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## Global media praises Field Marshal Asim Munir's leadership, military diplomacy

Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir's leadership abilities and successful military diplomacy have earned global recognition. His sincere efforts for the promotion of global peace have distinguished him among international military leaders, while an international journal has described his role as a mediator in the US-Iran talks as highly significant and crucial.



## Muzaffarabad cultural event marks Marka-e-Haq

Addressing the ceremony, Faisal Mumtaz Rathore said on May 7, 2025, the enemy attacked Pakistan by making baseless allegations. The Pakistani army defended the homeland vigorously and taught the enemy a lesson. We stand with the Pakistani army, he said. He added said, "Our relationship with Pakistan will never be broken, we are Pakistanis, Pakistan is ours."

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## Inauguration

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif inaugurates 100 MW Solar Project in Gilgit Baltistan. Gilgit, on Thursday.



Photo: PID

## Air Chief honours PAF for crippling Indian defence systems during Marka-e-Haq



Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: A ceremony was held at Air Headquarters in Islamabad on Thursday to mark the first anniversary of "Maarka-e-Haq", with Air Chief Marshal Zabeer Ahmed Babar Sidhu paying tribute to the Pakistan Air Force as a decisive response to Indian aggression.

According to the channel, the Air Chief, who attended the event as chief guest, said the Pakistan Air Force had inflicted severe damage on enemy air defence systems during the conflict and had demonstrated its operational strength against some of the world's most advanced fighter

aircraft. The ceremony included the screening of a documentary highlighting the role of the Pakistan Air Force during the operation. Families of martyrs and decorated personnel were presented with military honours, while several officers and airmen received the Sitara-i-Jurat in recognition of their bravery.

Addressing the gathering, Air Chief Marshal Sidhu congratulated Pakistan Air Force personnel on the success of the operation and praised their response during the conflict.

Referring to the Pahalgam incident, Air Chief Marshal Sidhu said India had levelled "baseless allegations" against Pakistan following what he described as a false flag operation. He added that Pakistan had offered India an impartial and independent investigation into the matter.

# PM Shehbaz launches major development projects, solarisation drive in Gilgit-Baltistan

### Spokesman Report

GILGIT: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday inaugurated and performed groundbreaking of multiple development projects in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), including renewable energy initiatives, Safe City projects, and the establishment of Daanish Schools amid distributing free solar panels, laptops, and business loan cheques among the youth.

Addressing a ceremony, the prime minister said the government was committed to ensuring equitable development across all regions of Pakistan, stressing that progress would remain incomplete without the uplift of Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

He inaugurated a 100-megawatt solar power project for the region and launched the distribution of 58MW worth of free solar panels among domestic and commercial consumers

under a transparent digital balloting system. He said over 50,000 applications were received, out of which around 15,000 beneficiaries were selected purely on merit.

The prime minister directed authorities to complete the solar project by mid-2027, noting that the initiative would significantly ease energy shortages in the mountainous region, particularly during harsh winters. He also revealed that

confiscated solar panels in a fraud case were redirected for free distribution to the people of GB instead of auction.

Highlighting education reforms, Shehbaz Sharif laid the foundation stones of four Daanish Schools in Sultanabad, Bunji, Ghanche, and Skardu, aimed at providing state-of-the-art education facilities to underprivileged children.

The prime minister also inaugurated Gilgit Safe City Project Phase-II and announced the Skardu Safe City project,

directing that it should match and surpass the standards of Lahore's Safe City system. He emphasized the need for proper maintenance and modernisation of these security systems.

During the ceremony, he distributed laptops under the Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme to high-achieving students and provided cheques under the Prime Minister's Youth Agriculture and Business Loan Scheme to promote entrepreneurship.

## Interior Minister highlights intelligence, military coordination

### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior said on Thursday that Pakistan's civil armed forces, intelligence agencies and media played a decisive and exemplary role during the recent Pakistan-India hostilities, ensuring national security through advance preparedness, effective coordination and remarkable unity.

Speaking at a briefing, the minister thanked media representatives for attending and said the visit coincides with nationwide celebrations, making it important to high-



light how civil defence, Rangers, Islamabad teams and other forces performed their duties with exceptional commitment.

He said that while the armed forces — the Army, Air Force and Navy — played an

outstanding role, the contribution of Pakistan's intelligence agencies was "far greater than acknowledged." According to him, advance intelligence during the conflict proved "100% accurate," enabling Pakistan to prepare and respond effectively.

The minister revealed that India used drones extensively, sending small and medium-sized drones across several Pakistani cities. Pakistan, however, intercepted and downed most of them at the border. "Our Rangers shot down dozens of drones using only their guns. Very few managed to reach cities," he said.

## Federal Minister highlights role of literature in strengthening national unity, narrative

### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Aurangzeb Khan Kichi Thursday said that the success of Marka-e-Haq reflects national unity, patriotism, and the strong bond between the people and the Armed Forces of Pakistan.

He congratulated the entire nation on the completion of one year of Marka-e-Haq and paid tribute to the Armed Forces, particularly Syed Asim Munir, for their unwavering commitment to defending the country during every challenging time.

He expressed these views while addressing a special seminar titled "The Role of Literature in Achieving National Objectives", organized by the Pakistan Academy of Letters to mark one year of the success of Marka-e-Haq.

The Federal Minister said that certain elements attempt to create the impression that the nation and the Armed Forces are not united; however, Marka-e-Haq proved that the entire nation stands firmly alongside its Armed Forces.

## Mark-e-Haq reflects spirit of sacrifice, national commitment: Dr. Musadik

### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik on Thursday said the "Mark-e-Haq" reflected the spirit of sacrifice and national commitment that unite the country together.

Addressing a seminar held in connection to commemorate the "Mark-e-Haq", the minister said even after 78 years of independence, Pakistan continued to

stand as a symbol of freedom, dignity and national resilience, stressing that unity among the people remained the country's strongest response to every challenge.

He paid glowing tribute to the sacrifices rendered by the Pakistani people and armed forces, saying the nation's freedom came at a great cost. He said that 11 soldiers and 40 civilians embraced martyrdom for the defense and dignity of Pakistan.

Dr. Musadik remarked that every

child of Pakistan would continue to hold his head high with freedom and pride, while national unity was our real answer and greatest strength.

Referring to the Pahalgam incident, the minister said India tried to use it as a pretext to advance its political and strategic agenda. Pakistan's position was clear that evidence should be presented before an impartial arbitrator or a mutually agreed friend country, but instead of providing evidence, India chose the path of war," he stated.

## Civil-military coordination, timely information helped Pakistan counter fake news during Marka-e-Haq: Tarar

### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has said close coordination between civil and military leadership, timely dissemination of verified information, and responsible conduct by the media enabled Pakistan to effectively counter fake news and strengthen its narrative during Marka-e-Haq (The Battle of Truth) with India, last year.

Addressing a webinar titled "Truth Beyond Borders," organized by the External Publicity Wing of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the minister said the government had deployed all available resources to ensure that accurate and verified information reached the right

audience at the right time during the conflict situation last year.

He said one of the key factors behind Pakistan's success in combating misinformation and fake news was the strong cohesion between the civil and military leader-



ship, as well as close coordination between the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

"We had a very smooth flow of information and very accurate, which we gave out very timely to the media," he added.

## Pakistan desires peace but will respond decisively to any aggression: Tariq Fazal

### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary on Thursday reiterated that Pakistan seeks peace but warned that if aggression is imposed again, the response would be "harder, faster, and far more devastating."

The minister, in a post on X responding to statements by the Indian leadership, said "Modi first staged the failed Pahalgam false flag drama to manufacture a narrative against Pakistan. However, when Pakistan demanded credible evidence and an impartial international

investigation, India backed away and had no answers."

He said India's so-called "Operation Sindoor" was countered by Pakistan's "Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos," adding that Pakistan's armed forces responded with precision and



strength. The minister further said that Pakistan's armed forces shot down multiple Indian fighter jets, leaving India embarrassed on multiple fronts.

# Azad Kashmir PM highlights seven months of 'historic' development projects



**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Faisal Mumtaz Rathore has said that the present government during its seven months rule has initiated historic development projects all across the liberated territory.

He made these remarks while addressing a public gathering in Daban Khanpur, organised by Public Health Minister Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi in his constituency.

He said the government had

introduced an education package, expanded the road network, improved the political environment and set the process of development and progress in motion across the state.

Announcing several development schemes for the area, pm Rathore said a primary school would be established in Chalhian, while Daban would officially be renamed as Khanpur. He also announced the upgradation of Primary School Ratali, the elevation of Daban High School to higher secondary level and the inclusion of BHU Daban in the next fiscal budget.

"We do not believe in empty promises but in practical implementation," he said, adding that the government had strengthened public trust by keeping the doors of the Prime Minister's Secretariat open and ensuring equal development across the state.

Referring to the PPP's political role, he said the party had restored political stability in Azad Kashmir and its workers remained active at the grassroots level.

Praising Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi, the Prime Minister said the minister had shown exceptional dedication to

resolving the problems of his constituency and pursuing development projects for the people.

He thanked the Prime Minister for attending the gathering and described his visit as a continuation of the commitments made to the people by his late father during his historic visit to Khanpur in 1991.

A large number of PPP workers, local representatives and residents attended the gathering. On the occasion, hundreds of people belonging to different political parties announced their joining of the PPP.

## Muzaffarabad Marks First Anniversary of 'Bunyan-um-Marsoos' Victory with Grand Ceremony

**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: A grand ceremony was held in capital city Muzaffarabad on Thursday to mark the first anniversary of Pakistan's historic victory against India during the operation "Bunyan um Marsoos".



Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Faisal Mumtaz Rathore attended the event as chief guest, whereas the event was attended by General Officer Commanding Chinar Division, President Pakistan Peoples Party Azad Kashmir, Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin, Senior Minister Mian Abdul Waheed, ministers Chaudhry Yasir Sultan and Nabila Ayub, Chief Secretary Khushal Khan, Inspector General of Police Liaquat Ali Malik and other senior civil and military officials.

On the occasion, glowing tributes were paid to the martyrs of the Pakistan army who laid down their lives while defending the motherland.

Renowned singers Ali Azmat and Aima Baig captivated the audience with patriotic performances, while colourful tableaux presented by children received warm appreciation from the participants. Local artists including Raja Imran, Abdul Basit and Natasha Khan also performed on the occasion.

The event was also attended by National cricketer Muhammad Haris.

During the event, the Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Faisal Mumtaz Rathore and the General Officer Commanding Chinar Division distributed shields among the families of martyrs in recognition of their sacrifices and services for the nation.

The ceremony concluded with a spectacular fireworks display.

## Battle of Haq Anniversary: Muslim Conference Leader Hails Pakistani Military Victory Over India

**City Desk**



RAWALPINDI: On the completion of one year of the Battle of Haq, Secretary General of the Muslim Conference and former Deputy Speaker, Ms. Mehran-un-Nisa, while paying tribute to the Pakistani armed forces and political leadership for the successful military operation and victory against India, said that by giving a befitting reply to India's imposition of a self-imposed war and aggression on Azad Kashmir and Pakistan, the military leadership has proven that Pakistan is an invincible and responsible nuclear power. Ms. Mehran-un-Nisa said that the Indian leadership committed aggression on the lines of Israel, to which the brave armed forces of Pakistan not only gave a befitting reply, but also forced the enemy to kneel down and negotiate a ceasefire through the international community. Ms. Mehran-un-Nisa said that our struggle will continue to give the people of the state of Jammu and Kashmir the right to self-determination. Pakistan is the international advocate of the Kashmiri people and the true supporter of the freedom movement. She said that the occupied territories The peaceful struggle of the Kashmiri people against Indian brutality is ongoing. He called on the international community to find a solution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the Security Council resolutions for the establishment of lasting peace in South Asia and to play a role in giving the Kashmiri people the right to self-determination.

## AJK High Court Names Acting Chief Justice Amidst CJ's Absence

**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: Senior most Judge of AJK High Court Justice Syed Shahid Bihar appointed as Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a notification issued here yesterday, Senior Most Judge Justice Syed Shahid Bihar will perform the duties of the Acting Chief Justice during the leave of Chief Justice Sardar Liaquat Hussain abroad.

The notification issued by the Law Department stated that this appointment has been made under Article 43-A of the Interim Constitution of 1974 and will come into effect after taking the oath.



## Attock police Recovers stolen jewelry Worth Rs 6 Million

**Raza Naqvi**

ATTOCK: Attock Police Achieves Major Success, Arrests Suspects Involved in Gold Jewelry Theft Within a Short Time, Recovers Stolen Jewelry Worth Rs. 6 Million

According to details, on 05.05.2026, Attock Police Station Pindigheb received a complaint from Abdul Waqas, resident of Makial, Tehsil Pindigheb, District Attock. He stated that a few days earlier, he had gone to drop his brother at Dhalian Chowk. Upon returning home, he noticed that the lock of the hall was missing. After checking, he found that gold jewelry kept inside a صندوق (storage box) in the room had been stolen.

The stolen items included one chain, one necklace set, one mala set, two earrings, two hairpins, and two rings, with an estimated total value of approximately Rs. 6 million.

Upon receiving the complaint, Punjab Police immediately registered a case and launched an investigation. SHO Malik Munawar, along with his team, used professional expertise, modern technology, and human intelligence to trace and arrest the suspects involved in the theft within a very short time. The arrested suspects were identified as Ubaidullah son of Abid Mehmood and Zawar Haider son of Altaf, both residents of Makial, Tehsil Pindigheb.

During the investigation, it was revealed that the accused were close friends of the complainant and were involved in the theft incident. During interrogation, the stolen gold jewelry worth approximately Rs. 6 million was also recovered from their possession.

On this occasion, Sardar Mowarhan Khan appreciated the performance of the police team and stated that Attock Police is utilizing all available resources to ensure the protection of citizens' lives and property, while indiscriminate operations against criminal elements will continue. He further directed that a strong challan be prepared on the basis of solid evidence to ensure exemplary punishment for the accused.

## Solidarity

LAHORE: Activists of Pakistan Markazi Muslim League (PMML) Women Wing hold a rally in connection with Marka-e-Haq celebrations in the Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

# JK Election Commission Refutes 'Baseless' Rumors on Qadiani Voter Inclusion

**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: A press release issued by the Spokesperson of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Election Commission has stated that rumors are being spread by some quarters on social media that the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Election Commission has deliberately included Qadiani voters in the general electoral lists.

The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Election Commission strongly denies

all these baseless, misleading and untrue news. In the press release, the Election Commission has clarified that formal legislation is indispensable for the preparation and implementation of separate voter lists, which is the constitutional authority and jurisdiction of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

The Election Commission is not authorized to implement any new electoral list or separate list on its own. The Election Commission has sent formal

letters to the Law Department three for legislation in light of the Supreme Court decision and the resolution of the Legislative Assembly, however, the required legislation has not been implemented yet.

In a press release, the Election Commission reiterated that as soon as the relevant legislation is completed, the Commission will immediately take all necessary steps related to separate voter lists in accordance with the law.

The spokesperson of the Election



Commission has appealed to the public not to pay heed to baseless rumors being spread on social media and to trust only the official sources of the Election Commission for authentic information.

# Sardar Attique hails Raja Yasin Ilyas's move as 'Good Omen' for Jammu and Kashmir Politics

**City Desk**

RAWALPINDI: Horse racing is fast, players from Sahansa have become conference members after ending their 22-year association. Party President Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan welcomed Raja Yasin Ilyas, son of Sahansa Muslim Conference President Raja Ilyas Khan, by wearing a garland on his joining the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference. The joining ceremony was held at Rawalpindi Mujahid Manzil. On this occasion, Member Kashmir Council Syed Ghulam Raza Naqvi, Chairman Youth Wing Muslim Conference Sardar Usman Ali Khan, Raja Ilyas Khan, Sardar Abid Razaq, Sardar Ajmal Nikialvi and others were also present.

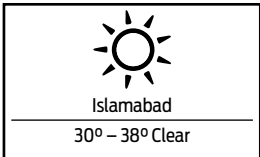


Addressing the joining ceremony, former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that ending a 22-year association is a very difficult step.

Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that those who join the party will be given a legitimate place, and those

who People who stood by the Jamaat in all kinds of situations are our valuable asset. The Muslim Conference is the oldest and most ideological party in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The workers and office bearers who stood by the Jamaat in difficult times become immortal in history and

their role will be prominent for all time. Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has termed the joining of Raja Ilyas Khan and his son Raja Yasin Ilyas in the Muslim Conference as a good omen and this will prove to be a strong fortress for the Muslim Conference in the future.



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# Maryam orders crackdown on corruption in PERA, sets June deadline for body cameras

**Bureau Report**

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Thursday ordered strict action against corruption and abuse of authority within the Punjab Enforcement and Regulatory Authority (PERA), directing that body cameras be installed on all personnel by June 30.

Chairing the fourth meeting of the PERA force in Lahore, the chief minister ordered the scrutiny of 4,000 officers and personnel and warned that officials involved in illegal activities would face exemplary punishment.

She also approved the dismissal of seven officials allegedly involved in unlawful actions.

"Every individual's record in PERA will be opened. Whoever is honest should remain fearless, while the dishonest should prepare themselves," CM Maryam said during the meeting.

The chief minister stressed that there would be no compromise on public service and directed authori-

ties to tighten the net around personnel accused of misconduct.

"Those involved in corruption or misuse of authority should be made an example," she said.

The meeting was briefed on PERA's operational affairs and ongoing reforms. Officials informed the chief minister that the force had obtained ISO certification and that the recruitment of 7,000 personnel would be completed by the end of June.

CM Maryam directed authorities to immediately repatriate officers with questionable reputations and ordered upgrades to PERA's internal intelligence and whistleblower systems.

The meeting also discussed a proposal to establish a dedicated PERA academy in either Kallar Kahar or Murree/Kotli Sattian. The chief minister instructed officials to complete the academy within one year.

She emphasised the need to transform PERA into a fully dedicated regulatory force with improved discipline and institutional credibility.



## Marka-e-Haq event

ISLAMABAD: Group photo of participants with renowned lawyer Barrister Zafarullah Khan at the Marka-e-Haq event held at the International Islamic University on Thursday.



## Marka-e-Haq/ Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos Day Celebrated at DPS

**Zafar Chishti**

TOBA TEK SINGH: Marka-e-Haq/Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos Day was celebrated with great patriotic spirit and enthusiasm at Divisional Public School & College (DPS&C) Toba Tek Singh on May 7, 2026, to pay tribute to Pakistan's brave security forces and armed forces.

Principal DPS&C Dr. Rao Muhammad Siddique attended the ceremony as the chief guest, while wing heads, teachers, administrative staff and a large number of students participated in the event. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Naat-e-Rasool-e-Maqbool. Students presented beautiful tableaux, national songs and speeches to pay homage to the brave soldiers and martyrs of the nation. Their performances received great appreciation from the audience, and the hall echoed with slogans of "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Pak Army Zindabad."

Addressing the participants on the occasion, Principal Dr. Rao Muhammad Siddique said that the armed forces of Pakistan have always rendered unparalleled sacrifices for the defense, security and stability of the country. He stated that the entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with its brave armed forces and takes pride in its martyrs and ghazis.

# Marka-e-Haq 'Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos' is a Golden Chapter: Sheikh Abdul Waheed

**City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: A peaceful and grand rally titled "Main Pakistan Hoon" was held on Liaquat Road, Rawalpindi, to mark the completion of one year of Marka-e-Haq "Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos" and to express solidarity with Field Marshal General Syed Asim Munir and the Pakistan Armed Forces. The rally was led by Sheikh Abdul Waheed, President of Anjuman-e-Tajran Liaquat Road Rawalpindi, while he was accompanied by Sardar Nazir Ahmad Kashmiri (General Secretary), along with a large number of traders and prominent figures from various walks of life. Participants of the rally carried banners, placards, Pakistani flags, and wore Pakistan Army caps, while raising slogans in support of Field Marshal General Syed Asim Munir and the Armed Forces of Pakistan. The participants paid rich tribute to the sacrifices of the armed forces for the security,



stability, and defense of the country.

On this occasion, Sardar Nazir Ahmad Kashmiri said that the Pakistan Armed Forces have always rendered unmatched sacrifices for the sovereignty, integrity, and peace of the country. The entire nation stands united with its brave forces and

possesses the full capability to defeat every malicious design of the enemy. He added that "Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos" has become a shining symbol of national unity, determination, and the spirit of defending the homeland, serving as a lasting example for future generations.

## 600 Women Certified in Punjab Skills Program to Foster 'Strong Punjab'

**Quratulain Asim**

MULTAN: The Women Development Department of Punjab organized a program called Strong Woman, Strong Punjab at Multan Arts Council. In which certificates were distributed to 600 women who acquired various skills according to the vision of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif. Parliamentary Secretary Sadia Taimur was the chief guest, while Secretary Women Development Punjab Saman Rai, Deputy Commissioner Noman Siddique, former Member National Assembly Sheikh Tariq Rashid, MPA Javed Ansari and members of the National and Provincial Assemblies participated in the program. The program highlighted the facilities and training opportunities provided to women under the Sahar Program and the Chief Minister Ambassador Program. Through the Sahar Program, women are being trained in digital skills, beautician courses and food experts so that they can acquire skills and earn a respectable living. On this occasion, the women who completed the training thanked Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif and said that the free training provided by the Punjab government has given them the opportunity to stand on their own feet. The women said that this program has made them active and productive members of the society. Playing an important role in creating a dignified part.



## First Anniversary of Marka-e-Haq Celebration In Multan



**Kiran Asim**

MULTAN: The Women University Multan organized a grand and dignified commemoration to mark the historic success of Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos, widely remembered as Marka-e-Haq—an enduring symbol of national resilience, unity, and valor. The event was organized by the Directorate of Students Affairs in collaboration with the CBS Society, Executive Student Council, and Declamation Society WUM. The ceremony paid a heartfelt tribute to the unwavering courage, sacrifices, and professional excellence of the Armed Forces of Pakistan, particularly acknowledging the remarkable contribution of the Pakistan Air Force during the operation in safeguarding the sovereignty and dignity of the homeland. The event was graced by Member National Assembly Mr. Ali Qasim Gillani as the Chief Guest. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Uzma Quraishi, Registrar Dr. Deeba Shahwar, faculty members, Chairpersons, Directors, media officials, and a large number of students also attended the occasion.

## Senator Talha meets Railways Minister discuss freight cooperation

ISLAMABAD: Founder and Chairman of ACM Group of Industries, Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood Thursday called on Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi and discussed cooperation between the industrial sector and Pakistan Railways.

During the meeting, Talha Mahmood congratulated the railways minister on the reforms being introduced in the railway sector and appreciated the government's efforts to improve operational efficiency and freight services.

The two sides exchanged views on enhancing cooperation between the industrial sector and Pakistan Railways, particularly regarding cargo transportation of raw materials from Karachi Port to the ACM Group's factory located in Hattar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Talha Mahmood emphasized the need to expand railway cargo facilities to meet the growing demands of industry and facilitate smooth transportation of goods across the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Hanif Abbasi reaffirmed the government's commitment to providing improved and efficient freight services to the industrial sector in order to support economic activity and industrial growth.

# ISCE 2026 concludes in Islamabad with participation of thousands of students

**City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: The 6th International Students Convention and Expo (ISCE) 2026 concluded in Islamabad after four days of academic, cultural and industrial activities, attracting participation from thousands of students, universities and industry representatives from across Pakistan and abroad.

The convention was organised at multiple institutions in Islamabad and Haripur. The opening ceremony was held at Riphah International University, while the educational and industrial expo took place at FAST National University. Competitions and workshops were hosted by Quaid-i-Azam University and Pak-Austria Fachhochschule Institute, Haripur.

The four-day event featured academic competitions, workshops,



indoor games, innovation showcases and a large-scale industrial exhibition aimed at promoting learning, networking and collaboration among students and institutions. Student-led projects, technology demonstrations

and food stalls also remained a major attraction during the expo.

Speaking at the concluding session, founder of the International Students Convention Muhammad Murtaza Noor said the platform had evolved

into an important forum for youth engagement, academic interaction and cultural exchange. He said such initiatives help students explore opportunities in higher education, innovation and industry while promoting collaboration among institutions.

Former chairman of the Higher Education Commission Dr Javid Laghari highlighted the importance of strengthening collaboration between academia and industry for sustainable development and technological progress. He said academic conventions and expos played a vital role in bridging the gap between education, research and the job market.

The convention was organised with the collaboration of several educational institutions and partner organisations, including Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and OIC-COMSTECH.

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## The spiritual closeness of Allah in the modern era

**M**odern human beings are caught in a strange conflict. On one side, there is the glitter of technology, the attraction of social media, the race for worldly success, and the abundance of material comforts. On the other side, there is inner emptiness, spiritual restlessness, and distance from the true purpose of life. In such an environment, the concept of Wilayah (spiritual closeness to Allah) is not merely a mystical term but a living reality and a practical path. Wilayah does not only refer to miracles associated with saints; rather, it means nearness to Allah through piety, sincerity, and a pure way of life. It is possible for anyone who sincerely strives to purify their heart and make the pleasure of Allah the goal of their life.

O young daughters, sisters, sons, brothers, and friends! In today's world, companionship has become extremely sensitive and influential. In the past, companionship was limited to physical gatherings, but now the digital world has expanded its reach. Whom you follow, what you watch, what you listen to, and which ideas you allow into your mind all shape your spiritual state. Choosing righteous and pure company is more important today than ever before. Sinful habits whether committed through the eyes, the tongue, or the heart gradually weaken the inner light that inspires good deeds. When the heart constantly remains exposed to sin, the desire to do good fades, and wrongdoing begins to feel normal. This is the dangerous point where spiritual decline begins.

Adopting taqwa (God-consciousness), or even striving for it, is itself a miracle. We often associate miracles with extraordinary events, but the true miracle is controlling one's desires, avoiding the unlawful, standing firm on truth, and remaining

patient in trials. Miracles are not exclusive to saints; rather, miracle is rooted in righteous action. As the deeds, so the miracles. When actions are pure, intentions sincere, and the heart alive with remembrance of Allah, life itself becomes miraculous. In today's age, a young person remaining modest in a corrupt environment, a businessman avoiding dishonesty, or a student refusing to cheat these are the true miracles of our time.

It must also be understood that "if a lamp is not given oil, it extinguishes; similarly, if the light of spiritual knowledge is not supported by taqwa, it fades away." Many people today possess religious knowledge, listen to lectures, and share inspirational quotes, yet due to a lack of practical piety, the warmth of faith does not remain alive in their hearts. Knowledge is the lamp, and taqwa is its oil. Without practice, knowledge does not transform the heart. One of the greatest tragedies of our era is the abundance of information but the scarcity of action. A beautiful definition of taqwa is this: to never be absent where Allah wants to see you, and to never be present where He does not want to see you. This means fulfilling obligations faithfully and staying away from sinful environments. In today's world, even "privacy" has changed. A person sitting alone with a mobile phone may appear alone, but in reality, they are always under the watch of Allah. Taqwa means maintaining awareness of this truth at all times. This consciousness protects a person from sin and guides them toward righteousness.

A true migrant (Muhajir) is not merely someone who moves from one place to another; rather, the real migrant is the

one who abandons disobedience, injustice, and sinful behavior. For today's youth, migration may mean leaving bad habits, distancing oneself from negative influences, and stepping toward a cleaner and more purposeful life. This inner migration is the true success. Society changes only when individuals change themselves.

A person's real and eternal friend is their Lord. Worldly relationships are temporary; people leave, circumstances change, and hopes break. Many only realize this after falling, breaking, or facing painful trials. But fortunate is the one who strengthens their bond with Allah before reaching that point. Allah's friendship is sincere, deep, and everlasting. When a person attains this companionship, the instability of the world no longer causes despair.

If you ever feel an inclination toward goodness within yourself, if your heart desires righteousness, or if tears of regret fill your eyes, immediately praise and thank Allah. This is not your own strength but His guidance. The pearls that illuminate the path to closeness with Allah are the tears of a sincere believer. A single tear shed in repentance and humility is extremely precious in the sight of Allah. The Buyer of these pearls is none other than the Most Merciful Himself. In the noise of modern life, if a young person sheds even two sincere tears in the quiet of the night, they can become a means of salvation.

O sisters, daughters, sons, brothers, and friends! Always observe the hidden condition of your hearts. We invest great effort in improving our outward appearance our clothing, profiles, pictures, and public image but often neglect the state of our inner selves. True success lies in making the

hidden self-better than the visible one. If people consider us righteous while we are empty within, it is a loss. But if we quietly maintain a strong connection with Allah, even if the world does not recognize us, that is true honor.

This world is a place of examination, not a place of permanent comfort. Yet today, people try to turn this examination hall into a resting place. Everyone seeks maximum comfort with minimal responsibility. But success in an examination requires effort, patience, and perseverance. If we treat this testing ground as a comfort zone, the result will be failure. Therefore, we must correct our priorities and prefer lasting success over temporary pleasure.

On the path of spiritual growth, a firm and consistent intention is the first condition. Temporary enthusiasm is not enough. Steadfastness in good deeds, worship, discipline, piety, and purity is essential. Performing small acts consistently, continuously striving to avoid sin, and holding oneself accountable daily this is the path of Wilayah. A sign of closeness to Allah is gradual and steady progress: falling but rising again, feeling tired but not giving up, and never allowing despair to settle in the heart.

The challenges of the modern age are great, but the mercy of Allah is far greater. If we adopt righteous action as our lifestyle, make taqwa our provision, and strive to protect our hearts from corruption, our lives can become a message in themselves. Wilayah is not a distant destination; it is hidden in our daily choices. When at every step we ask ourselves what our Lord wants from us, that very awareness leads us toward true miracles. This is the path to peace, dignity, and ultimate success in the modern age.

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Analysis

Muhammad Asif

## Amid escalating Gulf crisis, UNSC holds emergency talks following attacks on UAE

**A**s the crisis in the Strait of Hormuz escalates, the United Nations reiterates its commitment to support efforts towards peace, UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric said on Wednesday during his news briefing in New York.

He was speaking shortly after the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Rosemary DiCarlo, briefed a closed-door Security Council meeting focused on the missile and drone attacks on the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Monday.

UAE said that Iran had been responsible for the attacks but Tehran on Tuesday firmly denied involvement.

"Ms. DiCarlo underscored that from the start of the conflict on 28 February, the Secretary-General condemned all unlawful attacks in the Middle East and beyond," the spokesperson said.

Furthermore, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has also stressed that Security Council resolution 2817 (2026) "must be respected and civilians and civilian infrastructure must be protected."

The resolution, adopted in March, came in the wake of Iranian attacks on several neighbouring countries following UDS-Israel bombardment of Iran.

Dujarric said the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy for the Middle East conflict, Jean Arnault, continues diplomatic consultations in the region and was scheduled to meet with the Turkish foreign minister on Wednesday.

He underscored that "the United Nations remains committed to supporting all efforts aimed at a comprehensive and durable resolution of this conflict."

The Security Council meeting was requested by Bahrain following attacks on the UAE which struck an oil terminal in Fujairah, causing damage and civilian casualties.

The Ambassadors of both countries held a press stakeout prior to the meeting. Bahrain's Ambassador Jamal Fares Alrowaieci said the "heinous attacks" were "part of a deliberate and escalating pattern of destabilising conduct that threatens the security and stability of the Gulf region."

They also marked a "clear violation" of resolution 2817 (2026) "and further demonstrate continued non-compliance by Iran to that resolution."

On Tuesday in Islamabad, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned the latest missile and drone attacks targeting the UAE, stressing the importance of upholding the fragile ceasefire between the US and Iran so that diplomatic efforts can resolve the ongoing conflict between both sides.

Meanwhile, the International Maritime Organization (IOM) confirmed an attack on a French vessel, the San Antonio, in the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday which injured eight seafarers.

The agency has confirmed 32 incidents and 10 fatalities to date.



Cartoon by Amjad Rasmi. (Courtesy of Ashraf Al-Azcat)

## Operation Bunyan-ul-Marsoos and the Reassertion of Deterrence in a Nuclearized Region

**T**he unfortunate incident in Pahalgam on April 22, 2025, became the latest flashpoint in an already volatile region. Its immediate impact was borne by the people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). Instead of a transparent investigation, a sweeping security crackdown followed. Reports highlighted mass detentions, raids and the demolition of civilian homes. Communities were placed under intense surveillance. Daily life was disrupted. Fear and uncertainty deepened. Such measures reinforced a pattern where entire populations are subjected to collective pressure rather than targeted accountability.

Within hours, India attributed responsibility to Pakistan without presenting publicly verifiable evidence. Diplomatic space narrowed rapidly. The suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty signalled a sharp shift from restraint to coercion. This escalation set the stage for a broader confrontation.

On May 7, 2025, India launched Operation Sindoor, projecting it as a counter-terrorism response. The strikes extended across multiple locations in Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir, raising serious concerns about proportionality and intent. Instead of stabilizing the situation, the operation intensified tensions and expanded the crisis.

Pakistan's response came on May 10 through Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos. It was calibrated, coordinated and decisive. Strategic

military targets were engaged with precision. The response demonstrated operational readiness and technological capability. It challenged assumptions of unilateral escalation dominance. India's posture was exposed. Its narrative of uncontested superiority faced a serious setback.

Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos signalled more than retaliation. It reflected resolve, discipline and national cohesion. It conveyed that aggression would be met with proportionate response. In a nuclearized region, this balance between restraint and capability remains critical. The episode reaffirmed one reality: sustainable peace cannot emerge from force. It requires accountability, dialogue and a serious engagement with the unresolved dispute at the core of the conflict.

Since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, New Delhi had constructed a layered argument: that Jammu and Kashmir was administratively normalised, democratically re-engaged through the 2024 assembly elections and economically reviving through recovered tourism. Indian authorities maintain that Operation Sindoor was a precisely calibrated counter-terrorism response, that its targets were non-state actors rather than Pakistani military assets and that the territory remains an internal matter. These claims form a coherent official position and they deserve to be engaged rather than dismissed.

What they cannot explain is the conduct that followed Pahalgam. States that have genuinely

resolved the political conditions underlying instability do not respond to a single attack by suspending a treaty that survived two wars, demolishing civilian homes as collective punishment and detaining over a thousand residents without legal process. That pattern of response does not signal control. It signals that the conditions being managed are more volatile than the official narrative permits. As Al Jazeera reported on 23 April 2025, the Pahalgam attack punctured the balloon of the government's New Kashmir story. The response that followed confirmed the puncture was structural, not incidental.

The Stimson Center's post-crisis report, "Four Days in May," described the May 2025 confrontation as the most significant South Asia crisis since 2019 and only the second time in recorded history that two nuclear-armed states exchanged airpower. Pakistani authorities reported that Indian strikes under Operation Sindoor killed at least 31 civilians including women and children. Along the Line of Control, shelling reached an intensity that residents of Poonch and Rajouri said they had not experienced in decades. Al Jazeera's frontline reporting documented at least 11 civilian deaths in Poonch from Pakistani artillery strikes, including a seven-year-old child killed when shells struck a residential area.

The international response exposed a clear reality. UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned that the world could not afford a military confrontation between India and Pakistan. On 5 May 2025, the UN Security Council held closed consultations under the long-standing "India-Pakistan question." US Secretary of

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## Fostering Ethical Interactions in School Management

**T**he word ethics is derived from the Greek word ethos, which means "way of living." Ethics is a branch of philosophy concerned with human conduct, particularly the behaviour of individuals within society. It involves analyzing and understanding moral values to determine what is right or wrong, good or bad, and fair or unjust. Today, ethics has become an important concept across almost every profession, guiding individuals in their personal and professional responsibilities.

Ethics plays a crucial role in shaping how people interact with one another and the world around them. It consists of moral principles and standards that guide people's behaviour, decisions, and actions. These principles encourage honesty, discipline, integrity, fairness, and justice in daily life. Ethical values help individuals, develop responsible, attitudes and maintain respectful relationships in society.

In educational institutions, ethics is particularly important in school administration. A conceptual framework for ethical school leadership emphasizes the need to establish clear codes of ethics and ensure that school leaders follow them. Ethical leadership among school principals is essential for the effective functioning of educational organizations. Principals play a central role in creating a fair, transparent, and supportive learning environment for students, teachers, and staff. One of the most significant responsibilities of school principals is to develop an ethical approach to school administration. Effective and fair school management becomes possible when administrators follow well-defined ethical codes. In decision-making and implementation of policies, administrators must adhere to core professional values.

They should perform their duties with honesty, integrity, and responsibility while protecting the interests and rights of students and staff.

Four key principles commonly guide ethics in education: Honesty, Confidentiality, Avoidance of conflicts of interest, and Responsibility. Honesty ensures truthfulness in communication and actions. Confidentiality requires safeguarding sensitive information related to students, staff, and institutional matters.

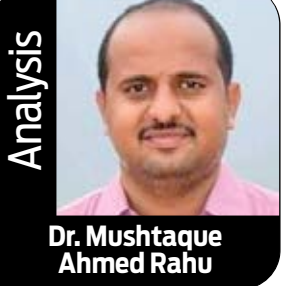
Avoiding conflicts of interest ensures that personal benefits do not influence professional decisions. Responsibility involves fulfilling professional duties faithfully and being accountable for one's actions.

Ethical behaviour can be demonstrated through several qualities, including integrity in personal and professional matters, honesty and sincerity, loyalty, responsibility, reliability, charity, kindness, respect for others and their property, and self-discipline.

School administrators must uphold ethical values such as fairness, impartiality, respect, and non-discrimination. Managing institutions according to these values helps establish trust and credibility within the school community. When ethical principles guide leadership, the entire educational environment becomes more transparent, cooperative, and productive.

According to Weinstein, five basic ethical principles are common across cultures and belief systems. The first is "Do no Harm," which emphasizes avoiding actions that may hurt others. The second principle is "Make things better," which encourages helping people and contributing positively to the community. The third is "Respect others," which includes honesty, keeping promises, and maintaining

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Analysis

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Rahu

# Red Crescent Vital Role in Pakistan's Health Future: President Zardari says in a message

I extend my appreciation to the dedicated volunteers, staff and partners of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, particularly the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, established under the Pakistan Red Cross Order, 1947, issued by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, for their unwavering commitment to humanitarian service.

This day provides an opportunity to recognise the invaluable role played by humanitarian actors in strengthening health systems, responding to emergencies and reaching the most vulnerable populations. In alignment with the vision of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Pakistan continues to advance toward Universal Health Coverage, ensuring that essential health services are accessible, equitable and resilient.

The Red Crescent Movement has been a vital partner in supporting public health initiatives across the country, ranging from disaster preparedness and response to community-based healthcare, maternal and child health services and health



awareness campaigns. Their contributions complement national efforts to improve health outcomes, especially in underserved and remote areas.

As we face evolving challenges such as climate-related disasters, viral diseases and public health emergencies, it is necessary to strengthen collaboration between government institutions, humanitarian organisations and communities. Building resilient health systems requires not only infrastructure and resources but also compassion, volunteerism and a spirit of service, values that define the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Government of Pakistan remains committed to enhancing partnerships with humanitarian organisations to ensure timely and effective healthcare delivery. Through integrated approaches and evidence-based policies, we aim to safeguard the health and well-being of all citizens, leaving no one behind.

I call upon all stakeholders to renew their commitment to humanity, solidarity and service. Let us work together to build a healthier, safer and more inclusive Pakistan.

## Geopolitical Tensions Threaten 15% Contraction in Global Sukuk Market: Zubair Mughal

Spokesman Report

DUBAI, UAE: The global Sukuk market is facing increasing pressure amid rising geopolitical tensions between Iran and the United States, raising concerns over declining investor confidence, reduced issuance, and potential contraction across key Islamic finance regions.

The impact is particularly significant for major Sukuk-issuing economies in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Asia, where stable geopolitical and economic conditions are essential for sustaining issuance activity. Under the current uncertainty, market participants are adopting a cautious approach, resulting in a noticeable slowdown, and in some cases, a temporary halt, in new Sukuk offerings.

Muhammad Zubair Mughal, CEO of AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics, highlighted the severity of the situation, stating: "If tensions persist, the Sukuk market could shrink by 10% to 15%. The current environment resembles the



disruption experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, when uncertainty significantly reduced market activity."

He further emphasized immediate concerns regarding upcoming maturities: "A key risk lies in the significant volume of Sukuk maturing over the next 3 to 6 months. With tightening liquidity, rising risk premiums, and limited refinancing options, issuers—particularly in exposed regions, may face challenges in meeting repayment obligations. This could lead to increased defaults or distressed roll-overs if conditions do not improve."

Geopolitical uncertainty has also led to rising risk premiums across global fixed-income markets, with investors demanding higher returns. Consequently, Sukuk spreads have widened,

increasing borrowing costs for both sovereign and corporate issuers and discouraging new market participation.

The slowdown in issuance is becoming more evident as governments and corporates delay or cancel planned transactions due to volatile pricing conditions. This challenge is more pronounced in oil-dependent economies, where fiscal planning is closely linked to energy revenues. Fluctuations in oil prices are further complicating sovereign funding strategies and raising concerns about timely repayment of maturing Sukuk.

At the same time, emerging markets are experiencing capital outflows and currency depreciation, increasing perceived credit risks and weakening investor appetite. These interconnected factors are contributing to a fragile environment where both new issuance and refinancing activity remain constrained.

Historically, the Sukuk market has experienced disruptions during major global crises, including the 2007–2008 financial crises and the

COVID-19 pandemic. While those events were driven by financial and economic shocks, however, the current situation reflects a geopolitical risk. This prolonged nature could result in sustained issuance constraints, reduced cross-border investment flows, and increased reliance on domestic funding sources.

While projections of a 10% to 15% contraction reflect growing concern, the immediate challenge lies in the short-term maturity. A significant portion of upcoming Sukuk—particularly from issuers in vulnerable or oil-dependent economies may face difficulties in securing refinancing or generating sufficient liquidity for repayment.

Despite these challenges, the long-term fundamentals of the Sukuk market remain strong, supported by its asset-backed structure and growing global demand for Shariah-compliant financial instruments. However, restoring geopolitical stability will be critical to maintaining market resilience and avoiding short-term repayment pressures.

## UAF Seminar and Rally Honors Pakistan Armed Forces' Courage on Battle of Truth Day

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: A seminar and rally titled "The Passion of the Battle of Truth" was organized at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, in which tribute was paid to the unwavering courage, extraordinary bravery and professionalism of the Pakistan Armed Forces in defending the country's sovereignty and dignity. On this occasion, Chairperson Mass Communication Dr. Salma Anbar from GC University, Chairman Pakistan Studies Dr. Abdul Qadir, Senior Tutor from the University of Agriculture Dr. Shaikat Ali, Colonel Ahsan Umar and Jahanzeb Tariq



addressed the gathering. The speakers said that the Battle of Truth Day is celebrated as a symbol of courage, sacrifice and national unity, which commemorates the historic victory when the armed forces gave a befitting reply to Indian aggression and defended every inch of the homeland. They paid special tribute to the visionary leadership of the Chief of Defence Forces and Army Chief Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir for defense stability and national unity. He further said that the fearless youth of the Pakistan Armed Forces have always demonstrated bravery and extraordinary resilience, proving that no one in the world can look at Pakistan with a sly eye. And Operation Banyan Al-Marsoos is a shining example of military preparedness and unwavering faith.

## PRCS Holds Humanitarian Forum on World Red Cross Red Crescent Day Under Theme 'United in Humanity'

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) organized a Humanitarian Forum at its National Headquarters in Islamabad on Thursday in connection with World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day being observed globally under the theme "United in Humanity."

The event brought together humanitarian leaders, diplomats, government officials, Movement partners, representatives of national and international organizations, PRCS staff and volunteers to reaffirm collective commitment towards serving vulnerable communities and strengthening humanitarian cooperation in Pakistan.

The forum was attended by Chairperson PRCS Mrs. Farzana Naek, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Pakistan Mr. Mohamed Yahya as Chief Guest, PRCS Managing Body members, provincial branch leadership, Heads of Delegation

and representatives from ICRC, IFRC, German Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Turkish Red Crescent (Kizilay), along with representatives from NGOs, INGOs, UN agencies, NDMA, PDMA and other humanitarian organizations.

An interactive dialogue session titled "Partnerships for Humanity" was moderated by Secretary PRCS Sindh Mr. Kanwar Waseem and Deputy Director PMER Mr. Javed Mazhar, focusing on strengthening collaboration and collective humanitarian action to address growing challenges including climate-induced disasters, emergencies and displacement.

Speaking on the occasion, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Mr. Mohamed Yahya appreciated the humanitarian services of PRCS and paid tribute to its volunteers for their dedication and commitment. He said the world is facing unprecedented humanitarian challenges driven by climate change, disas-

ters, conflicts and funding constraints, making stronger cooperation, localization and early action more important than ever. He termed PRCS a true example of "localization in action" due to its strong community trust and volunteer network, calling volunteers the "first to arrive and last to leave" during emergencies.

Addressing the forum, Chairperson PRCS Mrs. Farzana Naek highlighted PRCS initiatives and community-based programs aimed at reducing the suffering of vulnerable communities across Pakistan. She emphasized the vital role of volunteers and stressed that partnerships and collaboration remain central to PRCS humanitarian efforts under the spirit of "United in Humanity."

In a special video message, IFRC Regional Director for Asia Pacific Mr. Alexander Matheou highlighted growing humanitarian and climate challenges worldwide and appreciated the longstanding partnership between



IFRC and PRCS. He acknowledged the progress being made by PRCS under the leadership of Chairperson Mrs. Farzana Naek in transforming the National Society into a vibrant humanitarian institution. IFRC Head of Delegation in Pakistan Mr. Andreas von Weissenberg also paid tribute to PRCS volunteers and reaffirmed IFRC's continued support and partnership with PRCS.

Head of Delegation ICRC in Pakistan Mr. Christoph Sutter spoke about increasing humanitarian crises and conflict situations globally, particularly in the Middle East and the wider region, resulting in displacement and human suffering. He highlighted ICRC's humanitarian work in Pakistan in collaboration with PRCS and praised the dedication of volunteers serving communities in difficult

circumstances.

Earlier, PRCS Secretary General Mr. Muhammad Abaidullah Khan presented a detailed overview titled "From Response to Resilience," highlighting PRCS humanitarian operations, disaster response, climate action, health services and community resilience initiatives across the country.

A documentary showcasing the humanitarian journey of PRCS, historic relief operations and testimonials from beneficiaries was screened during the event. Commemorative shields and mementos were also presented to distinguished guests, partner organizations, provincial branches and dedicated volunteers in recognition of their humanitarian services.

The event concluded with a photo exhibition "PRCS Humanitarian Journey" showcasing the history of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and PRCS humanitarian operations since its inception.

## AI Boom Among Pakistani children Prompting Calls for Better Cyber Safety: Kaspersky



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: With continuously growing internet penetration in Pakistan and children accessing digital platforms at increasingly younger ages, digital safety has become a key concern for families.

Research from Kaspersky highlights a shift in children's online behaviour, with growing interest in artificial intelligence tools alongside social media, streaming, sports and gaming platforms, underscoring the importance for parents to understand what captures their attention online, including what they search for, the platforms they use, and the trends shaping their interests and behaviour.

The Kaspersky study, using anonymized global and Pakistan data from Kaspersky Safe Kids, analysing trends from January and February 2026, highlights a strong curiosity among children around AI tools. AI-related apps and services account for a quarter of all Google searches, reflecting a clear rise in engagement with AI-driven platforms. Tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Character AI, Microsoft Copilot, Grok, and DeepSeek rank among the most popular, underscoring how deeply AI is becoming integrated into children's everyday digital experiences in the Pakistan.

"Your child is almost certainly using AI tools—and may be more comfortable with them than you are. Rather than restricting access outright, the most effective approach is to explore these tools together, set boundaries around their use, and help children understand what AI can and cannot do reliably. Kaspersky Safe Kids can support parents in monitoring and guiding their children's digital journey without relying on blunt restrictions alone," said Anna Larkina, web content analysis expert at Kaspersky.

Communication-related searches rank second overall, driven largely by social platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, and Pinterest, followed by video streaming services led by YouTube and Netflix.

YouTube remains the primary content platform for children, accounting for nearly a third of all app time among children in the Pakistan—a pattern consistent with global trends. Instagram and Whatsapp were the second and third most popular apps in the country. These platforms continue to play a central role in how children connect, consume content, and express themselves online.

Music leads YouTube search trends by a significant margin, driven by a mix of K-pop alongside strong interest in cartoons and content creators. Sports also captured the interest of kids reflecting children's curiosity about major sporting events.

To help ensure children's digital safety and support healthier online habits, Kaspersky recommends maintaining open communication with children about potential online risks and establish clear guidelines to ensure their safety. Secure gaming experiences by installing a trusted security solution, such as Kaspersky Premium, to prevent malicious file downloads. Use digital parenting apps like Kaspersky Safe Kids to protect children both online and offline, manage screen time, block inappropriate content, and track their location for greater peace of mind.

## Marka-e-Haq/Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos Day Celebrated at DPS



Zafar Chishty

TOBA TEK SINGH: Marka-e-Haq/Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos Day was celebrated with great patriotic spirit and enthusiasm at Divisional Public School & College (DPS&C) Toba Tek Singh on May 7, 2026, to pay tribute to Pakistan's brave security forces and armed forces.

Principal DPS&C Dr. Rao Muhammad Siddique attended the ceremony as the chief guest, while wing heads, teachers, administrative staff and a large number of students participated in the event. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Naat-e-Rasool-e-Maqbool. Students presented beautiful tableaux, national songs and speeches to pay homage to the brave soldiers and martyrs of the nation. Their performances received great appreciation from the audience, and the hall echoed with slogans of "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Pak Army Zindabad."

Addressing the participants on the occasion, Principal Dr. Rao Muhammad Siddique said that the armed forces of Pakistan have always rendered unparalleled sacrifices for the defense, security and stability of the country. He stated that the entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with its brave armed forces and takes pride in its martyrs and ghazis.

**Bull & Bears**  
PSX 100-Share  
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
172,894.27	171,704.75
Day's High	Day's Low
173,274.54	171,541.04
Index Value	Change
41,107,624,919	+ 1189.52
Percentage	Time
+0.69%	7 May, 2026 4:30 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
10,276.95	- 161.71
Percentage	Time
-1.55%	7 May, 4:35 pm GMT

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
49,549.23	- 361.36
Percentage	Time
-0.72%	7 May, 1:32 pm GMT-4

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
62,833.84	+ 3,320.72
Percentage	Time
+5.58%	7 May, 3:45 pm GMT+9

**Open Market Forex Rates**

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	200.29	207.70
Bahrain Dinar	731.47	742.44
Canadian Dollar	203.16	207.18
China Yuan	40.05	40.30
Danish Krone	43.30	43.70
Euro	327.02	331.27
Hong Kong Dollar	35.06	36.06
Indian Rupee	2.50	2.70
Japanese Yen	1.7659	1.8674
Kuwaiti Dinar	879.28	889.38
Malaysian Ringgit	65.30	66.80
New Zealand \$	161.85	166.70
Norwegians Krone	27.65	27.95
Omani Riyal	722	733.05
Qatari Riyal	74.40	75.20
Saudi Riyal	74.30	75
Singapore Dollar	218.32	222.85
Swedish Korona	30.30	30.60
Swiss Franc	355.65	359.55
Thai Bhat	8.55	8.75
U.A.E Dirham	75.90	76.90
UK Pound Sterling	378.44	382.45
US Dollar	279.05	279.80

# Emirates Group achieves record profit of AED 24.4 bn (US\$ 6.6 bn) in 2025-26

**Commerce Desk**

ISLAMABAD: The Emirates Group today released its 2025-26 Annual Report, achieving new record profit, revenue, and cash balance levels, despite a disruptive and challenging 12th month in its financial year.

The Group declares a dividend of AED 3.5 billion (US\$ 1.0 billion) to its owner, the Investment Corporation of Dubai (ICD).

The UAE corporate tax rate applied to the Emirates Group increased from 9% to 15% this year, due to the adoption of Pillar Two tax rules in the UAE. After accounting for the tax charge, the Group's profit after tax is AED 21.0 billion (US\$ 5.7 billion), up 3% from 2024-25.

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman and Chief Executive, Emirates airline and Group said: "These outstanding results, despite significant challenges in the last month of our financial year, reaffirm the strength and resilience of



the Emirates Group's business model, which is rooted in safety, excellence, innovation, people and partnerships.

"For the first 11 months of 2025-26, the

picture across the Group was very positive. Strong demand for our products and services was driving revenue, and we were achieving healthy margins thanks to our sustained investments in product, people, technology and brand. Month after month, we were surpassing our targets.

"On 28 February, military activity massively disrupted global commercial air traffic in the Gulf region, including in the UAE. Emirates and dnata quickly mobilised to support our people and affected customers, protect our assets, and ensure business continuity.

"I am grateful to HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and his sons HH Sheikh Hamdan and HH Sheikh Maktoum, for their stewardship of Dubai and unshaken support for aviation—the Emirates Group is proud to contribute to Dubai's strategy under their leadership. Also, a big thank you to all our ecosystem partners who keep global aviation moving. Their collaboration and solidarity are invaluable and reflect the spirit of partnership that is central to how the Emirates Group operates."

## Hard working

RAWALPINDI: An elderly man pulling his cart on a road to earn livelihoods for his family.



Photo: Online

# Coca-Cola Pakistan Plants 5,000 Trees to Bolster Government's Green Pakistan Initiative

**Commerce Desk**

ISLAMABAD:- Reinforcing its commitment to environmental stewardship, Coca Cola Pakistan has contributed 5,000 indigenous trees to support the Upscaling Green Pakistan Programme of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination. The trees were planted at F-6/3 Park, Islamabad, as part of the Ministry's efforts to enhance urban green cover, reduce emissions, and advance Pakistan's broader climate priorities under the Government's vision for climate resilience.

The plantation drive was marked by a tree planting ceremony attended by Federal Minister for Climate Change, Dr. Musadik Malik, Sunay Şanlı, General Manager, Coca-Cola Icecek (CCI), and Dr. Faisal Hashmi, Senior Director, Coca Cola Pakistan. The activity was carried out in collaboration with the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak EPA) and the Capital Development Authority (CDA), with active participation from citizens, including youth



volunteers. Speaking at the event, Dr. Musadik Malik emphasized the importance of sustained afforestation efforts, noting that trees play a critical role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving

environmental conditions. Coca Cola Pakistan remains committed to strengthening partnerships that support sustainable public spaces and contribute to a more resilient and environmentally responsible future.

# Zong Partners with Breathe Pakistan Int'l Climate Change Conference 2026

**Commerce Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Zong, Pakistan's leading technology service enterprise, has partnered with the Breathe Pakistan International Climate Change Conference 2026, a high impact two-day platform bringing together policymakers, corporate leaders, development institutions, and climate experts to address Pakistan's escalating climate challenges.

As climate pressures intensify across the country, from recurrent floods and extreme heatwaves to worsening air quality, water scarcity, and food insecurity, the urgency to transition from awareness to coordinated, large-scale action has become increasingly urgent. Despite contributing minimally to global emissions, Pakistan remains among the most climate-vulnerable nations, underscoring

the need for locally grounded yet globally aligned climate strategies.

Addressing the panel, Najeeb Ullah stated: "Climate action is a core business priority for us. As a critical communications and technology service enterprise, our focus is on building resilient, energy-efficient infrastructure capable of withstanding increasing climate pressures while ensuring continuity of services when it matters most. Through investments in renewable energy, intelligent network systems, and operational resilience, we are reducing our environmental footprint while strengthening our ability to support communities, institutions, and emergency response efforts. Platforms like Breathe Pakistan play a vital role in aligning public and private sector efforts toward scalable, long-term climate solutions."

# Chery Master Pakistan Signals New Product Expansion Following Strong Presence at Auto China 2026

**Commerce Desk**

KARACHI: Chery Master Pakistan, introduced locally by Master Auto Engineering, part of the Master Group with over 60 years of industrial and automotive legacy, has signalled the potential introduction of multiple new models in the local market following its strong participation at Auto China 2026, where the company engaged with global leadership and reviewed Chery's next-generation product and technology roadmap.

Building on its growing presence



in Pakistan's evolving New Energy Vehicle (NEV) landscape, the company is evaluating two to three future models for the local market, including the Tiggo 4 HEV, QQ

BEV, and Tiggo V, products that reflect Chery's broader focus on hybrid, electric and multi-purpose mobility solutions.

Speaking on the company's

future direction, Samir Malik, CEO of Chery Master Pakistan, said "Pakistan remains an important growth market for Chery's advanced mobility technolo-

gies, adding that the company is focused on evaluating products that match local driving conditions, consumer expectations and long-term mobility trends."

## SECP Record 4,082 Company Incorporations in April 2026

**Commerce Desk**

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) today announced a landmark achievement in corporate registration, having incorporated an unprecedented 4,082 companies in the month of April 2026, the highest number of monthly incorporations ever recorded in Pakistan's corporate history. With this milestone, the total number of registered companies in Pakistan has reached 294,101.

The SECP also set new daily incorporation records within the same period, registering 300 companies in a single day on April 27, 2026, a figure that was surpassed just days later when 340 companies were incorporated on April 30, 2026.

This remarkable milestone reflects growing investor confidence in Pakistan's economic outlook, signals a decisive and accelerating transition toward a documented, formal economy, and stands as a testament to transformative improvement in the Commission's operational efficiency and service delivery capacity.

The Commission remains steadfast in its commitment to further streamlining regulatory processes, reducing barriers to business formation, and fostering a transparent and digital enabling environment for investors and entrepreneurs across Pakistan.

Geographically, Punjab remained the hub of business activity, accounting for 2,093 (51%) of new registrations. It was followed by the Islamabad Capital Territory with 719 (18%), Sindh with 600 (15%), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with 325 (8%), Gilgit-Baltistan with 276 (7%), and Balochistan with 69 (2%).

The trend toward formalization is clearly reflected in the choice of corporate structures, with private limited companies remaining the preferred option, accounting for 2,415 registrations (59%). They were followed closely by single-member companies (SMCs), which reached 1,542 registrations (38%), while limited liability partnerships (LLPs) and other categories comprised the remaining 125 (3%). The high percentage of SMCs specifically highlights a significant rising trend in individual entrepreneurship and the successful formalization of small-scale businesses across the country.

# PSB honours Rd. Rizwan Aftab Ahmed for transformational support to athletes

The Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) has conferred its highest honour upon ACTIVIT CEO and Director of National Hospital DHA Lahore, Rd. Rizwan Aftab Ahmed, in recognition of his outstanding role in uplifting Pakistan's athletes through sustained financial, medical, and performance support.

The honour was presented by Director General PSB, Muhammad Yasir Pirzada, who lauded Rizwan's impactful efforts in strengthening the country's sporting ecosystem. This recognition places Rizwan Aftab Ahmed among a select group of individuals whose contributions extend beyond conventional patronage, reflecting a deep-rooted commitment to athlete welfare, wellness, and excellence. His support has notably benefited Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem, along with many other elite-level athletes, by providing essential financial backing and medical care.

Speaking at the ceremony,



Muhammad Yasir Pirzada praised Rizwan's dedication, stating that his support for athletes represents a model partnership between the private sector and national sports institutions. He emphasised that such contributions are vital for nurturing talent and enabling

Pakistani athletes to compete at the highest global levels.

In recognition of his services, the Pakistan Sports Board presented Rizwan with its prestigious shield, symbolising appreciation for his consistent efforts to empower athletes and elevate Pakistan's sporting profile internationally.

Expressing his gratitude, Rizwan described the honour as both humbling and motivating. He reiterated his commitment to supporting athletes and contributing to Pakistan's success on the global stage. Reflecting on his inspiration, he highlighted his family's longstanding legacy of national service. His maternal great-grandfather, Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan, was a prominent statesman who served alongside Muhammad Ali Jinnah and held key ministerial roles. He also led the Pakistan Hockey Federation during his career.

Rizwan further noted that his grandfather, Iftikhar Ahmed Shah, represented Pakistan in swimming at the 1948 London Olympics, while his father, Prof

Dr. Aftab Ahmed, is widely regarded as a pioneer of orthopaedic surgery in the country.

Despite his contributions, Rizwan remained modest about his role in Arshad Nadeem's success, attributing the athlete's achievements primarily to his relentless hard work, the prayers of his parents, and the guidance of his coaches and mentors. He also acknowledged the critical support of his cousin, Dr. Ali Bajwa, particularly in assisting Nadeem's recovery from injury ahead of his historic Olympic triumph.

Highlighting his continued commitment, Rizwan announced that, in his capacity as CEO of ACTIVIT and Director of National Hospital DHA Lahore, state-of-the-art medical facilities would remain accessible to the Pakistan Sports Board and its athletes. He expressed optimism about Pakistan's future in international sports, stating that enabling athletes to achieve Olympic success remains both his vision and responsibility.

## IRS, IIS Sign MoU to Deepen Pakistan-China Academic Cooperation



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) Islamabad, Pakistan and the Institute of International Studies (IIS), Shandong University, China, held a joint session on May 7, 2026, marking the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening academic cooperation, policy dialogue, and collaborative research between Pakistan and China. The event was moderated by Ms. Nabila Jaffer, Research Analyst & Head China Program at the IRS, and Mr. Jamal Khan, Associate Professor at the IIS. Dr. Rizwan Naseer, Senior Research Fellow and Director of CCTVES of the IRS, and Prof. Li Yuan, Executive Dean of the IIS, introduced their respective institutions, participants, and their research areas.

The MoU was signed by Ambassador Jauhar Saleem, President of the IRS, and Professor Zhang Yunling, Dean of IIS, during a hybrid ceremony attended by senior scholars and researchers from both institutions. The agreement established a framework for joint conferences, collaborative publications, scholar exchanges, particularly among young researchers and postdoctoral fellows, and research programmes on regional and global issues.

In his welcome remarks, Ambassador Saleem characterized the partnership as a meaningful addition to the longstanding intellectual and strategic relationship between Pakistan and China, referring to the two countries as 'iron friends' and 'iron brothers.' He emphasized the importance of academic diplomacy, international research partnerships, and people-to-people cooperation in addressing evolving regional and global challenges. He noted that the agreement would further deepen scholarly collaboration and contribute to informed policy discourse between the two countries.

Professor Zhang Yunling termed the MoU a "new start" in reviving institutional cooperation between the two sides. He stressed the importance of strengthening scholarly exchanges and expanding cooperative research on regional, bilateral, and global developments. He also appreciated Pakistan's constructive diplomatic efforts to promote dialogue and stability amid ongoing regional tensions, and underscored the need for greater international cooperation amid significant global uncertainty.

A substantive discussion on contemporary regional and global issues followed the signing ceremony. Prof. Li Yuan, Executive Dean of IIS, appreciated Pakistan's constructive role in facilitating dialogue amid ongoing U.S.-Iran tensions and acknowledged Islamabad's balanced diplomacy and trusted relations with regional and international stakeholders. The discussion highlighted Pakistan's commitment to regional peace, economic stability, and constructive engagement to prevent wider geopolitical and economic repercussions from conflict. He also acknowledged the constructive support extended by China, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the Gulf states. He welcomed the recent visit of the Iranian Foreign Minister to Beijing as an important contribution to the process.

Analysing the evolving international environment, Ambassador Saleem underscored the need for a more effective and inclusive rules-based international order. He emphasized that sustainable peace, development, and climate security required stronger international collaboration and more effective institutional mechanisms for conflict prevention and resolution. During the session, Prof. Zuo Feng, Vice Dean of IIS, highlighted the significance of President Xi Jinping's recently announced five-point proposition for international cooperation.

# IIUI Holds Seminar on 1st Commemoration of Marka-e-Haq

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Health Syed Mustafa Kamal has said that Marka-e-Haq was a divine blessing, adding that it proved to the world that a nation unafraid of death cannot be defeated.

He was addressing a seminar organised by the Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) at the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), held at the Faisal Mosque Campus to mark the first anniversary of the historic victory of Marka-e-Haq.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Mustafa Kamal said that Almighty Allah had blessed the nation with great honour. He said the united nation and the Pakistan Armed Forces demonstrated to the world how both can fight as one body.

"During the Indian aggression, the entire country stood as Pakistanis. There was no religious, sectarian, or regional divide. The enemy united us all," he



remarked.

IIUI President Dr. Ahmed Saad Alahmed said the occasion was one of immense national pride. "Marka-e-Haq has been inscribed in history as a shining symbol of national resolve, courage, and unity," he said. He paid rich tributes to the Pakistan Armed Forces, particularly Field Marshal General Asim Munir, all defence institutions, and especially the Pakistan Air Force for their unwavering role in safeguarding national sovereignty.

He underlined that Pakistan's bonds with brotherly nations are rooted in shared faith, mutual trust, and fraternity, reflecting a collective commitment to Muslim unity, peace, and progress.

Renowned lawyer Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan opened his address by drawing a historical arc from the arrival of Muhammad bin Qasim to the Two-Nation Theory. He said the enemy, emboldened by arrogance, committed a blunder that earned a response which

will serve as an example for generations to come.

Assistant Professor Dr. Maryam Fatima said that Iqbal's philosophy of Khudi is a message of Tawheed and unity, clearly reflected in the spirit of Marka-e-Haq. She said the nation had written a chapter of resolve and steadfastness that opened the eyes of the world, making clear that Pakistan is no ordinary nuclear power.

Dean of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Manzoor Afridi said that Marka-e-Haq has defined the trajectory of Pakistan's future development. He said India's aggression was driven by anxiety over Pakistan's growing progress, and that Pakistan responded on every front, from technological capability to national spirit.

The seminar was moderated by Muhammad Younas, In-charge Research and Publications at IRD, who expressed gratitude to the university leadership and the Federal Minister for their participation and support in organising the event.

# Bunyan-um-Marsoos: Unity Between The Armed Forces and Nation

There come certain moments in the history of nations that are not merely events, but defining chapters that reshape national consciousness, unity, and sacrifice. In Pakistan's history, "Battle of Truth Bunyan-um-Marsoos" stands as one such remarkable chapter, reminding the nation that when the people and the Armed Forces of Pakistan stand united, every conspiracy, aggression, and hostile design of the enemy is destined to fail. Under the leadership of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military), Hilal-e-Jurat, Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces, the Armed Forces of Pakistan defended the homeland with courage, discipline, and dignity during the Battle of Truth - Bunyan-um-Marsoos, ultimately defeating the enemy and achieving victory. As one year of this historic battle is being completed, ceremonies, seminars, rallies, and prayer gatherings are being organized across the country to pay tribute to the Armed Forces, where the entire nation is saluting its defenders.

"Bunyan-un-Marsoos" is a Quranic term meaning "a solid wall of lead." This was exactly the spirit demonstrated by the people and the Armed Forces of Pakistan during this battle. The enemy believed that Pakistan could be weakened through internal instability, political differences, or economic challenges, but time proved that Pakistan's true strength lies in the unshakable trust between its people and armed forces, a bond that grows stronger in every trial. The Armed Forces of Pakistan have always considered the defense of the motherland their foremost duty. Whether guarding borders, fighting terrorism, assisting people during natural disasters, or safeguarding Pakistan's honor on the global stage, the Army, Air Force, and Navy have consistently set new examples of bravery, sacrifice, and professionalism. During the Battle of Truth Bunyan-um-Marsoos, the Armed Forces once again thwarted enemy designs and conveyed a clear message that no compromise can ever be made on Pakistan's defense.

President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Mian Shehbaz Sharif, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, the Chief of

Air Staff, and the Chief of Naval Staff played a vital role through wise leadership, effective strategy, and mutual coordination, resulting in the enemy suffering a humiliating defeat in the Battle of Truth Bunyan-um-Marsoos. Through professionalism, courage, and patriotism, the Armed Forces crushed hostile ambitions and proved to the world that the people and military of Pakistan stand united like a fortified wall for the defense of the homeland.

During the battle, the role of Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar and especially DG ISPR Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif was also highly commendable. Through responsible communication, vision, and effective media management, they kept the nation informed about developments moment by moment. By providing timely and authentic information, they not only boosted public morale but also defeated enemy prop-

aganda and malicious narratives. Their strategic media handling strengthened the national narrative and effectively presented Pakistan's position before the world.

The greatest strength behind this battle was the people of Pakistan. From every city, village, and segment of society, citizens expressed solidarity with their Armed Forces. Youth used social media to project Pakistan's stance globally, religious scholars promoted unity and harmony, the media strengthened the national narrative, and the public proved that they stand shoulder to shoulder with their defenders. This national spirit is what makes Pakistan unconquerable. As one year of the Battle of Truth is being commemorated, nationwide tribute events for the Armed Forces symbolize a renewed pledge that the sacrifices of martyrs and veterans will never be forgotten. Schools, colleges, government institutions, and social organizations are

arranging special programs. Quran recitations, prayer ceremonies, and rallies for the martyrs reflect the deep love and respect the Pakistani nation holds for its defenders.

The sacrifices of the Armed Forces are not limited to battlefields alone. In the war against terrorism, thousands of soldiers and officers sacrificed their lives. It is because of these martyrs that Pakistan is moving toward peace today. The nation can never forget those brave sons of the soil who laid down their lives to secure the future of coming generations. Today, there is a need to further strengthen unity, discipline, and patriotism as a nation. National solidarity is essential to defeat enemy conspiracies. The Armed Forces of Pakistan are the guardians of our freedom, security, and sovereignty, and the entire nation stands firmly beside them. Whether in peace or war, the people and Armed Forces remain united.

The Battle of Truth is, in fact, a struggle for truth, bravery, sacrifice, and national honor. Through this battle, the Armed Forces of Pakistan emerged victorious and proved that the Pakistani

nation stands united with its defenders. The people of Pakistan reaffirm their resolve that every sacrifice will be made for the defense, security, and stability of the country. Because when the nation and the Armed Forces stand together, Pakistan truly becomes "Bunyan-un-Marsoos", an unconquerable wall that no power in the world can break.

The Battle of Truth reflects national unity, collective determination, and an unwavering commitment to safeguarding Pakistan's sovereignty at all costs. Commemorating this battle at the national level sends a clear message to arrogant hostile forces that the Pakistani nation is united, strong, and fully prepared in every respect. The Battle of Truth symbolizes the unbreakable harmony between the people, government, and Armed Forces of Pakistan, standing together like a fortified wall against all internal and external challenges. The entire nation salutes its martyrs, veterans, and Armed Forces, praying that Almighty Allah may keep Pakistan safe and prosperous forever and grant further strength and stability to our Armed Forces.



Malik Faisal Munir

# Fostering Ethical Interactions in School Management

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confidentiality when entrusted with information. The fourth principle is "Be fair," which requires balanced judgment and avoiding unnecessary punishment. Finally, "Be loving" highlights compassion, empathy, and care for others.

In the dynamic environment of educational institutions, ethical conduct and effective communication among all members of the school community are essential. This includes higher authorities, school management, teachers, administrative staff, clerical personnel, and support staff. Harmonious working relationships are necessary for the smooth functioning of the institution and contribute

to a positive learning environment for students.

To strengthen ethical behaviour within schools, comprehensive training programs should be provided for all staff members. Such training can help individuals understand ethical principles and learn how to interact respectfully and professionally with colleagues, students, and the community. Since school leaders serve as role models for teachers and students, they must maintain exemplary standards of professional behaviour.

Ethical interactions among staff members contribute to a positive and collaborative work environment. When employees feel respected and valued, their morale and job

satisfaction improve, leading to increased productivity. Ethical behaviour also promotes trust among team members, which strengthens collaboration and teamwork. Effective collaboration is essential for achieving the shared goals and objectives of the school.

School administrators play a key role in establishing ethical standards within the institution. Training programs should therefore focus on ethical leadership, conflict resolution strategies, and decision-making skills. Emphasis on open communication, active listening, and mediation can help resolve conflicts fairly and constructively. Teachers should also be guided by respect for human life and principles of care and

empathy. Professional training should highlight the importance of maintaining integrity in their interactions with students, colleagues, and society. Workshops on maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflicts of interest can help teachers uphold ethical standards in their professional roles.

Administrative and clerical staff often handle sensitive information related to students, staff, and school operations. Therefore, they must be trained in maintaining confidentiality and following proper data protection procedures. They should understand the ethical implications of mishandling information and ensure that all records are managed responsibly. Clerical staff also frequently interact

with parents, students, and external stakeholders. Ethical training can help them provide fair, transparent, and responsive services. By following professional standards in communication and service delivery, they contribute significantly to the school's reputation and effectiveness.

In conclusion, ethical conduct is fundamental to the success of any educational institution. By promoting ethical awareness among school management, teachers, administrative staff, and clerical personnel, educational institutions can cultivate a culture of trust, collaboration, and responsibility. Ultimately, this ethical culture enhances the overall well-being and success of the entire school community.

# Operation Bunyan-Marsoos and the Reassertion of Deterrence...

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State Marco Rubio engaged both sides. A ceasefire followed on 10 May, driven by pressure from the United States, China, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Kingdom. It was not bilateral restraint. It was external intervention. When multiple powers are required to halt hostilities, calling the dispute "domestic" becomes untenable.

UN Security Council Resolution 47 (1948) recognised Jammu and Kashmir as disputed and called for a plebiscite. It remains valid. The right to self-determination, rooted in Article 1 of the UN Charter, does not expire through unilateral legislation.

A governance model built

on detention, suppression and legal redefinition does not resolve disputes. It intensifies them. The April 2025 Baisaran Valley incident reflected that risk. The crisis reaffirmed one point: the dispute remains unresolved and demands sustained diplomatic engagement. The return of Kashmir to global attention in May 2025 was not engineered. It was inevitable. It was what happens when the gap between an official narrative and a political reality becomes too wide for a single event to bridge.

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## Group photo

RAWALPINDI: Group photo during Pakistan Army and Sri Lankan Special Forces participation Pakistan-Sri Lanka Joint Exercise Shake Hands-II.



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# Operation Bunyan-ul-Marsoos Pakistan's clear message for peace: DPM Dar

## City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister (DPM/FM), Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, on the First Anniversary of Marka-e-Haq, termed Operation Bunyan-ul-Marsoos as a calibrated and resolute response through which Pakistan sent a clear and unambiguous message that it stands for peace, but it will never compromise on its dignity, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence.

In his message to the nation on the first anniversary of

Marka-e-Haq, the deputy prime minister paid tribute to the valiant armed forces, the resolute and chivalrous sons and daughters of the soil, while marking one year since Marka-e-Haq, a defining moment in the national journey. The DPM underscored that the event was not just a date on the calendar but rather a story of courage, unity, and unwavering resolve. "A story where every soldier stood firm, and every citizen stood behind them," he added.

He noted that Operation Bunyan-ul-Marsoos was more than a military success. "Acting



in accordance with the UN Charter, Pakistan exercised its inherent right of self-defence under the then General Asim Munir, now Field Marshal and Chief of Defence Forces; deliv-

ering a determined, decisive, and proportionate response directed solely at military installations of the aggressor," he added.

The deputy prime minister

also paid homage to the leadership of the Pakistan Air Force and Pakistan Navy. He said under the command of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Babar Sidhu, the Pakistan Air Force achieved notable operational successes, including the downing of multiple Indian fighter jets and the neutralisation of key military targets, adding, "these facts remain well documented and beyond any dispute. Simultaneously, the Pakistan Navy, led by Admiral Naveed Ashraf, maintained full readiness to counter any aggression in the maritime domain."

# Pakistan, Qatar reaffirm commitment to facilitating ongoing efforts to ensure lasting peace

## City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday received a telephone call from Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani,

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the State of Qatar.

During their warm and cordial conversation, the two leaders held a productive exchange of views on the current regional situation.

Both sides reaffirmed their

strong commitment to facilitating ongoing efforts to ensure lasting peace in the region, according to a press statement issued by the PM House.

While recalling his recent visit to Doha on 16 April, the

Prime Minister said that his meeting with Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the rest of the Qatari leadership was most helpful in forging a consensus for the peace efforts.

The Prime Minister said

that the people of Pakistan were looking forward to the visit of the Amir of Qatar at an early date convenient to His Highness, and that his visit would help to further strengthen and deepen Pakistan-Qatar ties.



# No one can threaten Pakistan, says DG ISPR

## News Desk

RAWALPINDI: Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General Lt-Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry has said that the country's armed forces had lived up to the nation's expectations and defeated a numerically superior enemy through multi-domain operations during last year's Marka-e-Haq.

Lt-Gen Chaudhry was speaking at a press conference on Thursday alongside senior officers of the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and Navy to mark the first anniversary of Marka-e-Haq, the military operation in which Pakistan decisively repelled Indian aggression.

Addressing the media, Lt-Gen Chaudhry congratulated the nation on the triumph, saying that "by the grace and blessings of Allah, our armed forces have once again lived up to the aspirations of the nation, defeating a numerically superior enemy on all fronts and humbling its arrogance."

He described the operation as a multi-domain campaign in which Pakistan demonstrated its capability across land, air, sea, cyber, and psychological warfare.

"The events of Marka-e-Haq are known not only to Pakistanis but also



to the children of India — though they refuse to acknowledge it," he said.

Strong message to India

Lt-Gen Chaudhry sharply criticised India's military and political leadership, saying that what was once considered a professional military has now become politicised.

"India's politicians appear less like statesmen and more like warmongers," he said.

He warned that Pakistan is ready to confront any aggression, conventional or unconventional, with full force.

The ISPR chief also condemned India's self-presentation as a "global

net-security provider," calling it instead "the world's largest terrorist," responsible for grave atrocities in occupied Kashmir.

He accused New Delhi of falsely blaming Pakistan for terrorism while continuing to use proxies and secret operations to pursue political objectives.

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# Pakistan-Sri Lanka Armies Conclude Joint Counter-Terrorism Exercise 'Shake Hands-II'

## Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan-Sri Lanka Joint Exercise Shake Hands-II in Counter Terrorism domain has been conducted between the Armies of Pakistan and Sri Lanka at Tarbela, Pakistan. Two weeks long Exercise commenced on 27 April 2026 and concluded today. Combat teams from Special Services Group, Pakistan Army and Sri Lankan Special Forces participated in the Exercise.

General Officer Commanding Special Services Group attended the

closing ceremony as Chief Guest. Major General Ajith Abeyawardana (WWV RWP RSP) from Sri Lanka also witnessed the closing ceremony. The troops displayed highest standards of professional excellence during the conduct.

The Exercise was aimed at refining the drills, procedures and techniques involved in Counter Terrorism operations through joint training, besides harnessing the historic military to military relations among both the friendly countries.

# Supreme Court of Pakistan Joins Global Dialogue on Alternative Dispute Resolution

ISTANBUL, TÜRKIYE: The Supreme Court of Pakistan participated in the Judicial Dispute Resolution Symposium held in Istanbul on May 4-5, 2026, contributing to a high-level international dialogue on strengthening alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms. The symposium was organized by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce in partnership with the Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC).

The two-day engagement convened senior judges, legal experts, and representatives of judicial academies from diverse jurisdictions to deliberate on the expanding role of

the judiciary in promoting ADR. Key themes included the development of effective national ADR ecosystems, judicial support for arbitration and mediation, and the harmonization of domestic practices with international legal frameworks.

Representing the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb contributed to core sessions, including discussions on court-annexed ADR models and the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards. He shared Pakistan's evolving approach towards institutionalizing ADR, highlighting recent reforms aimed at reducing case backlog, improving efficiency, and enhancing access to justice.

# PAF announces next- generation stealth aircraft plans, JF-17 upgrades and missile integration

## News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has announced a significant procurement plan involving next-generation stealth fighter platforms, additional fourth-plus generation Chengdu J-10C aircraft, and further upgrades to its JF-17 Thunder fleet.

The announcement was made during a detailed press briefing in Islamabad, where senior military officers outlined ongoing modernisation efforts aimed at strengthening Pakistan's aerial combat capability.

The plans also include groundwork for acquiring long-range precision strike weaponry, such as the PL-15E or PL-17 air-to-air missile systems, signalling an expanded focus on beyond-visual-range engagement capability. Officials indicated that these developments form part of a broader strategy to enhance

multi-domain operational readiness and maintain a technological edge in evolving regional airpower dynamics.

At the centre of the announcement is the consideration of next-generation stealth fighter platforms, with options reportedly including the J-35AE. These aircraft are intended to enhance low-observable strike capability and strengthen Pakistan's future air dominance profile. The briefing highlighted that such acquisitions are aligned with long-term force structuring goals, ensuring the PAF remains prepared for high-intensity, technology-driven aerial warfare.

Officials emphasised that these potential stealth assets would complement existing platforms rather than replace them, integrating into a layered force structure designed for both defensive and offensive operations across multiple domains.