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## Trump calls for Japan, NATO to 'step up' on Iran as oil prices bite

President Donald Trump on Thursday urged Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to "step up" as he pressed allies for more support over the war with Iran and rising oil prices, while defending the secrecy of the campaign by invoking Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.



## Gazans marked Eid amidst widespread destruction and Israeli restrictions

Hundreds of Gazans performed the Eid al-Fitr prayer in the Hamad City, located to the north of Khan Younis, amidst widespread destruction and ongoing Israeli restrictions, according to Wafa correspondent. He reported that the worshippers performed the Eid prayer outdoors amid difficult humanitarian conditions and tightened Israeli restrictions.

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## Eid Prayer

RAWALPINDI: Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, COAS and CDS, offering Eid prayers during his visit to Kurram. He spent Eid-ul-Fitr with the troops and officers.



Photo: ISPR

## PM greets services chiefs, political leaders on Eid



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday extended Eid al-Fitr greetings to top military leadership, political figures, and heads of friendly countries, while paying tribute to security personnel serving on the frontlines. The prime minister held telephone conversations with Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Syed Asim

Munir, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu, and Naval Chief Admiral Naveed Ashraf, conveying Eid greetings to the services chiefs.

During the calls, PM Shehbaz lauded officers and soldiers who remain deployed on the borders during Eid, away from their families, to safeguard the country. He praised their dedication and sacrifices for national security.

Separately, the prime

minister contacted National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, provincial governors, chief ministers, and senior political leaders to extend Eid wishes.

Those contacted included Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider, Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, and Balochistan Governor Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhail.

He also spoke with

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah. In addition, PM Shehbaz reached out to leaders of allied and other political parties, including JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, MQM-P chairman Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, ANP president Aimal Wali Khan, BAP president Sardar Khalid Hussain Magsi, IPP leader Abdul Aleem Khan, and PML-Q leader Chaudhry Salik Hussain.

# Field Marshal Munir Praises Jawans' Valor in Anti-Terror Operations During Eid Visit

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, COAS & CDF, visited Kurram to spend Eid-ul-Fitr with the troops and officers. The Field Marshal offered Eid prayers, and prayed for the enduring stability and prosperity of Pakistan.

During his interaction with troops and officers, the Field Marshal extended warm Eid greetings and

commended their unwavering dedication, high morale, and exemplary professionalism in safeguarding the nation.

Appreciating the valour and spirit of the Jawans, the Field Marshal lauded their achievements during Operation Ghazab-lil-Haq, aimed at dismantling terrorist networks and ensuring lasting peace in the border regions. He emphasized that terrorists operating from sanctuaries across the

border in Afghanistan will not be allowed to undermine Pakistan's security. Reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to regional peace and stability, the Field Marshal reiterated that Afghan soil must not be used by hostile elements for activities against Pakistan.

Acknowledging the formations' tireless efforts, the Field Marshal attributed operational successes to the supreme sacrifices of the nation's martyrs and

the unwavering resolve of officers and soldiers dedicated to the greater cause of national security.

The Field Marshal expressed pride in the troops' steadfastness and reaffirmed the Armed Forces' unflinching commitment to defending Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Upon his arrival, the Field Marshal was warmly received by the Corps Commander Peshawar.

## PM approves Rs 200 per litre increase in high-octane fuel levy for wealthy class

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has decided to increase the existing levy on high octane fuel used in luxury vehicles by the wealthiest class by an additional Rs 200 per liter, raising it from Rs 100 per liter to Rs 300 per liter.

This important decision regarding high-octane fuel used in luxury vehicles of the wealthiest class, was taken in a video-link meeting presided over by the prime minister on Sunday.

The prime minister noted that

the levy on high-octane fuel used in the most expensive vehicles should be increased.

The levy on high-octane fuel used in expensive vehicles will now be Rs 300 per liter.

The meeting was attended by Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar, Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Ali Pervaiz Malik and other senior government officers.

## DPM Dar speaks with Egyptian FM, discusses regional issues



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday spoke with Foreign Minister of Egypt, Dr. Badr Abdelatty and discussed the evolving regional situation.

The deputy PM emphasized the importance of dialogue and collective efforts to promote peace and stability in the region. The two leaders also exchanged warm Eid greetings.

## PPP senator Sherry Rehman's daughter Marvi Malik passes away at 35

Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) senior leader Sherry Rehman's daughter, Marvi Malik, passed away at the age of 35 after a brain haemorrhage on Sunday, the family announced.

She had been receiving treatment at a private

hospital in Karachi, where she was admitted five days ago. Her condition deteriorated three days before her death, requiring ventilation.

Her funeral prayer is scheduled for Monday at 3:30pm at DHA Phase 8, Karachi, followed by burial in a local cemetery.

Prime Minister Asif Ali Zardari

extended his condolences, praying for her forgiveness and for the family to bear the loss with strength.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the death of a child is an "indescribable grief," offering heartfelt condolences and praying for her elevated status in the afterlife and patience for the bereaved family.

Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah, Sindh Governor Muhammad Nehal Hashmi also expressed deep sorrow over the death of Marvi Malik, the daughter of PPP leader Sherry Rehman. He prayed for her forgiveness, elevated ranks and patience for the bereaved family, saying he shares in their grief.

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# AJK PM Faisal Rathore condemns Kashmir oppression in Eid address

**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Faisal Mumtaz Rathore said that whatever time he has, he will strive to serve the people and create more ease for them.

Eid prayers were organized in the capital Muzaffarabad, where the Prime Minister addressed the congregation and strongly condemned the ongoing oppression in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Prayers were also offered for Muslims in Palestine and Iran.

The Prime Minister offered Eid prayers at the central Eidgah along with Minister Javed Ayub, Mayor Sikandar Gilani, former Prime Minister Farooq Haider Khan and others.

After the prayers, Faisal Mumtaz Rathore led a rally organized to express solidarity with the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing the



gathering, he said that even today Srinagar's Jamia Masjid remains closed on Eid and paid tribute to martyrs who sacrificed their lives for national security and Kashmir's freedom.

He added that efforts to serve humanity will continue.

He remarked that today truth has to be proven while falsehood spreads on its

own. Following the prayers, the Prime Minister mingled with citizens and extended greetings, saluting the people of occupied Kashmir. He also paid tribute to the armed forces of Pakistan deployed on the borders and participated in a protest held in the capital against Indian interference in religious practices during Ramadan in occupied Kashmir.

The rally, organized by the AJK government and the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, saw large participation from citizens, Kashmiri refugees, and supporters. Protesters raised slogans in favor of Pakistan and against India, condemning the closure of mosques including Srinagar's Jamia Masjid and Al-Aqsa Mosque.

# Solidarity with Occupied Kashmir: Minister's Pakistan Day Message

**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: Azad Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Information Minister Chaudhr Muhammad Rafique Nayyar said that March 23 is a historic and memorable day for the Muslims of the subcontinent.

Believing in the true spirit of the Pakistan Resolution, we will have to work hard to practically strengthen it so that Pakistan becomes stronger and more prosperous.

A stable Pakistan is the only guarantee of the freedom of Kashmiris. In

his special message regarding Pakistan Day, the Information Minister said that Pakistan Day is a renewal of the resolve that we will not leave the Kashmiri people alone in their struggle for their right to self-determination under any circumstances, but will continue to provide them with political, diplomatic and moral support at all levels.

The real meaning of our struggle is in the complete accession of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan so that the Pakistan Resolution of March 23, 1940 can be truly fulfilled.



He said that the Kashmiri people will continue their intellectual and practical struggle to further strengthen the accession to Pakistan.

Our brothers in occupied Kashmir are still standing against Indian oppression and oppression, we express our complete solidarity with them on this occasion.

He said that Kashmiris will continue their struggle until they get their right to self-determination, and the people and government of Pakistan have always stood with the Kashmiris in this struggle.

## Beyond Celebration: Experts Convene to Forge Stronger Protections for Pakistani Women



**Abdul Majid**

FAISALABAD: MoHR's Women Welfare & Development Center (WWDC), in collaboration with Rozan, organized a seminar titled "Beyond Celebration: Inclusive Protection, Justice & Empowerment for All Women." The event brought together government representatives, civil society, disability rights advocates and private sector stakeholders to discuss strengthening institutional mechanisms, advancing women's economic empowerment and ensuring inclusive protection across Pakistan.

The panel featured distinguished speakers including Shabana Nawaz (Director Social Welfare, MoHR), Laila Naz (AKDN), Abia Akram (Disability Rights Activist), Rabia Farhan (Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry), Sameena Gul (FAID), and Gulmina Bilal (Chairperson NAVTTC), who shared valuable insights on promoting gender equality and inclusion.

The seminar reaffirmed that women's empowerment is a national priority and called for stronger collaboration to turn dialogue into action.

## AJK Prime Minister Highlights Pakistan Resolution's Historic Significance on Pakistan Day

**Bureau Report.**

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir State Faisal Mumtaz Rathore said that today we are celebrating Pakistan Day with enthusiasm in connection with the Pakistan Resolution passed on March 23, 1940. Pakistan came into existence after the approval of this resolution under the enthusiastic leadership of the founder of Pakistan, Hazrat Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. This resolution changed the course of our history, despite the strongest opposition, it fulfilled the dreams of our ancestors in the form of an independent country, Pakistan. This day is of utmost importance for the Muslims of the subcontinent when they laid the foundation for the establishment of a separate state for themselves and the Kashmiri leadership was also at the forefront in all this struggle. The Kashmiri leadership laid the foundation for an everlasting relationship between Pakistan and the Kashmiri people by participating in the Lahore rally. In his special message on March 23, Pakistan Day, the Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir said that the Pakistan Resolution teaches us a lesson of solidarity. The ongoing movement in occupied Kashmir is actually the movement for the completion of Pakistan, which the Kashmiris have kept alive with their blood.



## Sardar Attique Highlights Pakistan Day Significance and Kashmir's Role

**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has said that March 23, Pakistan Day, is of great importance. On March 23, 1940, the Muslims of the subcontinent were blessed with an independent state of Pakistan. Kashmiris not only participated in the struggle for the establishment of Pakistan with the Muslims of India, but also associated themselves with Pakistan even before the establishment of Pakistan. Kashmiris had decided to join Jammu and Kashmir with Pakistan even before the establishment of Pakistan on August 14, 1947. Congratulating their Pakistani brothers on behalf of the entire Kashmiri nation, he said that the dream of a complete Pakistan would remain unfulfilled until the Indian-occupied state of Jammu and Kashmir becomes independent and part of Pakistan. He expressed these thoughts in his message on the occasion of Pakistan Day.



## President Offers Fateha at Parents' Graves in Hometown Visit

**Anwar Adil Khanzada**

NAWAB SHAH: President Asif Ali Zardari visited the tombs of his mother Begum Bilqis Sultana and father Sardar Hakim Ali Zardari at Balo Ja Quba in Nawabshah, offered Fateha and laid flowers. The President also visited the graves of his other relatives at Balo Ja Quba, offered Fateha and laid flowers. The President prayed for the elevation of the ranks and forgiveness of the deceased and also prayed for the security and prosperity of Pakistan.

## Trump's Iran policy could hurt US economy

**Commerce Desk**

KARACHI: Malik Khuda Bakhsh, President of the Pakistan Business Forum (Sindh) and Chief Advisor to the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA), warned that a potential conflict with Iran, driven by Donald Trump's rigid stance, could severely impact the US economy.

He lauded Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for rejecting a proposal to increase petroleum prices, saying the decision would provide relief to the public amid regional tensions.

Referring to the evolving situation in the Middle East, he said fears of a fuel shortage in Pakistan were easing due to improved supply, with multiple oil shipments arriving in the country. He credited the government's policy measures, as well as efforts by the prime minister and Chief of Army Staff Asim Munir, for stabilising the situation, while also acknowledging Ira



On the auspicious occasion of Pakistan Day, I extend my heartiest greetings to all citizens of Pakistan.

Indeed, Pakistan Day is a landmark event in the glorious history of our country, when back in 1940 a historic Resolution was passed, which once and for all defined the goal of achieving a separate homeland for the Muslims of the Subcontinent. In just over seven years from this momentous day, the dream of independence was realised and our beloved country – Pakistan – came into being. While celebrating this day, we pay tribute to our elders for their extraordinary sacrifices.

**My Dear Countrymen!** The prevailing global and regional geo-strategic environment has a profound impact on the region as well as Pakistan, which demand unity in our ranks, judicious utilization of valuable resources and added focus on indigenous capabilities. Certainly, we can surmount all challenges by drawing inspiration from our glorious past and following in the footsteps of our forefathers. Let us recommit ourselves to contribute wholeheartedly to the progress of the country by reinvigorating the spirit of resilience, hard work, patriotism and unflinching faith in a brighter tomorrow. I take this opportunity to thank all countrymen for their support to the Defence Forces of Pakistan, as indeed PAF, all along especially during testing times and want to reassure that, as always, PAF, in perfect synergy with Sister Services, will spare no effort for the defence of motherland.

May Allah Almighty grant us strength to ensure invincible aerial defence of Pakistan, Aameen!

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**Air Chief Marshal  
Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, NI(M), HJ**  
Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force



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## DC Mela chairs meeting of Rachna Officers Club Committee

**Zafar Chishti**

TOBA TEK SINGH: The first meeting of the newly constituted executive committee of the Rachna Officers Club Toba Tek Singh was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and President Rachna Officers Club, Umar Abbas Mela with all members in attendance. The meeting deliberated in detail on administrative affairs of the club and its upcoming activities. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela congratulated the newly formed committee and expressed hope that it would play an effective role in the betterment of the club. According to the newly constituted committee, the District Police Officer Toba Tek Singh has been appointed as Senior Vice President, the Assistant Commissioner Toba Tek Singh as Vice President and the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) as Secretary. Other members include the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Additional Deputy Commissioner (Finance and Planning), Assistant Commissioners of Gojra, Kamalia and Pir Mahal, Zubair Khalid Tatla, Muhammad Khan, Chaudhry Abdul Muneem, Naveed Musa and Dr Maqsood Ahmad Anjum. Various proposals were also presented during the meeting and a resolve was expressed to further enhance the club's activities.

## NA Dy Speaker condoles death of Sherry Rehman's daughter

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Speaker of National Assembly Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah has expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise of Marvi Khurshid Malik, daughter of senior PPP leader, Senator Sherry Rehman. In his condolence message, he extended heartfelt sympathies to Sherry Rehman and her bereaved family, terming the loss as irreparable.

He said that the passing of a child is an unbearable tragedy for any parent and acknowledged the immense pain the family is going through. Mustafa Shah said that he stands in solidarity with the grieving family in this difficult time and shares their sorrow.



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**Saba Khan Finishes US Trip, Performs Umrah in Saudi Arabia, Calls for Global Peace**



**Qayoom Sarohi**

KARACHI: Renowned actress Saba Khan has arrived in Saudi Arabia after her visit to the United States, where she performed Umrah and celebrated Eid. She conveyed a message of peace, love, and brotherhood for all humanity.

Speaking over the phone after arriving in Saudi Arabia for her Umrah, Saba Khan said that the United States is a developed country governed by law, but this time she noticed some strict government policies. She added that while enforcing the law is their right, policies for Pakistanis living in the U. S. should be more flexible.

Regarding Eid, she said that she usually celebrates it in her homeland Sindh with her family, enjoying fun and laughter, but this time she was fortunate to perform Umrah in Saudi Arabia, and Eid is being observed along with her religious duties.

# CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif Appeals to Celebrate Eid with Simplicity in View of Regional Situation

**Bureau Report**

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, in her message on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, extended Eid greetings to the Muslim Ummah and the people of Pakistan, and appealed to the people to celebrate Eid with simplicity in view of the regional situation. She prayed that may Eid bring a message of peace to every city of the world, and may every Muslim be blessed with true and lasting happiness. She said that Eid is about compassion; so poor, destitute, and underprivileged families should also be made part of Eid's happiness. She added, "What kind of Eid would it be if someone near us remains hungry?"

What kind of Eid would it be if a little daughter is deprived of bangles and new clothes? What kind of Eid would it be if a small child is deprived of balloons and new clothes?" She highlighted that caring for and showing compassion to

every poor and underprivileged family around us is our responsibility.

She noted that by the grace of Allah Almighty, approximately 04 million families and 20 million individuals in Punjab have been provided with the financial assistance at their doorsteps. For the first time, through "Tell Maryam (Maryam Ko Bataein)," deserving people were promptly given Rs. 10,000 each via JazzCash.

Chief Minister Punjab said that true joy of Eid lies in caring for others. She prayed for peace, tranquility, and well-being of Muslims around the world. She added that those who laid down their lives for the sake of this sacred land cannot be forgotten in the joys of Eid.

She underscored that including underprivileged individuals in the celebrations of Eid is our religious, moral, and national responsibility; and promoting feelings of brotherhood and love on the day of Eid is a requirement of giving thanks to Allah Almighty.



## Eid-ul-Fitr: A Message of Sacrifice, Brotherhood, and National Unity

**Zain Khan Malghani**

Multan: Renowned industrialist, Chairman of SM Group of Industries, and member of the National Export Development Board and Board of Investment, Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum, expressed his views on the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, stating that this festival is not merely about celebrations, new clothes, and outward happiness, but carries a profound message of sacrifice, patience, gratitude, and mutual compassion.

He said that the spiritual training of the holy month of Ramadan teaches us to rise above self-interest and support the underprivileged and deserving segments of society, emphasizing that



true happiness lies in bringing smiles to others' faces. He added that Eid-ul-Fitr guides us towards unity, brotherhood, and tolerance—values that can help build a strong, prosperous, and dignified society.

On this occasion, he stressed the importance of including the less

fortunate in our celebrations and addressing their needs so that the true spirit of Eid can be realized.

Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum further stated that in the current circumstances, there is a pressing need for national unity, economic stability, and mutual trust. He urged everyone to rise above personal interests and contribute to the progress of the country, as this collective spirit can lead to shared success.

He extended heartfelt Eid greetings to the nation and prayed that Allah Almighty makes this blessed occasion a source of peace, prosperity, and progress for all, and grants us the ability to truly implement the message of Eid in our lives. Ameen.

## Youth Must Play a Key Role in the Nation's Development Through Education: Murad

**Bureau Report**

LAHORE: Chairman of the University of Management and Technology (UMT), Ibrahim Hasan Murad, on the occasion of Pakistan Day, emphasized that 23 March serves as a reminder to uphold the golden principles of unity, faith and discipline, which form the foundation of a strong, progressive and peaceful Pakistan.

Ibrahim Hasan Murad stated that the Lahore Resolution was a historic milestone in the struggle of Muslims of the subcontinent



for independence and paved the way for the creation of a free homeland. He added that Pakistan is the result of unparalleled sacrifices, determination and struggles of our forefathers and protecting,

strengthening and developing this precious nation is the collective responsibility of all citizens.

Chairman UMT further emphasized that national unity, strong institutions and the rule of law are essential guarantees for a stable, prosperous and developed Pakistan. He reaffirmed the commitment that every citizen must fulfill their responsibilities to build a strong, progressive and dignified Pakistan, ensuring that the country reaches new heights of development and prosperity.

## The interview of CEO Branded Cut Piece, (Galaxy of Clothing Brands) Mr. Asim Malik

**Tahir Amin Malik**

Mr Asim Malik has proven himself an asset for those who could have just wished to wear branded clothes in affordable prices. In interview Ceo Branded Cut Piece Asim Malik said a middle-class oriented has now become a face of devotion and inspiration who wished to work from home. A dream



actually makes you rich and and as a founder i have always been generous in this regard by helping people in establishing their own businesses, announcing Umrah Packages to needy ones, Distributing gifts of cash and clothes and many other things for social welfare of human beings. He said recently we have launched an initiative of "Dupatta Campaign" the slogan of

which is to provide Dupatta to every women there. This campaign has not hit national boundaries only but also acknowledged internationally now. For that we have not only achieved multiple lifetime achievement awards but also gained attention of global think tanks. Moreover a range quality influencers and renowned names are attached to promote our business and noble causes

of women empowerment. In which names like Maulana Tariq Jamil sb, Qasim Ali Shah, Inzamam-Ul-Haq, Saeed Anwar, Muhammad Yousaf, Saqlain Mushtaq are top of the line.

Talked about Branded Cut Piece he said we have launched their own clothing brands for males and females separately. For ladies, Hania Minahil, Safa Iman, Virsa by Zainab, Soha Afreen and

Jacquard are very much liked by the customers because of their fabric quality and amazing print designs with providing guarantee of 25 plus washes. Similarly for the Opposite gender, Asim Studio, Zain Zee, Kabir Raheem and Ammar have

placed high regards in gentlemen's hearts in only 2 years of short span of time. In lieu of massive demand from public for stitched suits, BCP has also inaugurated its stitching unit with the name of "La Rien".

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achieved just in the age of thirties with continuous struggle of more than 15 years.

Asim said Branded Cut Piece is a clothing forum established in 2015 where you can find more than 50 renowned Brands of Pakistan like Nishat, Sapphire, Khaadi, Bonanza, Gul Ahmad, Keysaria, Bareeze, Lime Light, Sana Safinas and many more under one umbrella. Distinction is to provide them from the range of minimum 50% to 90% discount with authenticity of original brands and We feel proud to make peoples life standardized in accordance with the branded clothes. Moreover, a circle of thousands are connected to our business providing opportunity to work from home.

He said Branded Cut Piece is the pioneer of initiating business through YouTube Channel by elaborating each and every article in details for customer. Later on remaining social media forums were also utilized in this regard with thousands of followers. Primary information of new stock is uploaded on these forums through a video announcement and Secondary source is official website. He further said Another unique thing about BCP is that it helps people to initiate their own businesses just from Ten Thousands Rupees only and Women's from all over Pakistan which has now entered in figures of Thousands can become part of this initiative. He said Branded Cut Piece also provides life time exchange policy to customers which really helps in financial risk management.

He said We believe in the notion of giving others



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# Israel Hijacks Global Oil Flow

The war that has engulfed the Middle East over the past several weeks is no longer merely a confrontation of missiles, drones, and military doctrines. It is rapidly revealing itself as a deeper contest over geography, energy, and long-term global control. Beneath the smoke of bombed installations and the rhetoric of national security lies a far more consequential objective: the redrawing of the world's most critical energy routes. What began as a campaign justified on the basis of an "imminent threat" from Iran is now unfolding into a strategic effort that could permanently alter how oil flows from the Gulf to the rest of the world.

At the heart of this transformation lies the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow maritime corridor through which nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply passes every day. For decades, this chokepoint has served as both a lifeline and a vulnerability for global energy markets. Any disruption here—whether through war, sanctions, or sabotage—immediately reverberates across continents, sending oil prices soaring and economies into instability. The current conflict has demonstrated just how fragile this artery truly is. Tanker attacks, rising insurance premiums, and rerouted shipping lanes have exposed the risks of relying on a single, narrow passage for such a massive share of global oil.

It is within this context that a striking and controversial vision has emerged. Israeli leadership, through a series of statements and strategic hints, has pointed toward the possibility of bypassing the Strait of Hormuz altogether. The idea is deceptively simple yet geopolitically profound: construct a pipeline that would transport oil from Gulf producers across the Arabian Peninsula and into Israel, where it could then be shipped via Mediterranean ports to Europe and beyond. Such a route would

eliminate dependence on Hormuz, neutralize Iran's ability to disrupt global energy flows, and reposition Israel as a central hub in the international oil trade.

While versions of this idea have existed in policy circles for years—most notably through discussions around the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline—the present war appears to have injected new urgency into its consideration. What was once a theoretical infrastructure project is now being framed as a strategic necessity. The logic is clear: if Hormuz can be disrupted, then it must be bypassed. And if it is bypassed through Israeli territory, then Israel gains unprecedented leverage over the energy lifelines of both Europe and parts of Asia.

This raises a deeply uncomfortable question: was the war itself, at least in part, shaped by this long-term vision? The official justification centered on the notion of an imminent Iranian threat—particularly the fear that Iran might soon develop nuclear weapons and long-range missile capabilities capable of striking Europe or even the United States. Yet, as the conflict has progressed, cracks have begun to appear in this narrative. Statements from U. S. intelligence officials in congressional hearings have indicated that Iran neither possessed the immediate capability to strike the United States nor demonstrated an intent to do so in the near term.

Instead, the threat appears to have been framed in hypothetical terms—what Iran could become, rather than what it currently is. The argument shifted from "imminent danger" to "imagined future risk." This distinction is not merely semantic; it raises serious questions about the legitimacy of the war itself. If the threat was not immediate, then the rationale for initiating such a large-scale

conflict becomes far more questionable.

Against this backdrop, recent military actions take on a different meaning. Strikes on Iranian energy infrastructure, including major gas fields and oil facilities, appear less like isolated tactical operations and more like components of a broader strategic script. By provoking Iranian retaliation—particularly against regional oil installations and shipping routes—the conflict has effectively demonstrated the vulnerability of the Strait of Hormuz. In doing so, it has strengthened the case for alternative routes, including the proposed pipeline through Israel.

Iran, for its part, has responded in a manner that underscores its own strategic leverage. By targeting shipping lanes and signaling its ability to disrupt Hormuz, Tehran has shown that it can impose a global cost for any sustained aggression against it. The result is a paradox: every escalation that threatens global oil supply simultaneously reinforces the argument for bypassing the very chokepoint Iran influences.

Yet the conflict is not confined to economic and strategic calculations alone. It carries within it the risk of a far more dangerous escalation—one rooted in religion and symbolism. Reports of missile debris landing dangerously close to Jerusalem's most sacred sites, including the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock, serve as a stark reminder of how quickly this war could transcend geopolitics and ignite a broader global crisis. Had these sites been directly struck, the consequences would have been catastrophic, drawing in millions of believers and transforming a regional war into a wider religious confrontation.

Meanwhile, a subtle but significant divergence appears to be emerging

between the United States and Israel. Washington has signaled, through public statements, that it believes major military objectives have already been achieved. Claims that Iran's military capabilities have been severely degraded suggest a desire to declare victory and potentially de-escalate. Israel, however, has articulated a far more open-ended vision of the conflict. Its leadership continues to emphasize that multiple objectives remain unfulfilled, and that the endgame is still distant.

This divergence is critical. While the United States bears the overwhelming financial and reputational burden of the war—spending billions of dollars, straining alliances, and facing global criticism—Israel stands to gain the most if its long-term strategic goals are realized. The transformation of Israel into a central energy transit hub would not only enhance its economic position but also grant it leverage over countries dependent on Middle Eastern oil.

As the war continues, the world stands at a crossroads. If the Strait of Hormuz remains unstable and the pipeline vision gains momentum, we may be witnessing the beginning of a new global energy order. One in which traditional chokepoints are bypassed, new corridors are established, and power is redistributed accordingly.

The question is no longer who is winning on the battlefield. It is who will control the pathways through which the world's lifeblood—its energy—flows. In that contest, the most decisive victories may not be measured in territory captured or enemies defeated, but in pipelines laid and routes redefined.

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Analysis

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## World Water Day

World Water Day this year draws attention to the theme "Water and Gender," reminding us that water insecurity is not experienced equally. Women and girls often carry the heaviest burden when safe water is not available close to home.

In many parts of Pakistan, households still rely on distant or unreliable water sources. Women and girls spend long hours each day collecting water, time that could otherwise be spent in school, at work or with their families. The absence of safe water also brings health risks and places additional strain on household life. Addressing this gap is therefore not only a matter of public service delivery but also of fairness and opportunity.

Access to safe water and sanitation is a basic right recognised under our Constitution. Ensuring reliable and safe water supply must remain a national priority. It requires careful management of our water resources, investment in water systems and greater participation of women in planning and decision-making.

Households and communities can contribute directly by adopting rainwater harvesting and other simple measures to capture and store water. These practices help replenish underground aquifers and increase the water table. Small steps by citizens can have a tangible impact on water availability for all.

Water sustains our agriculture, our cities and our natural environment. As pressures on water resources grow due to population demands and climate variability, we must use water with greater care.

I reiterate Pakistan's strong condemnation of the unilateral suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty by India. This deliberate weaponisation of shared water resources is a matter of deep concern. India's decision to place the Treaty in abeyance, disrupt hydrological data-sharing and impede agreed mechanisms undermines both the letter and spirit of a long-standing international agreement that has governed equitable sharing of the Indus river system for over six decades. Such conduct threatens food and economic security, jeopardises the livelihoods of millions who depend on these waters and sets a dangerous precedent for the management of transboundary resources under international law. I call on India to immediately restore full implementation of the Treaty in accordance with international obligations.



Cartoon by Amjad Rasmi. (Courtesy of Ashfaq Al-Awzat)

## Government at Your Doorstep

For decades, interactions between citizens and government in Pakistan were marked by long queues, excessive paperwork and the frustration of navigating multiple offices for routine services. Obtaining a certificate or registering a complaint often meant losing valuable working hours, while businesses faced prolonged approval processes that discouraged investment. In Punjab, efforts are underway to change that experience through a series of administrative reforms aimed at simplifying public service delivery.

The Punjab government has introduced a citizen-focused reform framework built on the premise that public services should be accessible, predictable and transparent. Instead of requiring citizens to move between departments, the state has attempted to consolidate services through three interconnected platforms: Police Khidmat Markaz (PKM), Business Facilitation Centres (BFCs) and e-Khidmat Markaz. Together, these initiatives seek to reduce bureaucratic friction while improving accountability within public institutions.

The Police Khidmat Markaz system represents one of the most visible components of this transition. Established across districts, PKMs provide a standardized environment where citizens can obtain character certificates, register tenants, access copies of FIRs and complete other police-related procedures under a single roof. By introducing defined procedures and monitored service counters, the initiative aims to minimise discretionary practices that historically complicated citizen-police interactions.

According to official data, more than five million citizens have used PKM services, with feedback mechanisms indicating satisfaction levels exceeding 90 percent. Applications are processed through centralized digital systems

developed with the support of the Punjab Information Technology Board, enabling real-time tracking through SMS notifications and courier delivery of completed documents. Digitisation has allowed each application to be recorded and monitored, strengthening transparency and reducing procedural delays. It is estimated that improved documentation and reduced leakages have generated approximately Rs2.3 billion in additional recorded revenue without introducing new taxes.

Parallel reforms have focused on improving the business environment. Business Facilitation Centres were established to streamline regulatory approvals by connecting multiple government departments through a unified platform. Previously, investors often had to approach numerous offices separately to secure licences or no-objection certificates. At BFCs, applications are processed simultaneously by participating agencies, reducing duplication and uncertainty.

Officials report that approval timelines have declined by roughly 30 percent, while clearer procedures have contributed to investment commitments estimated at nearly Rs50 billion. While administrative reforms alone cannot determine economic growth, predictable regulatory processes are widely regarded as an essential condition for improving investor confidence and the BFC model represents an attempt to address that requirement.

The third pillar, e-Khidmat Markaz, extends service delivery beyond physical centres by enabling citizens to access government services digitally. Through online platforms, users can submit applications, track progress and complete procedures remotely. The Punjab Land Records Authority has played a central role in this transition by digitising more than 12 million land records and making verified information accessible in real time. In a province

where land ownership disputes have historically arisen from opaque record-keeping, digitisation has introduced greater transparency and legal certainty.

Across the e-Khidmat system, the government estimates administrative savings of approximately Rs1.8 billion, alongside reported citizen satisfaction levels exceeding 92 percent. These figures suggest that digital governance initiatives are gradually reshaping expectations regarding public service accessibility and efficiency.

Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif deserves credit for moving beyond the symbolic establishment of new facilities or applications toward broader administrative reform. The emphasis on integrating technology with service delivery reflects an effort to institutionalise transparency rather than rely on isolated initiatives. Data generated through these platforms increasingly informs policy decisions, enabling departments to identify bottlenecks, allocate resources more effectively and monitor performance outcomes.

The reform programme continues to evolve, with around Rs8 billion allocated for expansion, including enhanced mobile integration and the introduction of AI-assisted service routing intended to further simplify citizen interaction. The longer-term objective appears to be a governance model in which services are accessible regardless of location and administrative procedures are both measurable and accountable.

Institutional transformation is rarely immediate, and sustaining reforms requires consistent implementation over time. Yet Punjab's experience indicates a gradual shift towards a more responsive administrative framework, one in which the state increasingly meets citizens at their doorstep rather than expecting citizens to navigate the state.

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Analysis

Qudrat Ullah

## Bridging Professional Mentorship among Academia and Industry: A Brighter Future of Youth

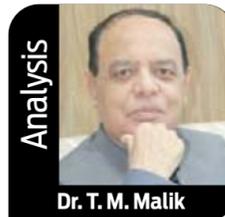
Pakistan's youth, comprising over 64% of the population under 30, represent an unparalleled demographic powerhouse, poised to catapult the nation into economic prosperity, yet ensnared by a profound disconnect between academia and industry that manifests in rampant skill gaps, soaring youth unemployment at 10-12%, and squandered potential amid stagnant growth. Classrooms churn out graduates steeped in theoretical abstractions—engineering syllabi fossilized in outdated circuitry while factories demand AI-driven automation, computer science programs drill algorithms sans real-world DevOps, management courses pontificate economics oblivious to fintech disruptions—leaving industries to lament hires unfit for immediate deployment, with surveys indicating 70-75% requiring extensive on-the-job remediation.

The pandemic's digital pivot laid bare vulnerabilities—youth deficient in remote collaboration tools, agile project management, cybersecurity protocols. Professional mentorship, through intentional structured pairings of students and faculty with industry practitioners for ongoing guidance, experiential internships, and collaborative innovation, stands as the transformative salve, melding scholarly rigor with vocational vitality to empower youth futures. Emerging initiatives in technology development, graduate bridging programs, alumni leadership networks, clinical pairings, and executive immersion schemes light the way,

though nationwide scaling remains embryonic. This comprehensive analysis dissects the youth-centric chasm, delineates mentorship frameworks, navigates hurdles, spotlights emblematic successes, and blueprints a youth-vibrant synergy for luminous tomorrows.

The youth-employment chasm pulses with peril. Academic ecosystems, incentivized by metrics glorifying peer-reviewed papers (often in dubious outlets), sideline applied research; curricula, untouched for decades, omit robotics in mechanical engineering, sustainable dyes in textiles, blockchain in commerce. Industries, perpetually firefighting market volatilities, perceive universities as rote diploma mills rather than innovation forges, absorbing retraining burdens that erode competitiveness. Engineering oversight bodies decay 60-65% graduate unemployment; electronics sectors import foreign designs faute de local proto-

types; information technology forums highlight 50,000 unfilled roles craving full-stack developers; pharmaceutical clusters plead for global regulatory acumen. Textile epicenters in Punjab clamor for advanced composites; automotive assembly lines yearn for electric vehicle expertise. Youth bear brunt disproportionately: women in STEM comprising 25% graduates but mentored scarcely 10%; rural talents marooned from urban opportunity nexuses. Pandemic aftershocks reverberate—virtual internships nonexistent, hybrid competencies absent, psychosocial support for career



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## Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
152,740.37	154,292.25
Day's High	Day's Low
153,322.96	150,728.17
Index Value	Change
16,413,821,816	-1551.88
Percentage	Time
-1.01%	19 Mar, 2026 4:30 pm
Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
10,059.55	-245.74
Percentage	Time
-2.39%	19 Mar, 4:35 pm GMT
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
45,872.39	-352.76
Percentage	Time
-0.76%	19 Mar, 11:22 am GMT-4
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
53,372.53	-1,866.87
Percentage	Time
-3.38%	19 Mar, 3:45 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	194.97	198
Bahrain Dinar	731.80	741.80
Canadian Dollar	200.01	205.15
China Yuan	36.60	37.65
Danish Krone	43.32	43.72
Euro	319.98	324.05
Hong Kong Dollar	34.90	35.90
Indian Rupee	2.15	2.45
Japanese Yen	1.7253	1.8245
Kuwaiti Dinar	886.55	896.25
Malaysian Ringgit	65.30	66.50
New Zealand \$	160.71	165.25
Norwegians Krone	27.61	27.91
Omani Riyal	716.00	726.10
Qatari Riyal	73.19	74.35
Saudi Riyal	73.80	74.75
Singapore Dollar	213.84	218.25
Swedish Korona	30.15	30.45
Swiss Franc	355	358.85
Thai Bhat	8.10	8.25
U.A.E Dirham	75.55	76.90
UK Pound Sterling	370.36	374.25
US Dollar	279.25	280.30

# FFC holds First Corporate Briefing for the Year 2026

## Commerce Desk

Fauji Fertilizer Company (FFC) successfully conducted its first Corporate Briefing for the year 2026, reaffirming its strong commitment to transparency, investor engagement and adherence to best practices in corporate governance.

The briefing, which covered the Company's financial and operational performance for the year ended December 31, 2025, was held virtually from FFC's Corporate Head Office in Rawalpindi. Access details were shared in advance with stakeholders through an official intimation issued on March 10, 2026. The session witnessed active participation from leading capital market analysts and institutional investors.

Brigadier Khurram Shahzada, SI(M) (Retd), Company Secretary, opened the session by highlighting the significance of the Corporate Briefing as a key platform for fostering transparency, strengthening investor confidence and promoting informed decision-making among stakeholders.



Chief Financial Officer, Syed Atif Ali, delivering a comprehensive presentation on the Company's financial performance for FY2025, highlighting key achievements, operational efficiencies and resilience amid evolving market dynamics.

Mr. Jahangir Piracha, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, graced the occasion and actively participated in an interactive question-and-answer session. Alongside the CFO, he addressed queries and observations raised by participants, reflecting the Company's open and responsive approach to stakeholder engagement.

Reiterating the Company's strategic direction, the MD&CEO emphasized FFC's unwavering focus on enhancing operational excellence and delivering sustainable growth. Reaffirmed commitment to maintain strong financial performance, optimizing resource utilization and creating long-term value for shareholders and stakeholders alike.

## Media Talk

MULTAN: Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani speaks to the media on the occasion of Eidul Fitr.



Photo: Online

# Pakistan Armed Forces Ensure National Defence in Every Crisis, President UBG

## Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Zubair Tufail, President of the United Business Group (UBG) and former President of FPCCI, has said that Pakistan's armed forces have consistently ensured the country's defence during every challenging period.



He noted that the creation of Pakistan was made possible under the Two-Nation Theory, as Muslims united to safeguard their identity, rights, and freedom. "Today, we are reaping the fruits of those great sacrifices in the form of an independent state," he added.

Zubair Tufail emphasized that despite current challenges, Pakistan's defence remains in capable hands, with the entire nation standing firmly alongside its armed forces. He stressed that national unity, adherence to democratic values, and the supremacy of the Constitution are essential for ensuring stability and sustainable development.

In his message on the occasion of Pakistan Day, he extended warm felicitations to the nation, stating that March 23 holds great significance in the country's history. He said the day serves as a reminder of the unparalleled sacrifices and historic struggle made by the Muslims of the subcontinent for a separate homeland.

## Gulf Food Market Surge Offers Pakistan Key Export Opportunity Amid Regional Conflict



## Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Convener Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry regional committee on food Shahid Imran Sunday urged pak trade bodies and exporters must act swiftly to capitalize expanding food market access in Gulf states in the wake of US-Israel-Iran war.

Talking here today to a delegation of exporters led by Nisar Ahmad Hanif Gujjar he said Pakistan, with its strong agricultural base and diverse food production, is well-positioned to meet the growing food needs of Gulf States. He said Pakistani exporters are witnessing increased demand for rice, meat, fruits, vegetables, and processed food products. If managed strategically, this situation can help Pakistan not only boost its exports but also establish itself as a dependable and long-term food supplier to Gulf nations, contributing positively to the country's economic growth, he added. He said Pakistan halal-certified meat industry, in particular, holds a competitive advantage in Gulf markets where quality and religious compliance are critical. The ongoing conflict in the Gulf region has unexpectedly created new opportunities for Pakistan's food export sector. As supply chains from traditional exporters face disruptions due to instability, Gulf countries are actively seeking reliable alternative sources to meet their growing food demands.

# Trade Over Turbulence: How Pakistan Can Forge Peace Through Commerce

## Commerce Desk

LAHORE:-SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday said by shifting emphasis towards trade facilitation and economic development, Pakistan can turn conflict zones into corridors of commerce, creating incentives for stability through prosperity.

In a statement here today octogenarian popular trade leader of South Africa, he said trade can then serve both as a driver of economic growth and a mechanism for regional influence, aligning commercial incentives with security outcomes. The challenge is to make security and trade mutually reinforcing.

Iftikhar Ali Malik said emerging markets, including ASEAN and Africa, offer new avenues for diversification. Strategic engagement with regional trade blocs can position Pakistan as a pivotal node in the evolving Asian and African trade networks. Pakistan's strategic location gives it unparalleled access to South



and Central Asia, gateways to the Middle East, and proximity to emerging African markets. Transit trade, industrial clusters, and logistics hubs could transform the country into a pivotal regional trade

nucleus. Unlocking this potential requires more than geography; it demands strategic vision, resilient supply chains, and the ability to operate amid complex geopolitical tensions.

# Saudi Arabia Opens Doors to Pakistani Snacks Following Diplomatic Visit

## Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Saif Ur Rehman after returning from Riyadh 3 week visit Sunday said Saudi food importers have shown strong interest in Pakistan's diverse and high-quality food products, particularly in the snacks segment. He said Saudi buyers appreciated the taste, packaging, and adherence to international quality standards demonstrated by Pakistani manufacturers. As a result, several importers have placed significant orders for a wide range of snacks, including chips, biscuits, confectionery, and traditional items with modern branding of "Zia" snacks.

This growing demand reflects increasing confidence in Pakistan's food processing industry and its ability to meet global market requirements. Exporters have ensured compliance with Saudi regulations, and food safety standards, further strengthening business ties. This growing demand reflects increasing confidence in Pakistan's food processing industry and its ability to meet global market requirements. This development will boost Pakistan's food exports and open new avenues for long-term collaboration. Industry experts believe that consistent quality, competitive pricing, and innovative packaging will help Pakistani products secure a strong foothold in the Saudi market, he concluded.

# Pakistan's Textile Waste Recycling: Key to Sustainable 21st-Century Growth, Says PFC CEO

## Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday said Pakistan has significant potential to achieve sustainable social and economic development in the 21st century by recycling textile waste that saves a huge quantity of water.

Talking here today to a delegation of exporters led by Ahmad Nisar Gujjar he said however the challenges ahead for Pakistan are complex. Climate change, rapid population growth, resource shortages, inadequate job

creation and rising poverty are among the interrelated challenges. He said Pakistan, in a decade, will be among the top five countries exporting circular, sustainable textiles made from recycled waste textiles. That would be a much-needed step to combat poverty, reduce textile waste, and preserve the country's land, water and electricity resources. He said Pakistan has the potential to eliminate textile waste and transform it into creative products.

He said the EU exported 100000 pairs of used jeans valued at \$46 million to Pakistan in 2021 which

were recycled and exported from Karachi. He said Pakistan generates approximately 270,125.34 metric tons of textile waste annually. There is a dire need to impose a strict ban on textile dumping in the country. Simultaneously, it is crucial for the government to mature the textile recycling industry and employ women and girls in this sector to transform waste textiles into meaningful and creative products. He said even brand handbags are made from waste fabrics and leather which is an excellent example of women empowerment, entrepreneurship and trans-



formation of textile waste into practical meaningful products.

# Breaking the Walls: Lessons from Germany and South Asia for Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula



**Naveed Ahmad Khan**

**A**fter the Second World War, the world split into two powerful blocs. On one side stood the United States; on the other, the Soviet Union. As a consequence of the Cold War, Germany itself was divided into two states: East Germany and West Germany. East Germany fell under Soviet influence, while West Germany aligned with the United States and its Western allies.

The city of Berlin was also partitioned, and in 1961 the infamous Berlin Wall was erected, physically and symbolically separating families, relatives, and friends.

Although both sides spoke the same German language, shared a common culture, and maintained deep social bonds, political division created profound social distance. For decades, families were unable to reunite. Finally, in 1989, the Berlin Wall came down, paving the way for normalized relations between the two German states. This historic development not only restored human connections but also strengthened economic stability and social cohesion.

A similar episode unfolded in South Asia. In 1971, East Pakistan separated and emerged as Bangladesh, with Dhaka as its capital. Initially, relations between the two countries remained strained, and at various political junctures, harsh rhetoric and mutual distrust prevailed. Many

families, including Bihari Pakistanis residing in Bangladesh, were deeply affected by the division.

Over time, however, circumstances evolved, and relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh gradually improved. Today, both nations maintain their distinct identities while moving toward greater cooperation and engagement.

In light of these historical examples, the situation on the Korean Peninsula presents striking parallels. North Korea and South Korea were likewise divided amid Cold War tensions. The North aligned closely with China and the former Soviet bloc, while the South forged ties with the United States and Western allies. Despite this political divide, both sides share a common language, culture, and historical heritage. Countless families remain separated across the border, unable to meet due to ongoing political tensions and restrictions.

The question, therefore, is compelling: as the world changes, walls fall, and old hostilities give way to reconciliation, should the people of Korea not also be granted the freedom of human contact, family reunions, personal visits, and the restoration of social bonds? National identity and political sovereignty can remain intact, as demonstrated by the cases of Germany and Bangladesh. Yet restricting human relationships cannot serve as a lasting solution.

Leaders of North Korea and South Korea should take gradual but meaningful steps toward easing tensions and restoring human connections across the divide. Without compromising their political systems or sovereignty, both governments can expand family reunions, allow limited humanitarian travel, revive joint economic initiatives such as the Kaesong Industrial Complex, and strengthen military communication



channels to prevent misunderstandings. Cultural, academic, and people-to-people exchanges should also be encouraged to rebuild trust rooted in their shared language and heritage. History, particularly the fall of the Berlin

Wall, demonstrates that reconciliation begins with human contact and confidence-building measures. By prioritizing compassion over confrontation, both sides can gradually "break the walls" of hostility while maintaining their sepa-

rate identities, laying the foundation for lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula. It is thus imperative that North and South Korea, while preserving their separate identities, adopt greater humanitarian flexibility, ease restric-

tions, facilitate family reunions, and allow people-to-people contact. In a transforming world, mutual respect, engagement, and human compassion remain the most enduring foundations for peace.

## Unity, Gratitude, Harmony: Key Themes in Malaysian High Commissioner's Eid ul Fitr 2026 Address

**Spokesman Report**

**ISLAMABAD:** In conjunction with the celebration of Eid ul Fitr 2026, the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan, H. E. Amb. Dato' Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, delivered a heartfelt message to the Home-Based Staff and Locally Recruited Staff of the High Commission of Malaysia in Islamabad.

In his message, H. E. Amb. Dato' Mohammad Azhar Mazlan extended warm Eid greetings to all members of the High Commission, acknowledging their dedication and contributions throughout the year. He emphasized that Eid ul Fitr is not only a celebration but also a meaningful occasion to reflect on the spiritual journey of Ramadan—a period that instills patience, humility, and compassion.

He highlighted the importance of gratitude, encouraging all staff to appreciate both personal and professional blessings. Reflecting on the lessons of Ramadan, he urged everyone to carry forward the values of kindness, discipline, and empathy into their daily lives and work environment.

The High Commissioner also underscored the importance of



maintaining a harmonious and respectful workplace, noting that unity and mutual understanding are key to strengthening the mission's effectiveness. He reminded all staff that, as representatives of Malaysia abroad, they play an important role in

reflecting the nation's identity as a peaceful, respectful, and inclusive country.

In light of ongoing challenges faced in various parts of the world, he stressed that peace is a value Malaysians deeply cherish and must continue to uphold. He

encouraged everyone to embody these principles and contribute positively to both the workplace and the wider community.

As a gesture of goodwill and appreciation, H. E. Amb. Dato' Mohammad Azhar Mazlan also extended Eid food packages to all



locally recruited staff, reflecting the spirit of sharing and care that

defines the festive season. Extending the festive spirit

beyond the High Commission, the High Commissioner also conveyed sincere Eid ul Fitr greetings to the Government and people of Pakistan, expressing appreciation for the warm relations and hospitality extended to Malaysia. He expressed his hope for continued friendship, prosperity, and peace between the two nations.

In closing, the High Commissioner once again extended his best wishes to all and shared a traditional Malaysian greeting: "Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir dan Batin," a phrase that conveys warm Eid greetings while seeking forgiveness for any wrongdoings, both seen and unseen, in the spirit of reconciliation and renewal.

## Indonesian Embassy in Islamabad Holds Eid Prayer and Eid Gathering for Indonesian Community



**Spokesman Report**

**ISLAMABAD:** The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia held Eid Prayer and Eid Gathering called Halal Bihalal, in collaboration with the Ramadhan Committee of the Indonesian Students Association (PBR PPMI) Pakistan.

As soon as the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Pakistan announced that Eid al-Fitr would be on Saturday, preparations were immediately made. These included decorations, providing Indonesian special Eid menus, and securing the venue for Eid prayer. While prepara-

tions were underway, the takbir echoed throughout the Indonesian Embassy's premises.

To facilitate transportation for students from the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) campus to the Indonesian Embassy in Islamabad, the Indonesian Embassy provided three minibuses for pick and drop. The minibuses were quite helpful for them, as the Embassy's vehicles have easier access to the Diplomatic Enclave where the Indonesian Embassy located.

Acting as Imam for the Eid prayer was M. Irham Amin, Chairman of the Special Branch of Muhammadiyah (PCIM) in

Pakistan, while the preacher was Ibnu Aqil Mahmud, Deputy Chairman of the Special Branch of Nahdlatul Ulama (PCINU) in Pakistan. In Indonesia, both Muhammadiyah and Nahdlatul Ulama are the largest Islamic organizations with millions of followers.

"Patriotism is a fitrah or human nature since all human beings naturally want peace," explained Ibnu, who is also a postgraduate student in Arabic Literature at IIUI.

Meanwhile, the Indonesian Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Chandra W. Sukotjo, participated in the

Eid prayer and Halal Bihalal gathering, accompanied by his wife, Tamara Y. Sukotjo. Diplomats and staff from the Indonesian Embassy in Islamabad also accompanied the Ambassador and engaged with the Indonesian community.

"The synergy between the Indonesian Embassy in Islamabad and the Indonesian community is critical, especially in promoting the Embassy's area of public diplomacy," said the Ambassador who was formerly part of the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force in various countries.

All Eid prayer participants received coupons to exchange for

a portion of the Indonesian special menus of Eid such 'Lontong' or compressed rice cakes served with 'Opor Ayam' or Indonesian coconut chicken curry.

"The Ambassador and Madam are like our parents. Even though we are far from our families, the Eid prayer and Halal Bihalal at the Embassy are remedy for homesickness," said Neng Yofa, an Indonesian student at IIUI.

The Eid gathering at the Embassy's premises has been held for many years to provide a space for the Indonesian community to reconnect, share traditions, and foster a sense of community while living abroad. The Eid gathering



features social interaction that mimics the atmosphere of home, helping to alleviate the longing for family and culture.

At the end of the program, all Eid prayer participants received snacks and several Indomie noodles supplied by Indomie factory in Faisalabad, Pakistan.

"For us, Ramadan is a month to compete to be the best. There are

many students with great talent," explained Naufal, Chair of Ramadhan Committee of the Indonesian Students Association, who has overseen various competitions and activities among Indonesian students during Ramadan.

Nasyid competitions, as well as speeches and MC competitions in English and Arabic, are just some of the talent competition.

## Message from the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mr Asif Ali Zardari, on the Pakistan Day (23rd March 2026)

I extend my heartfelt felicitations to the entire Pakistani nation on the occasion of Pakistan Day. On this very day in 1940, the Muslims of the Subcontinent adopted the Pakistan Resolution and presented the idea of establishing a separate homeland where they could live their lives freely in accordance with Islamic principles. Today, we pay tribute to our elders whose struggle and sacrifices led to the creation of Pakistan.



Ab-Lil-Haq has also achieved significant and desired results. Our clear message to the illegally imposed group in Afghanistan is that we will not allow Fitna al-Khawarij, Fitna al-Hindustan or any other group to use Afghan soil for actions against Pakistan. We will also completely eliminate those who sponsor terrorism and those who, through India or its proxy elements, seek to undermine our peace and our efforts for peaceful coexistence, so as to secure our settlements and our borders.

Pakistan Day reminds us that unity and solidarity are the most important elements in transforming national resolve into reality. At the time of Pakistan's creation in 1947, we faced numerous challenges. History bears witness that through mutual cooperation, hard work and capability, we overcame those difficulties and achieved remarkable success in every field. We established state institutions, made our defence capability impregnable, acquired nuclear deterrence, fought a long and successful unconventional war against terrorism and set shining examples of sacrifice and mutual support during natural disasters.

In Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), the open violations of human rights by Indian forces, attempts to alter the demographic composition, patronage of Hindutva and the unjust treatment of minorities in India, particularly Muslims, are proofs that the decision of Quaid-e-Azam and the Muslim leadership to seek a separate homeland was prudent. Kashmir remains the unfinished agenda of the Partition of the Subcontinent. We expect the international community to urge India to allow the people of IIOJK to live according to

their will and to grant them the right of self-determination in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. The international community must also step forward to end the atrocities being committed against our Palestinian brothers, who deserve to live a dignified and peaceful life under the internationally recognised two-state solution and peaceful coexistence. Similarly, we emphasise the resolution of the recent tensions in West Asia through diplomacy and dialogue.

On the occasion of Pakistan Day, we must resolve to ensure the rule of law, strengthen democratic institutions, reduce inequality, empower women, promote political and economic stability and eliminate the scourge of terrorism and extremism. We have achieved our objectives in the past and I firmly believe that we possess the full capacity to overcome the challenges currently facing Pakistan. Unity, Faith and Discipline are the guiding principles through which we can make Pakistan even stronger and more prosperous.

Let us pay tribute to our national heroes and to the martyrs and ghazis who sacrificed for the creation and stability of Pakistan and devoted their lives to the security, stability and prosperity of the motherland. May Allah Almighty be our protector and supporter.

Ameen.  
Pakistan Zindabad!

## Despite challenges, government steers economy towards sustainable growth: PM

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that the government, despite numerous challenges, had steered Pakistan's economy towards sustainable growth.

In his message on the occasion of Pakistan Day, the prime minister said that since its inception, the entire nation had demonstrated extraordinary resilience and determination in every trial. "From a nascent state to becoming a nuclear power, our journey reflects steadfastness and iron resolve. This journey towards a bright future continues even today."

To shape Pakistan in accordance with the vision of Quaid-e-Azam



Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the prime minister called for moving forward with steadfastness, tireless effort, and a collective national strategy.

He said a consistent decline in inflation, increased investors' confidence, and positive economic indicators were the evidences that the country was moving in the right direction. "This progress is the result of bold reforms,

prudent policies, and the people's confidence in their abilities and in the bright future of our beloved country."

Extending his heartfelt congratulations to the entire nation, the prime minister said that 23rd of March held the status of a significant milestone in the history of South Asia. Eighty-six years ago, on this historic day, the Muslim leadership of the subcontinent united with unwavering resolve to lay the foundation of a separate homeland.

He added that drawing inspiration from the vision of Allama Iqbal, Muslim leaders presented the concept of a State where Muslims could secure their constitutional and political rights and live with dignity, freedom, and honor.

## South Africa clinch 19-run win over New Zealand in fourth T20I

WELLINGTON: South Africa's spinners played a decisive role as the tourists won the fourth Twenty20 international against New Zealand by 19 runs on Sunday to square the five-match series 2-2.

New Zealand were well placed to clinch the series midway through their chase in Wellington after the Proteas scored 164-5.

However, from 88-3 after 10

overs, they lost wickets in rapid succession to be all out for 145 off 18.5 overs.

It sends the series, played between weakened sides from both countries, to a decider in Christchurch on Wednesday.

The match swung in favour of South Africa when spinners Keshav Maharaj and Prenelan Subrayen turned the screws through the

middle stages of the chase.

Captain Maharaj is comfortably the most experienced member of an experimental tour squad and proved hard to score from as he took 2-22 off four overs.

Subrayen, playing his first T20 international, bowled Dane Cleaver for 26 to spark New Zealand's middle order crumble and finished with 2-13 off three overs.

## Iran threatens full Hormuz shutdown over US warning

AFP

An aerial view of the Iranian shores and the island of Qeshm in the Strait of Hormuz, on December 10, 2023. Reuters file

Iran's military threatened on Sunday to completely shut down the strategic Strait of Hormuz if US President Donald Trump acts on threats to target the country's power plants.

Trump has given Iran 48 hours to reopen the strait, which has been effectively closed since the start of the war sparked on February 28 by US-Israeli bombardment of Iran.

The war has since spread across the Middle East, with Iran responding with drone and missile attacks on Israel and US interests in the region.

"If the United States' threats regarding Iran's power plants are carried out... the Strait of Hormuz will be completely closed, and it will not be reopened until our destroyed power plants are rebuilt," the military's operational command Khatam Al-Anbiya said in a statement carried by state TV.

The military said it would also strike Israel's "power plants, energy, and information and communica-

tions technology (ICT) infrastructure", along with power plants in regional countries hosting US bases and companies with US shareholders.

It added that the measures will be taken "to defend our country and the interests of our nation".

Traffic through the vital strait — through which 20 per cent of the world's crude oil and liquefied natural gas normally passes — has been brought to a near-standstill since the start of the war.

A relatively small number of vessels have been able to transit it — around five per cent of its pre-war volume, according to analytics firm Kpler.

Iranian forces have attacked multiple vessels, saying they failed to heed "warnings" against transiting the waterway.

In recent days, Iran has allowed some vessels from countries it considers friendly to pass, while warning it would block ships from countries it says have joined the "aggression" against it.

Iran's parliament is mulling imposing tolls on shipping through the strait, with Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf saying maritime traffic would "not return to its pre-war status".

## Bridging Professional Mentorship among Academia and Industry: A Brighter Future of Youth

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anxiety overlooked. National dialogues and seminars amplify clarion calls for reform.

Mentorship architectures empower youth multidimensionally, forging bidirectional conduits. Youth-focused modalities encompass immersive shadowing (quarter-long factory apprenticeships yielding project portfolios), capstone consortia (industry-sponsored theses blending theory-practice), and alumni mentorship constellations (yearly career symposia). Faculty-youth synergies feature shopfloor sabbaticals (quarter-long R&D immersions), executive adjunct lectureships. Reverse flows position industry veterans as capstone coaches; hybrid variants leverage virtual platforms for rural-global linkages, inter-team hackathons. Youth dividends abound: experiential arsenals (deployed code repositories, endorsement-laden profiles), relational capital (70% hires via networks), accelerated trajectories (internships to full-time 60% conversion). Faculty reap curric-

ulum vitality, grant influxes, joint patents; industries secure talent pipelines, subsidized R&D, reputational polish via youth diversity hires. Clinical mentorships elevate professionalism 40%, slash diagnostic errors 30%; computer science pairings secure fintech absorptions 85%; international graduate bridges propel scholarship triumphs 90%; technology funds catalyze cleantech prototypes into youth-led startups; leadership immersions instill soft skills yielding 95% upward mobilizations; biotech collaborations commercialize youth innovations.

Youth mentorship odysseys confront formidable fortresses. Academic entrenchment: veteran resistance to "dilution"; metric biases scoring applicability. Industrial apprehensions: perceived impracticality, scheduler overloads. Infrastructural voids: incubator deserts, proprietary fears. Scalability straits: hundreds mentored versus millions aspiring. Gender asymmetries: female youth underserved 20%. Geographic gradients: hinterland youth adrift. Fiscal frailties: token allocations,

untapped CSR reservoirs. Sociocultural strictures: hierarchical reticence curbing dialogue, nascent trust deficits. Assessment amnesia: lacking decade-long youth outcome trackers (employability persistence, entrepreneurial births).

Youth triumph vignettes vivify viability. Telecommunications incubators spawn two dozen advanced network ventures with billion-rupee appraisals; fintech accelerators crown youth as unicorn helmsmen. Textile research clusters pioneer intelligent fabrics penetrating European markets. Clinical-industry audits forge compliant therapeutics for underserved ailments. Graduate bridges dispatch hundreds to international doctorates and premier postings. Reverse engineering mentorships patent autonomous aerial relief systems. Textile consortiums innovate eco-dyes securing worldwide protections. Technology funds propel 150 prototypes to Medtech enterprises grossing billions. Leadership cohorts vault 500 youth to executive echelons. Technology forums convene ecosystems bridging voids. Plan-

ning blueprints furnish actionable youth roadmaps.

Provincial youth landscapes luminous variegated. Punjab powerhouses mentor 2,000 annually attaining 92% employability in electric vehicles and fintech; Sindh synergies birth 85% startups harnessing blockchain and renewables. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa fortifies medical and Healthtech pharma pipelines. Balochistan leverages corridor projects for mining, oil, gas remote monitoring, desalination youth ventures. Gilgit-Baltistan nurtures tourism-biotech eco-initiatives.

Youth-centric blueprint boundless ambition. Legislate mentorship quotas in academic promotions (20% weightage), endow 100 incubators province-wide. Erect national digital nexus with AI matchmaking and blockchain safeguards. Institute mandatory pre-service modules on inclusivity and articulation. Enforce alumni obligations to shepherd juniors. Mandate CSR mentorship allotments with fiscal inducements. Harness virtual realities for hinterland-global youth congresses.

Prioritize female STEM cohorts with premiums. Deploy satellite mentorships rural youth. Erect real-time dashboards chronicling youth metrics decade-spanning. Mirror global exemplars: knowledge transfer partnerships yielding billion-transfers, innovation corps spawning thousands of startups, dual vocational schemas. Convene oversight committees, fortify research offices, proliferate innovation parks coast-to-coast.

Youth horizons haloed in promise. Mentorship alchemizes human capital dynamo: innovation propelling GDP 10% ascent, youth joblessness contracting to 4%, exports tripling value-chains. Youth-industry-academia trinity births antifragile republic — graduates as architects, universities as crucibles, enterprises as launchpads. The mentorship bridge, once erected, illuminates perpetual brighter futures; demographic dividends harvested, youth sovereignty realized, Pakistan eternally ascendant.

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## HBL PSL 11 schedule revised

### Is set to run from 26th March to 3rd May in Lahore and Karachi

Tahir Amin Malik

The Pakistan Cricket Board has announced revised schedule for 11th edition of the HBL PSL after austerity measures have been adopted in consultation with the Government of Pakistan, and in line with the officially announced national austerity and resource conservation measures.

The number of host venues for HBL PSL 11 has been streamlined from six to two. All matches will now be staged in Lahore and Karachi.

In the updated schedule 44 matches will be taking place in a space of 39 days with Lahore and Karachi each hosting 22 matches. The opening match between Hyderabad Kingsmen and Lahore Qalandars remains intact, while Lahore will also see Eliminator 1, 2 and the

final. Qualifier will be played in Karachi.

With the tournament temporarily shifting to a watch-from-home model, HBL PSL will introduce enhanced broadcast and production features aimed at delivering an even stronger viewing experience for fans across Pakistan and around the world. The league remains confident that the passion of its audience, combined with innovation in coverage, will make this edition one of the most widely watched in its history.

While it is important to prioritise national stability, the crowds gracing the stadia will be sorely missed. It was estimated that with an average of 30,000 spectators and associated support staff travelling daily for over more than a month would place significant strain on energy resources.

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## Eid ul Fitr Prayers

NAWABSHAH: President Asif Ali Zardari offering Eidul Fitr prayers at Zardari House.



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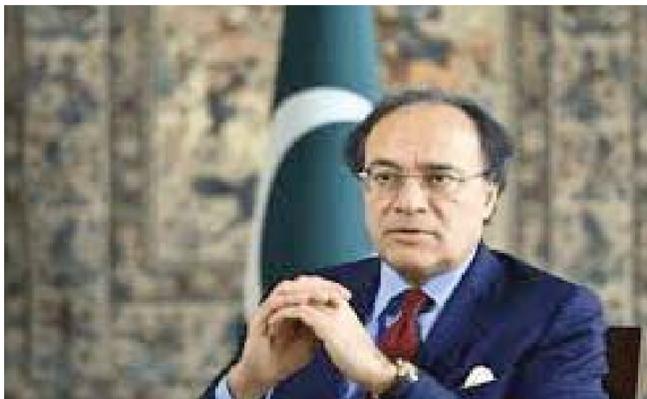
## Govt bears Rs 69b shock to maintain POL prices, says Aurangzeb

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said on Sunday that the government had borne the burden of Rs 69 billion to maintain stability in the prices of petroleum products and provided possible relief to the people.

Talking to the media here, he added that ongoing tension and possible war situation in the region may pose risks to the energy infrastructure, which is also likely to have an impact on the supply chain.

He hoped that the energy supply situation would improve by April and the country would not face any major crisis. He clarified that government's top priority is to put minimal financial pressure on the people and effective steps are being taken at various



levels for this purpose. Government is following a serious and comprehensive strategy to keep the economy stable despite limited resources, he vowed.

Finance Minister said that resources are not unlimited,

therefore it is necessary to find sustainable and long-lasting solutions. In this regard, consideration is being given to promoting demand management, efficient use of energy and saving measures to reduce unnecessary

consumption.

Muhammad Aurangzeb asserted that a targeted relief package is being prepared for the deserving and low-income groups, which aims to reduce the effects of inflation and provide facilities to the

real needy.

He invited the public, economists and relevant stakeholders to send their suggestions to the government so that better and effective policymaking could be made possible. He also referred to the fact that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, in his recent address, has shared in detail the economic and energy challenges facing the nation and the government is taking all possible measures to solve these problems. The Federal Finance Minister extended his heartfelt greetings to the entire nation on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr and prayed for sustainable stability, development and security in the country. He expressed the optimism that through joint efforts and responsible behavior, Pakistan will successfully deal with the current challenges.

## SUPARCO launches GeoAI Platform to Bolster Pakistan Climate Resilience



News Desk

RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) has launched the Space4Climate Initiative to strengthen climate resilience and action through space-based technologies.

At its core is a "GeoAI-enabled Climate Observatory" — an integrated digital platform consolidating satellite data, geospatial analytics, and modeling into actionable insights for policymakers, researchers, and

communities.

The platform monitors atmospheric pollutants (aerosols, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>), greenhouse gases (CO<sub>2</sub>, methane), forests, glaciers, coastal dynamics, river systems, and land use. It also tracks climate-induced hazards including floods, droughts, heatwaves, sea-level rise, and GLOFs.

By integrating space-based and in-situ data, Space4Climate supports evidence-based policymaking and sustainable development — advancing Pakistan's climate agenda in line with global efforts.

## PM Shehbaz, Turkmenistan President exchange Eid greetings, Reaffirm ties

LAHORE:

The Prime Minister (PM)

Muhammad

Shehbaz

Sharif on

Saturday held

a telephone

conversation

with H. E. Serdar

Berdimuhamedov,

President of Turkmenistan

on the auspicious

occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The premier

extended Eid-ul-Fitr

greetings to the Turkmen

President, the Turkmen

leadership, and the brotherly

people of Turkmenistan.

The feelings

were warmly reciprocated

by the Turkmen President,

who also conveyed his

best wishes for the people

of Pakistan.

The two leaders

expressed satisfaction

at the positive trajectory

of bilateral relations

between Pakistan and Turkmenistan

and expressed their shared

commitment to further

strengthen cooperation

between the two countries

across all spheres of mutual

interest, particularly trade,

energy, connectivity and

regional development.

The two leaders

also underscored the

importance of enhancing

collaboration in ongoing

regional initiatives, particularly

in advancing mutually

beneficial projects. The

conversation

was marked by

warmth and mutual

goodwill, consistent

with the cordial

relations between

both sides.



## PM extends Eid greetings to Indonesian president

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday held telephone conversation with His Excellency Prabowo Subianto, President of the Republic of Indonesia.

During their warm and cordial conversation, the premier conveyed Eid-ul-Fitr felicitations to the Indonesian President and the brotherly people of Indonesia.

The feelings were warmly reciprocated by the Indonesian President.

Both leaders prayed for peace and harmony for each others' peoples, as well as for the Muslim Ummah.

The prime minister reaffirmed Pakistan's desire to further strengthen its historic and fraternal ties with Indonesia and expressed his firm resolve to expand bilateral cooperation with Indonesia, across all spheres of mutual interest.

The two leaders also exchanged views on the latest regional developments, particularly the ongoing hostilities in Iran and the Gulf region.

Both leaders called for an immediate end to hostilities and resolution of all differences through dialogue and diplomacy.



## Palestinian Presidency Slams 'Terrorist' Israeli Settler Attacks in West Bank

Wafa

RAMALLAH: The Palestinian Presidency strongly condemned the terrorist attacks carried out by Israeli colonist gangs against villages, communities, and camps in the West Bank, stressing that these assaults constitute a serious escalation for which the Israeli occupation government bears full responsibility.

The Presidency praised the joint statement issued by the missions of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the European Union, Ireland, Finland, France, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and Switzerland, which strongly condemns the escalation of colonist terrorism and the violence carried out by Israeli forces against Palestinian communities, describing these positions as an important step that must be followed by practical and serious measures by the international community to stop these

violations, hold perpetrators accountable, and protect the defenseless Palestinian people.

The Presidency emphasized that the killing of citizens, property arson, and acts of violence are organized and systematic, carried out under the protection of occupation forces and with the backing of the extremist right-wing government. It further emphasized that these actions aim to implement plans of annexation, racial expansion, and displacement, stressing the importance of activating and supporting popular protection committees.

The Presidency emphasized the importance of strengthening the mechanisms of the Palestinian people's resilience, stressing that the Palestinian people will remain steadfast on their land, holding on to their legitimate national rights despite all forms of terrorism and killing by the occupation and its terrorist colonists.

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