

Independent

Member APNS & CPNE

Chief Editor: Syed Farooq Shah

www.dailyindependent.com.pk

Quetta

Ph: 2841470/2841473 REG: No. BC-116 B/ID-445 Vd XXVII No 35, Rabi-us-Sani 02, 1447 AH Friday September 26, 2025 Pages 08, Price Rs.15

Assails Afghanistan for 'state patronage' to terrorists CM Bugti asserts that terrorists will not be allowed to challenge writ of the state

Praises Armed forces for their swift and proactive IBOs which have recently thwarted numerous terrorist plans



Independent Report
ISLAMABAD/QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has reiterated the provincial government's commitment

to maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of citizens, asserting that terrorism will not be allowed to challenge the writ of the state.

He said this while speaking at a press conference in Islamabad.

Bugti strongly condemned attacks on civilians and emphasized the need for stringent counter-terrorism measures.

Chief Minister highlighted the recent success by security forces in the Chaghi district, where an Intelligence Based Operation yesterday resulted in the killing of two terrorists and the arrest of a third.

He said, one of the killed terrorists was identified as Zubair Advocate code name Shah G who was involved in facilitating terrorists, recruiting for the

Balochistan Liberation Army, and other militant activities.

"They receive state patronage there. Several Khawarij who were recently killed were Afghan citizens," he said.

Bugti urged the Afghan interim government to abide by the Doha agreement, in which they committed to not allowing their soil to be used against any

country.

Pakistan has long urged the Afghan government to cut ties with groups responsible for carrying out terror attacks in the country.

Meanwhile, CM Bugti reiterated his stance that Indian intelligence agencies were funding violence against security forces and

Continued on page 2



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif held a bilateral meeting with Bill Gates, Chair of Gates Foundation on the sidelines of 80th Session of UNGA.



MARRI: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti addressing founder day ceremony of Lawrence College Ghora Gali Marri.

APC, Qaumi Jirga issues joint declaration

Jirga underscores urgent need to address problems of unemployment, education, healthcare, & border-related trade issues

By Sardar Khondai

CHAMAN: Under the auspices of the Awami National Party (ANP), a significant All Parties Conference (APC) and Qaumi Jirga was held at Shuhada House, Murda Kariz, Chaman. The event was chaired by ANP Balochistan Provincial President Asghar Khan Achakzai and brought together leaders and representatives from multiple political and tribal groups to deliberate on pressing local and national issues.

The joint declaration adopted during the gathering emphasized unity among political forces in Balochistan and called for collective efforts to address the challenges faced by the region. Leaders present highlighted the importance of political dialogue, peace, and development while condemning acts of violence and instability.

Speakers stressed that Balochistan's prosperity is tied to mutual cooperation,

the protection of citizens' rights, and the acceleration of development projects in border districts, including Chaman. The jirga underscored the urgent need to address problems of unemployment, education, healthcare, and border-related trade issues that directly affect the lives of ordinary people.

Participants also urged the federal and provincial governments to ensure fair distribution of resources and to adopt inclusive policies that respect the will of the people of Balochistan. The joint statement reiterated that political engagement and consensus-building are the only sustainable paths toward lasting peace and progress in the province. The conference concluded with a vow to continue joint political struggle for safeguarding democracy, promoting harmony, and securing the constitutional rights of the people of Balochistan.



NEW YORK: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar met with Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot, on the sidelines of 80th UNGA session.

Pakistan beat Bangladesh, set to face India for first time in Asia Cup final

Sports Desk

DUBAI: Pakistan defeated Bangladesh by 11 runs on Thursday in a must-win Super Fours match to reach the Asia Cup 2025 final, where they are set to face arch-rivals India.

Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf took three wickets each to help Pakistan defend a 136-run target at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

The victory propelled Pakistan into the final, where they will be locking horns with arch-rivals India for the first time in the continental tournament's history.

Chasing a modest 136-run target, Bangladesh could accumulate 124/9 in their allotted 20 overs despite Shamim Hossain's gutsy 30-run knock.

Bangladesh had a dis-

mal start to the pursuit as Shaheen dismissed Parvez Hossain Emon for a duck on the fifth delivery of the first over.

His opening partner, Saif Hassan (18), then shared a one-sided 22-run partnership with Towhid Hridoy (five) before both perished in quick succession as Bangladesh slipped to 29/3 in 5.1 overs.

Mahedi Hasan (11) and Nurul Hasan then attempted to anchor the run chase as they batted cautiously to add 15 runs for the fourth wicket until Mohammad Nawaz got rid of the former in the eighth over.

Shamim, who walked out to bat at number six, took the reins of Bangladesh's pursuit and

Continued on page 2

CM Bugti, Federal Law Minister discuss legal reforms, cooperation

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti met Federal Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar in Islamabad, where both leaders discussed matters of mutual interest, legal reforms, and stronger federal-provincial cooperation.

The Chief Minister highlighted that the Balochistan Assembly is enacting effective legislation with consensus, which is helping address public issues. He stressed that timely and easy access to justice for the people of the province is a top priority.

The meeting also reviewed measures to accelerate legal reforms and strengthen the judicial system for efficient delivery of justice.

IHC fixes Imran, Bushra acquittal pleas in Toshakhana-II case for hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): In an important development in the Toshakhana-II case, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday fixed for hearing the acquittal petitions filed by the former prime minister and PTI founder Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi on October 7.

Justice Inam Amin Minhas will hear the petitions. It is pertinent to mention here that both Imran and Bushra have also filed petitions in the court, seeking a halt to a trial in the Toshakhana-II case.

IHC strikes down property tax hike

ISLAMABAD (INP): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has annulled the notification regarding property tax increase and issuance of notices to newly included areas in the federal capital.

The court approved petitions filed by Munir Chaudhry and Ahmed Hassan Rana against hike in property hike and notices. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani issued the ruling, noting that the notification of January 23, 2024, by the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) had been challenged in court. Earlier, on June 4, 2024, the court had already suspended the property tax hike notices.

The MCI argued that the January 23 notification was never published in the official gazette and was merely a draft.

Bilawal stresses political solution for Balochistan, urges action on flood relief

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that the issue of Balochistan must be resolved politically, not militarily.

Speaking to the media in Karachi, he acknowledged the grievances of Balochistan's people and stressed that terrorism remains the biggest challenge, requiring political consensus for decisions that benefit the public.

Bilawal accused India of funding terrorists, saying Pakistan is raising the matter globally. He recalled past victories against terrorism and expressed confidence in succeeding again.

He highlighted the historic flood damage in Punjab, especially South Punjab, as well as in Gilgit-

Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, urging the federal government to provide aid through the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP).

He criticized the federation for not making a timely global appeal for help and questioned why it was reluctant to fully use BISP despite once claiming its ownership.

Bilawal called for IMF talks on wheat support prices and promised to support Sindh's farmers through the Hari Card to reduce wheat imports.

He warned of possible food security issues after the floods and thanked the Prime Minister for declaring an agriculture emergency and waiving electricity bills for victims.



ZHOB: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel talking to tribal elites during his visit to Zhob.

Providing basic facilities to people at their doorsteps in Zhob among out top priorities: Governor

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel on Thursday said that providing education, health and clean drinking water to the people at their doorsteps in Zhob is among our top priorities.

He expressed these views while addressing a large public meeting on the occasion of his two-day visit to Zhob city. It should

be noted that on this occasion, dozens of people also announced their joining the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz.

Addressing to people, the Governor said that bringing development projects worth billions of rupees in District Zhob was a big challenge, for which many difficulties were faced in the journey of construction, progress

and prosperity, I have the trust and support of different nations and tribes of the entire Zhob division.

I stand before you as a witness to this promise that all these people-friendly development projects will be completed sequentially on time so that their benefits reach the poor people of the area. Trans

Continued on page 2

Dar, Bahraini counterpart reaffirm commitment to strengthening bilateral ties

NEW YORK (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Thursday met with Bahrain's Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani on the sidelines of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The two leaders reaffirmed the close and enduring ties between Pakistan and Bahrain, expressing resolve to deepen cooperation across a wide range of sectors.

They emphasized enhanced engagement in economic cooperation, regional connectivity, and collaboration at multilateral fora, while underscoring their shared commitment to peace and stability.

Dar and Al Zayani also discussed the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, stressing the urgent need for an immediate ceasefire and the provision of humanitarian relief to the affected population.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate, Syedaal Khan in a meeting with Maulana Fazal Ur Rehman, President of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) and Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan, Nawaf Bin Said Al-Malki.

Online vehicle tax payment launched in Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: Balochistan authorities have launched an online system for vehicle tax payments, initially covering Road (Token) Tax. From October 1, 2025, manual tax payments will no longer be accepted.

Vehicle owners can generate their tax challans via https://taxes.excise.gob.pk from any city in Pakistan using a mobile device or computer. Upon generating the challan, a Payment Slip ID (PSID) is issued.

Polio eradication top priority, PM Shebaz tells Bill Gates

NEW YORK (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reaffirmed that polio eradication remains a top priority for the government of Pakistan, emphasizing that continued collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is essential to achieving this goal.

He made these remarks during a meeting with Bill Gates, Chair of the Gates Foundation, held on the sidelines of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The prime minister expressed his deep appreciation for the Gates Foundation's longstanding support in Pakistan's efforts to eliminate polio, enhance immunization and nutrition, and promote financial inclusion.

He also acknowledged the Foundation's generous contribution to Pakistan's 2025 flood relief efforts and recalled its significant support during the devastating 2022 floods. Highlighting the government's focus on comprehensive economic reforms, digital cashless systems, and overall economic revitalization, Prime Minister Shehbaz commended the Gates Foundation for its practical, constructive, and impactful cooperation in these areas.

The meeting concluded with both sides reaffirming their shared commitment to further strengthen collaboration in health, nutrition, digital transformation, and broader socio-economic development in Pakistan.

SC detailed judgment on Judges' Seniority and transfers released

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan has released a detailed 55-page judgment concerning the seniority and transfer of judges in the Islamabad High Court.

The verdict, authored by Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, was uploaded on the court's official website on Thursday.

According to the written judgment, petitions related to the transfer of high court judges have been disposed of, affirming that the President of Pakistan holds the authority under Article 200 of the Constitution to order such transfers.

However, it emphasized that no judge can be transferred without consultation and consent.

The ruling further observed that the decision regarding judges' transfers

falls squarely within the judiciary's domain, and judicial opinion must be given precedence in the process. It clarified that the independence of the judiciary is not compromised by transfers, nor was any mala fide intent or retaliatory action established in the cases under review.

The court held that the transfers were carried out in line with the Constitution and law, noting that Section 3 of the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010, places no restrictions on such transfers. The judgment also stated that the principle of provincial representation had not been violated.

Regarding seniority, the court directed that the determination of judges' seniority

Continued on page 2

Shahzaib Kakar says: Govt giving importance to Quetta in terms of development projects after long time

QUETTA (APP): Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzeb Kakar on Thursday said that the current government is giving much importance to Quetta in terms of development projects after a long time.

He said that the Saffa project of Public Private Partnership and sanitation would soon have good effects, the government's resources are limited, Public-private partnership (PPP) is successful all over the world.

He expressed these views along with Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehrullah Badini while meeting journalists in the Quetta Press Club program Haal-o-Ahwal.

The Commissioner said that the purpose of

coming to the Press Club and interacting with the media is to involve citizens through discussions adding that the most meaningful initiative of the provincial government is public-private partnership in Quetta.

He mentioned that Saffa Quetta project is a project that could be shown to the people and very soon the sanitation system in Quetta would improve further.

He said that the government has limited resources, that is why some sectors are being run under public-private partnership, some new machinery has been purchased for cleaning Quetta city.

"The biggest problem

Continued on page 2

CM greets China on 76th foundation day, highlights bilateral ties

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday extended warm congratulations to the leadership and people of China on the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, reaffirming Pakistan's resolve to further strengthen its "ironclad" friendship with Beijing.

Speaking at a reception hosted by the Chinese Consulate in Karachi, the chief minister described Pakistan-China ties as "time-tested, all-weather, and unparalleled in depth and strength." He said the two nations have always stood shoulder-to-shoulder, supporting each other both in moments of celebration and in times of trial.

Shah praised China's historic journey of unity, resilience, and progress, noting that Beijing has emerged as a global leader contributing to peace, co-operation, and shared devel-

opment across the world.

Highlighting the significance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the chief minister said Sindh has greatly benefited from infrastructure, energy, and industrial projects under the initiative. He expressed hope for enhanced cooperation under CPEC Phase-II, particularly in the fields of industry, agriculture, mining, technology, and education.

The chief minister also lauded China's consistent support to Pakistan during natural disasters, public health challenges, and development efforts, calling it a reflection of the deep-rooted brotherly ties between the two nations.

"Together with our Chinese brothers and sisters, we are determined to advance our partnership to new heights, ensuring peace, prosperity, and sustainable development for our future generations," Shah said.

Providing..

Continued from page 1

parency, accountability and timely delivery are my guiding principles that will transform Zhob into a light of construction and development and a ray of hope for the coming generations, he said.

Jaffar Khan Mandokhel said that the establishment of a large public park and more educational institutions for Zhob city would be ensured very soon.

He said that the Danish School approved by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for Zhob city would pave the way for an educational revolution.

Just as you have expressed confidence in me, I have also fully represented you at every forum of the federation and the province, I have tried my best to meet your expectations and will maintain the trust of the people in the future as well.

As a result of selfless service to the people, our name is taken with those few public leaders at the national level, which I am proud of them, he mentioned.



KARACHI: Chinese Consul General Yang Yundong, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori and diplomats cutting a cake during reception to mark the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

CM Bugti asserts..

Continued from page 1

civilians in Balochistan.

"I have been saying from day one that it is a RAW-based and RAW-funded war. India is trying to bring together all the actors working to destabilise Pakistan," he said.

During the presser, the Balochistan chief minister also shared details of a recent operation against terrorists in Chaghi district, in which two terrorists were killed while another surrendered. "Forces cordoned the house and offered the terrorists to surrender. They began firing, injuring an FC personnel. The forces retaliated, killing two terrorists while a third surrendered after an intense firefight," he said. CM Bugti revealed that one of the eliminated terrorists was responsible for the reconnaissance of key government projects in Chaghi. "He would monitor the Chinese nationals' movement in the mine and minerals project in Chaghi. He was also involved in the planning for the attack on the FC Headquarters," he stated.

CM Bugti also clarified his position on the suspension of 4G mobile services across Balochistan.

"There was a lot of criticism on the suspension of 4G services. It is not our purpose to irritate people," he said. CM Bugti added: "Terrorists have started using all mediums of communication, some beyond our intelligence agencies' capacity." The Balochistan chief minister said the move aimed to prevent terrorists from accessing technology to communicate with one another. The Chief Minister outlined several thwarted attacks, including a planned strike by a professor on August 14 targeting key installations. He praised the security forces for timely intelligence-based operations that prevented these attacks and emphasized that the state's writ will not be compromised. He concluded by emphasizing that high-value targets have been successfully neutralized, several terrorist plots disrupted, and that security forces remain committed to ensuring peace in Balochistan.

Govt giving..

Continued from page 1

of the city is traffic. Traffic problems are being solved in a new and scientific way", he said.

Shahzeb Kakar said that if the citizens obey the law, traffic problems in the city would be reduced, steps are being taken to make the city's old buses new and environmentally friendly. He said that the permits of rickshaws are being digitized, the Traffic Engineering Bureau has been activated in Quetta for maintaining smooth traffic in the area while traffic problems are all over the world. The Commissioner said that the number of green buses in Quetta is being increased for providing travel facilities to people in the city which is being appreciated by people in the area. He said that old buses are being eliminated causing pollution and traffic issue in the city saying that a door-to-door cleaning campaign has been started and the media should raise awareness among the public.

Govt unveils National Resilience Plan to tackle 2026 monsoon threats

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government has begun shaping a new National Resilience Plan 2025-2026 to better prepare Pakistan for the next monsoon season, aiming to reduce the destruction caused by floods and other natural disasters.

At a meeting in Islamabad on Thursday, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr. Musadik Malik and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik agreed on a roadmap to strengthen disaster preparedness, response, and recovery mechanisms.

"The National Resilience Plan must be outcome-focused, with clear strategies to reduce the losses resulting from such calamities—whether in terms of human lives, infrastructure, crops, or livestock," Dr. Malik said, stressing the need for tangible results for vulnerable communities.

The NDMA chairman underscored the importance

of mapping Pakistan's most vulnerable regions and tailoring disaster readiness to local risks. "Floods, cloud-bursts, glacial melt, GLOFs (glacial lake outburst floods), and landslides all require different responses. Preparing for these localized risks is essential for building resilience," Lt. Gen. Malik noted.

Pakistan has faced repeated devastation from extreme weather in recent years, most notably the catastrophic 2022 floods, which displaced millions and caused billions in damage. Officials say the upcoming plan seeks to avoid a repeat by identifying high-risk areas, integrating scattered response systems, and ensuring faster, more coordinated relief operations. Dr. Malik also acknowledged weaknesses in the current system, calling it fragmented. "It requires integration into a single, streamlined framework that is quick, coordinated, and effective," he said, reaffirming the government's commitment to working closely with NDMA and other stakeholders.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Minorities Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora being presented shield during 15th Youth Peace Festival. Balochistan Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani is also present.



Commander Central Punjab Pakistan Navy Rear Admiral Sohail Ahmed Azmi formally inaugurating the 4th CNS All Pakistan Hockey Tournament 2025 by hitting the ball

CORRIGENDUM

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BUILDINGS) CWPP&H DEPTT: DISTRICT BARKHAN invitation for tenders published vide **PRQ No.1114/08-09-2025** for different manual and electronic e-bids. The following changed area as described for given below TSE-Numbers is hereby published due to busy schedule of BSDI/DCC committee members. It is for public interest for the bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of given works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates. Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. (TSE-252609844553, TSE-252609844723, TSE-252609844613, TSE-252609844453, TSE-252609844513, TSE-252609844343, TSE-252609844383)

S.No	Step Name	Remarks
1	Case Schedule	By Default
2	Date & Time of Submission	2nd October 2025 till 1000 AM.
3	Date and time of Bid Opening	2nd October 2025 at 1100 AM.

Note: The Remaining Terms & Conditions shall Remain Same.

Address: O/O Executive Engineer (Buildings) CWPP&H Department near DC House, Barkhan. Phone no: 0829668503 Fax no: Email: xenbuildingsbarkhan@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BUILDINGS) CWPP&H DEPTT: DISTRICT BARKHAN

PRQ No.1521/25-9-2025

www.dprgob.pk @dpr_gob @dprgob f @dprbalochistan

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

sealed gallop tender on form 'B-I & B-II as per schedule 'A&B' are invited from the approved Government Contractor/Firm of Public Health Engineering Department Balochistan and registered with BPPRA who are enlisted / renew their name for the current financial year 2025-26 for the following works :E/Money 2% in Shape of CDR for each work .

S.#	Name of Work	Qty	Estimated Cost	TIME LIMIT	TSE NO.
1	Construction of WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, KILLI MIR BAHAR MARRI KOHLU PSDP-4686				
	i)Drilling and Development of Bore.	1 Job	7442888.00	Two Months	TSE-252609872693
	ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System.	1 Set	4172168.00	Two Months	TSE-252609872733
	iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe Line.	8400Rft	3205766.00	30/06/2026	TSE-252609872773
	iv) Civil Work.	1-Job	5949697.00	30/06/2026	TSE-252609872783
2	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AND WATER FILTRATION PLANT, at KILLI HAJI BANGAL KOHLU PSDP No-4794				
	i)Drilling and Development of Bore.	1 Job	3400556.00	Two Months	TSE-252609872793
	ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System.	1 Set	2859990.00	Two Months	TSE-252609872813
	iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe Line.	3000	1112930.00	30/06/2026	TSE-252609872823
	iv) Civil Work.	1-Job	8238792.00	30/06/2026	TSE-252609872843
	v)WATER FILTRATION PLANT.	1-No	3195000.00	30/06/2026	TSE-252609872863
3	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, KILLIMIR BAZ MUHAMMAD MARRI KOHLU PSDP-4850				
	i)Drilling and Development of Bore.	1 Job	4975864.00	Two Months	TSE-252609872883
	ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System.	1 Set	4172168.00	Two Months	TSE-252609872903
	iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe Line.	3300 Rft	1328712.00	30/06/2026	TSE-252609872913
	iv) Civil Work.	1-Job	9325173.00	30/06/2026	TSE-252609872933

The office of the Executive Engineer PHE District Kohlu invites technical proposal of Contractors/firms along with sealed financial proposals(Single Stage-One Envelope) for above mentioned works. All interested bidders are required to submit documents as per following briefs in support of their technical/Financial proposal: The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory, Rules 2014 and Pakistan Engineering Council By-Laws. **BASIC ELIGIBILITY:** The Contractor must have valid registration i.e 2025-26 with Pakistan Engineering Council in required Category in relevant discipline/specialty code and fresh registration with tax authorities i.e. (NTN,sales tax Department and BRA) as well as with BPPRA where applicable. The bidder must complete similar nature assignment mention in the bidding documents. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: (Single Stage –One Envelope) bidding Procedure will be adopted. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance:** The bidders can obtain the bidding document from the address mention above on production of green Challan form for an amount of 1000/- and (Non-refundable) for each work shown against each deposited in the head of account C-02725-2 Civil works through Govt. Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan Kohlu or can be downloaded from the website of BPPRA (www.bppra.gov.pk) during working hour, from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. The contractors/firms who obtain bidding documents by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to procedure deposited green Challan from of above mentioned Fee. The bids must accompanied bid security "Technical Bid" for each work in the form of call deposit are bank guarantee of amount specified above in the office name of the under signed from a scheduled bank. **No any Bank Drafts & Banker Check will be acceptable Deadline of submission:** Technical and financial proposals from intending contractors/firms sealed in one separate envelope clearly marked with Work title & type of proposal must be delivered by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before **14 October 2025, at 11:00 Hrs. Opening:** The envelope containing "Technical Bids" will be opened on the same day 14 October 2025, at 12:00 P.M.before procurement committee in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend with authority letter. **Bids Validity: Ninety (90) days** Place: The place of issuance, submission, inquiries and opening will be - The Office of the Executive Engineer PHE District Kohlu. Email:ku-7017@gmail.com **CONDITIONS: All the terms and conditions can be seen/obtain in the Office of the undersigned in any office hours**

Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Division Kohlu

PRQ No.1520/25-9-2025

www.dprgob.pk @dpr_gob @dprgob f @dprbalochistan

Pakistan beat..

Continued from page 1

kept them in the hunt until falling victim to Shaheen in the 17th over. He remained the top-scorer for Bangladesh with a gutsy 30 off 25 deliveries with the help of two boundaries.

Following his departure, Haris Rauf struck twice in his third over to reduce Bangladesh further to 101/9 in 17.4 overs.

Shaheen and Haris jointly led Pakistan's bowling charge with three wickets, followed by Saim Ayub with two, while Nawaz chipped in with one scalp.

Bangladesh's stand-in captain Jaker Ali's decision to field first paid dividends as his team's bowling unit restricted Pakistan to 135/8 in 20 overs.

Pakistan got off to a disastrous start to their innings as they lost in-form opener Sahibzada Farhan

(four) and struggling Saim Ayub (zero) in the first two overs, with just five runs on the board.

Following the early stutter, Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha joined experienced opener Fakhar Zaman in the middle to stabilise the innings, but the duo could add 24 to the total as the latter was dismissed by Rishad Hossain in the seventh over.

Rishad struck again in his next over, dismissing Pakistan's last match hero Hussain Talat (three) and bringing the total down to 33/4 in 8.1 overs.

Pakistan captain Agha and wicketkeeper batter Haris then shared a brief 16-run partnership until Mustafizur Rahman got the former caught behind in the 11th over with just 49 runs on the board. Agha scored a cautious 19 off 23 deliveries, featuring two fours.

SC detailed..

Continued from page 1

seniority rests with the President of Pakistan, who will decide after reviewing service records whether a transfer is permanent or temporary. The matter has been referred back to the President for final decision on seniority.

The judgment made clear that Article 200 provides a complete and self-contained constitutional

procedure for judges' transfers.

It is noteworthy that the decision in the judges' transfer and seniority case was originally announced on September 18 by a five-member bench comprising Justice Muhammad Ali Akhtar, Justice Naeem Akhtar, Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan, Justice Salahuddin Panhwar, and Justice Shakeel Ahmed.

TENDER NOTICE

The Directorate General of Sports Balochistan invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following sports items / Purchase of Volley Ball Items for Gramkan at Panjgur & Balochistan Individual Sports Talent Hunt and Players Development Program Quetta 2025-26 (PSDP No. 5583.22025.0050. Quetta) **Tender Fee 1000/- and Bid Security 2% for each work** Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required..

S.#	Name of Items	Bid Security
1.	Purchase of Volley Ball Items for Gramkan at Panjgur PSDP No-5510.22020.2264 TSE-252609871461	106,000 PKR
2.	Balochistan Individual Sports Talent Hunt and Players Development Program Quetta 2025-26 (PSDP No. 5583.22025.0050. Quetta) TSE-252609873222	309,048 PKR
3.	Purchase of Sports Items Balochistan Individual Sports Talent Hunt and Players Development Program Quetta 2025-26 (PSDP No. 5583.22025.0050. Quetta) TSE-252609873031	263,052 PKR

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Eligibility Criteria in Bidding Document Can be Seen. **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The bidding documents fee (1000) through Green Challan.If Others please specify (The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.gov.pk Incomplete documents not conforming to the tender documents shall be liable to rejection. **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10th October 2025 till 09:00 AM at the office of the undersigned. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day i.e 10th October 2025 at the office of the undersigned at 10:00 AM. **Address:** Directorate General of Sports Balochistan, Mir Jaffar Khan Jamali Road Quetta Phone No. 0819201822 Fax no. 081-9201822

Director General Sports Balochistan

PRQ No.1511/25-9-2025

www.dprgob.pk @dpr_gob @dprgob f @dprbalochistan

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

TSE-252609864733 Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. **Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB.** The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BUILDING KILLA SAIFULLAH invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2025 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates **Tender Fee 5000/- and Bid Security 2% for each work**

S.NO	Name of work	E/Cost
1	CONSTRUCTION OF TRAUMA CENTER AT DISTRICT QILLA SAIFULLAH	111,170,729

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 5 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 77,819,510 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm The bidder must provide Power of Attorney or Authority Letter on Rs. 100/- Judicial St. amp for this NIT. Mentioning name of work & TSE Number and attested photo copy of owners CNIC by Oath Commissioner. Bids with Scanned stamps or Signatures will be rejected **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gov.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gov.pk **Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 13 October, 2025 till 01:30 PM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 02:30 PM on EPPS System Address: Main City Killa Saifullah Phone no: 0823610614 Email: hashimkhansays@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BUILDING CWPP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT KILLA SAIFULLAH

PRQ No.1516/25-9-2025

www.dprgob.pk @dpr_gob @dprgob f @dprbalochistan

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer (Building) CW, PP&H Department District Gwadar invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates, 2023 G.O.B amended up to date from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below: Tender Fee (in shape of green challan from deposited in head of Account C-02716) **Earnest Money 2% for each work**

S. No	TSE No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In Million)	T/Fee	Time Limit
1	TSE-252609875163	"BALOCHISTAN SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (BSDI)" WAS HELD ON 20 th AUGUST, 2025 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (Dev), P&D DEPARTMENT Constt: Futsal Ground at Baloch Ward Gwadar.	Rs. 23.636 M	1500	12 Months
2	TSE-252609875173	Constt: of Futsal Court at Government Boys Degree College Gwadar.	Rs. 23.636 M	1500	12 Months
3	TSE-252609875233	Constt: of Fishermen Shade West Bay Gwadar.	Rs. 4.991 M	1000	12 Months
4	TSE-252609875693	Constt: of Fishermen Shade Pasni Jetty.	Rs. 4.991 M	1000	12 Months
5	TSE-252609875703	Constt: of Fishermen Shade Omara Jetty.	Rs. 4.991 M	1000	12 Months
6	TSE-252609875713	Constt: of Fishermen Shade Jiwani Jetty.	Rs. 4.991 M	1000	12 Months
7	TSE-252609875723	CONSTT: OF TOILET BLOCKS IN 10 SCHOOLS Constt: of Toilet Block for GBMIDS Bal Sikuni Omara (05840) & GBMIDS Basol Omara (05843)	Rs. 6.276 M	1000	12 Months
8	TSE-252609875733	Constt: of Toilet Block for GBMIDS Panjgur Omara (10119), GBMIDS Koh Bon Omara (10130) & GGPS Gazi Lane Omara (10131)	Rs. 9.413 M	1000	12 Months
9	TSE-252609875753	Constt: of Toilet Block for GGPS Orak (11674) & GGPS Haji Qasim Muhalla Surbandar (16446)	Rs. 6.276 M	1000	12 Months
10	TSE-252609875763	Constt: of Toilet Block for GGPS Zobia Mohalla Pasni (08889), GGPS Mir Rahmat Muhalla Pasni (11683) & GGPS Reik Pusht Wadhar Pasni (10405)	Rs. 9.413 M	1000	12 Months
11	TSE-252609875773	Constt: of Parking Shade Government Boys Degree College Gwadar	Rs. 6.733 M	1000	12 Months

The tender process would be carried out under B-PPPA rule 2014. The earnest money in shape of only call deposit or bank guarantee from schedule bank in favour of Executive Engineer (Building) CW, PP&H Department District Gwadar should accompany the bids. **ELIGIBILITY:** The bidders shall be registered with Pakistan Engineering Council must have fresh valid registration up to 30th June 2026 in relevant category with specialized codes of (CE-01& CE-10), and registration with Taxation Department (BRA) and who are on Active Taxpayers List (ATL) of FBR, registration with income tax, are mandatory for eligible to apply. Affidavit of no litigation history where decision went against the firm further an affidavit of no Blacklisting from any Agency. **METHOD OF PRECUREMENT:** single stage one envelope procedure. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** The First Lowest Evaluated Bid will be recommended for award of contract, who fulfilling the basic eligibility criteria. **TENDER DOCUMENTS:** The Documents can be obtained from office of the undersigned on non-refundable payment duly deposited through green Challan in NBP under head C.02716 as mentioned against each category. **DATE FOR ISSUANCE:** The tender form will be issued from the date of Publication up 16-10-2025 from the office/BPPRA website. **SUBMISSION & OPENING OF TENDER:** The tenders will be received on 16-10-2025 at 12:00 P.M and will be opened on the same day at 01:00 P.M in presence of participating bidders and procurement committee members. **(PLACE OF OPENING: DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OFFICE GWADAR) ADDRESS:** Executive Engineer (Building) CW, PP&H Department fish harbor Near Civil Hospital road at Gwadar. Contact, Ph. 0864-210534, Email: xen2provincialgwadar@gmail.com.

Executive Engineer (Building) CW,PP&H Department District Gwadar

PRQ No.1515/25-9-2025

www.dprgob.pk @dpr_gob @dprgob f @dprbalochistan

Future of Pakistan belongs to its youth: Rana Mashhood

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Youth Summit 2025 was held on Thursday at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) in Islamabad.

The event was organized by Act International in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) under the theme "Youth Action, Global Impact." Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP), Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, while addressing the summit as chief guest, said that Pakistan's progress and global standing depend on the strength and determination of its youth. He declared that "We must provide our youth an environment where their future can flourish as the future of Pakistan, and indeed the world, belongs to its youth."

He emphasized that under the leadership of

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, the government is utilizing all available resources for youth empowerment. He lauded the participation of young leaders from across Pakistan — including Balochistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan — and praised their determination, calling it "commendable."

Highlighting the govt's commitment to merit, Mashhood recalled that in the past the Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif eliminated the "booti mafia" and nepotism culture in Punjab, enabling talented students to succeed. "A girl from Yazman topped her exams despite being the first in her family to study beyond matriculation. This is what happens when a fair system supports talent," he noted.

He further underlined Pakistan's recognition on the international stage, re-

ferring to the recent defense agreement with Saudi Arabia. "This is a positive development, and protecting Saudi Arabia is now our responsibility," he remarked. The summit featured a Training of Trainers (ToT) supported by UNFPA and Canada, where 92 members of the National Youth Council were trained in leadership, climate action, health, and gender equality. Sessions also included a debate on "Climate Justice and Resilience," a panel on "Life Skills and Reproductive Health Education," and creative performances highlighting youth aspirations. Mubashir Banuri, CEO of Act International, shared that his organization has reached over 4.6 million individuals, trained 3,000 teachers, supported 34,000 youth through helplines, and empowered 1,100 transgender individuals through life skills initiatives.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik, held a meeting with Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik.

Senate committee recommends to facilitate students of Balochistan

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Science & Technology met today under the chairmanship of Senator Kamil Ali Agha at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad. The meeting was attended by Senators Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan, Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto, Husna Bano, and Muhammad Aslam Abro.

The Committee was briefed by Dr. Muhammad Zahid Latif, Rector NUST, on the achievements and challenges faced by the university. Established in 1991, NUST currently offers 168 degree programs in

seven disciplines to 20,000 students, with a faculty strength of 1,296 members—68% of whom are PhDs, 47% foreign qualified, and 29% female. Highlighting NUST's achievements, the Rector informed that the university ranks 6th in South Asia, 67th in Asia, and 371st globally in the QS World Rankings 2025–2026. He stated that the Board of Governors is the main governing body overseeing all university affairs.

According to data shared, as per the 2017 census, the student body comprises 61.02% from Punjab, 11.56% from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 9.69% from

Islamabad, 8.38% from Sindh, 3.1% from Azad Jammu & Kashmir, 2.59% from Balochistan, 2.24% from Gilgit-Baltistan, and 0.38% international students. The Chairman of the Committee expressed concern over the disproportionately high percentage of students from Punjab and stressed the need to ensure greater representation from other provinces. The Rector clarified that admissions are granted strictly on merit, but varying educational standards across provinces limit the ability of some students to qualify through the entry tests.

Conference on strategic realignments in the Indian Ocean region concludes

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Maritime Centre of Excellence (MCE) organised the second conference titled "Shifting Tides Revisited: Strategic Realignments in the Indian Ocean Region – One Year On" at Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC), Lahore.

The conference focused on the evolving strategic landscape of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) amid intensifying great-power rivalry, the growing impact of emerging technologies, and Pakistan's adaptive strategies, said a

news release issued by the Director General Public Relations (Navy).

While addressing the gathering, former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Gen Zubair Mahmood Hayat (Retd) said: "If any violence or mischief is planned or executed against Pakistan from the sea, the onus of what happens thereafter squarely rests on Bharat's shoulders. Let there be no ambiguity; Pakistan's response will be swift, unexpected and meaningful."



ISLAMABAD (Murree): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti presenting Trophy to winner of Lawrence College Murree.

IGP Rizvi chairs key meeting to review police administrative affairs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, presided over an important meeting to review the administrative affairs of the force.

The meeting was attended by DIG Headquarters Muhammad Haroon Joya, AIG Logistics, and the Director Special Initiatives.

An official told APP on Thursday that the meeting focused on enhancing the operational capacity of the police force, ensuring efficient utilization of available resources, improving logistical support, and reviewing the progress of ongoing special initiatives.

The IGP Rizvi issued instructions for the timely

provision of essential facilities to police personnel, stressing that officers must be equipped with proper resources to discharge their professional duties effectively. Addressing the officers, IG emphasized that standards of public service should be elevated through reforms and the adoption of modern technology.

During the meeting, the Director Special Initiatives briefed the IGP Rizvi on developmental and welfare projects, while the logistics wing was directed to ensure transparent and efficient delivery of equipment and facilities to all field units, so that administrative affairs could be managed in a professional manner.

CDA, EOBI explore joint investment opportunities in Islamabad's hospitality sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) and the Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) have agreed to explore joint investment opportunities in Islamabad's hospitality sector, signaling a new phase of collaboration between the two public institutions. CDA Chairman and Chief Commissioner Islamabad, Muhammad Ali Randhawa, met with EOBI Chairman Dr Javed Sheikh and his team at the CDA Headquarters on Thursday.

Senior officials, including Member Finance Tahir Naem, Member Planning and Design Dr. Khalid Hafiz, Member Environ-

ment Esfandiyar Baloch, Deputy Commissioner ICT Irfan Nawaz Memon, and other CDA officers also attended the meeting.

According to officials, discussions centered on potential joint ventures in hotel and hospitality-related projects across the capital.

Randhawa said Islamabad's growing role as a host city for major international events, including the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, created "excellent opportunities" for investment. "There are significant opportunities to promote the hotel industry in Islamabad, which will help position the city as both a diplomatic.

NA Speaker hails newspapers as pillars of truth, justice

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Thursday underscored the pivotal role of newspapers in fostering national awareness, intellectual development, and democratic resilience, calling them the "cornerstone of democracy" for their unwavering commitment to truth and justice.

In his message marking Newspaper Readers Day, the Speaker extended warm greetings to the All Pakistan Newspapers Society and the journalist community, lauding their contributions to informed public discourse and democratic engagement.

"Newspapers remain a credible source of reliable information and serve as a vital bridge between Parliament and the people," he stated, adding that a well-informed citizenry is essential for a vibrant democracy.

Reflecting on the historical significance of print media, Sadiq noted that

newspapers have consistently delivered factual reporting and exposed societal injustices.

In today's digital age, dominated by social media, he stressed that responsible journalism is more critical than ever. He praised newspapers for offering not just news, but also in-depth research, thoughtful analysis, and meaningful context.

Despite facing numerous challenges, newspapers continue to evolve, sustained by public trust and confidence. The Speaker emphasized that this trust is key to their survival and growth. Encouraging youth to embrace newspaper reading, he highlighted its role in enhancing intellectual and academic development.

He called for the promotion of media literacy and a newspaper-reading culture in educational institutions, noting that print media carries the profound responsibility of upholding impartiality, ethics.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan addressing the youth at the National Youth Summit 2025.

BISP Chairperson holds live E-Kacheri; orders immediate action on beneficiary complaint

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid held a live E-Kacheri session on Thursday through BISP's official Facebook page, directly engaging with 32 beneficiaries from across the country and addressing their concerns in real time. During the interactive session, a family from Muzaffargarh reported that their issue had remained unresolved for several months despite repeated approaches to the concerned authorities. Taking strict notice, Senator Rubina Khalid directed the responsible officer to personally visit the family, meet them face-to-face, and ensure on-the-spot redressal.

She warned that neglecting complaints of deserving families would not be tolerated, stressing that

timely resolution of grievances is the foremost duty of BISP officials.

Highlighting the significance of the E-Kacheri initiative, Senator Rubina Khalid said the platform enables beneficiaries to directly voice their problems and guarantees swift action.

She cautioned officials that any negligence would invite disciplinary measures. The Chairperson also issued important advisories to beneficiaries, reminding them that only messages received from 8171 are authentic, while all others are fake. She clarified that BISP surveys and registrations are entirely free, and any demand for fees or forms is fraudulent. The beneficiaries were advised to keep their CNIC, children's B-Forms, electricity bill, and vaccination records ready during surveys.

**NOTICE RE-INVITING TENDER**

WITH REFERENCE OF PREVIOUS PRQ NO.4764/10-06-2025 FOR RUNNING OF MULTI-STORY CAR PARKING OF CIVIL SECRETARIAT, QUETTA IS RE-ADVERTISED

The Government of Balochistan Services and General Administration Department invites sealed bids for hiring of services for running the Multi-Story Car Parking of Balochistan Civil Secretariat, Quetta for a period of two years from the interested firms, on the following specifications:-

Multi-Story Car Parking located adjacent to Hocky Chowk at Whyte Road consists of four floors i.e. basement, ground, first and second floor having capacity of 2000 motorbike/bicycle and 190 vehicles.

ELIGIBILITY. The contractor must be registered with relevant Tax authorities i.e. (Income Tax, BRA and any other if applicable) having two years experience in the relevant field and financial capacity of \$5 Million for last two years. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT.** Single stage-single envelope shall be followed for this tendering process. **BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS; Issuance.** Tender form/documents will be issued from the date of advertisement published in newspapers till 10:00 AM of day of bid opening i.e. **09-10-2025** alongwith Tender Fee of Rs. 2000/- (Non-refundable) under the head C-3802-10 National Bank of Pakistan through Challan in favour of Secretary, S&GAD. **Submission.** Last date of submission of documents **09-10-2025 at 11:00 A.M. Opening.** The Tender will be opened on **09-10-2025 at 12:00 Noon** in the Office of Deputy Secretary (Admn) S&GAD in presence of bidders. **Place of issuance.** Submission, inquiry and opening will be at: **Address:** Under Secretary (Admn :) Room No.59 Block No.1, Civil Secretariat, Quetta. **Telephone Number.** 081-9202856 **Fax Number.** 081-9202365

TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Reserved Bid for the Multi-Story Car Parking may be considered @ Rs.1,70,7200/- for a period of one year and bidder shall offer higher rates than the reserved bid. Repair and maintenance of the premises will be the responsibility of the said contractor during the contract period. No alteration i.e. addition or omission or extension in the premises will be allowed. The rate shall be based on the rates fixed by the Government from time to time. The list displaying the price rate of vehicle/Rickshaw/motorcycle and bicycle should be fixed on a prominent place of the Multi-Story Car Parking. The contractor will not be allowed to pass on the contract to another party. Other activities beyond the scope and purpose of Multi-Story Car Parking are strictly prohibited. Bid Security amounting to 2% of the total offered rates **(Two year)** is required to be enclosed with the offer. The contractor shall provide the details of sufficient financial, technical and human resource to run the Multi-Story Car Parking as per requirement. Performance guarantee of Rs.500,000/- (refundable) in form of Bank draft is required to be submitted by the successful bidder within 15 days of award of contract. The submission of tender means that the bidder has read the notice and conditions of the contract and made himself aware of the scope and specification of the contract. Child labour shall not be allowed to work in the Multi-Story Car Parking. All the employees of Civil Secretariat are exempt to pay any kind of fee for look after of their motor cycle and bicycle and the Contractor will be responsible in case of loss of motorcycle/bicycle of the employees. The Contractor shall be responsible to run the Multi-Story Car Parking only working days except Saturday & Sunday. The bidder will be bound to deposit 15% BST/BRA & 10% Income Tax of total offered amount. The successful bidder/firm will be bound to deposit 50% of total offered amount in Government-Account-(under the relevant head through green Challan in advance and remaining 50% will be deposited right after (06) six months of award of Multi-Storey Car Parking by the firm. The Contractor/Firm will be responsible in any case of any loss/theft of Vehicle/Rickshaw/Motor bike/B-cycle of the visitor

The following rent would be charged from the visitors

- Private Vehicle Rs. 80/-
- Official Vehicle Rs. 50/-
- Rickshaw Rs. 50/-
- Motorcycle Rs. 30/-
- Bicycle Rs. 20/-

The Successful Bidder/Firm would sign a mutual agreement on the above lines.

(a) Under the following conditions bids will be rejected: Conditioned and Telegraphic bids/tenders. Bids not accompanied by bid security of 2% Bids received after specified date and time Black listed Firm/Contractors.

(b) Response bidders are required to submit following documents with bids:



Financial statement summary duly verified by the concerned banks.

Affidavit that the Firm has not been blacklisted duly attested by the Oath Commissioner.

PRQ No.1530/25-06-2025

Under Secretary (Admn :) S&GAD

www.dprgob.pk @dpr_gob @dprgob @dprgobalochistan

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE DIVISION KALAT invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year, 2025 based on Composite schedule rates 2022 on Percentage Rates.

S. No.	PSDP No.	Name of Work	E/Cost	Tender Fee	Bid Security	TSE No.
1	Z2025.2388.4890	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Babar Langau Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609867893
2	Z2025.2393.4893	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Habsan Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609867723
3	Z2025.2395.4896	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Khan Jan Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609867773
4	Z2025.2405.4888	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Pir Dadral Langau Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609867893
5	Z2025.2396.4890	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Sharaf Abad Kor Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609867913
6	Z2025.2504.4892	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Mir Wah Jan Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609867933
7	Z2025.2473.4902	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Kili Khali Jattak Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868013
8	Z2025.2398.4960	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Lugman Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868103
9	Z2025.2386.4968	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Malik Sher Muhammad Langau Khuda Bakhshai Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868203
10	Z2025.2374.4976	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Kili Haji Muhammad Essa Adamzai Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868233
11	Z2025.2471.4981	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS for Kili Mir Attaulah Qadiri Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868293
12	Z2025.2460.4990	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Kili Engineer Muhammad Ismail Hassanrai Khali, Abad District Kalat.	89,91,624	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868323
13	Z2025.2387.4766	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS at Kili Azmat Khali, Abad District Kalat.	79,94,101	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868353
14	Z2025.2471.4885	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Kili Dudran Kalat.	79,94,101	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868513
15	Z2025.2476.4887	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Kili Hera Kalat.	79,94,101	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868543
16	Z2025.2473.4975	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Kili Ghous Abad Kalat.	79,94,101	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868593
17	Z2025.2398.4993	Supply & Installation of Solar System for WSS Qadir Abad Kalat.	79,94,101	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868633
18	Z2025.1226.5048	Supply & Installation of Solar System for Construction of WSS Pipeline alongwith Solar System at Mir Aurangzaib Umrani & Iqrah Shahwari District Kalat.	79,94,101	2,000 PKR	2%	252609868643

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turnover of at least 1 to 12 Rs. 79,94,101 for S.#13 to 18 in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Quality Certificate of ISO 9001:2015 of PNAC, ISO 45001:2018 of PNAC, ISO 22000:2018 of IAS-PCA Accreditation of Concern PNAC Body and Fresh Order Report of PNAC Body. Photo Voltaic Module (Certification) Firms having certification of IEC: 61215 & 2005 & IEC: 61730-2 from any international Certified Laboratory (TUV/VDE) Certificates. Registration/ Certification under Category C-1 of AEDB (Certification) Regulation, 2021. **Procedure of Procurement:** Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 2,000 PKR through green chalan on a/c of Tender documents Fee **C02726-others.** Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by **14 October, 2025 till 10:00 AM.** **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned at **11:00 AM Address:** Kohing Kalat

Phone no: 0844210228 Email: xenphedkalat@gmail.com

PRQ No.1509/25-9-2025

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION KALAT

www.dprgob.pk @dpr_gob @dprgob @dprgobalochistan

Trumpian tirade

Donald Trump’s address to the UN General Assembly on Tuesday was part comical theatre, part chilling warning to the world that the old international order — which the US itself helped build — is dying. The American president used the august international platform to recycle conspiracy theories and highlight far-right talking points, along with taking a verbal sledgehammer to the UN itself. He blasted mass migration, saying that the UN was creating problems and “funding an assault on Western countries” by supporting migrants. Mr Trump referred to climate change as the “greatest con job ever” and warned nations to stay away from “this green scam”. As for the UN’s peacemaking role, or lack of it, Mr Trump asked “what is the purpose of the United Nations”, adding that the forum only offered “empty words”. He was also critical of states recognising Palestinian statehood, terming it a “reward” for Hamas.

Refuting each of Mr Trump’s ill-considered assertions at the UNGA requires far more space than is available in these columns. Briefly, it should be shocking that the leader of the world’s foremost economic and military power should turn MAGA talking points critical of the ‘globalist elite’ into key arguments of his address. However, little is shocking when it comes to Mr Trump. His climate denialism is dangerous, especially for countries like Pakistan, which are lurching from one climate crisis to another. It is also disturbing that he chooses to scapegoat migrants for destroying Western civilisation. He should remember that many Western countries, led by his own, have helped destroy states in the Middle East and Africa through regime change, which has fuelled the migration crisis.

His criticism of the UN for failing to prevent conflict may not be off the mark, but again, the global body is only the sum of its parts. When powerful member states, such as the US, paralyse the UN through the Security Council, is the global institution alone to be blamed for inaction? Moreover, it is the unilateralism of the Western bloc that contributed to the weakening of the UN. Speaking later with leaders of Muslim states, including Pakistan, Mr Trump suggested that these countries could help end the Gaza war. However, the American leader’s emphasis seemed to be on getting the Israeli hostages back, not on ending the genocide of Palestinians. While the Arab and Muslim states should be leading an economic and diplomatic boycott of Israel for its crimes in Gaza, arguably, only one state has the key to halting the Zionist aggression: the US. If America, as well as its Western allies, stopped funding Tel Aviv and shipping deadly weapons to it, and refrained from defending Israel at every international forum, the Zionist regime could be forced to rethink its bloody and criminal strategy.

Ali Tauqeer Sheikh

A recent encounter with the UK’s All Party Parliamentary Group for Bees, Pollinators and Invertebrates has revealed something remarkable: British parliamentarians have formed a cross-party group specifically acknowledging invertebrates’ profound connection with climate change, biodiversity, trade and human health. This initiative raises crucial questions about Pakistan’s own invertebrate populations. As our country experiences frequent floods, droughts and heatwaves, how are these climatic extremes affecting the unsung architects of our ecosystems? What implications do these impacts hold for Pakistan’s food security and public health? In Pakistan, the global and national significance of insects and invertebrates is profound yet overlooked and critically threatened. Their collective work underpins the very foundations of life: from pollinating the crops that feed us to decomposing organic matter that enriches our soils. These unrecognized

Khurram Husain

The World Bank has issued a stark warning to Pakistan in a report released on Tuesday. The country’s growth model has run its course, and over the past five years, the number of people living below the poverty line has begun to swell after two decades of shrinkage. Not only that. Nearly 40 per cent of children are stunted, and this percentage has not changed much over a long period of time. One quarter of children of primary school age remain out of school. Of the ones that do go to school, 75pc of those who finish primary schooling cannot read, or follow a simple story. One after another, the dismal state of the population as seen in the social indicators testifies to the fact that the economy is not delivering, whether or not it grows. The middle of the decade of the 2010s saw a high-growth spurt, yet between the years 2011 and 2021, “real wage growth in sectors employing the poor remained minimal at just 2-3pc” the report notes,

heroes of ecosystems are indispensable to biodiversity and food security. Pakistan’s diverse ecology, from the Himalayas to the Indus delta, is home to a wide range of invertebrates crucial to environmental and economic health. As the backbone of the country’s agriculture, insect pollinators are vital for such crops as fruit, vegetables and cotton. Beyond farming, insects play crucial roles in nutrient cycling in arid zones and maintaining the delicate balance of alpine flora. Aquatic invertebrates serve as indicators of water quality and support aquatic food chains in our water bodies. While credible data is hard to come by, some species like the Kashmir Kaiser-i-Hind butterfly are considered globally threatened. Threats to these species are multifaceted. Bees are the most critical pollinators, enabling the reproduction of major food crops and wild flowering plants. Without them, farm yield would plummet. Beyond pollination, insects like ladybugs are natural pest controllers, reducing the need for chemical pesticides. Beetles and earthworms,

known as detritivores, decompose organic matter, enriching soil and preventing erosion. They also form the base of food chains, supporting birds, amphibians and mammals. The decline of insect populations is a crisis. Impact of floods: Floods, like the recent ones in Pakistan, cause mass invertebrate mortality, as widespread floods and prolonged inundation drown or wash away vast numbers of terrestrial insects and their nests. These events also lead to habitat destruction, as floodwaters destroy the plants and soil that invertebrates rely on for food and shelter. The water itself, often polluted, can be toxic in Pakistan. Phenological mismatch and species migration: Perhaps most concerning is the slow climatic on-set of phenological mismatches: the decoupling of synchronised relationships between insects and their food sources. As temperatures shift, bees may emerge from hibernation before their preferred flowers bloom, while butterfly lifecycles become misaligned with host plant availability. Across Pakistan’s

seven elevation zones, from the Thar desert to the Karakorams, these mismatches create unpredictable ecosystem dynamics. Climate change has also triggered a northward movement of species. Rising temperatures and altered precipitation patterns have enabled disease vectors like mosquitoes to establish their ha-bitat in previously cooler, higher-altitude regions. Studies in Islamabad and Peshawar show increasing dengue transmission risk as these vectors colonise northern Pakistan, while native invertebrate populations struggle with changing conditions. Invertebrate wealth: Pakistan’s diverse ecosystems host a range of invertebrates crucial for environmental and economic resilience. Native bee species serve as the backbone of agriculture, pollinating key export crops like cotton, fruit and oilseeds. The economic value of these pollination services is invisible in the national account. Beyond agriculture, many unique species represent significant biodiversity assets and potential flagships for ecotourism in northern Pakistan. Aquatic

invertebrates serve as vital indicators of water quality throughout our river systems, while beneficial insects like ladybugs provide natural pest control. Growing international trade in invertebrates presents both opportunities and risks. Pakistan could develop indigenous biocontrol solutions for export while expanding its managed pollination services sector. The commercial production and harvesting of insects have emerged as a major trade commodity. However, unregulated trade poses biosecurity threats, as seen with the global spread of Varroa mites that have devastated honeybee populations worldwide. While Pakistan also grapples with illegal wildlife trafficking of mammals and reptiles, invertebrate commerce requires distinct regulatory frameworks due to its unique biosecurity and ecological implications. Governance gaps: Pakistan addresses invertebrate protection through multiple agencies, primarily the ministries of climate change and food security. Key legislation includes the Pakistan Plant Quarantine Act (1976) and the Pakistan

Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act (2012) aligned with CITES. However, significant gaps remain. Despite research conducted by the Entomological Research Institute and various universities, the Pakistan Zoological Survey lacks a centralised national dataset for monitoring invertebrate populations — a critical oversight given their importance to agricultural and food security. Conservation priorities: Protecting Pakistan’s invertebrates requires immediate action across four fronts: conducting nationwide population surveys and enhanced entomological research to understand climate vulnerabilities; strengthening protected areas and converting lands along railway tracks and road networks into ecological corridors linking fragmented habitats; implementing agricultural reforms that reduce pesticide dependency through integrated pest management, while incentivising pollinator-friendly farming; and, developing a unified national action plan integrated into climate strategies.

Lighting the way

cannot educate its children, reduce the incidence of stunting among them, build resilience to shocks (such as floods) at the local level — and on and on and on. The report proposes a number of pathways forward. These include strengthened public service delivery, devolution to local governments and their empowerment via a fiscal model that provides them with the resources they need to discharge their responsibilities. Other ways forward include what they call “building resilience” via social safety nets and improved targeting through the National Socio-Economic Registry, and finally developing better data systems “through a robust statistical infrastructure that produces accessible, high-frequency, and granular data” to drive evidence-based research, which can serve both as a feedback loop and an input in policy design. Of all these, the last deserves particular mention. I have long argued for more legally mandated data release templates across government departments. This has many

benefits that appear slowly, but reliably, and help focus attention on metrics against which to measure progress. For now, the single most robust data dissemination template that operates in the country is the one that focuses on the health of the external sector. We get high-quality data on the balance of payments and trade, and multiple data points against which to measure the foreign exchange reserves, as well as the forward positions taken by the State Bank. The debt statistics are more thorough than any other, and a clear picture of Pakistan’s debt profile can be easily built very quickly. Try finding out a few basic facts about education or health, however, and you’ll notice how woefully inadequate our data is. Try looking for more regular data on the power sector, and you will have to wade through unspeakably complex Nepra documents to piece the picture together yourself. Forget about employment. That data gets released once a

year in a good year. Maybe the World Bank can play a proactive role here in helping develop a data release template for the power sector, for starters. Maybe it would be a good idea for data on the accumulation of circular debt to be released officially, as per pre-defined protocols, on a fortnightly basis. Maybe there should be a simple data page on the Nepra website, where we can see fuel consumption data broken down by power plant every month. Maybe units sent out can be shown on a map by coverage area, and next to it we can see recoveries made in the same area during the same period. There is a lot of room for expansion here. The provincial governments should also be mandated to release key data relating to health and education on a regular basis. The template for this release should be standardised to enable comparisons across provinces, and ideally with other countries as well. This sort of data release requirement helps bring some discipline in government departments.

It enables outsiders to track performance. It helps identify those areas where policy needs to be strengthened. And it reduces the scope for discretionary decision-making. In short, an expansive and standardised data collection and disclosure requirement on government departments can help bring about the kinds of reforms the World Bank is saying Pakistan needs to undertake. One big reason why change is so hard to bring about in this country is precisely because large swathes of it operate in the dark, in the sense that there is no transparency. Without transparency, it is hard to build accountability. And without accountability, there is no incentive to change, because continuing with business as usual is easier and risk-free. Maybe a little daylight in the darker recesses of the state will help jolt a few civil servants out of their complacency. Maybe some evidence-based metrics will help light the way, away from the culture of idle complaining that has taken root among the elites.

Hidden watermark

F.S.Aijazuddin

The atomic mushroom cloud has cha-n-ged shape: it is now a nuclear umbrella. Historically, an umbrella has symbolised ‘protection, power, and prestige’. (The Thai king has nine above his head.) It is now a warning: Noli me tangere/ Do not touch me. Or if you do, it is at your peril and cost. During wartime, self-interest drives countries to become allies. In 1939, Stalin’s Soviet Union entered into a non-aggression pact with Hitler’s Germany. Hitler’s invasion of Russia in 1941 put paid to that. In August 1945, the Soviet Union and the US-backed government of Chiang Kai-shek signed a treaty against Mao Zedong’s Communist PLA. After Chiang Kai-shek’s flight to Taiwan, Stalin switched sides and signed a fresh agreement with Mao. In August 1971, Mrs Indira Gandhi threw her father’s non-alignment to the winds and sought Soviet support as pre-emptive protection against Nixon’s tilt to—wards Yahya Khan. To counter it, she si-g-ned the Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Co-operation. The Soviets agreed to “provide arms and guarantee a mutual defence”. This 20-year treaty outlived her. It died when the USSR did, in 1991. The most durable and sinister mutual defence pact of modern times has been Nato’s treaty of 1949. Under its Article 5, if any Nato member country is attacked, “each and every other member of the Alliance will consider this act of violence as an armed attack against all members [emphasis added]”. They are bound to assist the ally attacked. Caveat aggressor. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine between Putin’s

Russia and the US-led Coalition of the Willing binding 31 countries, plus US’s unequivocal support for Israel, has demolished the centuries-old Westphalian concepts of territorial integrity and national sovereignty. Gone is the gossamer ‘equilibrium of power’. Instead, there is unbridled ‘supranational authority’ in each hemisphere. Peripheral countries are left to scramble for ‘friends, not masters’. That explains Saudi Arabia’s hurry to sign a Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement (SMDA) with Pakistan on Sept 17, 2025. The agreement mimics Nato’s umbrella obligations. It provides that any aggression against either country shall be considered aggression against both. Vulnerable others can join this alliance in the future. Its doors are ‘not closed’. Both parties to the SMDA have emphasised that it is not a knee-jerk reaction to Israel’s recent violation of Qatari airspace. Our defence minister explains that the SMDA is simply the consummation of years of Pakistan’s ‘military cooperation and brotherly relationship with Saudi Arabia’. If so, why not earlier? If not, why now? Arab nations speak the same language but not all with the same meaning. Unity of action eludes them. The SMDA is touted as a strategic union. It is premised on fulfilling the parties’ needs reciprocally. Concerned parties have asked whether personnel and nuclear material can be part of a strategic exchange. Saudi Arabia (and any other rich Arab country who joins) has the money to pay. It is seen as a conjunction of interests. Who will give what or take how much is not disclosed in the SMDA. Pakistan will be expected to do more than simply provide a contingent to

protect the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, equivalent to the Papal Swiss Guard in Rome. The latter, though armed with ceremonial halberds and swords, could not prevent a Turk from shooting Pope John Paul II in St Peter’s Square in 1981. PM Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir have every reason to feel satisfied. Pakistan is no longer being regarded as a poor supplicant, begging for Saudi dole. It is now the muscled giver, not a flaccid taker. Regard-less of the potency inherent in the SMDA which dots the I’s in Israel and India, its efficacy will lie in its application — if Saudi Arabia or Pakistan are attacked. And what does China feel about the SMDA? Co-operation between China and Pakistan has been the bedrock of Pakistan’s security strategy. From the early 1970s (HMC, HFF, HEC) until now (KAMRA, KKH, CPEC, Gwadar, etc), China has helped Pakistan achieve credible self-sufficiency. Added to this, over 80 per cent of Pakistan’s arms imports come primarily from China. It is inconceivable that Islamabad/Rawalpindi would not have consulted our ‘iron brother’ in Beijing before the signing ceremony in Riyadh. It would have been as natural as our prime minister flying from Riyadh to Geneva afterwards, to report to his elder brother Nawaz Sharif. If the obligations under the SMDA are called upon, the axis of power in the region will invoke a wider involvement. In the heat of any conflict — say, another Pahalgam-style fracas or another pre-emptive strike by Israel — the invisible ink in the SMDA would reveal its Pakistan-Saudi-China watermark.

Hostage by law

Usama Khilji

A barrage of cases filed under various laws against lawyers working on issues the state wants silence on — where the law and Constitution are being undermined — shows how defending rights by those under oath to uphold it has seemingly become criminal. Worse, a bar divided — much like the bench — is also involved in registering trumped-up charges against their own members to make the disposal of these cases difficult. The right to representation, due process and fair trial are enshrined in the Constitution and lawyers’ oaths, but there seems to be an unannounced policy of punishing those who work on issues that the state wants silence on: enforced disappearances, defending the political opposition, media censorship, arbitrary inclusion of names on no-fly lists, false blasphemy charges and criticising the controversial 26th Amendment that gave expanded powers to the executive in the appointment and transfer of judges. Most lawyers and several judges contend that the 26th Amendment has undermined judicial independence by giving the executive more control over the judiciary as well as the allocation of court cases. Resultantly, the exclusion of the more independent judges from constitutional cases has led to more decisions in favour of the executive. Two recent issues have highlighted the rifts between the judges of the Islamabad High Court as well as overall issues in the dispensation of justice. First, Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri was barred from carrying out his judicial duties until the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) decided on

the case of his allegedly fake degree. Second, Justice Saman Rafat Imtiaz was stripped of her powers to entertain harassment complaints after she took cognisance of a complaint filed by lawyer Imaan Hazir-Mazari alleging harassment by IHC Chief Justice Sarfraz Dogar. In the aftermath of these and other controversies, five IHC judges took the extraordinary step of filing petitions in the Supreme Court, asking it to declare that administrative powers could not be “deployed to undermine or trump judicial powers”, and to rule that a chief justice of a high court “cannot exclude available judges from the roster at will and use the power to issue a roster to oust judges from performing judicial functions”. The apex court has returned the petitions by the justices without admitting them, and has also not listed the cases challenging the 26th Amendment for undermining judicial independence. The irony. It must be noted that the same judges had written a letter to the SJC in 2024 asking for guidance in the face of “brazen meddling” by the executive in judicial matters at the IHC. This included a case of surveillance cameras being found in Justice Jahangiri’s residence, and the brother-in-law of a lower court judge being disappeared for a few days to influence a court decision. The 26th Amendment was passed a few months after these grievances were made public by the judges, with the elevation of one of the judges — Justice Kayani — to the chief justice’s position blocked by Justice Dogar’s transfer from the Lahore High Court to Islamabad. Lawyers at the IHC

decided to protest last week against the bar on Justice Jahangiri’s judicial duties as a violation of constitutional principles. However, a scuffle broke out between some lawyers and the president of the Islamabad High Court Bar Association, who was accused of letting his voters down. This led the IHCBa president to register an FIR against all the protesting lawyers under the Anti-Terrorism Act and the Pakistan Penal Code on charges of attempted murder. Such a disproportionate response against one’s own bar on a minor brawl and implicating all lawyers, including women lawyers and others who were nowhere close to the scene of the scuffle, speaks volumes for the cracks within Pakistan’s bar associations. And, it exposes the state’s willingness to take any opportunity to persecute anyone — including lawyers — who doesn’t toe the line. In light of these divisions, it is of utmost importance that lawyers across the country unite in favour of judicial independence — for the sake of preserving their profession if nothing else. Short-term personal gains must not blur the larger crisis of justice in the country, where public trust in the courts is eroding by the day. At the same time, if judges are serious about maintaining independence and want to disprove allegations of being controlled by the executive, they must demonstrate it through actions that do not include dismissing petitions, disempowering fellow judges and writing three-word verdicts. Last, the state must take its newfound external validation to start internal political processes to rectify matters rather than stoking more divisions.

CM Maryam inaugurates first electro bus service in south Punjab

DERA GHAZI KHAN (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Thursday inaugurated the first-ever electro bus service in Dera Ghazi Khan, terming it a historic milestone in transforming the transport culture of south Punjab.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, the Chief Minister announced the launch of a Metro Bus Service for Dera Ghazi Khan and declared that every district of South Punjab — including Rajanpur, Layyah, Muzaffargarh and Taunsa — would be provided with electric buses. Under the first phase, 101 electro buses are being allocated for the Dera Ghazi Khan division.

She further revealed that a South Punjab Secretariat would convene in Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Multan and Dera Ghazi Khan every month to address people's grievances directly. Beginning

her speech in Saraiki, she said, "It is a matter of joy for me to be among you. Where there is the seat of Lahore, there will also be the seats of Bahawalpur, Multan and Dera Ghazi Khan."

Maryam Nawaz described the project as a gift for ordinary citizens, students, women and especially persons with disabilities. She personally instructed the bus conductor to give special care to differently-abled passengers and awarded him a prize.

The Chief Minister traveled on the newly launched electro bus from Jail Road Bus Stop to the ceremony venue. Citizens showered flowers on the vehicle along the route, while schoolchildren in traditional attire presented her bouquets. The Border Military Police and women officers of Baloch Levies offered her a guard of honour upon arrival.

Highlighting development priorities, she said billions would be spent on South Punjab, pledging: "Even if billions are spent, Dera Ghazi Khan will not be left behind." She assured that Punjab's resources would be spent on its people without political discrimination and categorically stated: "The people of Punjab will not be looked at with an evil eye. Any finger raised against them will be broken."

Maryam Nawaz ruled out foreign aid for flood relief, saying: "As Nawaz Sharif's daughter, I will not extend my hand for charity. Punjab will manage from its own resources." She pledged full compensation for families whose houses, crops or livestock were lost during recent floods. The new electro bus service will initially operate 24 buses in Dera Ghazi Khan district on multiple routes.



LAHORE: APNS delegation presenting shield to Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari. Secretary Information Tahir Raza Hamadani is also present on the occasion.

CS chairs meeting of PAP, highlights importance of community to address militancy

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Secretary (CS) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Shahab Ali Shah, chairing review meeting on Provincial Action Plan (PAP) here Thursday, stressed the need for a broad base approach for effective implementation of the PAP.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Abid Majeed, Senior Member Board of Revenue, Muhammad Javed Marwat, Administrative Secretaries, senior officials of Home Department, Police, representatives of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), Anti-Narcotics Force and other provincial and federal institutions. Commissioners, Regional Police Officers, Deputy Commissioners, and District Police Officers also joined via video link.

The CS conducted a detailed review of the progress on PAP implementation by provincial departments, divisional and district administrations, LEAs and federal institutions. A comprehensive progress briefing was pre-

sented followed by discussions on challenges, gaps and practical suggestions for improving execution.

Addressing the participants, CS highlighted the importance of civil society and institutions to address militancy and support structures. He directed all departments to identify and neutralize any such support structures without delay.

Highlighting the crucial role of public support in countering militancy, the CS noted that communities have shown a strong support for peace endeavors as demonstrated by Aman Jirgas and active cooperation with law enforcement agencies in areas such as Bajaur and Dir. He stated that the situation in these districts was brought under control through strong community backing thereby avoiding collateral damage. However, he pointed out that there are challenges in few southern and merged districts that must be addressed through stronger administrative and public trust-building measures.



Jamat-e-Islami Karachi Chief Munam Zafar addresses media in Karachi.

Advisor vows effective redressal of public complaints

KHANEWAL (INP): Advisor to the Punjab Ombudsman (PO) Regional Office, Tanveer Iqbal Tabassum, said on Thursday that all regional offices of the Ombudsman had launched a public service program for the prompt redressal of citizens' grievances.

While addressing a ceremony held at the District Council Hall regarding Quality Management System certificates, the Advisor stated that officers at these offices were actively engaged with renewed spirit and commitment to resolving public complaints in a transparent manner.

He stressed that mal-administration, unnecessary delays, negligence, misconduct, and corruption in government services were being dealt with through timely and fair actions.

Tabassum further

highlighted that complaints were being addressed without any fee through immediate inquiries, and complainants were no longer required to appear repeatedly at offices, as joint hearings had been introduced.

He noted that the Ombudsman Department had also extended its scope to cover complaints related to the protection of children's rights, reflecting the institution's growing role in public welfare.

The ceremony was attended by the CEO of the District Council, along with officers and employees from various government departments.

The participants were apprised of the reforms and the importance of maintaining quality standards in public institutions to ensure better service delivery to the people.

Azma to file defamation suit against two journalists

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Minister for Information and Culture, Azma Bokhari, has announced that she will file a defamation lawsuit against anchors Mubasher Lucman and Naem Hanif.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, she said that a request will also be submitted to take action against them under the PECA Act.

Azma Bokhari stressed that character assassination cannot be tolerated under any circumstances, terming it an unacceptable act. "Attributing false statements to me is the worst form of journalistic dishonesty," she remarked.

Kamran Bangash acquitted in police firing case

PESHAWAR (INP): An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Thursday acquitted Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and former provincial minister Kamran Bangash in the case of firing on the police.

According to the prosecution, on December 20, 2023, a team from the Chamkani police station raided Kamran Bangash's guest house to arrest the absconding PTI leader, Murad Saeed. The prosecutor claimed that during the raid, Kamran Bangash and his associates opened fire on the police, injuring two officers. However, Bangash's lawyer presented video evidence to the court showing that he was being escorted by the police without any weapons.

Pak-Saudi defence agreement a turning point for Muslim Ummah: Speakers

LAHORE (APP): The Pakistan-Saudi Arabia defence agreement is a historic milestone for the Muslim Ummah, the impact of which will resonate not only across the Islamic world but also globally.

This was stated by speakers at a special ceremony titled "Ek Hoon Muslim Haram Ki Pasbani Ke Liye" held at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, here on Thursday. The event was hosted by Aiwan-e-Iqbal Administrator Anjum Waheed and attended by

senior journalist Salman Ghani, Professor Yousaf Irfan, Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao, and Saudi Arabia-based businessman Chaudhry Shehbaz Hussain.

The speakers described the accord as a "new chapter" in Pak-Saudi relations, terming it a comprehensive partnership aimed at ensuring peace, stability, and balance of power in the region. They said the agreement would not only enhance defence cooperation but also ex-

pand economic opportunities, safeguard Pakistani workers in Saudi Arabia, and strengthen the broader Muslim cause.

Senior journalist Salman Ghani highlighted Pakistan's consistent role in defending Muslim interests, recalling the country's historic nuclear tests in 1998 under Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. He said the new defence pact reflects continuity of that resolve and carries far-reaching consequences for the Ummah. He stressed that funds gen-

erated through the agreement should be invested in Pakistan's youth to build a prosperous future. He also cautioned against the misuse of social media against Pakistan's armed forces, institutions, and national unity, adding that ultimate victory comes only when the nation firmly stands behind its defenders.

Prof. Yousaf Irfan described Pakistan as a "miracle of unity," stating that passion and faith remain as decisive as technology in warfare.



KHYBER: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi addressing tribal elders during his visit to Bara.



KARACHI: Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari pose for a photo during the ceremony of Sindh Government distributes pink EV scooters.

Governor, digital media experts discuss youth empowerment

PESHAWAR (APP): Renowned digital media specialist and Presidential Award recipient Fahad Malik, along with Ayab Ahmed, Advisor on the Standing Committee for Cabinet Secretariat, called on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi at the Governor House on Thursday.

The meeting centered on equipping the province's youth with digital expertise and creating more opportunities for their professional growth.

Governor Kundi emphasized that the youth of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were highly talented and only need proper platforms and support to fully realize their potential. Hereiterated that the Governor House would remain accessible to initiatives aimed at nurturing and empowering young people.

Fahad Malik praised the Governor's consistent efforts and unwavering commitment to the empowerment of both women and youth across the province.

Meanwhile, Naheed Shah Afridi, Director of Daily Frontier Post, called on Governor Faisal Karim Kundi at

the Governor House.

The meeting reflected on the longstanding affiliation of her late father, Rehmat Shah Afridi, and the Frontier Post with the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). Building on this historic bond, Naheed Shah Afridi expressed her resolve to revive and further strengthen the relationship in the spirit of growth and cooperation. The discussion focused on initiatives to empower women and equip the youth with essential skills to enable their meaningful participation in the province's progress.

Governor visits Bara to condole with families of Tirah martyrs

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday visited Bara in Khyber District, where he met tribal elders and local residents at the hujra of Malik Zahir Shah.

The Governor offered feteiha for the martyrs of the recent tragic incident in Tirah, praying for the elevation of their ranks and patience for the bereaved families. Expressing solidarity, the Governor said he had come to extend condolences and share in the grief of the martyrs' families, calling the Tirah incident "deeply tragic."



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah meets with Nasimul Ghani, Home Secretary of Bangladesh and Iqbal Hussain Khan, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh at the Chief Minister House.

Pak Army shatters India's arrogance: Barrister Saif

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Adviser on Information, Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif, has said that the Pakistan Army, with the prayers of Pakistani mothers and the support of the nation, has crushed India's arrogance.

Speaking at a ceremony held in connection with "Operation Bunyan Marsus" here Thursday, Barrister Saif said India believed it could defeat Pakistan, but by the grace of Allah, the enemy was handed such a defeat that it will remember for a lifetime.

"The victory of our armed forces is the victory of the entire nation, and for this we must thank Allah Almighty," he remarked. He further emphasized that nations are not built by airplanes or skyscrapers but through the spirit and support of their people.

He urged the youth to remain vigilant in the era of fifth-generation warfare, which seeks to instill hatred in people's hearts against their own country.

Bilawal distributes free electric scooters to women

KARACHI (APP): Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari distributed keys of electric scooters to women under the country's first-of-its-kind initiative, the Free Electric Pink Scooters Scheme, launched by the Sindh government's Transport Department here on Thursday. Addressing the ceremony, the Chairman said that no nation, economy, or society can move forward without the active participation of women.

PPP Chairman said that the Sindh government has been making consistent efforts to improve public transport facilities across the province. He expressed pride that Sindh was the first province in Pakistan to introduce electric buses in public transport, followed

by the launch of the women-exclusive Pink Bus Service. Today, the Sindh government is taking yet another step — the free distribution of electric scooters among women. This initiative will not only improve travel options but also make it easier for women to access employment opportunities.

Chairman PPP further announced that he would soon inaugurate another project of the Sindh Transport Department — Pink Taxis — which will provide women with both safe travel facilities and new livelihood opportunities. In his speech, he reiterated Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's famous words: "No nation can rise to the height of glory unless your women are side by side with you."



KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori exchanging views with US Charge d'affaires Ms. Natalie Ashton during meeting at Governor House.

LHC suspends amendments to Bar Council rules, orders PB Elections under old laws

LAHORE (INP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) suspended two rules from the federal government's September 8 amendments, ordering that the Punjab Bar Council elections be held under the old regulations on November 1.

The high court issued a significant ruling concerning the Bar Council and Legal Practitioners Rules 1976, halting the implementation of the latest amendments. The LHC order temporarily suspends Rules 6(1) and 175, introduced by the federal government earlier this month, on September 8.

As a result of the judgement, the condition

requiring lawyers to have practised in a single district for five years before qualifying has also been set aside. Justice Khalid Ishaq of the Lahore High Court issued the interim order while hearing petitions challenging the amendments.

Following this decision, the Punjab Bar Council elections will now proceed on November 1 under the previous rules. It is pertinent to mention that on September 17, 2025, a crackdown was initiated on code of conduct violations in the Punjab Bar Council elections on the instructions of Assistant Advocate General Muhammad Usman Khan.

China's YFTC to host 40 Pakistani students for forestry training

GILGIT (INP): Yunnan Forestry Technological College (YFTC), China, will host 40 students from Karakoram International University (KIU), Pakistan for a year-long program in forestry and agriculture.

This was announced by KIU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah in a congratulatory video message marking Chinese college's 70th anniversary.

"Under this partnership, our 40 students in forestry and agriculture will study at YFTC for one year, across two semesters, where they will be taught modern technologies in forestry and agriculture," Shah said, according to Gwadar Pro.

"We deeply value this collaboration because learning from each other for the development and improvement of this region is very important."

The Vice Chancellor praised YFTC's seven decades of excellence, highlighting its contributions to nurturing "both forests and talents" as well as improving health in the region.

"I have visited Yunnan province and this college twice, and I was very inspired to see the hard work being done by the university president and the entire academic team," he said. Calling it "high time" to learn from one another's experiences, Shah emphasized the importance of academic exchanges.



PESHAWAR: A view of dengue patients admitted in special dengue fever ward at Lady Reading Hospital.

Surgeries to begin at Nawaz Sharif Cardiology Center Murree next week: Minister

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique has announced that surgeries will commence at the Nawaz Sharif Cardiology Centre Murree from next week, marking a major step forward in strengthening healthcare services in the hilly region.

Presiding over a meeting at the Department of Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education on Thursday, the minister said Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif is determined to provide modern cardiac facilities at the people's doorstep. "Insha Allah, surgeries will start at Nawaz Sharif Cardiology Center Murree from

next week. The credit for providing state-of-the-art cardiac services in such a short period of one and a half years goes to the Chief Minister Punjab and her government," Khawaja Salman Rafique said.

He added that both Syed Muhammad Hussain Samli Hospital and the Nawaz Sharif Cardiology Center would become excellent treatment hubs for Murree and surrounding areas. The minister emphasized that the Punjab government is, for the first time in history, purchasing modern cardiac machinery worth crores of rupees to equip all cardiac projects across the province.

PM Shehbaz launches energy circular debt elimination plan, terms it historic breakthrough

ISLAMABAD / NEW YORK (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday inaugurated Pakistan's first-ever comprehensive energy circular debt elimination plan, describing it as a "historic breakthrough" that will pave the way for sustainable reforms in the power sector.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the prime minister lauded the collective efforts of the government, financial institutions, and the task force for successfully negotiating and finalizing the plan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif joined the ceremony via video link from New York, while ministers, senior officials, regulators, international partners, and CEOs of power sector organizations attended the event at the Prime Minister's House in

Islamabad.

PM Shehbaz Sharif said, "This is the first time in Pakistan's history that circular debt, which was swallowing our national resources, has been addressed in a structured and effective manner."

The prime minister highlighted the role of the Power Division, the Petroleum Ministry, and the Task Force in resolving longstanding issues. He paid special tribute to former caretaker energy minister Mohammad Ali, Secretary Power, and Lieutenant General @ Muhammad Zafar Iqbal for their "tireless negotiations with Independent Power Producers (IPPs)."

Acknowledging the financial sector's contribution, the prime minister praised Zafar Masood, President of the Bank of Punjab, as well as teams

from Meezan Bank, Habib Bank, and other commercial banks for their pivotal support. He also commended the State Bank of Pakistan and the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for facilitating the plan's execution.

The Prime Minister underscored that the initiative enjoyed the "behind-the-scenes support" of Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, which strengthened the government's reform drive. "This is Team Pakistan's success," he stressed, adding that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had also acknowledged Pakistan's reform progress.

"Yesterday, I met the IMF Managing Director, who praised Pakistan's commitment and speed of implementation. This is unprecedented recognition," he said.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani in a meeting with the delegation led by Malik Faisal Jehangir, Chairman Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP) at Parliament House.

Pakistan produces one of best qualities of rice

ISLAMABAD (INP): Senate Chairman Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani Thursday said that Pakistan produces one of the best qualities of rice and there is a need to explore new markets to enhance our rice export and contribute to the economy of the country.

He expressed these views in meeting with representatives of Rice Exports Association of Pakistan (REAP).

He said that huge population is reliant on agriculture and there is need to provide more conducive environment to boost the

agriculture sector.

The Chairman Senate further observed that Pakistan can earn a lot from the rice export and there is need to address those issues impeding rice export.

He also underline the need for more research and development to enhance quality of the product. Chairman Senate assured his cooperation in overcoming the problems being faced by REAP. Earlier, representatives of REAP informed the Chairman Senate about the overall exports of rice and the problems faced by the exporters.

MOU signed between PSX, SECP to provide SECP access to new surveillance system

Independent Report
KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited (PSX) and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) have entered into a strategic part-

nering the same advanced technology used by PSX. The collaboration marks a major step forward in strengthening regulatory coordination and ensuring a fair and transparent market



nership to enhance oversight of the capital markets through assigned Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The agreement, formalized at a ceremony at PSX on September 23, 2025 grants the SECP direct access to PSX's New Surveillance System.

This integration will enable the SECP to conduct smarter, faster, and more secure market surveillance,

for all participants.

The New Surveillance System, which is acquired by PSX from Shenzhen Stock Exchange, China as a module of New Trading System, was launched in May 2023 in line with PSX's objective to upgrade and enhance its technological capacity and functionality to bring PSX at par with other stock exchanges around the world.

No modifications on Income Tax Return Form 2025: FBR

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Thursday clarified that no amendments have been made to the Income Tax Return Form 2025, dismissing social media rumors and urging taxpayers to file by September 30.

"It has come to our notice that some elements are spreading misinformation regarding Income Tax Return 2025 on various social media groups. In this regard, it is clarified that FBR has not introduced any change or amendment in Income Tax Return Form 2025 through any new SRO recently", said a news release.

The FBR said that the Income Tax Return Form 2025 was uploaded on its website on July 7, clearly requiring entry of the market value of assets on page 66. However, some taxpayers were en-

tering zero in the relevant field, which has now been restricted to ensure correct data entry.

The board explained that declaring the market value of property is at the discretion of the taxpayer, except for wealthy individuals already providing this information under Section 7A.

Since the data is not relevant for tax calculation for other taxpayers, no notices will be issued for errors. However, it is expected that taxpayers will declare the value of their assets as close to the market value as per their information.

The FBR said that taxpayers who have already filed returns will not be required to amend or re-file them, as the entries regarding asset values will neither affect tax calculations nor wealth statement reconciliations.

Pakistan's total liquid foreign reserves rise to \$ 19.79 billion

KARACHI (APP): The total liquid foreign reserves of Pakistan increased to \$ 19,793.3 million as of 19 September 2025 while the reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan also rose to \$ 14,379.5 million.

"During the week ended on 19 Sep 2025, SBP's FX reserves increased by US\$ 22 million to US\$ 14,379.5 million," the central bank reported on Thursday in its weekly statement on the position of liquid foreign reserves.

Meanwhile, net foreign reserves held by the commercial banks also increased by \$ 35 million to \$ 5,413.8 million during the week, as shown in the reserves break up for the period under review.

Total liquid foreign reserves held by the country, in the previous week ended on September 12, 2025, were \$ 19,735.7 million. Among them the central bank held foreign reserves amounting to \$ 14,357.2 million while the other \$ 5,378.5 million were held by the commercial banks.

FCCI starts new amnesty scheme to facilitate its members

FAISALABAD (APP): Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) Senior Vice President Qaisar Shams Gucha said that implementation on the new "FCCI Amnesty" scheme has been started to facilitate its members for renewal of their memberships with minor fines.

Presenting first renewal certificate to a company under this scheme in his office here, he said that a large number of former members were reluctant to renew their membership because of heavy fines. This amnesty scheme has been devised to facilitate the members with renewal of their membership so that they could get maximum facilities offered by the chamber and other organizations, he added.

He presented renewal certificate to Akram Khan of the Grace Travel and said that Grace Travel was the first company who availed this facility.

Other former members would also avail this facility which would also help FCCI to enhance its overall membership, he added.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik, hosted a dinner in honor of the Board of Directors of Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO).

Federal Minister calls for global action to protect oceans, unveils blue economy plans

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Thursday called for urgent international efforts to protect oceans, warning that the world's seas are under mounting pressure from climate change, pollution, and overuse.

In a message marking World Maritime Day, Junaid Anwar Chaudhry said oceans stand at a "pivotal point" and must be safeguarded as vital to environmental sustainability, economic growth, and global security.

The 2025 World Maritime Day theme, "Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity," highlights the shipping industry's responsibility to ensure sustainable practices while recognizing the economic and climate benefits oceans provide.

"Our oceans are not limitless; every action on land echoes in the sea," the minister said, urging governments, industries, scientists, and citizens to share responsibility for protecting marine ecosystems.

Minister Chaudhry cited plastic waste, un-

treated effluents, sea-level rise, and ocean acidification as key threats to marine life and coastal communities.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to international maritime and climate agreements, pointing to mangrove restoration and wetland conservation projects as part of national adaptation efforts.

He also praised technological advances in maritime logistics, digital monitoring, and renewable ocean energy, describing them as essential to building a "green blue economy."

NIPA delegation visits PTEA

FAISALABAD (APP): A delegation of Grade-19 officers from the 44th Mid-Career Management Course of National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) has visited Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) for gaining firsthand exposure of the textile export industry, its contribution to the national economy and the key challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Welcoming the delegation, PTEA Vice Chairman Ameer Ahmad highlighted the pivotal role of textile sector as the backbone of Pakistan's economy.



ISLAMABAD: SAPM Haroon Akhtar Khan chairs high-level meeting with tractor manufacturers.

Govt resolves Rs1,225b power sector circular debt through collective efforts

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Ministry of Finance on Thursday announced the successful resolution of Rs1,225 billion power sector circular debt, describing it as a decisive step towards fiscal discipline, investor confidence through collective efforts.

This historic joint effort was led by the Prime Minister's Task Force on Power in coordination with the Ministry of Energy, the

State Bank of Pakistan, the Pakistan Banks Association, and 18 partner banks, the ministry said in a press release.

This landmark restructuring represents a major breakthrough in addressing one of the most chronic challenges of Pakistan's energy sector.

The agreement includes the restructuring of 660 billion rupees in existing loans and 565 billion

rupees in fresh financing to clear overdue payments to power producers. Importantly, this debt workout introduces no new burden on consumers, as repayments will be serviced through the already levied surcharge of 3.23 rupees per unit. The structure also unlocks 660 billion rupees in sovereign guarantees, channeling liquidity toward agriculture, SMEs, housing, education and healthcare.

Huawei Group VC meets Minister Shafay

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Minister for Industries & Commerce, Chaudhry Shafay Hussain and Vice Chairman of China's Huawei Group, Mr. Ray discussed Huawei's ongoing and future investments in Punjab in a meeting here Thursday. On this occasion, the minister said that Huawei Group has already invested in the fields of information technology, smart cities, digital healthcare and education sector in Punjab. He added that the company should now also establish assembly and manufacturing plants for its products in the province. Huawei can also

provide technical support in achieving the vision of a Digital Punjab, and the government will provide all possible facilities to support its investments, he added.

Chaudhry Shafay Hussain mentioned that Punjab Chief Minister, during her recent visit to China, also toured Huawei Technologies in Shanghai's Longgang District, where she observed the use of drone technology for agricultural development. He said Huawei could also collaborate in seed development and modern agricultural technology.

Rupee gains 02 paisa against US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Rupee on Thursday appreciated by 02 paisa against the US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 281.40 against the previous day's closing of Rs 281.42.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 282.5 and Rs 282.55, respectively. The price of the Euro decreased by Rs 1.39 to close at Rs 330.24 against the last day's closing of Rs 331.63, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

Aleem assures support for business-friendly environment

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan has reaffirmed the government's commitment to upgrading the road network across the country, terming it vital for the masses and the business community.

He said this while addressing a ceremony titled "A Night of Celebration" held in honour of newly elected President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Sardar Tahir Mehmood.

Highlighting major road projects, the minister said that the Sukkur-Hyderabad and Hyderabad-Karachi Motorway, the country's most important motorway, will soon be inaugurated this year and is expected to be fully completed within two years.

He said this project will connect Sukkur with Karachi Port, playing a pivotal role in boosting the national economy.

He also informed that the N-25 (Karachi-Quetta) project is under construction and will be completed soon.

He announced that another strategic project from Manshara to Kaghan, Naran, and Babusar Top is under consideration, to be built on a motorway pattern, serving as an alternate to the Karakoram Highway.

He further disclosed that work on the Sialkot-Kharan-Rawalpindi Motorway is about to begin, which will reduce the Lahore-Islamabad distance by 100 kilometers, cutting travel time to just two and a half hours.

Similarly, a Kasur-Lahore-Okara-Sahiwal road link connected with the Karachi Motorway is also being considered.

Abdul Aleem Khan said that Pakistan is blessed with immense opportunities and resources, and despite challenges, the nation has the resilience to bring the country back on the path of progress.



KARACHI: Visitors showed a keen interest in the stalls during the final day of the 26th edition of ITCN Asia at the Karachi Expo Centre.

Ambassador Kistafin says: Kazakhstan, Pakistan plan to achieve bilateral trade target of \$1bn

ISLAMABAD (APP): Kazakh Ambassador, Yerzhan Kistafin on Thursday said that Kazakhstan and Pakistan are holding dialogue on a six-point framework to take bilateral trade volume up to \$1 billion to eventually reach optimum level of the country's trade potential.

The potential of bilateral trade between Pakistan and Kazakhstan is up to \$ 14 billion and both countries intend to take bilateral trade to \$1 billion in the next two years, for which both sides will hold Joint Working Groups (JWGs) meetings in six different sectors in current month of September and negotiations on several agreements including trade and logistics will be held, he said.

Talking to the media, Kazakh Ambassador to Pakistan, QYerzhan Kistafin said the agenda of the Kazakhstan President will be discussed in the meetings of JWGs in IT, agriculture, education, defense, trade and tourism.

He said that Pakistan

should be part of the "International, North-South connectivity Corridor and the Trans-Caspian Middle Corridor Projects," and in future the Gwadar port will be connected to the North-South Corridor and Middle Corridor projects.

The Ambassador said that these regional connectivity corridors will not only connect the East and West directly, but Pakistan will also be connected to the ports of Kazakhstan and transcontinental trade destinations, including the European Union and Central and South Asian states.

Ambassador Kistafin said, "We strongly support the Pakistan-Uzbekistan-Afghanistan Transit Railway project."

Replying to a question, he said that the President of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev will visit Pakistan in November this year and his visit will prove to be a milestone in the expansion of economic and trade relations between the two countries.



ISLAMABAD: Vendors displaying fruits boxes to attract the customers at Fruit and Vegetable Market in Federal Capital.

Infraelectric by Brillanz Group launches Pakistan's first green Sukuk for telecom sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): Infraelectric, a Brillanz Group company, Thursday, launched Pakistan's first Green Sukuk for the Telecom Sector, alongside the successful completion of the nation's first 25MWh AI-powered Energy Storage-as-a-Service (ESaaS) project, powered by Thunder AI.

The event marked two pioneering milestones: the completion of a 25MWh AI-Powered ESaaS and the launch of Green Sukuk of up to PKR 3 billion for the telecom sector.

The successful deployment of the 25MWh AI-Powered ESaaS project signals a significant transformation in telecom tower energy infrastructure.

Utilising Thunder AI-driven battery storage, the tower reduces diesel use,

saving more than 5 million liters annually.

It also increases uptime, and cuts 13,500 tons of CO2 emissions each year across the telecom portfolio – which is equivalent to planting more than 220,000 trees every year.

Infraelectric also launched the country's first Green Sukuk for the telecom sector in collaboration with InfraZamin Pakistan.

The initiative is Shariah-compliant, a 100% principal-guaranteed financial instrument, and introduces a scalable and sustainable financing model to modernize telecom towers with low-carbon, AI-enabled technologies.

Speaking at the event, Bilal Qureshi, CEO of Brillanz Group, said: "Today is a historic moment for Pakistan's digital and energy future."

Trump, Turkiye's Erdogan discuss F-35s, Russian oil

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump suggested the US could lift sanctions on Turkiye and allow it to buy US F-35 jets as he kicked off talks with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, but said he wanted Ankara to stop purchases of Russian oil.

Erdogan's first visit to the White House in about six years comes at a time when Ankara is keen to take advantage of a US administration eager to make deals in return for big-ticket arms and trade agreements.

Seated side by side in the Oval Office, Trump called Erdogan a "very tough man" and said he would like to see Turkiye stop purchases of Russian oil.

Turkiye, Hungary and Slovakia are the main European purchasers of Russian oil and Trump is pressing for them to stop.

"I'd like to have him stop buying any oil from

Russia while Russia continues this rampage against Ukraine," Trump said of Erdogan.

Asked whether he was willing to make a deal to sell F-35s to Turkiye, Trump told reporters: "I think he'll be successful in buying the things that he wants to buy."

Trump also said he could lift sanctions against Turkiye "very soon," and that "if we have a good meeting, almost immediately."

He said they would discuss the issue in their Oval Office talks followed by lunch.

Former President Joe Biden had kept Turkiye at arm's length partly over what it saw as the fellow NATO member's close ties with Russia. Under Trump, who views Moscow more favorably and has closer personal ties with Erdogan, Ankara is hoping for a better relationship.

Trump and Erdogan

—both seen as increasingly autocratic by their critics at home — had a checkered relationship during the Republican president's first term. But since his return to the White House, their interests have aligned on Syria — source of the biggest bilateral strain in the past — where the US and Turkiye now both strongly back the central government.

They remain sharply at odds over US ally Israel's attacks on Gaza, which Ankara calls a genocide — a potential wild card in what are otherwise expected to be friendly and transactional talks in the Oval Office.

The mood shift has renewed Turkish hopes that Trump and Erdogan, who have exchanged mutual praise, can find a way around US sanctions imposed by Trump himself in 2020 over Turkiye's acquisition of Russian S-400 missile defenses.



Smoke rises from an Israeli strike, as displaced Palestinians, fleeing northern Gaza due to an Israeli military operation, move southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south, in the central Gaza Strip.

North Korea could have up to 2 tonnes of highly enriched uranium: Seoul

SEOUL (AFP/APP): North Korea is believed to possess up to two tonnes of highly enriched uranium, South Korea's unification minister said Thursday.

The North has long been known to hold a "significant" amount of highly enriched uranium, the key material used to produce nuclear warheads, according to South Korea's defence ministry. But in a rare public confirmation, South Korea's unification minister said that "according to estimates by experts including the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) they (North Korea)

currently hold around 2,000 kilogrammes of highly enriched uranium at a purity of 90 percent or higher."

"Even at this very hour, North Korea's uranium centrifuges are operating at four sites," Chung Dong-young told reporters.

"Only five to six kg of plutonium is enough to build a single nuclear bomb," said Chung, adding that 2,000 kg of highly enriched uranium, which could be reserved solely for plutonium production, would be "enough to make an enormous number of nuclear weapons".

Enriched uranium is the key ingredient for making nuclear bombs, as it can be turned into plutonium through combustion in a nuclear reactor. Enrichment must be pushed to more than 90 percent, the concentration termed weapons-grade, that is needed for the critical mass to set off the chain reaction leading to a nuclear explosion. According to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), 42 kilogrammes of highly enriched uranium is needed for one nuclear weapon; 2,000 kilogrammes would be enough for roughly 47 nuclear bombs.

Italy's Meloni under increasing pressure over Gaza

ROME (AFP/APP): With protests in the streets and a slew of Western nations recognizing a state of Palestine, Italy is finding it difficult to maintain its cautious position on the Gaza conflict.

Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's right-wing government is "on the wrong side of history," the main opposition party said this week, as countries including Britain, Canada and France recognized Palestinian statehood.

For months Meloni—unwilling to break ranks with US President Donald Trump—has insisted the time is not right.

This week, she signalled a shift, saying she was in favour of statehood on two conditions: the release of Israeli hostages held by Hamas and the exclusion of the militant group from Palestinian governance.

"Israel has no right to prevent the birth of a Palestinian state tomorrow," she said in a speech to the UN Wednesday, in which she condemned Israeli attacks on Gaza as "disproportionate".

Italy's left-wing Repubblica daily acknowledged Thursday that "in terms of political symbols, the Meloni government has ended its immobilism".

Israel strikes Yemen's rebel-held capital

SANAA (AFP/APP): Israel launched air strikes on Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa on Thursday, Huthi media and Israeli officials said, a day after a drone attack wounded nearly two dozen people at an Israeli resort. AFP correspondents in Sanaa heard explosions and saw plumes of smoke rising from three locations in the Sanaa area, in the latest retaliatory attack since the Huthis began targeting Israel in the wake of the Gaza war. The Huthis' Al-Masirah television channel reported "Israeli aggression" on Sanaa, which came moments before the network began broadcasting rebel leader Abdul Malik al-Huthi's weekly pre-recorded speech.

Russian officials should end war or find 'bomb shelters': Zelensky

WASHINGTON (AFP/APP): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned that the Kremlin will become a target and Russian officials should check for bomb shelters if Moscow does not stop its invasion of his country, Axios reported Thursday.

"They have to know where their bomb shelters are," Zelensky told Axios in an interview. "They need it. If they will not stop the war, they will need it in any case."

Answering criticism from US President Donald Trump and his right-wing government over the indefinite suspension of elections in wartime Ukraine, Zelensky also told Axios that he would not seek to remain in power once peace comes.

"My goal is to finish the war," not to continue to run for office, he said.

Russia has occupied about 20 percent of Ukraine and rained bombs and missiles on civilian and military sites across the entire country since launching a full-scale invasion in 2022.

However, Russian forces struck the Ukrainian government complex in the capital Kyiv for the first time only this September.

Zelensky said Ukraine would not target civilians in Russia because "we are not terrorists." However, he indicated that Ukraine hopes to obtain a more powerful US weapon, which he did not name, to threaten strikes deep inside Russia.

Germany says Europe in 'drone arms race', citing Russia threat

Monitoring Desk

HAMBURG: German Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt warned Thursday that Europe was in a "drone arms race" while sounding the alarm about a hostile Russia. While he spoke in parliament, the German armed forces launched a three-day exercise dubbed "Red Storm Bravo" in the northern port city of Hamburg meant to simulate NATO troop movements in case of conflict in a Baltic country.

Germany, a strong backer of Ukraine against Russia, has seen a rise in unidentified drone flights over military bases and critical infrastructure in recent months.

Dobrindt, citing hybrid threats and "aggression" from Russia, said Germany was strengthening its "operational capabilities by developing drone defense systems." "We are engaged in an arms race between the threat posed by drones and the means to

counter them," he said, citing recent incidents in Poland, Romania, Denmark and Norway. Dobrindt said Germany would boost investment and change its aviation safety rules to allow it to better "detect, defend and intercept" unmanned aerial vehicles.

Berlin accuses Russia of carrying out sabotage, espionage, surveillance and destabilization operations.

But German authorities have so far been reluctant to shoot down drones for fear that debris could cause casualties. Drone warfare has been a core feature of the Ukraine conflict and NATO countries bordering Russia hope to build a "drone defense wall" — a network of technological and military solutions to counter these aerial threats. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who took office in May, has announced ambitious plans to build up the armed forces, citing the threat posed by Russia.

South China cleans up after powerful Typhoon Ragasa

YANGJIANG (AFP/APP): Hundreds of thousands of people in southern China were clearing up Thursday after powerful Typhoon Ragasa crashed through Guangdong Province, ripping down trees, destroying fences and blasting signs off buildings.

Ragasa churned into Guangdong, home to tens of millions of people, with winds up to 145 kilometres (90 miles) per hour, on Wednesday after sweeping past Hong Kong and killing at least 14 in Taiwan.

AFP journalists at the impact point around the city of Yangjiang on Thursday saw fallen trees, while road signs and debris were strewn across the streets.

A light rain and breeze still lingered as residents worked to clean up the damage, however authorities have not reported any storm-related fatalities.

On Hailing—an island administered by Yangjiang—relief workers attempted to clear a huge tree that had fallen across a wide road. Cars drove on

muddy tracks to get around the wreckage as the team worked to saw off branches. A seafood restaurant had sustained heavy damage, its back roof completely collapsed, or in parts flown away entirely.

"The winds were so strong, you can see it completely ripped everything apart," said restaurant worker Lin Xiaobing, 50.

"There's no electricity (at home)," she said while helping clear up the mess inside the restaurant, where the floors were covered in water, mud and debris. "Today, some homes still have electricity and others don't."

The island is a popular holiday spot and many locals rely on the tourism industry to make a living.

"We can't do business here during the National Day," she said, referring to China's annual holiday period centred on October 1 but that lasts until October 8. "We were planning to do some business this National Day to make up for it," she added. "But now we may not be able to."

Over 100 countries announce new national climate action plans at high-level summit

NEW YORK (WAM/APP): Leaders from more than 100 countries announced or reiterated new national climate action plans during a meeting on Wednesday as part of the high-level week of the UN General Assembly.

The game-changing summit was convened by Secretary-General António Guterres alongside President Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva of Brazil, host of the COP30 conference, which kicks off in November in the Amazonian city of Belém.

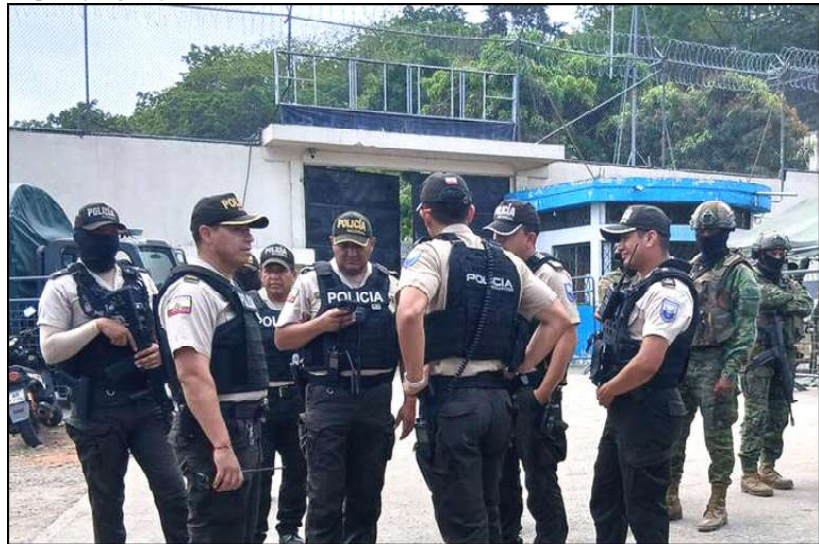
"Now, we need new plans for 2035 that go much further, and much faster," Guterres said. "Delivering dramatic emissions cuts aligned with 1.5 degrees; covering all emissions and sectors; and accelerating a just energy transition globally."

He outlined five crucial areas for action: accelerating the transition to clean energy, drastically cutting methane gas emissions, forest conservation,

cutting emissions from heavy industry, and ensuring climate justice for developing nations.

At the outset, leading climate scientists Johan Rockström and Katharine Hayhoe provided a stark assessment of global efforts so far to honour the Paris Agreement, the landmark 2015 treaty that seeks to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Yet it is still possible to meet the 1.5-degree goal, and the two experts highlighted solutions, including transitioning from fossil fuels to clean energy sources and transforming food systems to eliminate waste. Under the Paris Agreement, governments are required to submit climate plans called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) laying out bold action for the next decade. For its part, Brazil has committed to reducing all greenhouse gas emissions between 59 percent and 67 percent.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the U.N. headquarters in New York, U.S.

Denmark says airport drone flights designed to create fear

COPENHAGEN (AFP/APP): Denmark said Thursday that drone flights over multiple airports this week were a "hybrid attack" designed to create fear, adding it would acquire new capabilities to detect and intercept drones.

Police said drones flew over several airports across the country and caused one of them to close for hours, after a similar incident early this week prompted Copenhagen airport to shut down.

"The aim of this type of hybrid attack is to spread fear, create division and frighten us," Denmark's Justice Minister Peter Hummelgaard said.

He added that Copenhagen would acquire new enhanced capabilities to "detect" and to "neutralise drones".

The drone flights follow similar incidents in Poland and Romania and the violation of Estonian airspace by Russian fighter jets, which have raised tensions in light of Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said Thursday that she had spoken with NATO chief Mark Rutte about the incidents. Rutte said afterwards he was taking the drone flights "very seriously".

Hummelgaard said Copenhagen was "not ruling out anything in terms of who is behind this." Moscow said Thursday it "firmly rejects" any involvement in the Danish incidents. "It is evident that the incidents involving reported disruptions at Danish airports are a staged provocation."

Palestinian leader to address UN as peace push gathers steam

UNITED NATIONS (AFP/APP): Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas will address the United Nations virtually on Thursday as the United States, despite its opposition to him, weighs whether to try to stop Israeli annexation of the West Bank.

The veteran 89-year-old Palestinian Authority president will address the UN General Assembly three days after France led a special summit in which a slew of Western nations recognized a state of Palestine.

US President Donald Trump's administration adamantly rejected statehood and, in a highly unusual step, barred Abbas and his senior aides from traveling to New York for the annual gathering of world leaders.

AI must not decide humanity's fate, UN chief

NEW YORK (WAM/APP): Artificial intelligence holds vast potential but poses grave risks if left unregulated, UN Secretary-General António Guterres told the Security Council.

"AI is no longer a distant horizon — it is here, transforming daily life, the information space, and the global economy at breathtaking speed," Guterres said at the Council's high-level debate on the technology's security implications for transforming warfare.

"The question is not whether AI will influence international peace and security, but how we will shape that influence."

Used responsibly, the UN chief said, AI can help anticipate food insecurity, support demining operations, and identify outbreaks of violence before it spills out of control.

There is no military solution to Ukrainian conflict: Brazilian President

RIO DE JANEIRO (TASS/APP): Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva told Vladimir Zelensky on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly that achieving peace in Ukraine is possible only through negotiations.

"Lula da Silva reiterated his conviction that there is no military solution to the conflict. He expressed his support for the

direct dialogue between the sides which began in Istanbul in May, and also for the recent talks held in Alaska and Washington," his press service said.

The Metropoles paper reported in May that Zelensky had been sending letters to Lula da Silva for over a year and a half asking for a meeting, filing six requests in total, but never received a response.

Canada's Indigenous wary of mining push in rich 'Ring of Fire'

TORONTO (AFP/APP): Growing up in northern Canada, Sol Mamakwa said his Indigenous community knew their land held valuable minerals, but he didn't understand the scale of the potential riches until later in life.

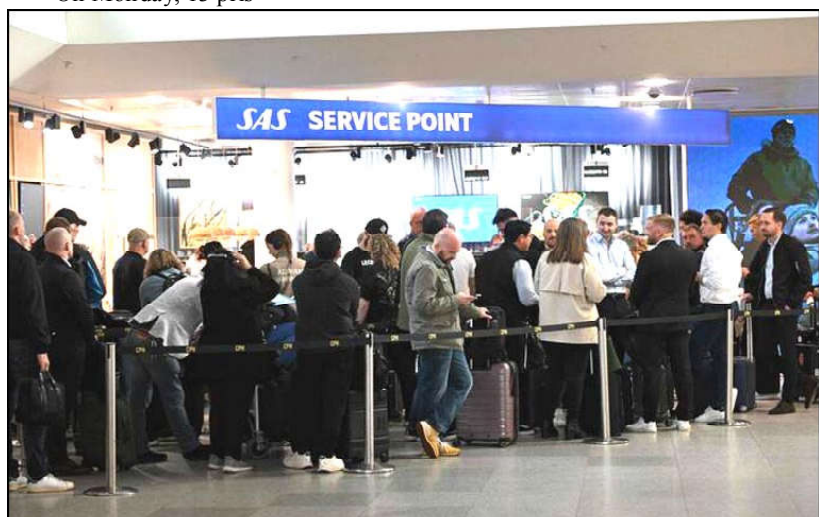
"My grandparents, my parents, always said there will come a day when governments, settlers, will want access to these lands because of the minerals," Mamakwa, an opposition member of Ontario's provincial parliament, told AFP.

"It wasn't until I got into politics that I started to understand what the Ring of Fire actually means," he said.

The so-called "Ring of Fire" is a crescent-shaped

stretch of territory in northern Ontario's James Bay lowlands, about 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) north of Toronto, believed to contain large quantities of the critical minerals needed to power new technologies, including electric vehicle batteries. The area likely holds substantial deposits of chromite, nickel, copper and platinum group metals—minerals needed for products like cell phones and computers.

Mining companies have been eyeing the Ring of Fire for years, but large-scale extraction in the remote area has not begun and would require major infrastructure spending, from new roads to logistics hubs.



Damaged cars lie piled up in mud, following flooding brought by Super Typhoon Ragasa in Hualien, Taiwan.

Pakistan reaffirms commitment to advance mediation for sustainable peace

NEW YORK (APP): Pakistan Thursday reaffirmed its commitment to advancing mediation as a shared responsibility, saying a renewed partnership between the United Nations and regional organizations could breathe new life into global peace efforts.

In a statement delivered here at the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Friends on Mediation under the Theme: "Re-affirming Cooperation between the UN and Regional Organizations in Mediation", Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif said, "Mediation remains a highly impactful tool available in the UN Charter for peaceful settlement of disputes."

While thanking the co-chairs Finland and Türkiye for convening the ministerial meeting, he said, "We support the efforts of this group to promote mediation and retain a high level focus on this vital aspect."

The minister said, "Mediation offers a pathway, from conflict and confrontation, towards dialogue, compromise and sustainable peace. At a time when mistrust and geopolitical rivalries are intensifying, mediation must be revitalized as a cornerstone of preventive diplomacy. He said, "For Pakistan, mediation is not just an abstract principle but a coveted goal, as we live in a region where unresolved disputes continue to fester. The Jammu and Kashmir dispute remains one of the oldest items on the agenda of the UN Security Council."

"For nearly eight decades, the Kashmiri people

have awaited the fulfillment of their right to self-determination guaranteed to them under numerous Security Council resolutions. The resistance to mediation by one party in South Asia undermines regional stability. It is precisely in such situations that reaffirmation of commitment to mediation, to the Charter, and to international law is imperative," he explained.

The minister said mediation offered an effective and enduring pathway to peace as it is the bridge that can connect dialogue to compromise, and compromise to reconciliation, fulfilling the promise of peaceful coexistence.

"Pakistan has always championed peaceful settlement of disputes through mediation, dialogue and diplomacy.



ZHOB: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel in a group photo with Principal and students of Zhob Degree College.

Minister reaffirms commitment to address AJK issues

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and PML-N KP President Amir Muqam said Thursday that demands beyond the Constitution cannot be accepted, but the government is committed to addressing the genuine concerns of the people of AJK.

Talking to a private news channel, he said the dialogues with the Awami Action Committee were in dead log because of the unconstitutional demands.

He said that although, the Prime Minister has al-

ready directed steps to fulfill the legitimate demands of AJK residents, including subsidies on essential items.

He reaffirmed the federal government's commitment to fulfilling the legitimate needs of the people of AJK.

The minister noted that people in AJK are currently receiving electricity at Rs 3 per unit and flour at Rs 20 per kilogram, much lower than the rates in other parts of the country with the subsidy being provided by the federal government.

Gas supply to be suspended for maintenance work in Quetta on Sept 27

QUETTA (APP): Sui Southern Gas (SSG)'s Balochistan will suspend its gas supply from 10 am to 4:30 pm due to essential maintenance work in respective areas of Quetta on Saturday (Sept 27).

According to Gas spokesman, the gas load shedding would be carried in respective areas including Saryab Road, Jail Road, Hada, Goharabad, Chaki Shahwani, Qambrani Road, Wahdat Colony, Sabzal Road, Liaquat Bazaar, Gowalmandi, Akram Hospital, Double Road, Satellite Town, Khilji Colony, Mill Colony, Link Badini, Bakra Mandi, Brewery Road, Spiny Road, Mission Road, Khudaidad Road and adjacent areas.

The company apologizes for the inconvenience caused to the consumers in this regard and they are requested to make alternative arrangements during these six and a half hours.

Strict security measures ordered in Sibi to ensure law and order

SIBI: A meeting of the District Intelligence Coordination Committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Major @ Ilyas Kabzai, attended by law enforcement and administration officials, including Wing Commander 63 Wing Colonel Shehryar, Wing Commander 52 Wing Colonel Zubair, SSP Sibi Akhtar Nawaz, and Assistant Commissioners Mansoor Ali Shah and Mir Bahadur Khan Bangulzai.

The meeting decided that all entry points to the city will be strictly monitored, with complete checking of every incoming vehicle. Passengers' identity cards and documents will be verified before allowing entry into the city.



QUETTA: Inspector General Police Balochistan Muhammad Tahir and Additional IG & Commandant BC Agha Muhammad Yousaf pinning promotion rank of DIG to Hassan Asad Alvi.

Water shortage in Quetta becoming serious as we going to implement water emergency: Commissioner

QUETTA (APP): Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzeb Khan Kakar on Thursday said that the problem of water shortage in Quetta city is becoming serious with each passing day, that is why we are going to implement a water emergency.

He said that if the indiscriminate use and waste of water continues in Quetta, it will also become Cape Town. He expressed these views while speaking at a meeting held here with the office bearers and members of the Quetta Balochistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Dr. Faisal, Chief Executive of the Public Private

Partnership Authority, was also present on the occasion.

Earlier, Senior Vice President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry Quetta Balochistan Haji Akhtar Kakar, Vice President Engineer Mir Wais Khan Kakar, Chairman of the Standing Committee for Municipal Corporation Sardar Zainul Abidin Khilji and others said that the residents of Quetta are facing various problems including cleanliness, traffic, parking, road cutting, and the influx of drug addicts, due to which ordinary citizens as well as members of the business community are being affected. Therefore, a committee comprising the business

community and other stakeholders should be formed in this regard so that a joint action plan can be formulated to solve these problems.

They gave various suggestions including illegal parking in the city, lack of slaughterhouses, shifting dairy farms and others out of the city and expressed hope that Commissioner Quetta and his team would play a full role in this context. Addressing at the meeting, Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzeb Khan Kakar said that the solution to the problems being faced by the citizens of Quetta is not difficult, for this the government and the citizens should work together.



ISLAMABAD: Italian Ambassador to Pakistan, Mrs. Marilina Armellini addressing at a luncheon hosted in her honor by Senator Sarmad Ali, Chairman of the Pakistan-Italy Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Pak-China cooperation expands from roads to space exploration: Ahsan

ZHUZHOU (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal, during his visit to various institutions and companies in China's Hunan province, said Pakistan-China friendship is advancing from road-building to space exploration, with both countries enhancing cooperation in space technology under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

During his visit to Hunan Satellite Space Technology, he highlighted that Pakistani engineers are

working jointly with their Chinese counterparts to develop satellites.

He stressed that space technology will play a vital role in helping Pakistan achieve its national development goals.

"Pakistan, with China's support, is writing a new chapter in space cooperation. Our friendship is moving beyond roads and infrastructure toward conquering space," he remarked. The minister said collaboration in space sciences under CPEC Phase II reflects the growing depth of bilateral partnership.

"This cooperation will not only advance our technological frontiers but also enhance Pakistan's capacity for scientific innovation," he added.

Ahsan Iqbal also visited CRRC Zhuzhou Locomotive Company Limited, where he invited the company to participate competitively in Pakistan's ML-1 railway modernization project. He said Pakistan Railways is being positioned for a modern, efficient, and globally competitive future, with public-private partnerships at the center of reform efforts.

PM aide Romina, CM Balochistan vow united action on climate change

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, and the Prime Minister's Coordinator on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam have agreed to accelerate the climate agenda through new projects and closer cooperation between provinces and the federal government.

During a meeting in Islamabad, the two sides discussed Pakistan's evolving climate priorities and the launch of initiatives supported by international climate financing mechanisms.

The talks focused on aligning federal and provincial efforts to strengthen climate resilience, improve environmental governance, and tap resources from in-

stitutions such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Green Climate Fund. Both officials underlined the urgency of large-scale projects addressing climate adaptation, renewable energy, sustainable water management, and nature-based solutions, alongside programs designed to empower communities and improve livelihoods.

Alam reaffirmed the federal government's commitment to providing provinces with technical and institutional support to secure international climate funding, stressing that timely engagement with donors and strong project design would be key to unlocking resources and delivering tangible impact.



QUETTA: Speaker of the Balochistan Assembly Captain (ret'd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai being briefed by Quetta Airport Manager Waheed Abbas regarding Airport Management in response to the Speaker's ruling.

GoB vows to eradicate crime following Levis Officer's martyrdom

QUETTA (APP): The Balochistan government has paid solemn tribute to Levis officer Mohsin Ali Awan, who was martyred during an operation against dacoit gangs in the Kattan tehsil of Kacchi district.

The Balochistan government affirmed that the sacrifices of security personnel will not be forgotten and pledged unwavering support to the families of the fallen.

According to the statement released by Balochistan Home Department, Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has directed an intensified crackdown on criminal elements in the region.

The government reiterated its commitment to safeguarding the lives and property of citizens, stating that all necessary measures are being deployed to restore peace.

Operations underway against criminal elements: SHO Sariab

QUETTA (APP): SHO Sariab Police Station Tanveer Ahmed Bajwa on Thursday said that vigorous operations were underway against criminal elements, thieves, dacoits and absconding accused in the area.

He said that the aim of the police was to provide a peaceful environment to the public and ensure complete eradication of crimes.

He expressed these

views while talking to media here.

The SHO said that along with drug peddlers, groups involved in theft and robbery have also been tightened. He said that such absconding accused who are absconding from the law, who would not be forgiven under any circumstances, special teams have been formed to arrest them and search operations are also underway at different places.



QUETTA: Population Department Director Sattar Shahwani addresses Training Workshop.

Jaffar Express remains suspended for second consecutive day

QUETTA (Staff Report): Passenger services between Quetta and Peshawar were disrupted for a second day as the Jaffar Express train remained suspended. Railway authorities confirmed that the suspension was due to damage to the railway track near Spezand, which was affected by a recent blast.

Officials said restoration work on the affected section is still underway, and full repair is expected to be completed today. Once the track is restored, services of the Jaffar Express will resume.

Passengers traveling to and from Balochistan have faced serious inconvenience due to the suspension, with many urging authorities to expedite repair and ensure safety on the railway route.

BC HQs holds strategic security and training meeting

QUETTA: A high-level meeting was held at BC Headquarters, Badr Line, chaired by Additional IGP/Commandant Balochistan Constabulary, Agha Muhammad Yousuf. The session included SSP Headquarters, Zonal Commanders, and Assistant Directors via video link. The Additional IGP instructed officers to maintain strict adherence to SOPs, ensure force readiness, and implement anti-corruption measures.

Pakistan-Italy partnership rooted in mutual respect: Gilani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Thursday reaffirmed the warm and cooperative ties between Pakistan and Italy saying the partnership is rooted in mutual respect and expanding collaboration.

He made these remarks at a luncheon hosted in honor of Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Marilina Armellini by Senator Sarmad Ali, Chairman of the Pakistan-Italy Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Gilani said that Italy remains one of Pakistan's largest trading partners in the European Union, stressing the need to further strengthen economic and political linkages. He also highlighted the role of the

vibrant Pakistani diaspora in Italy, describing it as a vital bridge between the two nations.

Ambassador Armellini appreciated the efforts of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups in both parliaments, conveying the greetings of Sara Ferrari, Chairperson of the Italy-Pakistan Friendship Group in the Italian Parliament.

She expressed hope that Ms. Ferrari would soon visit Pakistan.

Recalling that the Senate Chairman and delegations had visited Italy twice over the past year, the Ambassador voiced confidence that members of the Italian Parliament and Senate would reciprocate such exchanges to deepen bilateral cooperation.



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif held a bilateral meeting with Chief Adviser of Bangladesh Prof. Muhammad Yunus on the sidelines of 80th Session of UNGA.

Sardar Khetran vows to resolve public issues

BARKHAN (Staff Reporter): Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Rahman Khetran met with a large number of local residents in Barkhan where he was warmly received by the public. People from different villages and nearby areas gathered to highlight their problems and express support for the minister.

Addressing the gathering, Sardar Khetran said that public service is his lifelong mission and that he is committed to resolving issues faced by the people at every level. He assured the participants that the ongoing development projects in Barkhan will be completed soon and would bring visible progress and prosper-

ity to the area.

The minister further stated that improving education, healthcare, and basic civic amenities were his top priorities. "The people of Barkhan stand with me in this journey of progress and prosperity," he remarked, reiterating his determination to continue efforts for the uplift of the region. Khetran emphasized that ongoing development projects are being completed on a priority basis to ensure better facilities in education, health, and employment. He further stated that the cooperation and trust of the people in the government will play a vital role in the progress and prosperity of Barkhan.

Records of women become part of family planning computerized: Buledi

QUETTA: Secretary Population Welfare Zafar Ali Buledi has said that the records of women who have become part of family planning have been computerized. Now, the complete data of the facilities provided to women who will implement family planning will be preserved. The growing population is a big problem. We should keep in mind the health of the mother and child. Keep an appropriate interval between births and for this, the Population Department is ensuring the provision of necessary information to women. He said this while addressing a ceremony held at the conclusion of a 3-day fac-

ulty training on Electronic Client Record (ECR) under the auspices of the Population Welfare Department and UNFPA. Muhammad Ahmed visited the family planning offices and family staff of all districts. On this occasion, Deputy Secretary Abdul Basit Buzdar, Director RMCT Sattar Shahwani, Director Admin Juma Khan Kakar, Dr. Ambreen Mengal, Latif and other officers were also present. Secretary Population Welfare Zafar Ali Buledi has said that the Population Department has developed a software in which the complete information of women implementing family planning is available.



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Shahzaib Khan Kakar addressing a press conference at OPC. President Quetta Press Club Irfan Saeed and other also present.

Police crack down on criminals, dangerous suspects arrested

By Abdullah Mugsy USTA MUHAMMAD: Acting on the directives of the DIG Naseerabad Range and the SP Usta Muhammad, police in the district have intensified their crackdown on criminal elements.

In recent days, several dangerous suspects involved in serious cases have been arrested during a series of effective operations.

The operations are being supervised by DSP Circle Usta Muhammad, Muhammad Daud Khosa. In a major encounter yesterday, the SHO of City Police Station Usta

Muhammad, Abdul Rauf Jamali, along with Haji Khan Lashari and his team, arrested a suspect named Nizam, son of Shaif Muhammad Dahani, in injured condition.

The suspect, a resident of Sindh, has 15 serious cases registered against him, including robbery, highway dacoity, and committing crimes disguised in police uniform.

Police also recovered a Kalashnikov rifle and a motorcycle from his possession. His two accomplices managed to escape, and raids are underway for their arrest.