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Pakistan not in any power struggle; fully focused on economic prosperity: PM

Vows to crush terrorism, highlights civil-military unity on national issues

LONDON (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that the recently signed Pakistan-Saudi defence pact was not against any other country, as Pakistan was not in any power struggle but was pursuing a focused approach to achieve economic prosperity by exploiting its immense resources.

"Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are brotherly countries, bound by decades and centuries-old ties. This pact is against no one but a formalisation of these ties... Every Muslim has a belief and ready to sacrifice his

life to safeguard Roza-e-Rasool and Makkah al Mukarramah, so through this pact, we addressed both our worldly interests and our religious values," the prime minister said, talking to the newsmen here.

He said that without indulging in any power struggle, Pakistan was striving to achieve its economic goals by addressing poverty, unemployment and exploiting immense potential in agriculture, artificial intelligence, mines and minerals as well as youth bulge by providing

them education and skill training.

The prime minister apprised the media of his "fruitful and successful" visits to New York and Washington, particularly, the meeting on Gaza situation co-chaired by President Trump and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and attended by leaders from Pakistan, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Jordan and Egypt.

"There was an encouraging discussion and I'm confident that it will come

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QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, chairs high-level meeting at the Chief Minister's Secretariat focused on the implementation of the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP).

SC suspends IHC verdict restraining Justice Jahangiri from judicial work

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court on Monday suspended the Islamabad High Court (IHC) order restraining Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri from judicial work.

The apex court issued notices to relevant parties, including office of the attorney general of Pakistan, and adjourned the case hearing till tomorrow.

The decision was announced by a five-member constitutional bench, headed by Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan, on an appeal filed by Justice Jahangiri challenging the IHC's September 16 order.

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SIBI: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Sardar Kohiyar Khan Domki inaugurates NADRA Centre just established for women in Sibi.

Domki inaugurates NADRA Center for women in Sibi

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SIBI: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce, Sardar Kohiyar Khan Domki, inaugurated a dedicated NADRA center for women in Sibi, aimed at addressing long-standing challenges faced by women in acquiring CNICs and other essential documents.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the minister said that in the past, women were forced to wait for hours at overcrowded centers along with men, which caused delays and difficulties. "Keeping these issues in view, I formally requested the NADRA chairman for a

separate facility. Today, this important demand has been fulfilled," he said.

The minister added that this initiative would save women valuable time and allow them to access services in a dignified environment. He expressed gratitude to the Sibi district administration, especially Deputy Commissioner @ Ilyas Kabzai, for their co-operation in establishing the facility.

Sardar Domki further emphasized that providing convenience to citizens is a top government priority. He reaffirmed that such initiatives will continue to empower women.

PM welcomes plan of Trump to end war in Gaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Monday welcomed the 20 point plan of United States President Donald Trump to ensure an end to the war in Gaza.

In a poston X, he said, "I am convinced that durable peace between the Palestinian people and Israel would be essential in bringing political stability and economic growth to the region."

"It is also my firm belief that President Trump is fully prepared to assist in whatever way necessary to make this extremely important and urgent understanding to become a reality," he said adding, "I laud President Trump's leadership and the vital role played by Special Envoy Steve Witkoff in bringing an end to this war."

Gandapur finally meets Imran after long wait

RAWALPINDI (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur on Monday met with PTI founder Imran Khan at Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi. Gandapur arrived at the jail where he was allowed to meet Khan.

The meeting took place in the jail's conference room and lasted for more than two hours. After the meeting, the KP Chief Minister departed from the jail. On the legal front, the District and Sessions Court Islamabad cancelled the non-bailable arrest warrants previously issued against Ali Amin Gandapur in the audio leak case, following the appearance of his lawyer. The hearing was conducted by Additional District and Sessions Judge Nasr Minallah, during which Gandapur's counsel, Raja Zahoor-ul-Hasan,



LONDON: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif flanked by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, addressing a Press Conference.

CM Bugti sets January deadline for project completion and prioritizes public welfare

QUETTA (APP): Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, has issued a firm directive to all provincial departments to complete approved development schemes by January 2026, ensuring timely delivery of public welfare initiatives.

The announcement came during a high-level meeting at the Chief Minister's Secretariat focused on the implementation of the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP).

The meeting was attended by key provincial leaders including Planning and Development Minister Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Communication and Works Minister Mir Saleem Khan Khosa, Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, and administrative secretaries from all departments. Ad-

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QUETTA: Senator Dostain Domki and Parliamentary Secretary Barkat Ali Rind meeting with Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel.

Governor Mandokhel says: Participation of youth in economic, social activities vital part of policymaking

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel on Monday said that making the participation and inclusion of youth in all economic and social activities an integral part of policymaking is the need of the hour.

He expressed these views while talking to a delegation led by Individual Lands Program Manager Saifullah Khoso at the Governor House Quetta

and the participants of inaugural ceremony of the Governor's Youth Program" organized by him.

The governor said that along with providing quality education to the youth, it is important to expose them to modern technology so that they could meet the demands of the rapidly changing digital era.

He said that media literacy and familiarity with

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FBR clarifies No extension in deadline of filing income tax returns

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Monday clarified that the deadline for filing income tax returns for the tax year 2025 will not be extended, contrary to media reports. In a news release, the board had taken notice of unverified reports circulating on various media platforms, which claimed the deadline for filing Income Tax Returns would be extended. Some elements have also attempted to link this perceived extension.

Opposition demands review of mines, minerals Act in Balochistan Assembly

BA tables resolution to grant Mand status of new district

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QUETTA: The Mines and Minerals Act came under scrutiny in the Balochistan Assembly after JUI lawmaker Asghar Tareen presented a resolution on behalf of opposition parties calling for a comprehensive review.

The resolution demanded that political concerns surrounding the law

be addressed. Chairman of the session, Rehmat Saleh Baloch, praised Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti for assuring lawmakers that their reservations would be resolved.

Lawmakers including Zmarak Khan Achakzai and Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch expressed dissatisfaction with certain provisions, particularly the clause

granting federal authority over rare earth minerals. Dr. Malik argued that while the Act had been passed under public pressure, it must be reconsidered to safeguard Balochistan's revenue interests.

A resolution was moved in the Balochistan Assembly on Monday to

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Trump thanks Netanyahu 'for agreeing to' Gaza peace deal

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump on Monday thanked Israel's leader for agreeing to a peace plan that would end the war in Gaza and said he himself was hopeful Hamas would accept it as well.

"I also want to thank Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu for agreeing to the plan and for trusting that if we work together, we can bring an end to the death and destruction that we've seen for so many years," Trump said at a press conference with Netanyahu. "I hope that we're going to have a deal for peace, and if Hamas rejects the deal, which is always possible, they're the only one left, everyone else has accepted it, but I have a feeling that we're going to have a positive answer."

President Donald Trump said Monday that he had Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's backing for a wide-ranging Gaza peace plan that would bring an immediate ceasefire.

The plan, which Trump has circulated to

Arab leaders, was released after Trump met Netanyahu in Washington.

Trump told a press conference that Netanyahu had agreed to the plan, which calls for an immediate ceasefire, followed by disarmament of Hamas and Israeli withdrawal. Hamas also has yet to give its approval but Trump said he was hopeful the militant group was in favor. Trump said, "Washington's peace plan for Gaza would involve the drawing up of a timeline for Israeli forces to withdraw from the Palestinian enclave in phases."

"Working with the new transitional authority in Gaza, all parties will agree on a timeline for Israeli forces to withdraw in phases," Trump told reporters at the White House, referring to a new body that would govern the Palestinian territory. US President Donald Trump was upbeat about the chances of a Gaza deal Monday as he hosted Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House to push the Israeli prime minister to accept his peace plan.



ISLAMABAD: Delegation headed by H.E. Mr. Nuriddin Ismoilov, Speaker of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, calls on the Acting President, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Gilani vows Pakistan, Uzbekistan to continue active coop. in all sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Monday vowed that Pakistan and Uzbekistan would continue active cooperation in all sectors during an important meeting held with Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan, Nuriddin Mu'yiddin Ismoilov here at the Presidency.

The meeting discussed in detail the promotion of bilateral relations, regional ties, economic co-operation and parliamentary ties, a Presidency's news release said.

Speaking on the occasion, the acting president

underlined that the relations between Pakistan and Uzbekistan were based on historical, cultural and religious foundations.

During the meeting, both the dignitaries termed Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent successful visit to Tashkent as the beginning of a new era in the relations between the two countries. During the Tashkent visit, 10 MoUs and agreements were signed and an agreement was reached to establish a High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council.

Gilani added that a roadmap was signed be-

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ISLAMABAD: Ms. Pernille Ironside, UNICEF Representative in Pakistan, called on Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, at the Finance Division.

Pakistan Army neutralizes terrorists' explosive threats in Bajaur, ensures civilian safety

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BAJAUR: Pakistan Army troops have successfully defused an explosive shell left behind by terrorists in Bajaur's Ghaki village, just two days after a tragic incident in Mamond tehsil claimed the lives of four children.

According to security officials, the explosive device had been deliberately abandoned by militants, endangering the lives of innocent civilians, especially children. Timely action by the Army's bomb disposal team averted another tragedy.

Security forces urged local elders and residents to exercise extreme caution and immediately report any suspicious materials or unexploded ordnance to the authorities to prevent fur-

ther casualties.

The operation holds added significance as on September 27, children in Mamond's Laghari area were killed and injured when an abandoned explosive device detonated while they were playing. Four children were martyred and five others sustained injuries in the blast.

Locals recalled that this is the same area where terrorists recently circulated a video showing themselves playing cricket with children, a deceptive tactic aimed at luring youngsters into their trap. The Pakistan Army reiterated that the so-called militants, under the guise of jihad, have continued their brutal practice of planting explosives near civilian areas, causing devastating harm to innocent people.



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Mir Asim Kurd Gailu, Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Parliamentary Secretaries, Haji Barkat Ali Rind, Mir Asghar Rind, MPAs Haji Ali Madad Jattak, Malik Naeem Khan Bazai, Zamrak Khan Achakzai, Haji Mir Zaid Ali Reki, Haji Asghar Tareen, Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman and Shahida Rauf expressing their views on joint resolutions during Balochistan Assembly session.

Meena Majeed Baloch says: Inter-university mega sports tournament from Oct 01

QUETTA (APP): Adviser to Chief Minister for Sports Meena Majeed Baloch on Monday said that an inter-university mega sports tournament would be started from October 01.

She said that the aim of the tournament is to bring out the talents of young players, more than 1400 players from all over Balochistan would take part in the tournament, the sports department could bear the expenses of all the players.

She expressed these views while addressing a news conference at the Civil Secretariat along with Secretary Sports

Dura Baloch.

Meena Majeed Baloch said that an inter-university tournament is being organized in Balochistan from October 01 to continue October 7. Cricket, badminton, table tennis, hockey, football and other sports will be played in this tournament.

She said that more than 500 women out of 1420 players would participate in this mega event.

Meena Majeed said that the government aims to instill national spirit among the youth and is providing facilities to every player.

She said that sports

festivals and inter-school tournaments would also be organized in Loralai, Kalat and Rakhshan divisions.

On this occasion, Sports Secretary Dura Baloch said that the sports budget for the entire year is Rs 300 million.

She also announced that an endowment fund is being established to support the players and 86 coaches would be recruited for various games who could provide training to children in schools. She expressed these views while addressing a news conference at the Civil Secretariat along with Secretary Sports Dura Baloch.

NAB holds awareness Lecture on “Functions of NAB & role of students in ending corruption

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QUETTA: As part of its ongoing anti-corruption awareness campaign, NAB (Balochistan) organized an awareness lecture on “Functions of NAB and Role of Students in Eradi-

ating menace of corruption. NAB officers emphasized students to adopt such moral standards wherein abhorrence against corruption become integral part of their personalities. It was also deliberated that the teachings of Islam also assert on self-accountabil-

ity and do not allow an iota of dishonesty and corruption. They added that nepotism, influence peddling, bribery, extortion and favouritism were underlined as forms of corruption, but unfortunately, these



cation of Corruption” at Federal Govt Boys Degree College Quetta Cantt on 29th September 2025. The primary objective of the seminar was to aware youth about detrimental effects of corruption and to promote collective efforts for building a corruption-free society. The NAB officers, Ms.

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have been taken by the society as a norm. The collective efforts of students, as crucial members of society, can play a pivotal role for laying foundation of a corruption-free society. The speakers effectively and patiently responded to the questions raised by the students and faculty members.



QUETTA: Adviser to the Chief Minister on Sports and Youth Affairs, Meena Majeed Baloch addressing a press conference.

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up with a positive outcome for Gaza ceasefire... After the meeting, my expectations have greatly risen... In our meeting too in Washington, President Trump's words were reassuring. Insha Allah, I hope you will hear good news very soon,” he remarked.

Condemning the unprecedented Israeli oppression and killings in Gaza, the prime minister said that at the UN General Assembly, Pakistan had effectively raised its voice in support of the people of Palestine and Kashmir, Pakistan's water rights and also the Marka-e-Haq in which India had faced a humiliating defeat.

“We have won the war by grace of God through our brave armed forces, who fought with great courage and outstanding professional acumen led by Field Marshal Asim Munir who led from the front with an iron-clad resolve,” he said, highlighting the nation's full support to its armed forces.

He said that after Marka-e-Haq, the world has recognized that Paki-

stan, while a nuclear power solely for defense purposes, was also highly skilled in conventional warfare.

Referring to his “highly fruitful, productive” meeting with President Trump, also attended by Field Marshal Asim Munir, he said Pakistan-US relations were being revitalized, with discussions focusing on trade, investment, oil and gas exploration, mines and minerals, IT, AI, and other areas, as Trump also assured to accelerate the bilateral economic cooperation.

The prime minister told the media that in his UNGA address, he had also praised President Trump for his role in the Pakistan-India ceasefire as well as a significant contribution to world peace.

I noted that both our countries are nuclear powers, and Trump's intervention prevented catastrophic regional consequences.

“Had he (Trump) not intervened, the consequences could have been catastrophic for the region and who would have lived to tell what had happened,” he remarked.

SC suspends..

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ing against him. The petition was filed by lawyer Mian Dawood.

Following the verdict, five IHC judges, including Justice Jahangiri, separately approached the SC against the divisional bench's order. The four other judges were Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiyani, Justice Babar Sattar, Justice Saman Rifat and Justice Ejaz Ishaq Khan.

The case centers on a controversy regarding Justice Jahangiri's LLB degree, which was cancelled last week by the University of Karachi.

According to the university's notification dated September 25, the university syndicate, in its meeting on August 31, 2024, approved “Resolution No 06” in compliance with the competent authority's decision, upholding the recommendation of the Unfair Means Committee (UFM).

The notification stated, “Justice Jahangiri was found guilty of using unfair means and has been barred for three years from admission to any university or college, as well as from appearing in any university examination.”

Opposition..

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grant subdivision Mand in Tehsil Tamp, District Kech, the status of a new district.

The resolution, jointly presented by government members including MNA Majeed, highlighted that Kech has become the most populous district of Balochistan with nearly 1.4 million residents. It noted that Mand meets all criteria for a new district, stretching geographically from Panjgur to the Iran border.

Due to the 150-kilometer distance from Turbat, the existing district headquarters, people face severe challenges in accessing education, healthcare, infrastructure, and law and order. The resolution emphasized that the creation of Mand as a district would improve administrative affairs and bring essential services to the people's doorstep.

During Monday's session of the Balochistan Assembly, JUI leader Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman raised a call-attention notice regarding the long-delayed Sharam Hatchery Farm in Jiواني, Gwadar.

Gilani vows..

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tween the two countries in June 2025 on the occasion of the 51st meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers. He also reiterated his commitment to invite Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to visit Islamabad soon.

The meeting welcomed the holding of bilateral political consultations and meetings of mechanisms such as the Joint Ministerial Commission and resumption of direct flights between Lahore and Tashkent.

“Parliamentary cooperation is an important pillar of bilateral relations. Parliamentary friendship groups are already established in Pakistan and Uzbekistan, which are effective platforms for enhancing cooperation. I had fruitful meetings with the top leadership during my visit to Uzbekistan in April 2025.” Acting President, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said.

He added that the exchanges of parliamentary delegations and joint meetings would promote better understanding and relations between the two parliaments.

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ditional Chief Secretary Zahid Saleem provided a detailed briefing on the status of ongoing projects.

CM Bugti commended departments that demonstrated swift progress but expressed dissatisfaction with those lagging behind. He emphasized that the Chief Minister's Inspection Team will oversee the prompt execution and quality assurance of all development schemes.

“Reducing the difficulties faced by the common person in Balochistan is the government's top priority,” said CM Bugti. “All departments must adopt public service as their mission and play an active and responsible role.”

CM Sarfraz Bugti directed that both projects be completed by October. New buses for the Green Bus scheme have already been procured and are expected to arrive at Karachi Port in the second week of October.

The Green Bus fleet will be expanded to improve urban mobility, while the Pink Bus Service will be launched to provide safe and dedicated transport for women. In a move to promote economic independence, CM Sarfraz Bugti announced a plan to provide electric bikes to working women on easy installment terms. “We want women to be self-reliant and actively contribute to the social and economic sectors,” he added.

Participation of..

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information technology are inseparable concepts, in this regard, the efforts of Individual Lands to provide the emerging youth with access to opportunities for intellectual guidance regarding the use of modern technology, teaching them modern skills and choosing a career are commendable.

In response to a question, the Governor of Balochistan said that disabled people and transgender are also part of our society, it is the re-

sponsibility of the government to provide them with basic facilities and necessary opportunities.

With the help of modern technology, now even a disabled person could help and serve millions of people, he said.

The delegation informed the Governor of Balochistan about the problems they are facing and the future course of action.

Governor of Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhel listened to their problems carefully and assured all possible cooperation for their solution.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The procurement of works listed below for which Notice Inviting Tender on sealed percentage rates based on CSR 2023 Govt. of Balochistan are invited from interested Contractors / Firms with detailed terms & conditions are given below.

The tender fee Rs.1000/- will be deposited through green challan in the National Bank of Pakistan Pishin Branch under the head of account C-02716 (Building CWPP&H Receipt), Earnest Money 3% of the Bid cost in the shape of a call deposit. RELEVANT CATEGORY C-6 & Above and DATE OF COMPLETION 30th June 2026 for each work

S.#	NAME OF WORK	E/COST
1.	CONST: OF 80 X 80 JANAZAGHA IN KILLI BALA IBRAHIMZAI QABRISTAN AND KILLI KUZ IBRAHIMZAI TEHSIL HURAMZAI DISTRICT PISHIN TSE-252609876803	14,850,000/-
2.	CONST: OF COMMUNITY HALLAT KHANQAE LALUKAGHA MASJID TEHSIL PISHIN DISTRICT PISHIN TSE-252609876963	9,900,000/-
3.	CONST: OF 80 X 80 JANAZAGHA IN KILLI MANZARI QABRISTAN AND KILLI BAGURRAI QABRISTAN TEHSIL HURAMZAI DISTRICT PISHIN TSE-252609875223	13,000,000/-
4.	MAINTENANCE BUILDING WORK OF INTER COLLEGE KILLI HIRAMZAI TEHSIL HURAMZAI DISTRICT PISHIN TSE-252609877893	9,899,175/-
5.	WASH ROOMS TUFF TILES AND BOUNDARY WALLS IN VARIOUS MASJID AND MADRASAH OF TEHSIL PISHIN DISTRICT PISHIN TSE-252609877043	19,800,000/-

Eligibility of Bidders Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. Presence in Active Taxpayer List (ATL) is mandatory. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency in Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 70% Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-6 and above (Upto 25 million) In Relevant Category. CDR 3 Assignment of similar nature of work and complexity completed in previous 3 years 100% of the Estimated Cost Green Chalan Method of Procurement Single Stage, Two Envelope Procedure. **Bid Security** The bid must include a Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) in the amount specified, issued in the name of the undersigned, from a scheduled bank under the contractor's title account. Fake Call Deposits will result in blacklisting of the firm. **Tender Documents** Can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gov.pk. Last Date for Bid Submission: 13th October, 2025, by 11:00 AM. Tender Opening: 13th October, 2025, at 12:00 PM Financial bids opening date will be announced later. **Additional Conditions** Bid security (CDR) for technically non-responsive bidders will be returned within 30 days. Bid Validity Period: 90 days. An affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper (PKR 100/-) must declare: The firm has never been blacklisted. All documents and information submitted are true and correct. Documents will be verified from relevant authorities. Contractors who failed to complete previous projects without valid reasons are ineligible to participate. **For any queries, please contact the Executive Engineer, Building Communication Works, PP&H, District Pishin Office through one of the following: Contact Number: 03013239187**

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-BUILDING
Communication Works PP&H
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CORRIGENDUM

The address of the bid submission for the work TSE-252609861423 Published on 18-09-2025 vide AB No.260117-9-2025 is changed to Office of Deputy Commissioner Harmal. Also the last date of bid submission is extended to 9th October 2025. All the other conditions remain the same.

**Chief Officer
Municipal Committee Shahrgh**

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CORRIGENDUM

in reference to this office notice inviting tender (NIT) vide PRQ No. 1381/1, dated: 19-09-2025. Published in daily Newspapers, it is, therefore notified that the opening of all tenders will be in DC Office Pishin instead of Executive Engineer (Building) CWPP&H Department District Pishin on due date and time All others terms and conditions will remain the same.

**Executive Engineer (Building)
Communication Works PP&H
District Pishin**

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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the Tender Notice published in daily newspapers under PRQ No. 1364/18-09-2025, issued by the Office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Pishin, it is hereby informed that: The place of opening of tenders has been changed from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Pishin to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Office, Pishin on due date and time. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

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Irrigation Division,
Pishin**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division Quetta are invites the tenders from the approved Government Contractors. Bid Security 2% in shape of Call deposit for each work

S#	NAME OF WORK	Estimated Cost	Tender Fee	TSE NO.
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME DURRANI BAGH TO QUETTA CITY PSDP NO.4810 i. Drilling and Development of bore 2-Job ii. Supply and installation of Pumping Machinery 2-Set	10,871-M 14,137-M	3000/- 3000/-	TSE-252609879443 TSE-252609879533
2.	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME KASI QABRESTAN TO QUETTA CITY PSDP NO.4810 i. Drilling and Development of bore 2-Job ii. Supply and installation of Pumping Machinery 2-Set	10,871-M 14,137-M	3000/- 3000/-	TSE-252609879613 TSE-252609879683
3.	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME MARRI ABAD TO QUETTA CITY PSDP NO.4810 i. Drilling and Development of bore 2-Job ii. Supply and installation of Pumping Machinery 2-Set	10,871-M 14,137-M	3000/- 3000/-	TSE-252609879693 TSE-252609879703
4.	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME SERA KHULA TO QUETTA CITY PSDP NO.4810 i. Drilling and Development of bore 2-Job ii. Supply and installation of Pumping Machinery 2-Set	12,079-M 14,137-M	3000/- 3000/-	TSE-252609879713 TSE-252609879723
5.	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR SYSTEM FOR WSS HAJI MOHAMMAD ALI PASHOON ABOD SHAHEED CHOWK DAIRY GALI PSDP NO.4132.	6,100 M	1500/-	TSE-252609879753

The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Baluchistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. **ELIGIBILITY** - a. Three Years Relevant Work Experience in PHE Department. b. Turn-Over of at least three years showing financial capacity of the firm. c. The contractor must have registration with tax authorities i.e (NTN Sales tax department and Baluchistan Revenue Authority(BSTS) valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category who have deposited enlistment/renewal fee for the year 2025-2026. Tender fee deposited in head of account C0272602 through green challan form original in State Bank of Pakistan/National Bank of Pakistan Quetta Rs. 1500 and 1000 of each work detail given as above. e. The detail of each works are available on B-PPRA website. **Method of Procurement** - Single stage, one envelope procedure will be adopted. **Bidding/Tender documents** - **Issuance**. The tender form/documents will be issued to bidders/contractors on publishing of notice in newspapers upto 17-10-2025 11:00 A.M from the presentation of requisite documents i.e tender fee (Non-refundable). Bid Security/Earnest money 2% in shape of call deposit. The tenders will be open in presence of all bidders/firms. Submission: Last date for submission is 17-10-2025 at 11:00 A.M. **Opening**: The tender will be opened on 17-10-2025 at 12:00 P.M **Place of Issuance, submission, inquiry and opening will be**:- Address: office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division jail road near Marker Factory Quetta. Telephone No.9201431 and 9201228 E-mail Address:- XEN-phquetta@gmail.com. It may be noted that no pay order will be accepted/retained and Firm complete title name should be written on call deposit. Only original contractor are allowed to participate in the tenders with original CNIC. Agent/Representative will not be allowed. **CONDITIONS**. All the terms and conditions/site of the detail works can be seen/obtain from the office of the undersigned in any office hours.

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Public Health Engineering
Division Quetta**

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TENDER NOTICE

TSE-252609880003 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-II Provincial B&R District Kharan 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 Rs.3000/- and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	CONSTRUCTION OF MISSING FACILITIES SOLARIZATION AND UPLIFTING/ RENOVATION OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS DISTRICT KHARAN PSDP NO: 5413 22025.0989 (2025-26)	295,516,000

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 2 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 206,861,200 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-3 and above (Upto 500 million) In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works) . **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 14 October, 2025 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening**: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Office of The Executive Engineer-II Provincial B&R District Kharan Phone no: 0847510875 Email: Engr.adilnaseer@gmail.com

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TENDER NOTICE

The Government of Balochistan has been provided funds to finance the cost of the following Schemes, for the Year 2025 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates

S.No	NAME OF WORK'S	E/COST
1	CONST OF BLACK TOPPING ROAD FROM BRIDGE TO TAKAI GRAVEYARD IN DISTRICT ZHOBE E-BID TSE-252609880483	40,000,000/-
2	CONST OF 2 NO MULTI CELL CULVERT AT FLOOD RIVER NEAR JANAZAGAH KILLI APOZZAI DISTRICT ZHOBE TSE-252609880443	25,000,000/-

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014 Amended up to date. **Eligibility of Bidders**: Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents Bid Security for all the above works is 3% of the estimated cost. Tender fees for all the works are Rs. 1,000/- each. Bidding Procedure: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure All bid shall be submitted electronically on EPPS System, manual bid will not be accepted as per the B-PPRA Rules. **Tender Documents**: The Bidding document can be downloaded from www.bppra.gov.pk (free of cost) and the same can also be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment of prescribed tender fee. **LAST DATE AND TIME OF BID SUBMISSION** 15 OCTOBER, 2025 at 12:00 PM and will be opened on same day at 01:00 PM Address: B-PPRA EPPS SYSTEM Office Address & for corresponding: Office of The Executive Engineer (Roads) CWPP&H Department Zhob.

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The Executive Engineer (Building) CWPP&H Department District Washuk 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 500 PKR and Bid Security 2% for each work

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	Construction of VSSS and Boundary Wall at RHC Nag District Washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880233	19,802,226
2	Repair and Renovation of 10 newly Functional Schools in Mashkail District Washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880283	19,801,826
3	Construction of 02 Additional Rooms with wash rooms in RHC Salambaik District Washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880303	14,851,237
4	Construction of 02 Additional Rooms with wash rooms in BHU Jath Nag (New Jath Nag) District Washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880313	2,970,200
5	Construction of 02 Additional Rooms and Store Room For BHU Shinger District Washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880343	4,950,148
6	Renovation of GBPS Panyam and Construction of wash rooms for the Schools district washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880363	1,485,204
7	Renovation of GBPS Dazi and Construction of wash rooms for the Schools district washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880373	1,484,817
8	Uplift/Renovation of City football ground M.C Washuk (Installation of Solarized bore along with Construction of 02 Rooms,levelling and grassy of ground District washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880383	19,802,152
9	Uplift/Renovation of City Fustal ground M.C Washuk District washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880393	4,955,667
10	Construction of Football Ground Khurmagay Shahogeri District washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880403	19,802,152
11	Uplift GBPS Umar Karod Plantak District washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880423	2,969,918
12	Uplift of GOMS Maghribi Zawag Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880553	594,157
13	Uplift/repair and Renovation of Public Library washuk District washuk Under BSDI (2025-26) TSE-252609880603	4,953,229

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 2 Assignment of similar nature of work Affidavit of no Litigation duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate. Audit report of last three years (2022-23,2023-24,2024-25) showing turn over (Prepared by Registered Chartered Accountant appearing on list of firms on ICAP directory as per International Standard on Auditing (ISA's) Projects of similar nature of work in hand. **Procedure Of Procurement**: Single Stage One 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 bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed **500 PKR Issuance of tender Documents**: From the date of publication of NIT to 16 October, 2025 during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission**: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 16 October, 2025 till 10:00 AM. **Tender opening**: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under- signed at 11:00 AM Address: Executive Engineer Building District Washuk

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Gilani urges senior civil servants to embrace innovation, collective efforts for national progress

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Monday met with the participants of the 38th Senior Management Course at Aiwan-e-Sadr and highlighted the critical role of the civil service in ensuring good governance, continuity, and institutional integrity.

In his address, the Acting President said that access to senior management positions was a recognition of years of hard work, discipline, and dedication to public service. He stressed that Pakistan's civil servants had always demonstrated competence, commitment, and performance in carrying out their responsibilities.

Gilani underlined that the civil service was the custodian of the state system and its prestige. He

appreciated the Inland Study Tour for providing officers with practical exposure to the workings of governmental and parliamentary institutions.

He noted that the Senate Secretariat was actively promoting transparency and efficiency through e-governance and artificial intelligence. Praising the contribution of officers during the recent floods in South Punjab, he said that natural disasters tested both institutional capacity and the spirit of public service.

Highlighting climate change as a pressing challenge, the Acting President said it was a shared responsibility of all institutions and communities. "At the senior management level, leadership must adopt co-operation, learning, innovation, and humility," he remarked.

He emphasized that achieving national development goals was not possible for any single department or institution alone and called for collective efforts to ensure progress. He urged the officers to align their training and experiences with public welfare and national priorities.

"Parliament is committed to working with reform-oriented and proactive officers to meet the aspirations of the people," Gilani said, adding that honesty, vision, and sincerity of purpose were essential for Pakistan's development and prosperity.

The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer segment, during which the Acting President reiterated the importance of transparent and effective governance.



Federal Minister for Petroleum, Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with the Finnish delegation in Islamabad.

Pakistan, Finland to deepen cooperation in minerals sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik on Monday met a Finnish delegation led by Hannu Ripatti, Ambassador of Finland to Pakistan; Pia Karhu, President, Minerals at Metso; and Willie Eerola, Honorary Consul General of Pakistan to Finland.

According to a news release, the meeting focused on Pakistan's transformative agenda for its mineral sector and the growing opportunities for international investment and collaboration.

Ali Pervaiz Malik outlined the government's vision, saying, "Pakistan is decisively shifting from primitive ways of mining to sophisticated, mechanized,

and responsible mining. We have updated the regulatory setup by harmonizing the mineral framework, ensuring our mining becomes globally competitive."

He highlighted the Reko Diq project as the "torchbearer for Pakistan's mineral sector" and assured the delegation of a stable and conducive environment for investors. Metso's President of Minerals, Pia Karhu, lauded the government's initiatives, noting they reflected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's strong resolve to uplift the sector.

She confirmed Metso's role as a key supplier for the Reko Diq project and announced plans to expand into other projects in Pakistan.

NPC flays PTI's misbehaviour with Sr journalist Ejaz Ahmed

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Press Club (NPC), on Monday, strongly condemned Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) alleged misbehaviour with senior journalist Ejaz Ahmed, demanding an apology.

In a statement issued, the leadership, including President Azhar Jatoi, Acting President Ihtesham-ul-Haq, Secretary Nayyer Ali and Finance Secretary Waqas Abbasi, termed it an attack on freedom of the press. "Such incidents are not only unacceptable but also an attempt to suppress independent journalism," they said. They demanded the PTI leadership issue an apology and give assurance that such incidents would not happen again.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan, Nuriddin Ismoilov, writing his remarks in the visitors book at Parliament House.

Pakistan sets global example: BISP's Benazir Nashonuma Program reduces child stunting by 6.4 percent

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan has emerged as a global leader in the fight against child malnutrition, achieving results that health experts describe as "rarely seen in public health history." According to an independent midterm evaluation by the Aga Khan University's Institute for Global Health and Development, the Benazir Nashonuma Programme (BNP)—a flagship initiative of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)—has reduced child stunting by 6.4 percent in target populations.

This breakthrough, announced at a high-level event attended by federal and provincial health representatives, is being hailed internationally as one of the strongest documented im-

pacts of any large-scale nutrition programme to date.

The evaluation revealed that children enrolled in Nashonuma interventions saw major improvements in growth and survival.

Stunting among children under five fell by 6.4 percent compared to non-beneficiaries, while the prevalence of low birth weight declined by 5.6 percent. Equally remarkable, the proportion of babies born too small or too weak dropped by 7 to 8 percent—an outcome that few global nutrition initiatives have ever achieved at scale.

Perhaps the most striking finding came from infants whose mothers joined the programme during pregnancy and continued through breastfeeding.

In these cases, researchers documented a 20 percent reduction in stunting at six months of age. Experts emphasize that if this result is sustained and reconfirmed in the 2026 endline evaluation, it will represent a global milestone in maternal and child health.

The evaluation also reported improvements in early initiation of breastfeeding, immunization coverage, and antenatal care visits, underscoring the comprehensive design of Nashonuma, which addresses multiple dimensions of health.

BISP Chairperson, Senator Rubina Khalid described the findings as a validation of Pakistan's approach to combining social protection with nutrition support.

IHC questions PEIRA over quota for deserving students

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday issued a notice to the Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PERA) and sought a report on the implementation of the law to provide free education to 10 percent of poor children in expensive private schools.

Justice Inaam Ameen

Minhas issued a written order of the hearing on the petition of a citizen Muhammad Basharat, in which it was taken the position that under the PERA Act, private schools are obliged to give admission to ten percent of poor children, but Section 10 of the PERA Act is not being implemented.

Tarar grieved over death of senior journalist Imtiaz Mir

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Monday expressed profound grief and sorrow over the demise of senior journalist Imtiaz Mir.

In a condolence message, the minister extended his heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of the deceased.



ISLAMABAD: People travelling on a passenger bus in a risky way at Lehtrar Road may cause any mishap and needs the attention of concerned authorities.

Two new polio cases confirmed from Sindh

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health (NIH) has confirmed two new cases of poliovirus from Sindh, raising Pakistan's total polio count for 2025 to 29.

According to the NIH, the new cases were detected in District Badin and District Thatta, with both patients being young girls. With this confirmation, Sindh's tally for the year has reached nine cases, while the national breakdown now stands at 18 cases from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, nine from Sindh, and one each from Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan.

Polio is a highly infectious and incurable disease that can cause lifelong paralysis. Health experts emphasize that the only effective protection is repeated doses of the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) for every child under the age of five, along with timely completion of routine immunizations.

In September 2025, the National Emergency Operations Centre for Polio Eradication carried out a Sub-National Immunization Campaign across 88 districts, including Badin and Thatta, successfully reaching nearly 21 million children under five.

The next nationwide polio vaccination drive will take place from October 13 to 19, 2025, targeting 45.4 million children under five years of age.

Alongside OPV, Vitamin A supplements will also be administered to strengthen children's immunity. Over 400,000 trained and dedicated frontline workers will go door-to-door to ensure every eligible child receives protection.

Officials stressed that polio eradication requires collective responsibility. While frontline workers play a critical role in delivering vaccines, parents and caregivers must ensure their children receive every dose during campaigns.

Journalists walk out of NA over mistreatment of colleague

ISLAMABAD (APP): Journalists walked out of the National Assembly proceeding on Monday to protest against the alleged misbehavior of a Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader with senior journalist Aijaz Ahmed at Adiala Jail. Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, he condemned the incident, calling it "unfortunate".

He said that Aijaz Ahmed had reported to the Speaker's office that PTI leader had used abusive language against him inside the jail. This forced reporters to boycott the day's proceedings. He also criticized an online campaign against the senior journalist in which threatening remarks were made. He said such actions could put lives at risk.

"This House must set an example of tolerance. Politics and civility go together, and disagreements should be resolved through dialogue, not abuse."

Kamal announces complete digitalization of PNC

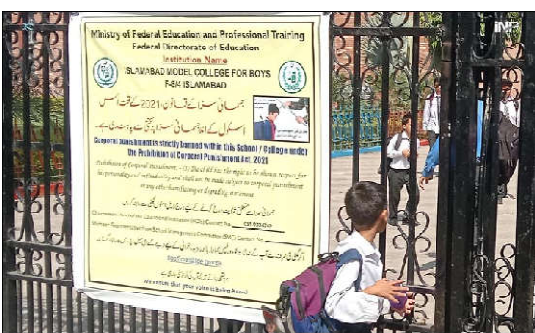
ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Health, Syed Mustafa Kamal, has announced the complete digitalization of the Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC) to enhance efficiency, transparency, and merit-based practices in its operations. Chairing a high-level meeting on the affairs of the Council, also attended by the Federal Health Secretary and Additional Secretary, the Minister said that all functions of the PNC will soon be computerized to minimize human intervention and eliminate inefficiencies.

"We will restore the lost credibility of the nursing profession and transform the Pakistan Nursing Council into a modern, effective, and internationally recognized institution," said Mustafa Kamal.

Highlighting the critical role of nurses in Pakistan's healthcare system, the minister pointed out the acute shortage of

nursing professionals in the country. Pakistan faces a shortfall of nearly 900,000 nurses, while the global shortage stands at around 2.5 million. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthen the sector through comprehensive reforms, robust policies, and modern digital systems.

Mustafa Kamal stressed that nursing is one of the most vital pillars of the health sector, adding that bold initiatives are underway to bring the profession in line with international standards. "We will modernize the nursing sector, ensure merit-based practices, and introduce effective reforms so that Pakistan's nursing workforce can meet both national and international demands," he noted. The minister concluded by reiterating that reforms in the nursing sector will continue with a strong emphasis on transparency, modernization, and capacity-building to uplift the profession.



ISLAMABAD: A view of banners attached on school gate against physical punishment in schools.

ISNET-SUPARCO launches int'l training course on Space Based Disaster Management

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences and Technology (ISNET), in collaboration with the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), has inaugurated a five-day international training course on "Space-Based Disaster Management – Moving from Response to Proactive Preparedness" at SUPARCO Headquarters.

The program runs from September 29 to October 03 and is part of ISNET-SUPARCO's Annual Program of Special Short Courses.

The course brings together disaster management professionals, researchers, and policymakers from OIC member states, including Tunisia, Libya, Senegal, and Iraq, to strengthen regional capacity in disaster risk management through the use of space science applications.

The training is designed to shift the traditional focus from reactive disaster response to proactive

preparedness. Participants will be trained in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), satellite remote sensing, disaster monitoring, and rapid damage assessment techniques. Special sessions include the use of Google Earth Engine, Disaster Watch, and advanced flood modeling through HEC-RAS 2D software, enabling experts to identify high-risk flood zones and strengthen early warning systems.

Administrator ISNET, Ms. Sadaf Sajjad, highlighted the growing need to integrate space-based technologies into disaster preparedness frameworks. She said that space science is no longer optional—it is an essential part of modern disaster management. The ability to predict, monitor, and mitigate the effects of floods, droughts, and other climate-induced disasters, she added, can save countless lives. Dr. Muhammad Farooq of SUPARCO elaborated on the practical benefits of using satellite imagery, remote sensing,

Dr. Azra encourages public confidence in HPV vaccine amid extended immunization

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Sindh's Health and Population Welfare Minister, Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho, issued a stern warning about the escalating cervical cancer crisis, decrying the dangerous spread of vaccine misinformation on social media platforms and highlighting the Cyber Crime Department's uncompromising approach against perpetrators as the vaccination campaign is extended to October 1.

While in an exclusive conversation with a private news channel, the Sindh Health Minister expressed deep regret over the educated community's role in spreading propaganda against the vaccine on social media. She highlighted that only 33% of girls have been vaccinated so far in Sindh and misinformation from even well-educated individuals is severely hindering efforts to increase this number.

The minister warned that such irresponsible behavior would not be tolerated and urged the public to trust credible sources for

information.

She reaffirmed that the government and Cyber Crime Department are committed to taking strict action against those spreading false information to safeguard the health of the community.

She said that with the extension of the vaccination drive, special focus will be placed on areas with high vaccine refusal rates to ensure broader coverage and protect more girls from cervical cancer.

She acknowledged that the HPV vaccine is expensive but emphasized that initially it is being provided free of cost to encourage maximum participation and remove financial barriers. Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho also urged parents and guardians to prioritize their children's health by getting them vaccinated and to disregard false information circulating on social media. She stressed the importance of collective responsibility in combating cervical cancer and assured that the government is fully committed to supporting these life-saving efforts.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq chairing at the meeting of Business Advisory Committee at Parliament House.



NOTICE INVITING TENDER



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) CWPP&H Department District Sohatpur invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2025 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates Earnest money 2% and Time limit 12 Months for each work

S.No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	TSE Number
1	CONST: 1 ADD C/R GGPS AKHTYAR KHAN (B/C:16205) DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.1872 PSPD NO. 5275 (2025-26)	Rs.34,82,000/-	TSE-252609880693
2	CONST:REH GBHSS SOHBATPUR (B/C 5639),DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.1872 PSPD NO. 5275 (2025-26)	Rs.35,83,000/-	TSE-252609880723
3	CONST: 2 NOS ADD: C/R GBMS MANJHIPUR (B/C: 5251), DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.1872 PSPD NO. 5275 (2025-26)	Rs.74,65,000/-	TSE-252609880773
4	REH: GBHS MURAD ALI (B/C 5308), DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.1872 PSPD NO. 5275 (2025-26)	Rs.38,81,000/-	TSE-252609880803
5	CONST: 1 ADD C/R GBPS ABDULLAH DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0174 PSPD NO. 5339 (2025-26)	Rs.32,83,000/-	TSE-252609880843
6	CONST: 1 ADD C/R GBPS BALOPUR DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0174 PSPD NO. 5339 (2025-26)	Rs.32,83,000/-	TSE-252609880883
7	CONST: 1 ADD C/R GGPS KG (B/C-15086) DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0174 PSPD NO. 5339 (2025-26)	Rs.32,83,000/-	TSE-252609880913
8	CONST: BW IN GBPS M.HASSAN KHAN KHOSA (B/C: 5639),DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0174 PSPD NO. 5339 (2025-26)	Rs.2,089,000/-	TSE-252609880943
9	CONST: BW GBPS A FATAH ROOPA DISTT: SOHBATPUR Z2025.0172 PSPD NO. 5342 (2025-26)	Rs.23,88,000/-	TSE-252609880973
10	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 ADD: C/R GGMAS NAIMATULLAH DISTT: SOHBATPUR Z2025.0172 PSPD NO. 5342 (2025-26)	Rs.31,84,000/-	TSE-252609881003
11	CONSTRUCTION OF GBPS NOOR M.KHOSA (B/C 5279), DISTT: SOHBATPUR Z2025.0172 PSPD NO. 5342 (2025-26)	Rs.31,84,000/-	TSE-252609881043
12	CONSTRUCTION OF GBPS TAGYA (B/C- 5316), DISTT: SOHBATPUR Z2025.0172 PSPD NO. 5342 (2025-26)	Rs.31,84,000/-	TSE-252609881113
13	CONSTT: 1 ADD: C/R GBPS ALJAH RAKHIYA (B/C: 18362) DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0193 PSPD NO. 5343 (2025-26)	Rs.31,65,000/-	TSE-252609881133
14	CONSTT: 1 ADD: C/R GBPS JAN M AT AMAJEED (B/C: 5605) DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0173 PSPD NO. 5343 (2025-26)	Rs.31,65,000/-	TSE-252609881153
15	CONSTT: 1 ADD: C/R GBPS M.HAYAT (B/C: 5230) DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0173 PSPD NO. 5343 (2025-26)	Rs.31,65,000/-	TSE-252609881173
16	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 ADD: C/R GBPS ALI M (B/C:5556), DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0193 PSPD NO. 5344 (2025-26)	Rs.2,984,256/-	TSE-252609881193
17	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 ADD: C/R GGPS MIR BAHADUR (B/C:17975), DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0193 PSPD NO. 5344 (2025-26)	Rs.2,984,256/-	TSE-252609881213
18	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 ADD: C/R GBPS SAEED M (B/C:8798), DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0193 PSPD NO. 5344 (2025-26)	Rs.2,984,256/-	TSE-252609881233
19	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 ADD: C/R GBMS SYEDO (B/C:5214), DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0193 PSPD NO. 5344 (2025-26)	Rs.2,984,256/-	TSE-252609881253
20	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL IN RHC JHANDA TALAB DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0789 PSPD NO. 2242 (2025-26)	Rs.60,00,724/-	TSE-252609881273
21	CON:REH: OF BHU MANJHIPUR DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0789 PSPD NO. 2242 (2025-26)	Rs.50,10,650/-	TSE-252609881313
22	REHABILITATION OF BHU MURAD ALI DISTRICT SOHBATPUR Z2025.0789 PSPD NO. 2242 (2025-26)	Rs.58,20,608/-	TSE-252609881353

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Justice in retreat

The judiciary, once regarded as a source of clarity in times of political and institutional uncertainty, now appears increasingly consumed by internal discord.

Where judgements once prompted debates about their implications for citizens, the focus today has shifted to the courts' own crises. Instead of guiding the public, the judiciary seems locked in a cycle of controversy that has steadily eroded all confidence in its ability to dispense justice.

Recent decisions have done little to inspire trust or repair their reputation. In most of the political cases, the courts have increasingly appeared unconcerned about grounding their rulings in sound reasoning, as long as the outcome serves immediate ends. At other times, they have adopted an inexplicable passivity when proactive intervention was both warranted and constitutionally mandated. This was true of both the case pertaining to the military trial of civilians, as well as the petitions concerning the 26th Amendment.

The judiciary is expected to uphold the supremacy of the law and ensure the separation of powers. Yet in case after case, this solemn responsibility seems to have been abdicated.

Worse still, judges who have sought to defend their institution appear to have paid a steep price. A troubling example is that of Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri of the Islamabad High Court, who was among the judges to formally complain of interference by intelligence agencies in a letter addressed to the superior judiciary in 2024.

Recently, Karachi University once again cancelled his law degree, declaring it tainted by "unfair means" he allegedly used four decades ago. The timing of this extraordinary step, coming just days after the judge, along with four others, petitioned the Supreme Court regarding alleged misdoings in the IHC, raises grave questions about how internal resistance to the judiciary's perceived capture is being dealt with by powerful quarters. If a high court judge can be discredited and penalised in this manner, what hope can an ordinary petitioner have? If the courts themselves cannot safeguard their own, how can they protect the rights of citizens? These are questions the judiciary must confront with urgency.

Unless it can restore its independence and reassert its commitment to fairness, it risks losing not only public confidence but also its relevance as a guardian of justice. It is disturbing to contemplate what would happen in that instance.

If powerful individuals and institutions begin writing and rewriting the laws based on their whims, and if a handful of people start deciding where the law applies and where it does not, society will devolve to a Hobbesian state. The judiciary is meant to safeguard the vulnerable and check those with totalitarian instincts. It cannot and must not avoid that responsibility. Pakistan and its people must not be abandoned to a punishing fate.

Maleeha Lodhi

The UN marks 80 years of its founding in a state of uncertainty with its credibility increasingly in question.

The General Assembly's high-level week was dominated by Palestine and the war in Gaza. This brought into sharp focus the UN's failure to live up to its core mission and primary responsibility of maintaining international peace and security. True it is big powers who are to blame for the UN's paralysis in stopping the wars in Gaza and Ukraine. But UN inaction and lack of activist diplomacy on issues of war and peace have left its reputation damaged.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has repeatedly warned that trust in global institutions is at a breaking point with ailing multilateral organisations in need of urgent reform. The loss of faith in multilateralism, he has said, is because people see "broken promises, unmet commitments, double standards, and vast inequalities".

Although multilateralism has been under stress for well over a decade President Donald Trump's conduct has accelerated this trend

and magnified the pressure. US disengagement from the UN is reflected in its exit from WHO, Unesco, UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) and decision to stop funding and withdraw from the Human Rights Council. Trump's unilateralist actions have also shown contempt for the principles of the UN Charter.

Other big states and regional powers have also played their part by acting in defiance of international law and violating the UN Charter. In a recent essay in The Economist co-authored with Helen Clark, former UNSG Ban Ki-moon wrote: "The UN is slipping into dysfunction as some of its traditional champions, notably the United States, retreat from multilateral cooperation, cut funding and disregard the rule of law when it suits them." At the heart of UN's dysfunction lies the Security Council's paralysis.

The contrast could not have been sharper during UNGA's high-level week. Kicking off the debate, Guterres said the world needed the UN's "unique legitimacy" and convening power. To no one's surprise, Trump

voiced his characteristic disdain for the UN. He lashed out at the world body on several counts and falsely accused it of funding migrants to 'invade' Western countries.

Just before he spoke, Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva said multilateralism is at a new crossroads, with the ideals that inspired the UN's founders under unprecedented threat. He lamented the UN's weakening authority while calling on it to revive its role as a 'promoter of equality, peace, sustainable development, diversity and tolerance'.

In fact, the common refrain in speeches at the debate was the UN's ineffectiveness at a time when it is needed most to deal with multiple challenges. Many leaders condemned the resort to unilateralism by some and stressed the need to strengthen multilateralism. They also urged the UN to reclaim and reassert its authority.

Beyond these speeches, the widespread view across the world is that the UN has become increasingly irrelevant as it acts as a bystander in wars and crises. If the UN is seen as failing to deliver on its core goal of main-

taining international peace and security, the rest of what it does (some of it quite well; say, on the development pillar of its mandate and humanitarian initiatives) fades into insignificance. It is on the peace and security pillar that the UN is judged by governments and publics everywhere and seen not to be 'fit for purpose'.

That is the Security Council's responsibility but deadlock and rivalry between the big powers — its five veto-wielding permanent members — prevents the Council from acting. Nothing illustrates this better than the two main wars of the moment in Gaza and Ukraine.

The US has been the obstacle in ending the war Israel imposed on Gaza, exercising the veto six times in the past two years to scotch ceasefire resolutions. This marks a continuity in Washington's policy which over decades has seen it use the veto 51 times to shield Israel. On Ukraine, Russia has used the veto several times on resolutions against its 2022 invasion. This has left the Security Council completely logjammed.

In response to rising criticism of the UN and funding cuts, the secretary general announced the UN 80 reform initiative. This

seeks to build on previous reforms in management, development and peace and security. It is aimed at streamlining mandates and making the UN leaner and more efficient. But this is unlikely to change much.

Driven by funding shortages, these reforms may be used to end mandates deemed as "inefficient" on politically motivated grounds and reflecting the priorities of big powers. This will make the reform process disrupted.

In any case, what is consequential to the UN's effectiveness and credibility is reform of the Security Council. What lies at the heart of UN dysfunction is the Council's paralysis. As usual, calls for its reform were heard from world leaders during UNGA.

Negotiations have been going on in the General Assembly for over 20 years but with little progress except agreement on expanding the Council. The veto continues to be a source of intense contention.

The principal disagreement is between countries that aspire for permanent seats for themselves and others who oppose more permanent members and, instead, propose enlarging the

Council by adding more elected, non-permanent members. This has put the G4 — Germany, Japan, India and Brazil — at odds with the Uniting for Consensus (UFC) countries led by Italy and including Pakistan.

The UFC seeks a more representative, accountable and effective Council by adding elected members who can counter-balance the power of the veto-wielding P5 countries. It argues the Council's chronic deadlocks are due to discord and clashing interests of the P5, which prevents it from playing its due role. Adding more veto-empowered permanent members will compound this dysfunction, not end it.

Even if the impasse is overcome, reform is a complicated process that requires amendment of the UN Charter. This involves the General Assembly adopting a resolution by a two-thirds majority, which then has to be ratified by at least two-thirds of the UN membership as well as the P5. This makes reform a remote possibility. It will be up to the General Assembly to mount pressure on the big powers to allow the Council to function. Unfortunately, the prospect of that too is not bright.

AI and human learning

Umair Javed

Educational institutions are grappling with the impact of Large Language Models and AI chatbots the world over.

The primary question is how does the advent of this particular technology change the way people learn, what is expected of young minds in school and universities, and what are the long-term impacts of accessing and consuming knowledge through LLMs.

The productivity impact of AI and LLMs is a separate debate and one that is already a source of much contention. Initial evaluation work shows that the technology helps raise productivity in lower level tasks, but has no discernible impact on higher-level and more complex tasks that involve multiple levels of human interface, reasoning, and analysis. It thus remains to be seen whether AI will in any way reverse the structural slowdown of growth rates that has plagued advanced capitalist

economies since the late 20th century, and which the last big technological invention — the internet — failed to do in any meaningful way.

However, much like the internet, the social and cultural impact of AI is likely to be significant. I will concern myself here with its impact on one social domain: education and the fundamental task of ways and methods of learning and knowing.

From one vantage point, the early results are not encouraging. Essential aspects of learning — reading and writing — are likely to be stifled with a deepening reliance on LLMs. AI advocates frequently point out that these tools cut down the time required to do writing and reading tasks — by producing the output for you and by summarising content on particular issues. And, even as a sceptic, I have to recognise that it does this moderately well.

Merely proclaiming that devoting more time to

the process of learning because of its abstract benefits isn't necessarily a good pitch.

The problem, however, is that this approach ignores a fundamental fact about learning. Learning is not merely the quantitative production of output or the memorisation of summaries. Everything we know about it tells us that learning is a processual activity, which in turn tests and develops the ways we use our brain.

When we read text, we're not just familiarising ourselves with the content (even if that is our primary task). The process of reading any one thing intersects with a range of thoughts, ideas, and past memories that we already have. This creates new content and new ways of understanding and thinking. The same process is in action when we sit down to write. It forces us to become clearer in our thoughts, to develop the capacity to reason and articulate, and to confront contradiction and inconsis-

tencies that may exist in our minds. By outsourcing these tasks to an AI agent or chatbot, we remove the process part with all of its benefits, leaving behind mere output and a whole host of underutilised capacities.

Just on its own, this should be sufficient cause for scepticism and restraint, especially for children and young adults. If we equate learning with output, we run the risk of never developing essential neural capabilities in a large section of the population. But if one is looking for a more immediate reason for restraint, then the systemic hallucination problem — the creation or referencing of content that does not exist — is an important one as well. For a lot of output, AI agents may be producing passable content; but given the capacity to hallucinate, they cannot be relied on universally.

Some of these arguments that make points in general in the abstract are a hard sell for young people.

Inclusivity is key

Huma Yusuf

In 2022, Pakistan's first national security policy introduced the concept of geo-economics, arguing that the country's security and prosperity go hand in hand. Recent geopolitical and regional shifts have led our country's relevance to rebound, as seen in the meetings between its prime minister and army chief with US President Donald Trump last week, and in the Pakistan-Saudi defence pact announced earlier. Pakistan's resurgent strategic relevance to greater powers will prosper economic and political safeguards, and test the validity of our geo-economic play. But to what extent will all Pakistanis benefit?

Other than the nuclear dimension, the pact with Saudi Arabia has raised questions about the extent to which Pakistan could build a defence industrial sector to help meet Riyadh's needs to localise and diversify defence procurement. Writing for Brookings, Joshua T. White suggests that Riyadh may be interested in military equipment produced jointly by Pakistan and China, or purchasing "directly from the Pakistani industrial base that is developing niche capabilities in several advanced technology areas".

This, along with moves to position Pakistan as a regional crypto mining hub and a critical minerals play with the US, are examples of geo-economic moves, aiming to extract economic opportunity from geopolitical dynamics and the desire to present as strategically relevant to greater powers. In and of itself, this is a sensible approach, but not necessarily the most inclusive one.

There is debate about the extent to which defence-related industrialisation leads to

wider prosperity. Some case studies show that a burgeoning defence industrial sector can lead to economic uplift through the development of local supply chains, investment in value-added manufacturing that can spur multiple sectors, workforce upskilling, and the trickle effects of more disposable cash in the hands of those profiting from the sector's advances. Geo-economic gains should benefit all.

But cautionary tales also abound. Defence manufacturing is highly specialised, benefiting a small cadre of suppliers. The 'closed circle' nature of defence procurement, where a few firms, often with close links to the defence set-up, are repeat beneficiaries of security contracts also limits positive spillover economic effects.

Defence supply chains need not necessarily be local, particularly where advanced components are imported. In these scenarios, an elite profits immensely, while the broader population is left with even less economic opportunity as investment is channelled into key strategic sectors at the expense of others.

Pakistan is at greater risk of the latter scenario, given the close links with China for defence manufacturing that mean many inputs will be imported or offshored. Pakistan also doesn't have a sophisticated industrial base that can be easily pivoted towards defence or other tech pursuits such as crypto mining that require industrial inputs — as the recent World Bank report on Pakistan's prosperity points out, most manufacturing in the country remains small-scale and low value-add.

If Pakistan is serious about a geo-economics strategy focused on sectors like defence, crypto

and mining, it needs to plan ways in which to make resulting economic growth inclusive. More than 50 per cent of working-age people are not employed, and, according to the World Bank, 37pc of people aged between 15 and 24 years are neither working nor participating in education or training. Women remain largely excluded from the workforce, with our female labour force participation rate below the South Asian average.

Fewer jobs in agriculture, particularly because of climate change, means employment will have to be created elsewhere. As the World Bank report stresses, significant poverty reduction occurred for those who shifted into manufacturing jobs. This means a whole-of-society approach is essential for a geo-economics strategy to be successful.

Take the recent MoU signed between the FWO and US Strategic Minerals for critical minerals extraction. The agreement envisions the setting up of a refinery in Pakistan, which goes some way towards ensuring that locals can also benefit.

One hopes future engagement with the US on these topics includes asks for knowledge and technology transfer and education opportunities to help cultivate a highly skilled workforce.

Without a holistic approach, any gains that geo-economic initiatives offer could be undermined. We have seen how local resentments and the failure to uplift all segments has led to challenges to CPEC and other economic initiatives. Let's take a more inclusive approach. This may also be the best way to insulate our country from the boom-and-bust cycles that accompany our reliance on geopolitical relevance for the dollars to flow.

Tasneem Noorani

There is talk of administrative reforms by the government these days. Reforming the bureaucracy has been on the minds of most governments. There have been numerous commissions and committees and reports since Partition that can be grouped in eight major attempts.

First was the Rowland Eggart report soon after Partition. At this time, politicians were weak and it was the civil bureaucracy that gave the country stability and a good start. In 1973 came Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's reforms. Bhutto abolished the constitutional protection for civil servants' jobs, introduced the All Pakistan Unified Grades and tried to bring all services like DMG, police, foreign service, etc, to the same level. In the Zia era, while there were no formal reforms, the general introduced the military in governance and empowered the district administration.

In Gen Musharraf's era, through local government ordinances in 2001, the deputy commissioner was replaced with an elected district nazim and police were empowered. The DC's functions were distributed among all and sundry and the concept of singularity of command was abolished at the district level. The federal-level bureaucracy was left more or less intact. Then from 2008 to 2013, Dr Ishrat Husain's reform committee focused on specialised streams, instead of generalist dominance, performance-based promotions etc, but there was little implementation of its recommendations.

For the next five years, Dr Ahsan Iqbal, the current champion of reforms, debated various options, with no result. From 2018 to 2022, the PTI brought back Dr

Futile reforms

Husain who proposed a 'National Executive Service' ensuring the tenures of civil servants, special pay scales for better talent, e-governance, etc. Except for some impact vis-à-vis e-governance (Citizens Portal), most other recommendations weren't implemented. We are back to reform mode, with Dr Iqbal leading the team once more. A 'National Executive Service' is again being discussed, as well as cluster-based CSS recruitment, an 'Intelligent Project Automation System', fixing tenures and performance-based promotions, changing the training content and having Urdu as an option in CSS.

Which reform actually improved the bureaucracy?

Having been a part of the bureaucracy from 1968 to 2005, I'm trying to think of a reform which improved matters; everyone can see how the bureaucracy's performance has deteriorated despite numerous committees and commissions. Here I will examine the 'National Executive Service' proposal. It attempts to recruit bureaucrats mid-career and make existing ones take the FPSC exam again. A similar lateral entry scheme was tried under Bhutto with dismal results. Let's assume a specialist from academia or industry takes over as secretary of a ministry. He'll still have to work with the ministry staff, which comprises various cadres. How long will it take him to merge and be accepted as leader by the ministry's bureaucracy? Can he persevere that long?

Take the petroleum ministry, which is responsible for exploration, production policy, pricing and regulation of petroleum products, gas allocation and distribution, the import of LNG and LNG policies, refining petro-

leum, mineral policy, energy security, etc. What kind of expert would we look for? A geologist who can understand exploration and drilling? Someone who knows the intricacies of the refining industry? A mining engineer who can handle mineral exploration and production? A petroleum financial expert who comprehends the workings of petroleum pricing?

Out of a few thousand officers of elite groups (CSS), a large number has qualified from the best universities of the world including Ivy League universities. Alongside, the Establishment Division has a career planning wing, which is currently red-undant. Why can't that wing be empowered to plan the careers of officers with the relevant education and talent and groom them for policymaking positions in specialised ministries?

While we chase the mirage of improvement through intricate administrative reforms, we tend to ignore a few basic 'reforms' which are four in my view. First, ensure that civil servants get a tenure of three years. Secondly, promotions should be based on the recommendations of their superiors and not politicians or agencies. Thirdly, postings and transfers must be on merit and not because of pressure from a politician or out of loyalty to the agencies. Fourthly, it is necessary to build an environment where a civil servant who sticks to the rules and merit is rewarded rather than made an example of. Doing these four basic things should have been the starting point of any effort to improve the bureaucracy. But since the rulers see this as whittling away their discretion, the other option is to talk about administrative reforms — to be seen to be doing something.

Inaugurates electro bus service in Faisalabad PML-N earns its worth through public service: CM Maryam

FAISALABAD (APP): Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Maryam Nawaz said that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has always earned its worth through a legacy of public service rather than mere rhetoric.

Addressing a public gathering while inaugurating electro bus service in Faisalabad on Monday, she said that the party's strength and credibility stem from the development projects, welfare initiatives and service-oriented policies which it has consistently delivered for the people. She said that the true recognition of any political force lies in how it serves the nation and addresses public needs and the PML-N has established its standing by translating commitments into action on the ground. She vowed to give Punjab its due rights and said that she needs no one's permission to deliver Punjab's rights and services to its people.

She announced a string of major develop-

ment projects for Faisalabad including the imminent start of an ART metro bus service, establishment of an IT City, a Rs.40 billion water & sanitation system and donation of an ablation machine for cancer treatment at Allied Hospital.

She framed the transport launch as the first visible step in a wider plan to modernize public services across Faisalabad and its neighboring districts.

She said that ART metro bus services would commence soon and modern air-conditioned electro bus routes would expand to Jhang, Chiniot and Toba Tek Singh. The new fare structure would make comfortable travel affordable with a flat fare of Rs.20 for ordinary passengers and free travel for the aged persons, women, students and people with special needs, she added.

She highlighted the Rs.40 billion water & sanitation initiative as a priority project and said that it would be inaugurated very soon. She also announced

to provide an ablation machine at Allied Hospital to enhance cancer care in the city. These investments are essential to improve public health and urban livability in addition to reducing the burdens which the citizens now are face from outdated services and expensive alternatives, she added.

Recounting the provincial government's emergency response to recent floods, the Chief Minister detailed large-scale rescue and relief operations and said that 2.5 million people were rescued while 2.2 million livestock was moved to safe locations.

She framed these efforts as proof of Punjab's capacity to protect its people and livelihoods during the "worst floods in history". On resource management and inter-provincial matters, CM Maryam Nawaz rejected outside interference in provincial affairs and took a firm stance that Punjab would use its share of water and financial resources to irrigate its lands and develop the province.



CHINIOT: Federal Minister for Board of investment, Qaiser Ahmad Shaikh, distributing wheel chairs to the disable persons while holding a khull-i kachehri.

Mashhood launches National Youth Employment Policy to boost jobs, green economy

LAHORE (APP): Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) Chairman Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan said on Monday the government was opening new avenues of employment for youth both at home and abroad, with countries including Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Turkiye, and Belarus offering opportunities for Pakistani workers.

Unveiling the salient features of the National Youth Employment Policy (NYEP) at Aiwan-e-Iqbal, here on Monday, he announced a comprehensive package of measures, including overseas employment opportunities for up to 1.8 million Pakistani

youth, establishment of employment exchanges in every district, registration of new businesses, and the launch of green jobs to productively engage young people. "The doors of opportunities have opened internationally, and we are preparing our youth to fully benefit from them," he remarked.

Rana Mashhood said that despite the enormous challenges posed by recent floods, Pakistan had gained recognition at the international level, creating new prospects for collaboration in education, skills, and employment. He underlined that the policy, initiated under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif during the PDM government, had now been further strengthened to ensure continuity and greater impact. Highlighting the scope of the policy, he said it was designed for all segments of youth, whether enrolled in schools, colleges and universities, or those who are currently out of the education system. "Every young Pakistani must be given the chance to shape a dignified life," he said, adding that women would be an integral part of employment programmes up to 2029. He informed that a dedicated committee on technical education and IT, headed by the Prime Minister, meets every two months to review progress and expand initiatives.

11 new roads approved for Karak: Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Agriculture, Major @ Sajjad Barkwal, has announced approval of 11 new roads for various areas of District Karak.

During a detailed visit to the project sites in his constituency on Monday, Minister Sajjad Barkwal met with local elders and party workers. He discussed transparency, quality, and the impact of these development schemes on the region. The approved projects include, Ashraf Khan Road (Ahmed Wali to New Abadi Amberi Kalla), Ahmed Wala Agricultural Farm to Indus Highway (via New Tor

Dhund), Bhangi Kalla Road, Saikot Shekhan Shobli Banda Road, New Bogara Road, Ahmedabad Khajki Road to Aral Banda Road, Amberi Kalla Alagadda Road, Main Surti Kalla Road, Chaman Abad to Surti Kalla Road, Dabar Hospital to Tanga Zani Road and Babul Khel to Masti Korona Road. The minister stated that these projects are a reflection of the government's commitment to public welfare and prosperity.

He emphasized that the new roads will improve travel facilities, boost the local economy, enhance agricultural activities, ensure timely access to markets for farm produce.

Four gamblers held in police crackdown

GUJRAT (INP): Police arrested four alleged gamblers during an operation in the jurisdiction of the Guliana police station and recovered stake money and playing cards. According to a police spokesman, the action was carried out on the directions of DSP Kharian Circle Shahid Mehmood. SHO Guliana police station Inspector Tauqeer ul Hassan Ranjha, along with SI Ehtesham Arif and other personnel, raided the spot on a tip-off and apprehended the accused red-handed. The arrested were identified as Waqas, Shahid, Nasir, and Muhammad Ashfaq. Further investigation is underway.



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman presides over the meeting of Administrative Secretaries Committee.

Strategy finalised for decisive operations in South Punjab kacha area

MULTAN (APP): A comprehensive strategy has been finalized to launch decisive operations against criminal elements in South Punjab's Kacha area, according to an official hand-out issued on Monday.

During the meeting, both sides discussed avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation in diverse fields, particularly in the promotion of interfaith harmony, cultural exchange, education, tourism, and protection of minorities' rights. They underscored the importance of dialogue and collaboration in advancing mutual understanding between the peoples of Punjab and Hungary.

Welcoming the Hungarian envoy, Minister Ramesh Singh Arora highlighted the Punjab government's vision under the leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz.

and Additional Inspector General (IG) of Police Muhammad Kamran Khan. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Dera Ghazi Khan Ashfaq Ahmed Chaudhry, Commissioner Bahawalpur Musarrat Jabeen, RPO DG Khan Captain @ Sajjad Hassan Khan, RPO Bahawalpur Rai Babar Saeed, DPO DG Khan Captain @ Tariq Wilayat, DPO Rajanpur Farooq Ahmed, and officers from the Pakistan Rangers. Deputy Commissioner Rahim Yar Khan Khurram Pervaiz and DPO Irfan Ali joined the session virtually. Political Assistants Ameer Taimur (DG Khan) and Nasir Dogar (Rajanpur), Additional Secretaries Zahoor Hussain Bhutta and Abdul Saboor Thakur.

2 children drown in pond at under construction site in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): Two children drowned on Monday in a water-filled pit at an under-construction building site in Karachi. The incident occurred in Block 9 of Gulistan-e-Johar, near Magi Chowk. Rescue teams arrived at the scene shortly after receiving the alert, and a search operation was launched to retrieve the bodies of drowned children.

According to police, the pit had been excavated for the foundation of a building, but was left uncovered. Due to recent rainfall, it had filled with water, creating a dangerous situation. Police said that three children went to the artificial pond for swimming, but two of them drowned, while the third managed to escape.

Rangers seize smuggled goods worth millions

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Rangers Sindh seized a large consignment of smuggled non-custom paid goods in two separate operations conducted in Yousuf Goth and at the Hub check post.

According to a Rangers spokesperson on Monday, the seized items included tyres and tubes, China salt, auto parts, Iranian fabric, engine oil, milk packs, tile strips, shampoo, betel nut, and other food items.

Governor KP says: Chashma Lift Canal project to be inaugurated soon

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has said that the Chashma Lift Canal project would be inaugurated soon as the federal government and WAPDA were serious about its execution.

During an interaction with local political activists and social figures, he said that after necessary revisions, the work on long-awaited project would finally begin.

The governor said efforts were underway to expand public services in Dera Ismail Khan, with NADRA, passport and other government offices being set up in major villages of the district to provide facilities at the doorstep of citizens.

Kundi said that party workers who stood firm during difficult times would not be forgotten.

He reaffirmed his commitment to service-oriented politics.

In this occasion, the youth representatives praised the governor for highlighting local issues and

for projecting a positive image of the province.

A delegation led by Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and former provincial assembly candidate from PK-113 City-I Dera, Sardar Haji Muhammad Aqeel Damra, met the Governor and raised concerns over gas connections, excessive electricity load-shedding, alleged malpractices in the food department.

The delegation also urged support for institutions like Nigehban Sweet Home, a facility providing shelter to orphans. Governor Kundi assured full cooperation and, on the invitation of Nigehban Sweet Home patron Ejaz Khattak, pledged to visit the institution on his next trip to Dera.

Later, former provincial minister and head of Dera Aman Jirga, Sardar Abdul Haleem Khan Qasuria, hosted a dinner in honour of the Governor last night.

The event was attended by PPP district president Malik Farhan Afzal Dhap and a large number of local dignitaries.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Minorities Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora presenting gift to Ambassador of Hungry during his visit to department.

KP local bodies to convene all parties conference over power dispute

PESHAWAR (APP): Mayor of Mardan and President of the Local Councils Association in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Himayatullah Mayar, has announced an All Parties Conference (APC) scheduled for Tuesday in Peshawar.

The meeting is organized to address mounting grievances from local government representatives who allege that the provincial government is systematically undermining their constitutional authority.

Speaking at a press conference, Mayor Mardan stated that the objective of the APC is to build a consensus among all political factions to reinstate the powers of locally elected officials. He emphasized that this is essential for the effective delivery of basic public services at the community level.

He directly criticized the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), which leads the provincial government, for its approach to local governance.

“For over a decade, the PTI advocated for local government empowerment, but in practice, we have witnessed the reverse,” he stated.

He argued that the core responsibilities of Members of the National and Provincial Assemblies do not include municipal tasks like road construction, which fall squarely under the mandate of local bodies. He alleged that the PTI began to dismantle the local government system after facing electoral setbacks at the grassroots level in the 2021 local elections, which were conducted under court order.

He alleged that elected local councils have been systematically deprived of their financial allocations and operational powers, despite protections in the Local Government Act and the Land Use and Building Control Act.

“Through amendments to the law, our primary functions have been stripped away.



HYDERABAD: Dengue patients receiving treatment at Bhitai Hospital as the mosquito-borne virus continues to spread alarmingly in the city.

Minister says: If given chance, PML-N will bring Punjab-like development in Sindh

MIRPURKHAS (APP): State Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Kheal Das Kohistani on Monday said if the people of Sindh would elect Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N), the party would bring development in the province like Punjab.

While addressing PML-N workers' convention, he said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's prudent foreign policy had elevated Pakistan's global stander.

The minister stated that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif humbled India's arrogance, while the credit for making Pakistan a nuclear power went to

former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif — a milestone that now guaranteed the country's defense.

Kheal Das Kohistani emphasized that Pakistan's nuclear capability was purely for defense purposes, adding “If any country dares to look at us with ill intentions, they will be answered”.

He added that the PML-N had delivered motorways, employment, and development projects in Sindh.

The minister further stated that the PML-N believed in providing dignified employment, not forcing people to stand in lines for Rs 5,000 or Rs 10,000 handouts.



LAHORE: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan addressing a press conference at Awan e Iqbal.

Federal Minister hold open Court in Chiniot

CHINIOT (APP): Federal Minister for Investment Board Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh held an open court in Chiniot, in which officers of provincial and federal departments participated.

During the open court, citizens presented their problems, after which the Federal Minister issued orders to the relevant authorities to resolve them on the spot.

Talking to the media, the Federal Minister said that he recently represented Pakistan at a meeting of the Islamic Chambers of Commerce held in Jordan, where detailed discussions were held on the promotion of digital economy and export of halal products.

He said that after the recent victory against India, a positive impression is emerging about Pakistan around the world.

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh said that the defense agreement with Saudi Arabia is of great importance for Pakistan, while protecting the Two Holy Mosques is a great privilege for every Pakistani.

He said that Pakistani minerals are of special importance to the whole world, including the United States. The seven billion dollar Reko Diq agreement is a big example of this. Similarly, Chiniot also has abundant reserves of iron and copper, which will be utilized for the stabilization of the country's economy.

The Federal Minister further said that the government will never leave the flood victims alone.

The damage survey is underway and vigorous steps are being taken for the rehabilitation of the victims under the leadership of the Prime Minister.



PESHAWAR: Doctors distributing fruits among heart patients under treatment at Lady Reading Hospital on World Heart Day.

Floodwaters persist in Sindh, Punjab as M-5 Motorway remains shut for 17th day

LAHORE (INP): The inflow of water at the Kotri Barrage on the Indus River continues to decline, but the low-lying (Kacha) areas remain submerged, and various diseases have begun to spread. Meanwhile, life in the villages of Narowal has still not returned to normal. Over the past 24 hours, a reduction of 25,000 cusecs in water flow was recorded, bringing the total flow down to 387,000 cusecs. Officials stated that despite the decline in inflow, moderate-level flooding continues at Kotri Barrage. In Jamshoro District, floodwaters have engulfed several villages located in the Kacha areas adjacent to Kotri Barrage. The standing water has led to the outbreak of various diseases, raising concerns about public health.

On the other hand, in the Jalalpur tehsil of Multan, the repair and reconstruction of the Nuraja

Bhutta embankment has been completed. A 1,250-foot-long breach caused by the flood has been successfully filled. According to the Punjab government spokesperson, the embankment has been reinforced and expanded to 3,450 feet to serve as a strong protective barrier. Meanwhile, on the motorway side near Hafizwala, 23,000 feet of distributary track and a 283-foot breach in the fourth canal have also been repaired. Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz praised the Irrigation Minister and his team for their timely efforts. In Shakargarh Tehsil of Narowal, a full month has passed since the flood wave in the River Ravi, yet life has not returned to normal in more than two dozen villages. Elsewhere, the M-5 Motorway, which was affected by flooding, remains closed for the 17th consecutive day.

Hungarian ambassador calls on Punjab Minister

LAHORE (APP): Ambassador of Hungary Zoltan Varga-Haszonits called on Punjab Minister for Minorities Affairs Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, here on Monday.

During the meeting, both sides discussed avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation in diverse fields, particularly in the promotion of interfaith harmony, cultural exchange, education, tourism, and protection of minorities' rights. They underscored the importance of dialogue and collaboration in advancing mutual understanding between the peoples of Punjab and Hungary.

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HYDERABAD: Provincial General Secretary APCA Ashraf Bozai addressing to Government employees Book Hartal against new pension policies, under the banner of Government employees alliance at HPC.

Pakistan seeks German investment: Senator Aurangzeb praises valuable technical and financial assistance

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday hailed the government of Germany for its valuable technical and financial assistance to Pakistan and emphasized the significance of investment by German companies in diverse sectors of the economy.

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Pakistan, Ina Lepel called on the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, at the Finance Division, said a release issued here.

Welcoming the ambassador, the finance minister extended his best wishes and assured continued engagement to further deepen bilateral cooperation.

The minister assured the ambassador of full support and facilitation for foreign investors, including German firms, in expanding their footprint in Pakistan, while ensuring ease in repatriation of profits and dividends and addressing allied matters.

Senator Aurangzeb provided the ambassador an overview of Pakistan's economy, highlighting recent improvements in key indicators.

He briefed her on the ongoing IMF review mission and Pakistan's progress on meeting quantitative and structural benchmarks under the program.

The minister also apprised her of the devastation caused by recent floods and the broader challenges posed by climate change.

He outlined the government's commitment to fostering an investment-friendly environment, noting that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was clear and keen on letting the private sector lead the country's growth.

Ambassador Lepel recalled her previous diplomatic assignment in Pakistan from 2013 to 2015, sharing her fond memories of that period.

She discussed avenues for further promoting bilateral trade and investment and expressed support for the government's efforts to achieve sustainable economic growth by encouraging private sector participation and foreign investment in a welcoming business climate.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening Pakistan-Germany economic cooperation and to exploring new opportunities for trade, investment, and development partnership.



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CDNS collects Rs 10b in Islamic investment in first quarter of FY, 2025-26

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) has achieved the annual target of Rs 10 billion in investment in Islamic finance from July 1st to September 15th in Current Fiscal Year, 2025-26. The CDNS has already set annual target of Rs 25 billion for Current FY, 2025-26 for promoting Islamic finance in the country, a senior official of CDNS told APP here Monday.

He said the CDNS has achieved the annual collection target of Rs 24 billion in investment in Islamic finance during the Previous, FY, 2024-25.

The CDNS has received the annual collection target of investment in Islamic finance for the Current FY, 2025-26, which will lead to growth in the country's Islamic economy.

"The National Savings had issued the Islamic bonds for the promotion of the Islamic finance system, which will help the development of the Islamic economy in the country," he said.

Replying to a question, he said the CDNS had achieved the target of Rs 75 billion during the last fiscal year (2023-24) in the Islamic bonds, and that was why it aimed to introduce new dimensions in the Islamic finance sector.

PSX continues with bullish trend, gains 1,590 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with bullish on Monday, gaining 1,590.68 points, an increase of 0.98 percent, closing at 163,847.69 points against 162,257.01 points on the previous trading day.

A total of 1,285,638,674 shares valuing Rs.65,768 billion were traded during the day as compared to 1,714,917,163 shares valuing Rs.70,744 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 482 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 235 recorded gains and 216 sustained losses, whereas the share prices of 31 remained unchanged.

Gold rates hit highest-ever Rs403,600 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of gold on Monday surged to a record high in the domestic market, with 24-karat gold per tola increasing by Rs 5,900 to Rs 403,600 from the previous day's Rs 397,700, according to the All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association.

Likewise, the price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also went up by Rs5,058 to Rs346,021 against Rs340,963, while 10 grams of 22 karat gold increased to Rs317,197 from Rs312,560. All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association reported.

Zong launches smart IoT solutions for industrial, agri, urban infrastructure

ISLAMABAD (APP): Zong, Pakistan's leading technology innovation company, has launched a new suite of Internet of Things (IoT) solutions to support high-impact sectors' scale at large.

This phase expands Zong's footprint beyond core connectivity into intelligent industrial, agricultural, and urban infrastructure, marking a pivotal step in its transformation journey toward industry-specific digital services, said a news release.

The latest portfolio of Zong's IoT solutions includes world-class Industrial IoT Automation solutions such as inventory monitoring & refill automa-

tion, industrial energy efficiency tools, real-time production performance monitoring (GE & OEE), smart data centers for intelligent power, as well as cooling & uptime management.

These solutions empower enterprises to optimise efficiency, reduce costs, and build greener, more resilient operations.

In agriculture and climate tech, Zong is enabling sustainable farming and environmental management with IoT-powered soil monitoring, localised weather stations providing real-time data, and air quality monitoring; strengthening resilience for our farmers across the country.

Aik by BankIslami, PTCL strengthen Pakistan's digital banking ecosystem with cloud-based solutions

Independent Report
KARACHI: Aik, Pakistan's first Islamic digital banking platform, has entered into a strategic partnership with Pakistan Telecommunication Company

presence of key leadership from both companies, including Ashfaq Ahmed, Chief Officer, Aik, Waqar Ul Hassan, CIO Aik Digital, and Asif Ahmad, Group Chief Business Solutions

of BankIslami's digital-first initiative. Aik aims to provide end-to-end financial services that are convenient and seamless. The platform aims to contribute to a more accessible and efficient digital banking ecosystem in Pakistan.



Limited (PTCL) to bolster its infrastructure with secure and reliable services using PTCL Smart Cloud.

The agreement was formalised at a signing ceremony held at Aik's headquarters in Islamabad, in the

Officer, PTCL & Ufone 4G. Through this collaboration, PTCL will deliver secure and reliable cloud infrastructure, ensuring business continuity and resilience for Aik, enhancing its digital capabilities. As part

of expanding access to Islamic banking across the country and advancing our overarching mission of Saving Humanity from Riba.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with the Managing Director and senior executives of the Oil and Gas Development Company (OGDC) at company's head office.

Malik pledges full support for petroleum sector reforms

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik on Monday assured full support for reforms in the petroleum sector, terming them vital for long-term sustainability and economic growth.

During a meeting with the Managing Director and senior executives of the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) at the company's head office, the minister said indigenisation of the energy sector was the way forward, stressing that Exploration and Production (E&P) companies were working diligently to achieve this national goal.

According to a news release issued by the ministry, the OGDCL management briefed the minister on operational activities and a production optimisation plan designed to slow the decline in mature hydrocarbon fields.

He was also informed about initiatives to enhance recovery and sustain production levels.

The minister underlined that improved governance was critical to strengthening the company's operational and financial performance.

He was told that in fiscal year 2024-25, OGDCL had made five new oil and gas discoveries, reflecting Pakistan's immense hydrocarbon potential.

"I assure my complete support for the structural reforms necessary to ensure the sustainability of the petroleum sector," the minister said, adding that the government would provide maximum facilitation to enable E&P companies to operate at full potential and attract investment.

OGDCL Managing Director Ahmed Hayat Lak thanked the minister for his commitment. "It is a welcome step that there is seriousness in reforming the sector."

This commitment from the government provides a clear direction and will enable E&P companies like OGDCL to play a more effective role in achieving national energy self-sufficiency," he added.

KPRA holds orientation session on Amendments to ST on Services Act

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA) convened a comprehensive session on Monday to discuss the amendments introduced in the KP Sales Tax on Services Act, 2022 through the Finance Act, 2025.

Deputy Collector-Corporate, Raheel Iqbal delivered a detailed briefing on the recent changes in the law and the enforcement measures to be undertaken.

The session was attended by all Additional Collectors, Officers of KPRA Headquarters with participation from regional offices ensured virtually.

Collector Sales Tax on Services Maqsood Hassan and Advisor Tax Enforcement Fazal Amin Shah also attended the briefing and took part in the discussion.

A question-answer session was also held, during which participants' queries were addressed by Raheel Iqbal and Additional Collector Headquarters, Abdul Raziq. The session aimed at building a clearer understanding of the amendments and ensuring uniform implementation across all regional offices.

SCCI holds certificate ceremony for social media marketing course

SIALKOT (APP): Under the leadership of President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Ikram-ul-Haq, the Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the Basic Social Media Marketing for Export course was held.

The event was attended by distinguished guests, including Mr. Riaz ud Din Sheikh (SI), MPA Faisal Ikram, and MNA Syeda Nooshen Iftikhar, who distributed certificates among the graduating students.



SIALKOT: Dr. Mariam Siddiqua, Founder and President of the Women's Chamber of Commerce, addressing the third annual meeting.

LCCI appeals govt to extend tax return filing deadline

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) has appealed to the government to extend the deadline for filing income tax returns till October 31 to facilitate the business community in fulfilling their national obligation.

LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad, Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry made an appeal to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and FBR Chairman Rashid Langrial to announce the extension.

They said that due to the devastating floods across the country and several other pressing issues a large number of taxpayers will not be able to file their returns by September 30. They stressed the need to provide adequate time to the business community to complete the filing process comfortably.

The LCCI office-bearers further stated that the FBR's online filing system is also under heavy load causing additional delays and difficulties for taxpayers.

ICCI President vows to guard business community

ISLAMABAD (APP): President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Sardar Tahir Mahmood Monday reaffirmed that ICCI will continue to play an active advocacy role for the resolution of issues faced by the business community with relevant departments in order to promote ease of doing business in the federal capital. He said ICCI will continue to serve as the strong voice of traders and industrialists and will resist unilateral decisions that create hurdles for economic growth. He expressed these views while addressing the inauguration ceremony of a new Cash and Carry in Naval Encourage as Chief

Guest, said a press release.

Highlighting ICCI's recent achievements, he said that on a writ petition filed by ICCI, Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiyani of Islamabad High Court set aside the notification regarding enhancement of property tax and ordered that the tax rates applicable in 2001 would remain in force. He added that ICCI is preparing to file further petitions in the High Court to safeguard the interests of the business community and residents of Islamabad. He also referred to ICCI's role in persuading the Federal Board of Revenue to increase its requirement in income tax returns for declaring Fair Market Value (FMV).

Punjab govt launches eBIZ portal to facilitate businesses

LAHORE (APP): In a major step towards promoting e-governance and facilitating business activity in the province, the Punjab government has launched the eBIZ portal to simplify and streamline the process of obtaining no-objection certificates (NOCs) and permits from government departments.

The portal was officially inaugurated by Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman during a meeting of the Administrative Secretaries' Committee at Civil Secretariat here on Monday.

Initially, the portal will allow entrepreneurs and business owners to apply online for NOCs related to 30 different business types. The entire verification and approval process will be digitally managed, eliminating the need for any physical file submission or paperwork at any stage.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chief Secretary stated that with the launch of the eBIZ portal, business owners would no longer have to make frequent visits to government offices to obtain NOCs. He further directed the Punjab Information Technology Board (PTIB) to ensure that by December, all services provided by government departments, attached bodies,

commissioners, and deputy commissioners and other offices should be fully digitized.

Highlighting the importance of administrative reforms, the Chief Secretary said: "The Punjab government is using IT to bring ease to people's lives. Reforms are essential to improve departmental performance and service delivery."

The Chief Secretary added that the e-Filing and Office Automation System (e-FOAS) and e-Procurement are already being successfully implemented, which have introduced innovation and transparency through paperless working.

During the meeting, the Chairman PTIB briefed the participants on various ongoing e-governance initiatives in the province. He mentioned that annual confidential reports (ACRs), leave applications, and transfer orders of government employees have been integrated into the e-FOAS system. Additionally, efforts are underway to make departmental websites more functional to improve public access to information and services.

The meeting was attended by the additional chief secretary, chairman planning and development board, and all administrative secretaries.



QUETTA: A worker diligently crafts a traditional quilt in preparation for the approaching cold season.

Lucky investments Wins "Emerging Islamic Finance Entity of the Year"

ISLAMABAD (APP): Lucky Investments Limited ("Lucky Investments") has been recognized as the Emerging Islamic Finance Entity of the Year in South Asia at the 10th Islamic Finance Forum of South Asia (IFFSA) Conference & Awards 2025. According to a news release, the award is a testament to stellar performance of Lucky Investments since the launch of its first fund in April 2025. The AUMs currently stand at over Rs.100 billion (USD 350 million), making Lucky the fastest growing AMC in Pakistan this year. The prestigious award was received by Mohammad Shoaib, CFA, CEO of Lucky Investments, at a ceremony attended by leading policy makers, regulators, and industry leaders from various countries in South Asia, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Maldives and other neighbouring countries.

The IFFSA Conference brought together high-profile leaders of Islamic finance to reflect on a decade of growth and innovation, while exploring the future of the industry. As part of the event, Shoaib participated as a panellist in the Islamic Capital Markets session, where he highlighted the strong momentum of Pakistan's Islamic Asset Management industry, in which he carries three decades of experience as CEO of Islamic AMCs. He was specifically requested to share the factors leading to the penetration of Islamic AMCs in Pakistan over the last two decades so that other South Asian markets can learn from his vast experience in the sector. The Islamic Finance Forum of South Asia (IFFSA) has, for the past decade, recognised excellence in Islamic finance by celebrating organisations and leaders advancing the cause of Riba-free financial solutions across the Subcontinent.



LARKANA: Farmers busy in collecting traditional vegetable beeh at a farm field near Wada Mahar Village.

Punjab shortlists 20 projects for global investment promotion

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) has shortlisted 20 proposals from a total of 86, submitted by various departments, selecting them for conversion into investment projects to be marketed globally. According to a PBIT spokesperson, quoted by Wealth Pakistan on Monday, over 76 consultation sessions were held to thoroughly evaluate the proposals before finalising the list. "These investment opportunities will be showcased at the global level, as the private sector's active participation is vital for Punjab's economic growth," he said. Among the key projects is the establishment of a food processing unit designed to curb post-harvest losses. The spokesperson noted that Punjab

accounts for nearly 60pc of Pakistan's food and fruit production, yet much of its exportable surplus is wasted. "The province's potential in food production and exports remains underutilised due to insufficient processing facilities and outdated post-harvest practices," he added. A feasibility report has been approved to assess how production surpluses can be exported to major markets including China, the European Union and the Gulf countries, which together account for more than US\$50 billion. The project will connect farms, middlemen, stockholders, food suppliers and the processing industry through Punjab's exportable potential. The development of private-sector grain silos has been approved as another key project.

With Punjab producing nearly 65pc of Pakistan's cereals, the spokesperson highlighted the scale of the opportunity: "This project will not only serve as a reserve pool of food in Punjab but also meet unforeseen needs, while acting as a supply source for the food processing industry."

Food security has also been factored into another proposal for dedicated food storage facilities. The spokesperson pointed out that food storage and security are pressing challenges in many Gulf countries as well as Pakistan's neighbouring markets. The proposed projects are designed to offer solutions that not only meet Punjab's needs but also position the province as a regional food supplier.

Three allies to help boost security at Denmark's EU summits amid drone threat

Monitoring Desk
COPENHAGEN: France, Germany and Sweden said on Monday they would send military personnel and anti-drone systems to Denmark to boost security at this week's European summits after drone incursions that forced the temporary closure of several Danish airports.

Copenhagen is due to host EU leaders on Wednesday, followed by a summit on Thursday of the wider, 47-member European Political Community. It has already said it has increased security around the events after the drone sightings.

Drones disrupted air traffic at six Danish airports last week, including at Copenhagen, the Nordic region's busiest, in what Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen called a hybrid attack on her nation.

Denmark has stopped short of saying definitively

who it believes is responsible, but Frederiksen has suggested it could be Moscow, calling Russia the primary "country that poses a threat to European security". The Kremlin denies involvement.

"(President Vladimir) Putin wants to divide us. I will do everything I can to ensure that he never succeeds," she wrote in a post on Instagram on Monday.

Last week, Frederiksen linked the drone sorties in Denmark to a series of other suspected Russian drone incursions and other disruption across Europe. These have included drone sorties into Polish and Romanian airspace, as well as Estonia reporting on September 19 that Russian fighter jets had entered its airspace for 12 minutes.

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said his country was sending

"Counter-UAS" - Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System - as well as "a handful" of radar systems to Denmark.

Swedish police separately said they would send a significant force to Copenhagen at Denmark's request, and that Norwegian law enforcement officers would also take part.

France announced that it would be sending a Fennec military helicopter, as well as a 35-strong team who would handle aspects of anti-drone work.

Germany will deploy around 40 soldiers to Copenhagen to help with detecting, identifying and defending against drones, a Berlin government spokesperson told reporters in a briefing on the EU summit on Monday. The operation will last until October 7 and the soldiers will carry the appropriate equipment with them, the spokesperson said.



U.S. President Donald Trump shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S.

As Peru election nears, economic gains seen at risk, OECD says

Monitoring Desk
LIMA: Peru should implement economic measures to counter political uncertainty that is expected to intensify ahead of the 2026 general elections, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said in a report published on Monday.

The recommendations from the OECD aim to bolster Peru's economy, as political instability and social protests have undermined confidence in a nation where six different presidents have served in the last nine years.

"Peru can strengthen the foundations for long-term growth by enhancing workforce skills, boosting small businesses' access to finance, encouraging formal job creation and accelerating climate adaptation," OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann said at the report's presentation.

Peru's economy maintains "solid macroeconomic fundamentals," but the country also needs to restore fiscal discipline and implement more reforms to regain investor confidence and reduce inequality, the report said.

"Growth will moderate amid global and domestic uncertainty and a lower potential growth rate," the report added.

The OECD projects GDP growth of 2.8% this year and 2.6% in 2026 for the world's third-largest copper producer. These figures are below the Peruvian government's own estimates of 3.5% and 3.2%, respectively.

The OECD expects inflation to fall within the central bank's target range of 1% to 3%.

Peru has faced intermittent protests against President Dina Boluarte's

government. Her approval rating has languished at historic lows of 2% to 4% since last year, according to polls.

Despite these challenges, the OECD noted Peru's economy has shown resilience, growing at an average annual rate of 3.7% from 2008 to 2024 - one of the highest rates in Latin America.

Peru will hold presidential and legislative elections in April next year, with more than 40 parties registered.

The deep political fragmentation will make it difficult to reach a consensus to sustain the country's growth, the OECD said.

The OECD also urged Peru to restore compliance with its fiscal rule and invest in infrastructure, education and climate resilience, all while maintaining strong public finances to face its political challenges.

High time for Europe to stand with Taiwan, foreign minister says in Poland

Monitoring Desk
WARSAW: It is high time for Europe to stand with Taiwan against China, the European Union's foreign minister said on Monday, seeking to find common cause with European democracies during a visit to Poland.

Taiwan, which China views as its own territory, has found an increasingly sympathetic ear in parts of central and eastern Europe since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, even though almost all European countries only maintain formal diplomatic ties with Beijing and not Taipei.

Addressing the Warsaw Security Forum, Taiwan Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung said economic

security was inseparable from national security.

"Today, authoritarian regimes, namely China, Russia, Iran and North Korea, have formed an axis of upheaval to challenge the rule-based international order. China is largely seen as the decisive enabler behind Russia's invasion of Ukraine," he said. Europe faces threats from Russian hybrid operations, similar to what Taiwan faces from China, like cyber attacks and military exercises, Lin added. "It is high time for Europe to stand with Taiwan, to forge a robust coalition for our shared values and halt the expansion of authoritarian regimes. Taiwan is ready to work with Europe; is Europe ready to work with Taiwan?"

Drones from Turkey circle Gaza aid flotilla as boats sail east

Monitoring Desk
ANKARA: Turkey has joined Spain, Italy and Greece in monitoring an international flotilla carrying aid for Gaza that was sailing east across the Mediterranean Sea on Monday despite warnings from Israel to stop the mission, flight data show.

Flight tracking websites showed that three long-endurance drones originating from Turkey's Corlu airbase have been circling over the flotilla for three days, highlighting the growing international interest in the boats which have vowed to breach an Israeli naval blockade around the embattled Gaza Strip.

Reuters was unable to confirm the reason for the drone flights.



Malagasy riot police use tear gas to disperse protesters during a demonstration against frequent power outages and water shortages, near the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar.

Federal drug prosecutions fall to lowest level in decades as Trump shifts focus to deportations

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: The number of people charged with breaking federal drug laws dropped to the lowest level in decades this year after the Trump administration ordered enforcement agencies to focus on deporting immigrants, a Reuters review of nearly 2 million federal court records found.

So far this year, about 10% fewer people have been prosecuted for drug violations compared to the same period of 2024, court records show, a drop of about 1,200 cases and the slowest rate since at least the late 1990s. The pullback was more dramatic for the types of conspiracy and money-laundering cases often used to pursue higher-level traffickers. The number of people charged with money-laundering

dropped by 24%, according to Reuters' analysis.

Shortly after taking office in January, U.S. President Donald Trump launched the broadest overhaul of U.S. law enforcement since the attacks of September 11, 2001. He ordered thousands of federal agents to focus on fending off what he described as an "invasion" of illegal immigration.

The shift has produced a coast-to-coast slowdown in the types of investigations and prosecutions that the government had long viewed as central to taking on criminal networks, including the drug cartels whose products killed more than 80,000 people last year, as agents focused instead on quick-hit immigration raids, interviews and court documents show.

"We're seeing a reduced amount of time on long-term investigations so agents can go out in their raid gear and be seen supporting immigration raids," said a senior Justice Department official involved in those investigations, who, like others, asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the subject.

Despite Trump's promises to take a tougher approach to drug enforcement, even high-priority cases have stalled as a result, four officials familiar with the cases told Reuters. One prosecutor said a fentanyl investigation he supervised was at a standstill because the agents who were leading it had been ordered to focus on deportations instead. Another official said investigations of drug rings have been delayed.

Ukraine's Zelenskiy proposes joint air shield with allies

Monitoring Desk
WARSAW: Ukraine has proposed building a joint air defence shield with allies to protect against threats from Russia, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Monday, after a series of airspace incursions that caused alarm on NATO's eastern flank.

NATO leaders have said that Russia has been testing the alliance's readiness and resolve with airspace incursions in Poland and the Baltic states, and Kyiv says its experience in dealing with aerial threats would be valuable.

"Ukraine proposes to Poland and all our partners to build a joint, fully reliable shield against Russian aerial threats," he said in an address to the Warsaw Security Forum delivered via video link.

"This is possible. Ukraine can counter all kinds of Russian drones and missiles and if we act together in the region we will have enough weapons and production capacity."

Ukraine has already said that its troops and engineers will train Polish counterparts on countering drones. Romania, meanwhile, aims to partner with Ukraine to build drones under a new European Union defence funding mechanism.

Romanian Defence Minister Ionut Mosceanu told the Warsaw Security Forum that new drone fragments were found in the eastern Romanian county of Tulcea, neighbouring Ukraine, on Monday.

The topic of defence cooperation with Kyiv was high on the agenda as leaders gathered in Warsaw for the annual security forum.

German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius told the conference that "Europe's and Ukraine's defence industry must work together more closely and effectively". "The European Union must back this by providing a much more flexible regulatory framework for the defence industry in Europe."



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy appears on-screen as he speaks during the Warsaw Security Forum, in Warsaw, Poland.

Deadly attack on Michigan church leaves investigators searching for motive

Monitoring Desk
GRAND BLANC, Michigan: Authorities on Monday were working to determine why an ex-Marine drove his pickup truck into a Michigan church during a Sunday service, opened fire and set the building ablaze, killing at least four people before he died in a shootout with police.

Hundreds of worshippers were inside the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc, Michigan, when the suspect rammed his pickup truck into the front doors on Sunday morning, officials said. Two victims were shot to death, and two other bodies were discovered hours later in the rubble of the church, which officials said was deliberately set on fire.

Officials warned late on Sunday that some people remained unaccounted for, and that more bodies could yet be found as investigators sifted through the burned-out ruins of the building. At least eight people were wounded.

The suspect was identified as Thomas Jacob Sanford, 40, from the nearby town of Burton.

U.S. military records show Sanford was an Iraq War veteran who served in the Marine Corps from 2004 to 2008.

Authorities did not offer a possible motive, saying they would search the suspect's home and phone. Grand Blanc Township, a suburb of Flint with a population around 40,000, is about 60 miles (100 km) northwest of Detroit.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told Fox News' "Fox and Friends" program that she spoke with FBI Director Kash Patel on Monday about the attack.

"All they know right now is this was an individual who hated people of the Mormon faith, and they are trying to understand more about this, how premeditated it was, how much planning went into it, whether he left a note," she said, using a common term for the church. "All of those questions have yet to be answered."

Netherlands-flagged cargo ship attacked near Yemen's Aden, maritime firms say

Monitoring Desk
CAIRO: British maritime security firm Ambrey said on Monday that a Netherlands-flagged general cargo ship reportedly came under attack 120 nautical miles southeast of Yemen's port city of Aden.

The vessel was previously targeted on September 23 on its way to Djibouti, according to Ambrey.

The UKMTO said on September 23 that a vessel reported a splash and the sound of an explosion in its vicinity 120 nautical miles (222 km) east of Aden.

Both firms did not identify the party responsible.

It was not immediately clear if the reported attack was carried out by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis, who had launched numerous attacks on vessels in the Red Sea since 2023 that they deem to be linked with Israel in what they say is solidarity with Palestinians in Israel's war on Gaza.



Moldovan President Maia Sandu attends a press conference following the announcement of parliamentary elections results, in Chisinau, Moldova.



Firefighters work at the site of an apartment building damaged during a Russian drone and missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Russia warns of escalation risk if US sends Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: Russia said on Monday that its military was analysing whether or not the United States would supply Tomahawk cruise missiles to Ukraine for strikes deep into Russia, a step that Russian officials say could trigger a steep escalation.

U.S. Vice President JD Vance said on Sunday that Washington was considering a Ukrainian request to obtain Tomahawks.

President Donald Trump has not made a final decision, and he has been wary of escalating the Ukraine war into a direct confrontation with Russia. But the fact he is now weighing such a move shows the extent of his frustration with President Vladimir Putin's refusal to agree a ceasefire since he hosted the Russian leader

at a summit in Alaska last month.

Tomahawks have a range of 2,500 km (1,550 miles) - easily far enough to hit Moscow and most of European Russia if fired from Ukraine. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy cautioned Kremlin officials last week that they should "know where the bomb shelters are".

It was unclear how or through which countries the Tomahawks could be supplied. Zelenskiy has asked Washington to sell them to European nations that would send them to Ukraine.

For the Kremlin, the escalatory risks of U.S. involvement in firing such missiles deep into Russia are clear.

"The question... is this: who can launch these missiles...? Can only Ukrainians launch them, or do American soldiers have to do that?" Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters when asked about Vance's remarks.

"Who is determining the targeting of these missiles? The American side or the Ukrainians themselves?" Peskov added, saying "a very in-depth analysis" was required.

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White House says 'very close' to deal on Gaza

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas are "very close" to reaching agreement on a framework deal to end the war in Gaza and ensure lasting peace in the Middle East, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said on Monday.

Leavitt, speaking on Fox News' "Fox and Friends" program, said President Donald Trump would discuss a 21-point peace plan with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House later on Monday. Trump will speak to leaders in Qatar, who have served as intermediaries with Hamas, on Monday, she said.



A Palestinian man carries his belongings during an Israeli military operation, after residents were ordered to evacuate Gaza City.

Finance Minister, UNICEF Rep. discuss collaborative efforts on child welfare, education

ISLAMABAD (APP): United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Representative in Pakistan, Ms. Pernille Ironside on Monday called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb to discuss collaborative efforts on child welfare, education, and climate challenges.

The Finance Minister appreciated the technical support and knowledge transfer provided by UNICEF in Pakistan. He highlighted the two existential challenges facing the country—climate change

and population growth—particularly their impact on child stunting and learning poverty, said a press release issued here.

He discussed the Country Partnership Framework signed with the World Bank, noting that nearly two-thirds of the USD 2 billion expected every year, under the program over the next ten years, would be directed toward addressing population-related challenges.

The Minister emphasized the importance of making the best use of avail-

able resources to address these pressing issues.

Senator Aurangzeb also underlined the important role of UNICEF and other development partners in supporting Pakistan's efforts, particularly through close collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change, Ministry of Population Welfare, and Ministry Of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.

He stressed the need for greater coordination in identifying priority areas and projects requiring interventions, and in providing

technical support and capacity building to the relevant ministries.

He further emphasized the importance of effective coordination between federal and provincial governments for the operationalization of such projects.

Ms. Ironside reaffirmed UNICEF's commitment to Pakistan, noting that UNICEF is actively working with relevant ministries and stakeholders across a broad range of sectors, with a particular focus on child care and girls' education.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chairing the kick-off meeting with the visiting IMF Review Mission at the Finance Division.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti presides over the meeting regarding Chief Minister Youth Skills Development Program.

80% of Pakistan Army fields now open to female recruits; NA informed

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly was informed today that eighty percent fields in the Pakistan Army are open for the recruitment of females.

Responding to a question during the Question Hour in the House today, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Zeb Jaffar further said over five thousand ladies are serving in the Pakistan Army and around seven hundred have been commissioned during the last three years.

She, however, said fields entailing extreme physical endurance and prolonged exposure to hostile environment are closed for women.

The Parliamentary Secretary said the career progression for females in the Pakistan Army is governed by a dedicated career management policy, which comprehensively encompasses inclusive as well as exclusive programs for the development and training of females throughout their service in the Army.

Responding to another question, Zeb Jaffar said Pakistan International Airlines has earned an operating profit of nine point three billion rupees and net profit of twenty-six billion rupees last year as a result of restructuring of the national flag carrier by the government.

22 inactive schools across Gwadar will be reopened

Independent Report

GWADAR: The district administration has announced the completion of the third phase of recruitment for vacant posts in the health and education departments. The hiring process was conducted transparently and on merit, aiming to strengthen public service delivery.

According to officials, 270 teachers have been appointed against 294 vacant posts in the education department, while 27 posts in the health department have been filled.

The administration has instructed all successful candidates to immediately report to their respective offices and assume responsibilities with dedication.

Jaffarabad DC reviews long delayed PHE Phase-II scheme

Independent Report

JAFFARABAD: Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad, Khalid Khan, along with Executive Engineer PHE Muhammad Kazim Luni, reviewed the long-delayed Public Health Engineering (PHE) Phase-II Scheme.

The project, approved under the Balochistan Special Development Initiative, aims to address chronic issues of clean drinking water supply. Kazim Luni briefed that budget allocation has been ensured, including repairs of filtration pond roofs, machinery upgradation, and other measures to remove all bottlenecks. Work has already started, and completion will bring long-awaited relief to residents.

The Deputy Commissioner said the scheme was approved keeping public welfare in mind and warned that no negligence would be tolerated.

NA passes Asaan Karobar Bill 2025

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly on Monday passed the Asaan Karobar Bill, 2025 clause by clause.

The bill was tabled by Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Minister for Board of Investment. It seeks to reform the regulatory framework governing business, trade, and investment by removing cumbersome procedures and complex requirements.

The legislation also provides for the establishment of the Pakistan Regulatory Registry and the Pakistan Business Portal to facilitate ease of doing business.

Bugti directs CMIT to ensure monitoring of development projects

QUETTA (APP):

Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, has directed the Chief Minister's Inspection Team (CMIT) to intensify oversight of all ongoing development projects across the province, ensuring effective accountability and strict adherence to quality works.

The directive was issued during a high-level review meeting on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP), where CMIT presented its performance report. CM Sarfraz Bugti expressed serious concern over reports of incomplete and substandard schemes, calling for immediate corrective measures.

The CM underscored the sanctity of public resources. "Every single rupee of public funds is a trust of the people, and substandard projects will not be tolerated under any circumstances," he declared.

He warned that officers and contractors responsible for negligence or misuse of funds would face strict disciplinary action, and that the accountability process would be made more rigorous and transparent. Sarfraz reiterated that the provincial government is committed to protecting public interests and will not allow any compromise on the quality or integrity of development initiatives.

To reinforce oversight, CM Sarfraz Bugti instructed CMIT to conduct regular field inspections of all PSDP schemes. In a symbolic move, he directed the team to begin its inspections from his own constituency, Bakkar, demonstrating personal accountability and leadership by example.



QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel in a group photo with delegation of Individual Land.

Minister urges PTI to stand with national institutions to fight terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Monday urged the leaders of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaaf (PTI) to stand with national institutions to wipe out menace of terrorism from the country.

PTI should change the irresponsible attitude and avoid working against the national interest, he said while talking to a private television channel.

Pakistan's importance is rising around the world



BARKHAN: Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran shaking hand with people of his constituency during meeting.

Commissioner Quetta hails Boostan SEZ as game-changer for Balochistan's economy

QUETTA (APP): Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzaib Khan Kakar hailed the Boostan Special Economic Zone (SEZ) as a transformative initiative for Balochistan's industrial and economic landscape.

During a visit to the SEZ on Monday, the commissioner said it will play a pivotal role in changing the destiny of the region in the near future.

He was accompanied by Vice Chairman of the Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade

(BBOIT), Bilal Khan Kakar, and Secretary of Industries, Muhammad Khalid Sarparah.

The high-level delegation, which also included Deputy Commissioner Pishin Mansoor Ahmed Qazi and local tribal elders, held a pivotal meeting with tribal representatives to discuss the land allotment process in detail.

Commissioner Shahzaib Kakar assured the community that all land-related matters would be handled transparently and

Vibrant parliamentary diplomacy essential to resolve shared challenges: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP):

National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Monday emphasized that vibrant parliamentary diplomacy is essential for promoting peace, fostering regional stability, and advancing development to effectively address shared global challenges.

Speaking with a high-level parliamentary delegation from Uzbekistan, led by Nuriddin Ismoilov, Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis, he welcomed their official visit to Islamabad and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to strengthening inter-parliamentary ties and fostering regional cooperation.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq expressed his appreciation for the historic and brotherly relations between Pakistan and Uzbekistan, which are rooted in shared faith, culture, and centuries-old civilizational ties. Speaker underlined the importance of platforms such as the Pakistan-Uzbekistan

Parliamentary Friendship Group in building stronger



liamentary collaboration and institutional links between the two nations. He also stated that Pakistan considers Uzbekistan a key partner in the region and is eager to expand ties in trade, energy, infrastructure, and connectivity.

Polio eradication campaign in Gwadar, Pasni to begin on October 13

Independent Report

GWADAR/PASNI: District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Abdul Latif Dashti conducted special training and briefing sessions for Lady Health Workers (LHWs), area in-charges, and UCMOs regarding the upcoming polio and MR vaccination campaign.

Dr. Dashti announced that the anti-polio drive will run across the province from October 13 to 19, targeting all children under five. He urged parents to ensure their children receive the drops, stressing that successful immunization campaigns are only possible with strong community participation.

Gwadar health dept issues appointment orders for 26 new recruits

GWADAR (Staff Reporter): The District Health Office Gwadar has issued appointment orders for 26 candidates against various vacant posts in the health department. According to the official notification, the newly appointed staff includes medical technicians, ECG and OT assistants, dispensers, lady health workers, vaccinators, sweepers, and support staff. The appointees have been directed to report at the District Health Office on September 30, 2025, with four attested sets of their educational documents. Health authorities said that these appointments would help address staffing shortages in Gwadar's healthcare facilities.

NHA assigned tasks to restore motorway M-5

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Federal Ministry of Communications in coordination with the Punjab Irrigation Department has accelerated efforts to restore Motorway M-5.

In this regard, Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan said that the damaged section of Motorway M-5 near Jalalpur Pirwala will be restored at the earliest and the National Highway Authority (NHA) has been assigned special tasks to ensure its timely rehabilitation, said a press release issued here on Monday.

He said that as soon

as the repair works of the Punjab Irrigation Department are completed, restoration of the Motorway will immediately begin and be finalized within 15 to 20 days.

He further noted that continuous liaison is being maintained with the Punjab Government to ensure swift and critical decision-making.

Punjab Minister for Irrigation Kazim Ali Pirzada informed that all breaches on the Motorway will be closed by the evening of October 4 after which a team of experts will carry out a technical review on October 6.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti expressing his views during Balochistan Assembly session.

Tufail discuss strengthening administration in Awaran, focus on relief, development

Independent Report

KHUZZAR: Commissioner Kalat Division, Dr. Tufail Baloch, held a detailed meeting with Awaran Deputy Commissioner, Engineer Ayesha Zehri, to discuss measures for establishing an integrated administrative system and providing maximum relief to citizens.

The commissioner emphasized the need for a comprehensive strategy to address public grievances, accelerate development projects in remote areas, and improve delivery of basic services. He appreciated the efforts of DC Ayesha Zehri,

Balochistan's first female Deputy Commissioner, for effectively managing administrative affairs in the challenging district of Awaran.

DC Zehri briefed the commissioner about ongoing projects, challenges, and her strategies to tackle them. Both officials agreed to further strengthen inter-district coordination to speed up relief delivery and improve governance.

This meeting is part of Balochistan government's ongoing administrative reforms aimed at ensuring better governance and public service delivery in remote districts.

Revolutionary public relief step: Construction of bus stop, passenger shelter begins

Muhammad Ramzan Lasi

SONMIANI, Windar: In a landmark move for public relief, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Windar, Rizwan Qadir, has initiated the long-awaited construction of a bus stop and passenger shelter at LG Mor, Windar.

For decades, passengers were forced to wait under the scorching sun, heavy rain, and dust, with women, students, and the elderly facing the greatest hardship. The new facility is expected to provide a safe, dignified, and comfortable waiting area for commuters. Speaking to the media, AC Rizwan Qadir Memon said:

"This is not just a bus

stop, it is a symbol of public dignity and comfort. Our mothers and sisters had to wait under the open sky, which was a matter of shame for any civilized society. My goal is to complete this project within a week and hand it over to the public."

He further emphasized that his office is a public trust, vowing to continue addressing the issues of Windar's residents with dedication.

The initiative has been widely welcomed by the local community, who praised AC Rizwan Qadir's efforts and expressed hope that more welfare projects will soon follow in Windar



BOSTAN: Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzaib Kakar and BBOIT Vice Chairman Bilal Kakar presides over the meeting of tribal elites while on the other hand Secretary Industries and others visiting Bostan Special Economic Zone.