghari, Additional Secretary General Dr. Rahim Awan, President

with other party leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, newly appointed Central Deputy Information Secretary Malik Kamran Munir expressed his gratitude to PML Central President and former Prime Minister Chaudhry tute Kanwar Dilshad, Deputy Shujaat Hussain, Senior Vice Overseas Pakistanis Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Chief Organizer Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Secretary General Foreign Relations Committee Muhammad Tariq Hassan,



Mustafa Malik, and other party leaders for reposing their trust

with dedication, hard work, leadership.

He said that he would fulfill and sincerity to come up to this important responsibility the expectations of the party



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Nadra introduces newmeasures to strengthen citizens' family records

ISLAMABAD: The National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) has introduced important new measures to make citizens' family records more secure and reliable.

Under the new rules, Nadra has made it mandatory to include photographs of children aged between three and ten vears on the B-Form. In addition, fingerprints of children aged 10 to 18 years will also be collected to further strengthen identity verification.

According to Nadra, children under the age of three will not be required to have their photographs on the B-Form.

The authority said these steps are aimed at closing loopholes and preventing the illegal inclusion of unrelated individuals in family records.

Switzerland issues ISO 901 & ISO 27001 certificates to Punjab Sahulat Bazar Authority

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's team has won another honor for the province, as Punjab Sahulat Bazar Authority becomes the first unique institution of its kind to receive ISO 901 and ISO 27001 certificates from an internationally recognized institution of Switzerland on setting a unique record of establishing more than 17,000 stalls across Punjab. Out of 17000, 6,000 stalls have been established in 36 districts of Punjab, while 1,000 stalls have been established in the 10 newly-established Sahulat Bazars. Additionally, more than 10,000 temporary stalls on weekends are also available for the convenience of people across Punjab.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif

expressed happiness, and congratulated Chairman Punjab Sahulat Bazar Authority Afzal Khokhar and his entire team on receiving international recognition. She set a target to launch Sahulat Bazaars in 03 more districts by January. She said that the role of Sahulat Bazaar Authority in providing affordable and quality consumer goods to people is unforgettable.

She added that Sahulat Bazaar Authority has rendered valuable public service by ensuring the provision of fruits, vegetables and other consumer goods at affordable prices in the province. She highlighted that people of Punjab have a right to obtain quality goods at affordable prices.

Chief Minister Punjab said that

Women who have no one to go to the market can get free delivery of required goods by calling or placing order via sahulat bazaar's App. (CM at Free Home **Delivery App launch)**



Punjab government institutions are sense. She added that cheap bread and proof of public service. She underscored determined to gradually expand from

being made service centers in the true cheap flour in Punjab are undeniable that the scope of Sahulat Bazaars is districts, and tehsils to small cities.

Olive Gala

ISLAMABAD: Visitors arriving to attend 7Th National Olive Gala at Fatima Jinnah Park, in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Federal minister Junaid Anwar Ch inaugurates new Rescue 1122 station

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, inaugurated the Rescue 1122 Town Station at Chak No. 341 GB (Nanglan), marking a new milestone in the journey of public service by Punjab Emergency Services Rescue 1122 in Toba Tek Singh. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Federal Minister Junaid Anwar Chaudhry as Chief Guest, while Colonel (R) MPA Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan Gadhi, former MPA Mian Muhammad Rafiq, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Umar Abbas Mela, Chair-Farrukh Iqbal, Aurangzeb along with social and political media representatives were a grant of Rs. 5 million for the es in Toba Tek Singh. He reaf-



present in large numbers. The Rescue 1122 station. Coloman Mian Muhammad Arif Ayub Khan Gadhi, former Saeed and District Emergency Officer (DEO) Mian Faraz Munir, while the proceedings sioner Muhammad Umar were conducted by Chaudhry Abbas Mela also addressed Ghareeb Hussain. Addressing the gathering, Federal Minis- the importance of emergency ter Junaid Anwar Chaudhry services for public safety and expressed his pleasure over welfare. District Emergency man Market Committee Rana the strong participation Officer Mian Faraz Munir stat-Abdul Qayyum Khan, Mian and enthusiasm of the local community. He congratulat- new station is a significant step Theem, Chaudhry Afzal Gujjar ed the residents for bringing toward ensuring public safeurban emergency facilities to ty, welfare, and the provision figures, local dignitaries and their rural area and announced of prompt emergency servic-

ceremony was hosted by Chair- nel (R) Sardar Muhammad MPA Mian Muhammad Rafiq, and Deputy Commisthe ceremony and highlighted ed that the establishment of the

firmed that the Rescue 1122 team remains fully prepared to serve the public at all times.

Chairman Muhammad Arif Saeed, in his address, said that with the activation of the new station, the emergency response time in the area will be significantly reduced, timely access to remote villages will be ensured and trained staff equipped with modern tools will provide efficient services. He thanked all the guests and informed that the Rescue 1122 Town Station was constructed at a total cost of Rs. 16.5 million.

RTA Intensifies Crackdown on Smog Causing Vehicles in Toba Tek Šingh

跨 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Secretary Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Toba Tek Singh, Mohsin Riaz said that strict and continuous actions are underway against vehicles contributing to smog in the district. He stated that special enforcement teams of the RTA are actively inspecting public transport, commercial vehicles, and goods carriers to ensure compliance with environmental standards. Vehicles emitting excessive smoke or violating fitness requirements are being



fined, impounded or issued warning notices on the spot. According to Secretary Mohsin Riaz, controlling pollution and reducing smog is a top priority. He added that awareness campaigns are also being conducted to urge vehicle owners to maintain their engines, avoid using substandard fuel and ensure timely fitness certification. He emphasized that no leniency will be shown towards vehicles that pose a threat to public health and the environment. The RTA will continue its efforts until the air quality in the district improves significantly.

NDMA warns of snowfall, fog and cold weather until December 18



跨 City Desk

 $ISLAMABAD: The \ National\ Disaster\ Management\ Authority\ (NDMA)$ on Sunday issued an advisory for snowfall and potential weather disturbances across the country until December 18.

According to the advisory, rain and snowfall are expected in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kohistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Kashmir, and several areas of Balochistan.

Western winds are expected to affect the northern and western parts of the country from December 13 to 15, causing a likely increase in fog Snowfall may disrupt traffic on mountainous routes, and some roads

could be closed in affected areas. Light rain and snowfall are expected in Quetta, Ziarat, and other

parts of northwestern Balochistan. Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Kohistan, and Buner districts are

expected to experience rain and snowfall. The federal capital, Islamabad, is currently experiencing cold weather, while severe cold is reported in Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

'Punjab Govt. Intensifies Efforts to Revitalize Sacred Sites Under Leadership of CM Maryam Nawaz'

跨 Bureau Report

preserving faith, history, and heritprovince. In line with the Punjab Govt's strong resolve to revive and modernize spiritual heritage across the province, Secretary and Chief Administravisited the Shrine of Hazrat Mian Meer rehabilitation measures.

Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, who also present to review ongoing arrangeis very keen to revamp spiritual places ments and assist in effective implemenand shrines while preserving their sanc- tation of the directives.

tity and historical importance. Chief LAHORE: With renewed focus on in line with the directions of the Chief Minister, is fully cooperating with age, the Punjab Govt. is accelerating the Augaf Department and ensuring efforts to uplift sacred sites across the the provision of necessary funds to complete this important task.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta stated, "All instructions issued during this visit will be implemented tor Auqaf Punjab, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta, in letter and spirit, InshaAllah." He inspected the mosque, library, and (RA) and its adjoining properties to graveyard of the shrine complex review management, cleanliness, and and issued necessary directions for improved management and upkeep. The visit reflects the clear vision Director Projects Augaf Rafiq Noor and special interest of Chief Minister Watoo and other senior officers were

During the visit, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta Secretary Punjab Zahid Zaman Khan, offered Fateha at the grave of former Chief Secretary Abdullah Sumbal, paying rich tribute to his valuable services and dedication to public service.

Later, the Secretary also visited the Quran Board, where he reiterated the importance of cleanliness so that the facility may be properly utilized by visitors and students. He also inspected the auditorium of the Quran Board and directed its rehabilitation and maintenance to make it functional for educational and religious activities.

The visit underscores the Augaf Department's continued commitment to maintaining the sanctity, cleanliness, and effective use of shrines and associated facilities across Punjab.



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Appeals to public support for polio vaccination drive

irst Lady Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari has urged parents, caregivers, public representatives and community leaders to actively support the December Nationwide Polio Vaccination Campaign, scheduled from 15 to 21 December 2025 across all provinces and regions of the country.

She said the success of the campaign depends on collective responsibility and called on families to ensure that every child under five years of age receives polio drops. The campaign aims to vaccinate 45.4 million children nationwide, including 23.3 million in Punjab, 10.6 million in Sindh, 7.3 million in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 2.66 million in Balochistan, with the remaining children covered in Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad Capital Territory. The drive is being conducted in coordination with Afghanistan's December polio campaign to curb cross-border virus transmission.

Highlighting the risks associated with the winter season, Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari noted that poliovirus spreads more aggressively during this period and stressed that no child should be missed.

Recalling the legacy of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, she said Pakistan's first nationwide polio eradication campaign was launched under her leadership in 1994 and that her vision continues to guide national efforts to eliminate the disease. She shared that she feels a deep personal connection to the cause, remembering that her mother, as Prime Minister, personally administered the first polio drops to her. She said that moment marked the beginning of Pakistan's national fight against polio and shaped her lifelong commitment to this ef-

She shared that the campaign will follow a three-day houseto-house vaccination drive with one catch-up day. In high-risk areas implementing Community-Based Vaccination and Special Mobile Team strategies, a five-day campaign will be conducted with two additional catch-up days. A total of 408,484 frontline polio workers, including Area Incharges, Union Council Medical Officers and mobile, fixed and transit teams, have been deployed across the country.

Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari also called upon elected representatives, local government officials, religious leaders and community elders to stand with polio teams, facilitate access to communities and help counter misinformation and hesitancy.

She noted that campaign preparedness was reviewed at the national level during a readiness meeting chaired by the Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination on 11 December, alongside Provincial Task Force meetings led by Chief Secretaries to ensure security, logistics, workforce readiness and coordination. The campaign has been formally launched in all provinces, with National and Provincial Emergency Operations Centres deploying technical experts in high-risk areas for close supervision and real-time

From Shadows to Power in the West

Qamar Bashir

Muslim, immigrant, or young, he did more than assert personal pride. Speaking in New York, a city that hosts the United Nations and anchors global finance, he gave voice to a generational shift that has been quietly building across Western democracies. For decades, immigrants—particularly Muslims and people of color-were advised to soften identity, mute faith, and avoid visibility in exchange for conditional acceptance. Mamdani rejected that logic outright. His message was simple and disruptive: visibility is not a risk to manage; it is a civic right. That declaration resonated far beyond city limits because it named a shared experience millions recognize but were taught not to articulate publicly.

This refusal to remain invisible marks a turning point in immigrant political psychology. The old bargain promised tolerance in exchange for silence, but it never delivered equality. A younger generation has decided that restraint does not produce belonging; participation does. Across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Europe, immigrant and Muslim leaders are stepping into public life without apology, claiming rights already guaranteed by constitutions but unevenly honored by societies. What makes this moment consequential is not a change in law, but a change in posture. The question is no longer whether immigrants can assimilate quietly, but whether democracies will accept citizens who insist on full and visible membership.

across Western societies. In the United Kingdom, citizenship law makes no

Zohran or Polish descent and one whose family they are contesting power at the top. policing practices. Simplistic narratives came from Somalia or India. In France, apologetic for being ethnic or religious hierarchies. In Canada, multiculturalism is embedded in public policy. Yet the rhetoric of "we" and "they" persists. This reveals the true fault line: not law versus immigration, but law versus an imagined nation defined by than white majorities and tend to have

> The demand that immigrants leave—even when legally indistinguishable from any other citizenexposes anxiety about status, not threats to

That anxiety intensifies when immigrants move from invisibility to competition. For

decades, immigrant labor was tolerated, even welcomed, so long as it remained concentrated in low-status sectorsdriving taxis, cleaning offices, harvesting crops, staffing hotels. Western economies depend heavily on this work. But the discomfort grows when immigrants and their children compete openly for political office, executive authority, and intellectual leadership. The issue is not presence; it is parity. The shift from tolerated utility to equal competition unsettles assumptions about who is entitled

Economic data underscores this dynamic. Immigrants make up nearly one-fifth of the U.S. labor force and are overrepresented in essential bluecollar jobs. At the same time, more than a quarter of foreign-born workers are employed in high-skill fields such as medicine, engineering, and technology. The same contradiction appears This two-ended presence disrupts stereotypes of immigrants as permanent dependents. They are not merely distinction between a citizen of Irish sustaining economies from below;

The resulting tension is often reframed competition over opportunity and influ-

Muslim and immigrant communities across the West are younger on average race and culture rather than citizenship. higher birth rates, largely because of

age structure. Research consistently shows these gaps narrow with education and income over time, yet demographic momentum is politically potent. Rather than discuss convergence, populist movements amplify fear, casting ordinary popula-

tion change as existential threat. Against this narrative, the new immigrant leadership emphasizes citizenship over biology. Belonging, they argue, is not inherited by bloodline but exercised through partic-

Misunderstandings about law and culture further inflame the debate. In the UK, for example, sharia councils are often portrayed as parallel legal systems undermining state authority. In reality, they function primarily as voluntary religious mediation bodies in personal matters and have no power to override national law. The controversy illustrates how easily fear replaces fact. The emerging immigrant leaders are not demanding legal exceptionalism; they are demanding equal protection and dignity within existing constitutional frameworks.

Crime statistics are similarly distorted. Variations in arrest and incarceration rates across groups reflect complex factors-age distribution, socioeconomic deprivation, neighborhood effects, and

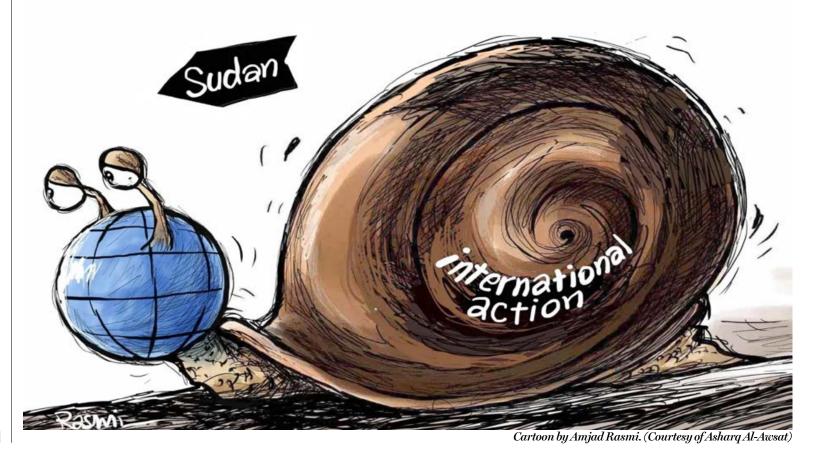
that equate minority presence with crimithat he was not republican principles formally reject as cultural conflict, but its roots lie in nality ignore these realities. The unapologetic generation understands this history of distortion, which is why its rhetoric Demography adds another layer. centers on due process, constitutional rights, and equal treatment rather than appeals for tolerance.

What Mamdani's words crystallized is the end of managed identity. Earlier generations believed safety lay in invisibility. Today's leaders argue that invisibility never guaranteed safety-only silence. They replace caution with confidence: know your rights, claim your space, and compete openly. This posture is not radical; it is constitutional. It insists that democratic promises apply without qualification.

The significance of this moment lies in its transatlantic scope. From New York to London, from Toronto to Paris, immigrant and Muslim voices are echoing the same refusal: no apology for faith, origin, or age. This is why the reaction has been intense. The shadows are emptying. Communities once encouraged to hide are stepping into public life with assur-

The challenge facing Western democracies is therefore stark. Citizenship either means equality under law, or it becomes a racialized privilege. If constitutions are taken seriously, there can be no lawful "we" empowered to expel a "they" among fellow citizens. As unapologetic immigrants step into the light, the meaning of belonging must expand to match the law. If it does not, the contradiction will haunt Western democracies far more persistently than immigration itself.

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Pak Army's Fair Accountability Model Reinforced by the Faiz Hameed Case

institutional framework of the Pakistan Army encompasses not only its critical operational duties and the fundamental defense of the nation but also incorporates one of the most structured, exacting, and rigorous internal accountability mechanisms found the country. This system's fundamental principles are meticulously codified within a comprehensive set of legal instruments, the cornerstone of which is the Pakistan Army Act of 1952. This Act precisely delineates a clear, impartial,

and thoroughly transparent court-martial process, a mechanism that is universally applicable to every individual serving the institution—a scope that intentionally stretches from the most junior enlisted soldier all the way up to the highest-ranking general officer, applying the law without any form of distinction based on rank or previous command authority.

to consistently uphold the highest standards of discipline, ensure the firm enforcement of established legal norms, and guarantee that any and all breaches of military law or professional conduct are addressed and adjudicated within a procedure that robustly provides full legal rights and comprehensive due process to the accused.

Abdul Basit Alvi

Top City housing project scandal. Following many months of complex legal proceedings and operating entirely within the stringent, structured framework of a Field General Court Martial, he was found guilty on multiple counts of serious misconduct and subsequently received a definitive sentence of fourteen years' imprisonment. The substantiated charges included

he esteemed and long-standing engaging in prohibited political activities, documented misuse of official authority and government resources, and egregious violation of the Official Secrets Act in a manner deemed detrimental to the overall safety and the supreme interests of the state. Throughout the entirety of his trial, Mr. Hameed was fully provided with the full rights to defense counsel and was explicwithin any organization across the entirety of itly allowed the comprehensive opportunity to respond to all allegations presented against him—a clear, powerful illustration that even a retired officer of such senior stature could not, and did not, evade legal scrutiny under the consistent application of military law.

This specific, high-profile example carries immense significance because it definitively showcases several vital elements of institutional

equality and inherent transparency within the Pakistan Army. Firstly, a former intelligence chief—a position traditionally viewed as arguably one of the most powerful and influential within the national security apparatus—was subjected

This entire structure is deliberately engineered without reservation to the precise same legal process as any other junior officer once credible and serious allegations were legally brought against him. Secondly, he was charged using clear, pre-existing statutory provisions and afforded a meticulously structured court-martial procedure that ensured fairness. Finally, the final verdict was issued entirely in accordance with firmly established legal norms, including the provision for subsequent appeals, thereby cementing the legitimacy of the process. Such a high-profile conviction indisputably underscores the critical principle that rank, seniority, or previous command authority do not under any circumstances confer immunity

consistently applied laws of the Pakistan Army. The verdict in the Faiz Hameed case sends a clear message to all terrorists, anarchists, and anti-state elements that the state has adopted a zero-tolerance approach, and all offenders will be dealt with equally under the law.

The Pakistan Army is depicted as enforcing a long-standing, comprehensive system of accountability that applies equally to all ranks, including retired and senior officers. Numerous cases-ranging from charges of sedition and espionage to inciting mutiny, corruption, and misuse of authority-demonstrate that serious breaches of discipline consistently result in formal trials, convictions, and significant penalties. These proceedings follow strict legal procedures under the Army Act, guarantee access to defense counsel, and allow for appeals, ensuring fairness, transparency, and due process. By maintaining clear rules, documented processes, and multiple layers of oversight, the system reinforces discipline across the ranks and highlights the institution's commitment to the rule of law.

This model stands in contrast to the challenges often associated with civilian legal institutions, where delays, political pressures, and procedural ambiguities can undermine accountability. The military's approach shows how predictable timelines, strict procedural integrity, and an absence of selective enforcement can strengthen public trust and sustain institutional legitimacy. By consistently upholding the principle that no individual is above the law, the Army demonstrates how durable accountability emerges from strong, permanent systems rather than temporary efforts. This example underscores the broader national lesson that transparent, efficient, and impartial justice is achievable when supported by disciplined structures and unwavering instifrom comprehensive accountability under the tutional commitment.

Why Reading Still Matters

Zunaira Riaz

eading habits have changed a lot over time, especially with all the tech we have now Back in the day, before the

internet and smartphones, people read books and newspapers more. Libraries were super important, and people would actually go there to find books and read. Reading was often stimulating critical thinking. Encourage storya solitary activity, done for pleasure, to learn, or to pass the time. People would really focus on what they were reading because there weren't as many distractions.

Now, it's different. We have ebooks, audiobooks, and tons of online content. People read on their phones, tablets, and computers. but it can also be harder to focus. There are so many distractions, like social media and notifications. Reading can be more fragmented, with people jumping between different articles, posts, and books.

Reading helps us in a bunch of ways. It improves our vocabulary and language skills. It boosts our critical thinking because we have to analyze what we're reading. It also helps us understand different perspectives and cultures. Reading can reduce stress and increase empathy,

Before the digital age, reading was a much more immersive experience. Books were physical objects, and the act of reading was a tactile one. People would hold a book, turn the pages, and often feel a sense of connection to the story or information. Libraries were community hubs, places where people gathered not just to borrow

books, but also to discuss them and share ideas. To develop a habit of reading books in children and adults

To cultivate a love for reading through engaging activities and games, consider a multifaceted approach. Begin with interactive games like bookthemed scavenger hunts, where clues related to a book's plot or characters lead to the book itself or sessions to bring book characters to life, encour-

aging participants to guess the book. For a creative outlet, host sessions where people design new book covers or imagine sequels, fostering imagination and visual engagement. Incorporate trivia nights with questions about authors, plots, and characters, making learning fun. Create reading bingo cards with tasks like Read a book with a blue cover, offering a structured yet flexible approach to reading. Design book-themed escape rooms with puzzles based on book plots, telling through competitions where people write or tell their own stories, inspired by the books they've read.facilitate book-to-movie comparisons, allowing discussions on the adaptation

Developing reading habits in Pakistan through the suggested activities requires a tailored approach. To implement book-themed scavenger hunts, leverage local libraries and community centers to organize these events, incorporating clues related to Urdu literature and local authors to resonate with the community. Character charades and Pictionary can be easily adapted using characters from popular Pakistani novels, dramas, and historical figures, making them relatable. Encourage schools and art centers to host sessions for creating book covers, focusing on local themes and stories. Organize trivia nights centered around Urdu literature. Pakistani history, and culture at schools, universities, and community centers. Create reading bingo cards with culturally relevant reading tasks, such as "Read a book by a Pakistani author" or Read a book set in Pakistan. Partner with local businesses to sponsor book-themed escape rooms, incorporating puzzles based on Pakistani folktales and historical events. Promote storytelling competitions through schools and literary societies, encouraging original stories inspired by Pakistani culture. Host book-to-movie comparison sessions, focusing on adaptations of Pakistani novels and dramas. These localized adaptations a prize. Organize character charades or dictionary ensure the activities are culturally relevant and engaging for the Pakistani audience

№ Jamhuri Day 2025

Kenya marks 62nd Jamhuri Day in Islamabad, Reaffirms strong ties with Pakistan

Naveed Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Finance and Railways Bilal Azhar Kiyani has described Kenya as a close and valued partner of Pakistan in Africa, emphasizing that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Kenya. He was speaking as the chief guest at the 62nd Jamhuri Day celebrations held at Serena Hotel, Islamabad, hosted by the High Commission of Kenya in Pakistan.

Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Peter M. Njiru, High Commissioner of Kenya to Pakistan, along with his team, warmly welcomed the guests. Ambassadors, High Commissioners, businessmen, media representatives, and friends of Kenya were present at the event.

Conveying the best wishes of the people and government of Pakistan to the people and government of Kenya, the Minister of State highlighted the growth in bilateral cooperation across various sectors. He expressed Pakistan's keen interest in further strengthening mutual engagement to enhance trade and investment volumes. He noted that Pakistan has held single-country exhibitions in Nairobi and has recently successfully concluded an intergovernmental dialogue aimed at boosting bilateral cooperation.

The Minister suggested that both countries explore new avenues of trade beyond traditional commodities such as tea, rice, and textiles. He reiterated that Pakistan's "Look Africa" policy places Kenya as a major partner on the continent.

In his welcome address, High Commissioner Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Peter M. Njiru highlighted the significance of Jamhuri Day and thanked the guests for joining the celebration of this auspicious

national occasion.





ence on 12th December 1963, a Kenya's natural heritage, cultural day we celebrate with pride," he said. "This celebration is a significant moment in Kenya's history, reminding us of the sacrifices made by our forefathers who laid down their lives for our independence."

He added that the day also provides an opportunity to reflect on the aspirations of the nation's founders and to honor those who laid the foundation of the country, as well as those who continue to contribute to Kenya's remarkable developmental journey.

The theme for this year's Jamhuri Day is 'Tourism, Wildlife and Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE). The High Commis-"Kenya attained its independ- sioner said the theme reflects economic hub, with major

richness, innovation, and its position as a premier destination for global gatherings and dream holidays.

Highlighting Kenya's post-independence progress, he said that 62 years on, the country continues to enjoy stability, democratic maturity, and economic vitality. Kenya remains committed to inclusive development, regional and global peace initiatives, climate resilience, and shared prosperity for all its citi-

"Kenya has experienced a significant transformation," he noted. "Our growth is driven by the resilience, creativity, and determination of our people. Today, Kenya stands as a regional





progress in agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, technology, and services."

He further said that major infrastructure upgrades have strengthened Kenya's position as a gateway to East and Central Africa, while its expanding digital economy has earned it the nickname "Silicon Savannah" due to leadership in fintech innovation.

The High Commissioner underscored Kenya's role as a key player in Pan-Africanism and global citizenship, actively contributing to peace, security,

and development frameworks under the United Nations, African Union, East African Community, and other regional

Addressing climate change, he said Kenya is a leader in adaptation and mitigation, with around 93 percent of its electricity generated from renewable sources such as geothermal, wind, and solar energy. The country has also prioritized low-carbon, climate-resilient investments and promotes partnerships in science, technology, and inno-

Kenya's most important trading partners, particularly in tea and rice," he said, adding that there is immense potential in horticulture, pharmaceuticals, textiles, light engineering, maritime security, port development, and the blue economy. Cooperation in education, health, digital innovation, and skills development continues to strengthen peopleto-people ties.

He reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to enhancing trade relations and attracting Pakistani investment, highlighting the country's favorable investment climate, political stability, strategic location, and business-friendly regulatory framework. He encouraged Pakistani businesses to explore opportunities in Kenya's key sectors.



High Commissioner said Kenya highly values its cordial and Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which are based on mutual respect, cooperation, and shared values. He acknowledged Pakistan's contribution to Kenva's development and said bilateral relations continue to expand across multiple sectors.

"Pakistan remains one of Ramzan Mughal

Concluding his remarks, the On bilateral relations, the High Commissioner appreciated the hospitality extended by Pakistan to the Kenyan community longstanding relations with the and reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to hosting Pakistani citizens living in Kenya. He also briefed the audience on Kenya's investment opportunities and conducive policies, inviting Pakistani business leaders and tourists to explore the country.

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A Journey of Friendship, Commitment, and Advocacy for Kashmir

Spokesman Report

PALANDRI AZAD KASH-MIR.: There are occasions when friends arrange lectures and important meetings for you because you have come from abroad. But it is entirely different when a friend himself undertakes a journey of nearly four hours, driving from Palandri to Islamabad—not merely to meet you, but to personally ensure that his invitation and program are fully approved and successfully arranged.

Such is the exceptional case of Justice Sardar Abdul Hamid Khan of Palandri. Justice Sardar Abdul Hamid Khan, former Judge of the Azad Jammu & Kashmir High Court, is remembered with deep respect for his integrity, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to justice. He upheld the rule of law with dignity and impartiality, earning the trust of the legal fraternity and the public alike. His judicial legacy continues to inspire those who believe in fairness, constitutional values, and an independent judiciary.

While I was still in Washington, Justice Sahib called me twice, insisting that I must visit Palandri so that he could organize lectures on Kashmir. True to his word, he undertook the long journey himself, solely to confirm my participation. This friendship is unique in nature and reflects nothing but the sincerity, affection, and deep commitment of Justice Sahib to the cause of Kashmir. I remain profoundly grateful for this extraordinary gesture.

According to our schedule, we were to arrive in Palandri on Tuesday, August 2, around 5:00 p.m. However, due to an intense schedule in Islamabad—and an important, highly interactive event at the Islamabad Bar Council—we could not depart Islamabad until 4:00 p.m. Our delegation included Dr. Waleed Rasool, an academic and Kashmiri scholar: Sardar Zulfigar Roshan Khan, founding member of the Kashmir American Welfare Association (KAWA); Sardar Zubair Khan, Director of Voices of Justice in Kashmir and Mohammad Maruf, young, friendly and energetic entrepreneur.

We reached Palandri around





that Justice Hamid had organat 6:00 p.m., with over 400 invitees, which unfortunately had to be canceled due to our delayed arrival. Nevertheless, Justice Hamid graciously hosted a gathering at his residence, inviting several dozen prominent citizens of Palandri, including academics, university scholars, businessmen, senior government officials, and community leaders. The discussion on Kashmir was deeply engaging and lasted over three hours, concluding with a memorable home-cooked

On Wednesday, December 3, we were invited by Brigadier (Retd.) Wajid Qayyum Paracha to address the cadets of Cadet College Palandri on the topic: "Why should the world care about Kashir?" The Principal, Brig. Paracha Sahib, kindly briefed us about the institution.

He explained that Cadet College Palandri is situated in beautiful natural surroundings, approximately 100 kilometers from Islamabad, spread over 60 acres. The campus includes a double-storied academic block, 8:00 p.m. We were informed five hostels, cadets' mess, and the fact that President Donald

an administrative block, along ized a large seminar on Kashmir with residential accommodation for staff. The college offers extensive outdoor sports facilities, including hockey, football, volleyball, basketball, cricket, and an athletic track. It also boasts a state-of-the-art gymnasium with facilities for weight training, indoor badminton, volleyball, and basketball, as well as an international-standard squash court.

Pricipal Sahib added that admissions are made annually in Class VIII through a competitive examination, with classes commencing in the second week of April. Each year, 93 cadets are inducted. The quota system includes 12 seats for refugees and 3 open seats for students from Indian-occupied Kashmir.

In my address, I focused on the latest confrontation between India and Pakistan. which brought both countries to the brink of a nuclear catastrophe. I emphasized that when the Kashmir conflict poses a threat to international peace and security, it ceases to be merely a bilateral issue and becomes an international concern. The evidence lies in

Trump personally intervened, calling the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan and brokering a ceasefire. President Trump publicly acknowledged the danger of nuclear confrontation and stated that Kashmir was the core issue, even offering his office for mediation.

Similarly, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who also serves as the National Security Advisor, stated in May 2025 that the time had come for the National Security Advisors of India and Pakistan to meet at a neutral venue to resolve outstanding issues. This is why, I stressed, the world must talk about Kashmir.

We must speak about Kashmir because the people of Kashmir cannot speak freely about Kashmir in Kashmir. Anyone who dares to raise their voice against the Indian military risks arrest and imprisonment far from home. I cited the case of Khurram Parvez. who documented atrocities committed by the Indian army in his 549-page book "Torture: Indian State's Instrument of Control in Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir." He was arrested on November 22, 2021,

under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Yet Time Magazine listed him among the 100 most influential people in the world, and Mary Lawlor, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders, categorically stated: "Khurram Parvez is not a terrorist; he is a human rights defender."

I also spoke about Yasin Malik, who was invited by former Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh to participate in peace talks. Under official instructions, Malik met senior officials at the U.S. State Department and National Security Council before traveling to Pakistan. Today, he has been sentenced to two life imprisonments, with the current Indian government seeking the death

Likewise, Shabir Ahmad Shah, declared a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International, has spent over 38 years in prison—a figure many of Kashmir. Masarat Alam has Andrabi who was arrested on July 6, 2018 for calling fo the implementation of UN reso-

lution on Kashmir. When such leaders and the people of Kashmir are silenced, it becomes our moral duty to speak for them.

Later, we addressed the Palandri Bar Council at the Nimra Maqsood, a young and invitation of Advocate Zareef Aslam, President, and Advocate Arsalan Nisar, Secretary General. Dr. Waleed Rasool discussed the legal dimensions of the Kashmir issue and the delegation addressed students vital role the AJK legal fraternity can play. Sardar Zulfiqar Roshan Khan highlighted recent peaceful public protests in Azad Kashmir, emphasizing the constructive role lawyers can play in organizing lawful civic movements. Sardar Zubair Khan outlined the mission of Hamid Khan for his hospi-Voices of Justice in Kashmir, an organization founded by Americans of Azad Kashmir heritage to mobilize advocacy efforts in

Azad Kashmir and Pakistan. I concluded by warning that Hindutva ideology now permerightly call the Nelson Mandela ates Indian-occupied Kashmir. December 3, was a day filled Through India's new Domibeen subjected to the Public cile Law, demographic engi-Safety Act 35 times. Assia neering is underway, threat- message: the people of Kashmir ening to reduce Kashmir's Muslim majority to a minority—a deliberate attempt to alter Kashmir.

the region's identity.

Our final engagement was at Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST), Palandri Campus, organized by Professor Munawar Hashmi, promising scholar of International Relations and Nouman Siddiqui, son of renowned intellectual, Dr. Abdul Aleem Siddiqui. All members of the and faculty.

Justice Sardar Abdul Hamid Khan graciously hosted the entire delegation at his residence, extending warmth and hospitality throughout our stay.

Dr. Fai expressed gratitude to Justice Sardar Abdul tality and leadership, noting that the engagements reflected a strong commitment within Azad Kashmir to ensuring that the voice of the Kashmiri people continues to be heard.

Overall, Wednesday, with meaningful engagements. Every moment carried a clear must not be forgotten—least of all by the people of Azad

Monday, December 15, 2025



Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
169,864.52	168,574.69		
Day's High	Day's Low		
170,052.87	168,421.55		
Index Value	Change		
27,006,552,833	+1289.83		
Percentage	Time		
+0.77%	12 Dec, 2025 4:30 pm		
Europe: FT	SE 100 Index		
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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
50,836.55	+687.73	
Percentage	Time	
+1.37%	12 Dec, 3:45 pm GMT+9	

Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.1	189.1
Bahrain Dinar	743.35	753.35
Canadian Dollar	201.5	204
China Yuan	39.39	39.79
Danish Krone	43.81	44.21
Euro	328	331
Hong Kong Dollar	35.8	36.15
Indian Rupee	3.02	3.11
Japanese Yen	1.7850	1.8850
Kuwaiti Dinar	911.25	921.25
Malaysian Ringgit	67.75	68.35
NewZealand \$	161.43	163.43
Norwegians Krone	27.6	27.90
Omani Riyal	728	738
Qatari Riyal	76.47	77.17
Saudi Riyal	74.8	75.4
Singapore Dollar	215.25	220.25
Swedish Korona	30.11	30.41
Swiss Franc	351.34	354.09
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.4	77.05
UK Pound Sterling	375	378
US Dollar	281.05	283.3

Saif Ur Rehman Advocates for Export-Led Growth to Drive Pakistan's Economic Revival

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Saif Ur Rehman Sunday said export -led growth must become the primary engine of economic revival, supported by value addition, diversification, and access to new markets.

Speaking to a delegation of industrialists here today he said by prioritizing exports over consumption-driven expansion, Pakistan can strengthen its balance of payments and reduce its dependence on external financing. Only through this integrated approach-productivity, governance, and business reforms—can Pakistan chart a stable and prosperous economic future, he added. He appreciated the Federal Finance Minister speaking recently in Karachi at a seminar that productivity must be placed at the centre of economic planning by modernising agriculture, upgrading industrial capacity, and integrating technology across all sectors. This will not only improve competitiveness but also reduce reliance on imports, he concluded.

Prices of vegetables, fruits announced

BAHAWALPUR: The department concerned has issued new prices for vegetables and fruits for Bahawalpur and adjoin-

The price of Potato chilka fresh was set at Rs 50 per kilogram, Potato from store at Rs 25 per kg, Onion at Rs 45 per kg, Tomato at Rs 40 per kg, Garlic china at Rs 400 per kg, Garlic local at Rs 240 per kg, Ginger Thailand at Rs 270 per kg and Lemon China at Rs 45 per kg. Rate of Cauliflower (Phool Gobhi) was set at Rs 24 per kilogram, Cauliflower (Salad Gobhi) at Rs 65 per kg, Capsicum at Rs 150 per kg and Green Chilli at Rs 50 per kg. Price of Pomegranate (Qandahari) was st at Rs 600 per kilogram, Guava at Rs 140 per kg, Guava special at Rs 150 per kg, Japani Fruit at Rs 220 per kg, Apple (Gaja) at Rs 240 per kg, Apple (Blackish Red) at Rs 355 per kg.

RCCI Pindi Food Fest 4th Edition Draws Massive Public Interest

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) successfully organized the three-day Pindi Food Fest - 4th Edition at Ayub Park, which attracted a large number of families and food enthusiasts from Rawalpindi and Islamabad. The annual festival aims to celebrate Pakistan's rich traditional and regional cuisines, introduce innovative food concepts, and provide valuable networking and branding opportunities for SMEs, startups, and women entrepreneurs, particularly in the food

Federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi, Ambassador of Algeria Brahim Romani, Station Commander Rawalpindi Cantonment Brigadier Ali Anjum Syed, Zimbabwe and Yeman envoys, along with representatives of various trade associations and other distinguished guests, visited the festival and appreciated RCCI's initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, Federal for its proactive role in addressing while also promoting cultural, social, public. He congratulated RCCI Pres-home-based food ventures.



Minister Hanif Abbasi lauded RCCI the issues of the business community and recreational activities for the women, particularly those running

ident Usman Shaukat, his cabinet members, and the entire organizing team on the successful arrangement of the food festival.

RCCI President Usman Shaukat, while highlighting the core objectives of the festival, emphasized the promotion of local culinary heritage and the empowerment of women-led food businesses.

"More than 100 food stalls are participating in the festival, showcasing a wide variety of flavors and cuisines. This initiative provides women entrepreneurs with a platform to launch and grow their brands while building meaningful connections within the industry,"

He added that the festival also serves as a source of inspiration for aspiring women entrepreneurs. "Our goal is to create opportunities and motivate women who have yet to begin their entrepreneurial journey," he remarked. This year, over 15 stalls have been allocated exclusively for

Pakistan's Agricultural

Abundance Hampered by Infrastructure Gaps and Distribution Issues

Christmas celebration

SIALKOT: Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Mansha Ullah Butt, Minister for Labour and Human Resources Punjab, along with others, cut the Christmas cake during a ceremony organized by the PML-N Minority Wing.



Pakistan Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry regional standing committee on Food Shahid Imran Sunday said Pakistan produces enough staple crops, lack

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Convener

of infrastructure, absence of proper supply chains, and food waste limit access to food especially in rural and underserved areas.

Speaking here today at a seminar on "Food Security in Pakistan" organised in collaboration with Family Food Products he said food key sector, with staples like widespread due to non availwheat, rice, sugarcane, and ability of food.

cotton being major crops. Former Vice President FPCCI Ch Zahid Iqbal Arain speaking on this occasion as

a special guest of honour said poverty is a major driver of

food insecurity. Many households cannot afford nutritious diets, leading to malnutrition, especially among chilconditions in Pakistan are dren. Pakistan has one of marked by a combination of the highest rates of child challenges related to avail- malnutrition in the world, ability, accessibility, and with stunting, wasting, and nutrition. Agriculture is a micronutrient deficiencies

Iftikhar Malik hails govt performance amid challenges

E Commerce Desk

LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday said despite challenges and skepticism, the government has achieved the ambitious path of necessary fiscal consolidation over the past three consecutive years, even surpassing its primary surplus targets.

In a statement here today he said Pakistan had vast potential for stronger and sustainable results oriented engagement from our partners the US, China and the Middle East for investment in innovation. He emphasised the need for the country to be a significant player in the modern global economy instead of operating on

He underlined the urgent need for Pakistan to transition from short-lived stabilisation efforts to a durable, sustainable and outward-looking growth model. He said our private sector must align their workforce development with changing market

The private sector should also pursue partnerships and joint ventures abroad, technology transfer, and knowledge exchange to improve productivity and competitiveness at home, he added.

He said we cannot achieve long-term sustainable economic growth if our private sector continues to look only at short-term profit margins at the cost of long-term stagnation and global irrelevance. He said



to pursue structural reforms, strengthen outward and compete on the global stage fiscal and external buffers to improve resilience, and provide stability for our busisses to thrive, he added.

Iftikhar Ali Malik said addressing structural issues through long-term reforms is imperative while businesses must shift SBP and the government must continue their focus from looking inward to looking

by producing goods that meet global demand and quality benchmarks.

This will only happen if a company integrate into global value chains, modernise their production processes, and stop relying on substitutes for genuine competitiveness,

First ever state of the art centre of excellence to be set up at PIFD

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The first ever state of the art "Design and E-Commerce Centre of Excellence" will be established at Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design with a seed money of rupees 241 million to exclusively promote design exports in emerging global markets.

Chairing the maiden meeting of the Board of Collabora-Industrial tion to Enhance Fashion Exports(BICEFE) here Sunday, its newly appointed Chairperson Mian Kashif Ashfaq said total volume of global fashion industry is over three thousand billion dollars and nearly 3.8 billion people are associated with this trade worldwide while Pakistan's share despite vast potential is even less than one percent.

MianKashif Ashfaq said craftsman, designers,



APTMA, SMEDA, allied industries, Pakistan Fashion and Design Council and all stakeholders including talented youth will be involved actively in all it's pursuit of achieving the desired results. Vice Chancellor Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design, a chartered university of Government of Pakistan Ms Hina Tayyaba Khalil informed the participants that entire highly qualified faculty of PIFD will impart training to all students to help run their own e-commerce business entrepreneurs, chambers, in local and foreign markets.

A Looming Danger for Residents and Motorists Alike, Warns HCSTSI President

Example 2 Commerce Desk

HYDERABAD: President Hyder-Small Industry (HCSTSI), Saleem manholes and uncovered sewers

direct threat to human lives.

abad Chamber of Small Traders & said that nearly 60,000 manholes exist across the three talukas of Memon, has expressed grave concern Hyderabad—Latifabad, City, and over the increasing number of open Qasimabad, many of which remain without covers. Major and busy roads across Hyderabad, stating that the including Court Road, Station Road, issue has gone beyond institutional Hali Road, Tower and Cloth Market

negligence and has now become a Road have effectively turned into accident-prone zones due to open Citing recent media reports, he sewers, posing serious risks to children, senior citizens, and motorcy-

> HCSTSI President pointed out that the situation becomes even more dangerous at night due to inadequate street lighting, making open manholes nearly invisible and

turning minor negligence into potential tragedy. He referred to a recent incident on Hali Road involving two doctors, which clearly reflects the severity of the issue. In several areas, shopkeepers and residents have been forced to place wooden planks and debris over open manholes as a warning an act that clearly highlights the failure of civic administration.



Bakhtawari Kings crowned Champions of DSL Cricket Super League 2 with thrilling victory over Yahya Tigers

Spokesman Report

DSL Cricket Super League 2 held in Islamabad, Bakhtawari Kings defeated Yahya Tigers to win the tournament. The winning team was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 400,000, while the runner-up received Rs. 200,000 along with trophies. The chief guests of the final, Deputy Director General Pakistan Sports Board Shahid Islam and Senior Vice President ICCI Tahir Ayub, distributed the prizes. Winning Captain Arham Bakhtawari expressed his happiness over the victory and congratulated his team. Players of both finalist teams were awarded medals by the distinguished guests.

The DSL 2 tournament of a renowned Pharmacy and Super Store was held yesterday at Marghzar Cricket Ground, featuring thrilling matches among eight teams: Bakhtawari Kings, Mehmd Eleven, Isa Lions, Aiman Sultans, Eliana Gladiators, and Mustafa Qalandars.

Batting first in the final, Bakhtawari Kings scored 54 runs in the allotted manage only 23 runs. Zulqarnain of former President ICCI Ahsan Bakhta-

of the Tournament, Firasat was named ISLAMABAD: In the final of the Best Bowler, while Faheem of Yahya Tigers received the awards for Best Batter and Best All-Rounder.

League organizer Ahsan Bakhtawari announced cash prizes worth Rs. 600,000 along with trophies for the winner and runner-up teams, while a motorcycle was awarded to the Man of the Tournament.

Addressing the ceremony, Shahid Islam said that the Pharmacy and Super Store had promoted young talent through the cricket league and provided excellent recreational opportunities by treating its employees like family. Tahir Ayub stated that the league offered employees not only entertainment but also an opportunity to build strong relationships with one another, further strengthening the company's family-like environment.

Earlier, the league was formally Super Giants, Yahya Tigers, Musa inaugurated by the chief guest of the opening ceremony, Vice President ICCI Chaudhry Irfan Gujar, along with Secretary General UBG Zafar Bakhtawari; Patron-in-Chief Azerbaijan-Pakiovers. In reply, Yahya Tigers could stan Joint Chamber of Commerce and

Bakhtawari Kings was declared Man wari; Waqar Bakhtawari, Abid Bakhtawari, Bilal Bakhtawari, Haris Bakhtawari, Uzair Bakhtawari; ICCI Executive Members Zulqarnain Abbasi, Chaudhry Wasim, Israr Mashwani; and renowned international mountaineer Saiid Sadpara.

> Chaudhry Irfan Gujar, in his remarks, said that the Pharmacy and Super Store's team workshops and recreational programs reflected the company's commitment to employee happiness and welfare, giving it equal importance alongside business success. Ahsan Bakhtawari stated that employees were not considered just colleagues but family members, and with this spirit, the company provided entertainment, engagement, and support at every opportunity. He added that in addition to cricket, football and other sports competitions would also be organized, and under the mission of Clean and Green Islamabad, efforts would be made to beautify the city.

> Sajid Sadpara encouraged youth to move forward in sports with hard work. dedication, and determination.

The ceremony was attended by former President ICCI Zahid Magbool; President F-10 Markaz Ahmed Khan;



Abbasi; former Senior Vice President Faisal, Imtiaz Abbasi, Babar Chaudhry; along with a large number of other ICCI Khalid Chaudhry; ICCI Exec- former President Islamabad Chamber distinguished guests, players, organutive Members Roheel Anwar Butt, of Small Traders and Small Industries izers, and cricket fans.

Group Leader F-10 Markaz Tahir Ishaq Sial, Malik Mohsin Khalid, Shah Malik Nadeem Kakazai; Nisar Mirza;

PMYP driven National League concludes

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP), in collaboration with Lahore Qalandars, concluded the Talent Hunt National League 2025 on Sunday here at Capital Smart City, marking the culmination of Pakistan's largest and most comprehensive cricket talent identification initiative.

The finals brought together the two best men's and women's teams, each comprising players drawn from cities and regions across the country, said a press release.

In the men's final, Men B edged past Men A by a narrow five-run margin, while in the women's final, Women B defeated Women A with a convincing seven-wicket

The final day highlighted the best of the best young cricketers, selected through a rigorous, transparent, and merit-based pathway that began with nationwide open trials and progressed through provincial



competitions before reaching the national Over the past several months, hundreds

of thousands of young players from across

Pakistan, including remote and underrepresented regions, participated in open trials. Following an intense provincial phase featuring more than 100 matches across men's and women's competitions, elite performers were shortlisted to represent their provinces at the national level.

A total of 18 teams, including 10 men's and 8 women's sides, competed in the National League in Islamabad. Both the men's and women's finalist teams reflected the programme's inclusive approach, featuring players from diverse cities and regions across the country, and reinforcing the national character of the

As part of the programme's long-term development vision, the top 12 men and top 12 women from the National League will be inducted into the Lahore Qalandars High Performance Centre, where they will receive elite coaching, high-performance training, and professional development aimed at preparing them for future international career

Abdullah Khurram Niazi is spreading the net of cricket in Pakistan: Nadeem Omar

Sports Desk

KARACHI: The RCAK office bearers congratulated Nadeem Omar, President Regional Cricket Association Karachi, on winning the Quaide-Azam Trophy by presenting him with bouquets and garlands at the RCAK Secretariat.

On this occasion, Nadeem Omar thanked all the office bearers and said that this victory is the result of the hard work of all of you, in addition to the Karachi Blues players and supporting staff. You are working day and night for the promotion of cricket without any greed.

People also criticize us, but still you bring players to the fore from the grassroots with honesty and hard work, which is a great achievement. He said that very soon, PCB and RCAK will set up U-17 and U-25 academies, where qualified coaches will address the shortcomings of the players.



He said that Abdullah Khurram Niazi, Director Cricket Operations PCB, is spreading the net of cricket in Paki-

stan, which is a good initiative for Paki-

The academies in Karachi are also

under Abdullah Khurram Niazi. Cricket is a part of Pakistan for everyone. From these academies, players will improve their game by removing their shortcomings and representing their city, representing their country with their performance, they will bring glory to their country and city.

The officials included Tauseef Siddiqui, Joint Secretary RCAK, Wisal Ansari, Syed Muhammad Ahmed Naqvi, Assistant Secretaries RCAK, Khalid Nafees, Chairman Tournament Committee RCAK, Muhammad Raees, President Zone lll, Zia Ahmed, President Zone Vl. Mazhar Awan, President Zone Vll, Muhammad Saeed Jabbar, Secretary Zone V, Arif Waheed, Secretary Zone One, Zafar Khan, Treasurer Zone ll, Noushad Ahmed Khan, Treasurer Zone IV, Asghar Ali

Khattak, Vice President Zone V, SM Asim, Vice President Zone IV, Shahbaz Qureshi, Joint Secretary Zone V and Afzal Shery.

Aayan Mumtaz surprises allenerging victorious of Millat Tractors Governor Cup, 2025



Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Aayan Mumtaz surprises all by emerging victorious of the Millat tractors governors cup came to a highly eventful end as a seasoned golfer and participant emerged victorious in the championship.much that Farid Maneka had to display in terms of quality game, it was Aayan Mumtaz who had winning plans with an all round impressive score of 209, three under par net in this way he was successful in winning the mighty shining trophy with a mighty effort.he was wonderful in his stroke play and fairway hitting.and this left the winning champion completely bewildered other players who ended up well were Farid Maneka, second at an Aggregate score of 212 net, Aavan Bashir at 2130and Muhamin Maneka at 214

In the senior section the ultimate winner was Taimur shabbir and in the ladies section the award went to Saqiba Batool of royal palm. The prize distribution was well graced by Sikandar Mustafa Khan, head of Millat group, Salman Siddique chairman of gymkhana, Kamran Lashari and Ahmed Nawaz Sukhera.

Headstart F-7 School hosts successful Annual Sports Day

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Headstart F-7 School organized its Annual Sports Day here at the Pakistan Sports Complex, bringing together hundreds of students from playgroup to Grade 2.

The event showcased the talents of the young students in various activities, including parade, zumba, races, and national songs. The Sports Day aimed to provide a platform for children to exhibit their skills and promote healthy activities. Parents and teachers alike praised the efforts of the school in organizing the event, which was a huge success. Speaking on the occasion, Shiza Sheikh, Principal of Headstart F-7 School, expressed her happiness at the turnout and the success of the event.

Sports Day has empowered children from across the Federal Capital. Investing in our children's education, nutrition, and sports is crucial for their growth and development," she said.

The event also featured the distribution of medals and certificates to the winners, with encouragement for those who did not secure a position to work harder and improve their performance.

Teachers from the school, including Shamsa, Hania, and Ayesha, highlighted the school's commitment to promoting sports and education, pledging to organize more events in the

India beat Pakistan in ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Three wickets each by Abdul Subhan and Mohammad Huzaifa Ahsan went in vain as India U19 beat Pakistan U19 by 90 runs in Hussain picked up one wicket apiece the Group 'A' match of the ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup at the ICC Academy full quota of overs. Ground in Dubai on Sunday.

put in to bat, India were bowled out George top-scoring with 85 off 88 balls. Captain Ayush Mhatre was the other notable run-getter, providing balls, which included four boundaries and three sixes to give India early momentum.

Pakistan fought back well through their bowlers, with left-arm pacer Sayyam and right-arm fast bowler Subhan claiming three wickets each. Sayyam and a half-century from Niqab Shafiq chipped in with two wickets, while Ali Raza and Ahmed to prevent India from batting out their

 $In turn, Pakistan\, struggled\, to\, build$ According to details, after being partnerships and were dismissed for 150 in 41.2 overs. The innings never for 240 in 46.1 overs, with Aaron gained momentum after early setbacks, with Pakistan losing four wickets for 30 runs in 13.1 overs.

Right-handed batter Huzaifa stood an aggressive start with 38 off 25 out for Pakistan with a fighting knock of 70 off 83 balls, laced with nine fours and two sixes, but he received little support from the other end. Captain

Farhan Yousaf contributed 23, while Usman Khan added 16 runs at the top of the order.

For India, player of the match Kanishk Chouhan (46, 46b, 2x4s, 3x6s) returned figures of three for 33 in 10 overs, while Deepesh Devendran also bagged three wickets. Player of the match was Kanishk Chouhan (India

Pakistan U19 after defeating Malaysia U19 by 297 runs in their opening match on Friday, will now take on the UAE in their final group match at the same venue on Tuesday, 16 December. The first ball of the match will be bowled at 9am local time.

Scores in brief: India 240 all out, 46.1 overs (Aaron George 85, Kanishk Chouhan 46, Ayush Mhatre 38; Abdul 3-67, Niqab Shafiq 2-38).



Subhan 3-42, Mohammad Sayyam

Pakistan 150 all out, 41.2 overs 23; Deepesh Devendran 3-16, Kanishk (Huzaifa Ahsan 70, Farhan Yousaf Chouhan 3-33, Kishan Singh 2-33).

The Spokesman

Arrangement for Anti-encroachment operation

ISLAMABAD: A view of road closed with heavy shipping containers along the entrance of Bari Imam due to Capital Development Authority (CDA) an anti-encroachment operation around the Prime Minister's Office and the Diplomatic Enclave,



Pakistan raises Afghan terrorism concerns at regional Tehran meeting

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has voiced serious concerns over terrorism originating from Afghanistan during a meeting of special representatives of Afghanistan's neighbouring countries and Russia, held in Tehran,. According to Pakistan's Ambassador to Iran, Mudassar Tipu, Islamabad stressed that its security concerns related to terrorism must be addressed with urgency and seriousness

He said Pakistan reit-



approache

for ensuring lasting security

The meeting was opened region, while urging all stake- outlining regional challenges Kabul Obaid Nizamani also

holders to share responsibility and the need for coordinated

erated its commitment to by Iranian Foreign Minister by Special Representative ment to further strengthening said that at least 2,000 Afghan promoting peace, develop- Abbas Araqchi, who deliv- for Afghanistan Mohammad and expanding bilateral relament and stability across the ered a keynote address Sadiq, while Ambassador to tions with Pakistan.

Ambassador Tipu said the

During the meeting, the reported on Sunday. anian foreign minister reaf-

Mohammad Sadiq, in turn,

participated in the discus-

Special Representative for

Afghanistan, Mohammad

Sadiq, held a goodwill meeting

with Iranian Foreign Minister

Abbas Aragchi on the sidelines

growing engagement between

the leadership of Pakistan and

Separately,

of the regional talks.

Pakistan's

thanked Iran for hosting the meeting of Afghanistan's neighbouring countries and Russia, describing the initiative as timely and constructive.

Senior US intelligence officials have raised concerns about alleged links between some Afghan nationals residing in the United States discussion highlighted the and terrorist organisations, warning of potential risks to national and global security, 24NewsHD TV channel

The Director of US Pakistan was represented firmed his country's commit- Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, nationals are either suspected militants or have links to extremist groups

'Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Mourns Loss of Ghulam Murtaza Shah, Joins Leaders in Prayer'

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Gilani, Humayun Khan, Raza Zaidi, Tanveer Mohal, and others were present on

Palestinian detainee Sakhr Ahmad Zaoul dies in Israeli ofer prison

RAMALLAH,: Palestinian detainee Sakhr Ahmad Zaoul, 26, from the town of Husan, west of Bethlehem, was announced dead in the Israeli prison of Ofer on Sunday morning, according to the Palestinian Prisoners Affairs Commission and the Palestinian Prisoners Society.

In a joint statement, the two organizations said that the Palestinian Civil Affairs Authority informed them of Zaoul's death. He had been held under administrative detention, without charges or trial, since June 11, 2025, and was imprisoned in Israel's Ofer detention facility. He did not suffer from any chronic illnesses, according to his family.



the systematic mistreatment and killings of Palestinian detainees, describing it as a form of deliberate The two organizations condemned extermination, encouraged by Israeli

officials including far-right Minister with at least one prisoner dying each Itamar Ben-Gvir. They said Israeli authorities employ methods of slow execution through a comprehensive system involving all security and prison services, alongside judicial complicity, aiming to institutionalize the destruction of Palestinian prisoners physically

and psychologically. Reported violations include torture, starvation, denial of medical care, sexual assault including rape, and the exploitation of prisoners' basic rights as tools of repression. Overcrowding and unhygienic conditions have also led to the spread of diseases, including scabies, which has become a further instrument of abuse.

The organizations warned that the rapid increase in prisoner deaths indicates a deliberate policy of slow killing, November 2025.

month, while bodies of deceased detainees continue to be withheld. Field executions of detainees have been documented, further underscoring the criminal nature of the Israeli system.

The Commission and Prisoners Society held the Israeli Prison Service fully responsible for Zaoul's death and called on international human rights mechanisms to take urgent action to hold Israeli officials accountable, end the systematic killings, and secure the release of arbitrarily detained pris-

Currently, over 9,300 Palestinian detainees are held in Israeli prisons, including more than 50 women, roughly 350 children, and 3,368 administrative detainees as of

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DPM Dar discusses emerging challenges with global leaders in UAE



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ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar in his brief interactions with counterparts from Poland, Belgium and Luxembourg on the sidelines of Sir Bani Yas Forum in UAE has discussed regional and global challenges.

In a catch up with Deputy Prime Minister of Poland Radoslaw Sikorski, they discussed current global issues and during meeting with counterpart from Belgium Maxime Prevot, the Eruopean Union-Pakistan current relations came under discussion.

They also discussed potential that Prime Minister.

exists between the two countries and to enhance cooperation to a higher

Ishaq Dar and his counterpart from Luxembourg Bettel Xavier also discussed current global challenges. At a meeting with Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan Jevhun Bayramov. regional and bilateral matters of mutual interest came under discus-

Former Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom and currently President and CEO of International Rescue Committee for global humanitarian aid, relief and development David Miliband also met the Deputy

Israeli Settlers Escalate **Attacks on Palestinians** in Ein al-Duyuk and Kufr Malek

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Israeli colonial settlers have intensified violent attacks against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, targeting the village of Ein al-Duyuk north of Jericho and the town of Kufr Malek east of Ramallah.

Since the beginning of 2025, Israeli settlers have carried out more than 2,153 attacks against Palestinians, their property, and their land. In Ein al-Duyuk, settlers stormed and vandalized Palestinian homes, smashed windows, and injured several Palestinians, including women and children. In Kufr Malek, they attacked private property, set structures ablaze, and sprayed racist slogans.

These assaults form part of a broader and systematic pattern of nity and under the protection of annexation.



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Lahore DSP confesses to killing wife and daughter



跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Lahore DSP Usman Haider's wife and daughter has been resolved, as the officer has confessed to murdering them.

DIG Zeeshan Raza on Sunday confirmed that DSP Usman Haider

shot and killed his wife and daughter. The suspect had previously filed an FIR at Burki Police Station about a month ago, reporting them

According to police, the daughter's body was recovered from Kahna,

Sheikhupura. Both bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination, while further investigations are underway. the murders were the result of a domestic dispute.

It was also disclosed that DSP Usman Haider had two marriages. The victims were his first wife and their daughter.

The domestic tensions escalated after his second marriage, ultimately leading to the tragic killings.

Police said that after committing the murders, Usman Haider staged the disappearance of his wife and daughter and even repeatedly accused them of being abducted

when visiting his in-laws. Following these developments, while the wife's body was found in DSP Usman Haider was taken into custody, where he confessed to the

A police team led by an SP is interrogating the suspect's second wife to Police sources revealed that uncover all aspects of the case.