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Field Marshal Asim reaffirms Pakistan's resolve to deepen defence ties with Malaysia

Malaysian PM appreciates longstanding ties, calls for enhanced bilateral cooperation

RAWALPINDI (APP): Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), undertook an official visit to Malaysia aimed at further strengthening bilateral defence and military cooperation.

The COAS called on the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim at Perdana Putra, Putrajaya, said a news release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

The meeting focused on bilateral relations, defence and security cooperation, and evolving regional and global security dynamics. Both leaders exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and underscored the importance of sustained engagement to promote regional peace, stability and security, it further said.

The Prime Minister warmly welcomed the Field Marshal and acknowledged the longstanding bonds of friendship, mutual trust and cooperation between Pakistan and Malaysia.

He reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations, particularly in the fields of defence and security.

The COAS appreciated Malaysia's constructive role in promoting peace and stability in Southeast Asia and reiterated Pakistan's resolve to further deepen defence cooperation and institutional linkages between the Armed Forces of both countries.

Both sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening bilateral defence ties through regular high-level exchanges, enhanced military cooperation and sustained dialogue on regional and interna-

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Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces (COAS & CDF) called on the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim at Perdana Putra, Putrajaya.

Naqvi meets PM Shehbaz after talks with Shujaat on new provinces, law and order

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday and briefed him on the country's law and order situation, hours after holding discussions with Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) chief Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain on the creation of new provinces and other national issues.

According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Naqvi briefed the premier on the overall law and order situation across the country.

"The two also discussed the prevailing national situation," the PMO's Media Wing said.

The meeting followed Naqvi's visit to Shujaat's Lahore residence earlier in the day, where the two discussed the country's political and security situation, the devolution of powers to the grassroots level and proposals for establishing new provinces.

Shujaat said the creation of new provinces was directly linked to public convenience, better governance, administrative efficiency and the country's future. He said strengthening and empowering administrative units could also be an effective way forward.

"Ordinary citizens are Pakistan's biggest stakeholders," he said, adding that the country would not forgive its leaders if they failed to take the right steps today. Naqvi said it was imperative to take all decisions in accordance with the wishes of the people of Pakistan. The interior minister also briefed Shujaat on measures taken to counter terrorism and maintain peace in Balochistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Raza Naqvi calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar witnessing the signing of an MoU between Pakistan's Board of Investment (BOI) and the Portuguese Trade and Investment Agency (AICEP), in Islamabad.

PM vows no cap on homes for poor, sets Rs. 1,000b disbursement target under Apna Ghar Programme

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday declared that there is no limit on the number of homes the government will build for the poor, vowing to construct millions if needed so that no deserving family is left without a roof over its head, and set an ambitious target of Rs.1,000 billion in disbursements under the Apna Ghar Programme over the next six months.

Addressing the ceremony held to mark the milestone of over Rs100 billion in loans reaching citizens under the Apna Ghar Programme, the prime minister said it was a matter of deep concern that while a few enjoy every comfort, a vast number of people are said, was not the Pakistan envisioned by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

The prime minister recalled how a visit to a widow's one-room rented home in Lahore, early in his career as a member of the Punjab Assembly, changed him and led to the Ashiana housing schemes in Punjab. The woman, who stitched clothes to feed her children and care for a seriously ill daughter, represented, he said, the reality faced by millions of families.

He said that housing schemes in the past had mostly served the elite, who did not need bank loans, while the real need was among labourers, widows, orphans and low-income families across Pakistan, including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. If the state could not provide even a roof to such families, he said, it had no right to rule.

The prime minister said the programme was launched in April 2026. In about six and a half months, he said, banks had disbursed Rs112 billion against loan sanctions of about Rs500 billion. He called this a good start but said the journey ahead is long and must be covered at "lightning speed".

He directed the finance minister, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) governor, the housing minister and the banks to aim for Rs1, 000 billion in disbursements in the next six months. He assured them that any hurdles and legal impediments would be removed jointly, without exposing banks to undue risk.

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ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Honorable Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi and President of the Court of Cassation of Türkiye Honorable Ömer Kerkez exchanging documents during MoU signing ceremony between The Court of Cassation of Türkiye and Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Pakistan, Türkiye sign MoU to strengthen judicial cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Türkiye on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen judicial cooperation through institutional exchanges, professional training and sharing of legal expertise.

The agreement was signed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi and President of Türkiye's Court of Cassation Ömer Kerkez during the visit of a high-level Turkish judicial delegation to the Supreme Court.

The MoU provides a framework for cooperation in judicial education, capacity building, legal research and professional training, including faculty exchanges and joint programmes between the Federal Judicial Academy of Pakistan and the Justice Academy of Türkiye.

Key areas of collaboration include cybercrime, financial crime, constitutionalism, human rights, judicial ethics, climate justice, gender-responsive justice, alternative dispute resolution and the use of technology in courts.

The agreement also envisages judicial exchanges, joint conferences, seminars and sharing of judgments and legal developments.

A Joint Working Group on Judicial Cooperation will identify priority areas, coordinate initiatives and monitor implementation.

Welcoming the delegation, Justice Yahya Afridi highlighted the historic and fraternal ties between Pakistan and Türkiye, recalling the support extended by the people of the subcontinent during Türkiye's struggle for independence and the contributions of Abdur Rehman Peshawri.

He said the agreement would translate these longstanding bonds into practical institutional cooperation. Referring to ongoing judicial reforms in Pakistan, he stressed the impor-

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Bilawal Bhutto urges

'Democratic reset' to rebuild public trust in parliament, judiciary and electoral process

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Monday called for a "democratic reset" to restore public confidence in state institutions, stressing that any effort to reform the country's governance system must be rooted in democracy, unity and public trust.

Addressing the Sindh Youth Card inauguration ceremony in Karachi, Bilawal said, "If there has to be a reset, it should only be a democratic one. Through the proposed reset, we must rebuild the confidence of the public in the parliament, judiciary, election process, and accountability."

The PPP chairman said Pakistan was facing multiple challenges, including economic instability, conflict, terrorism, climate change and emerging threats linked to artificial intelligence, which required a united national response.

Reflecting on his two decades in politics, the PPP chairman said he had interacted with numerous politicians during his political journey but was now disappointed with the state of affairs.

He said if he himself felt disappointed, the level of frustration among ordinary citizens, particularly young people, could only be imagined.

Bilawal stressed that restoring public trust in the political and institutional system was essential for the country to move forward,

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Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari inaugurated the Sindh Youth Card during a ceremony in Karachi, initially offering new opportunities to 100,000 young people across the province.

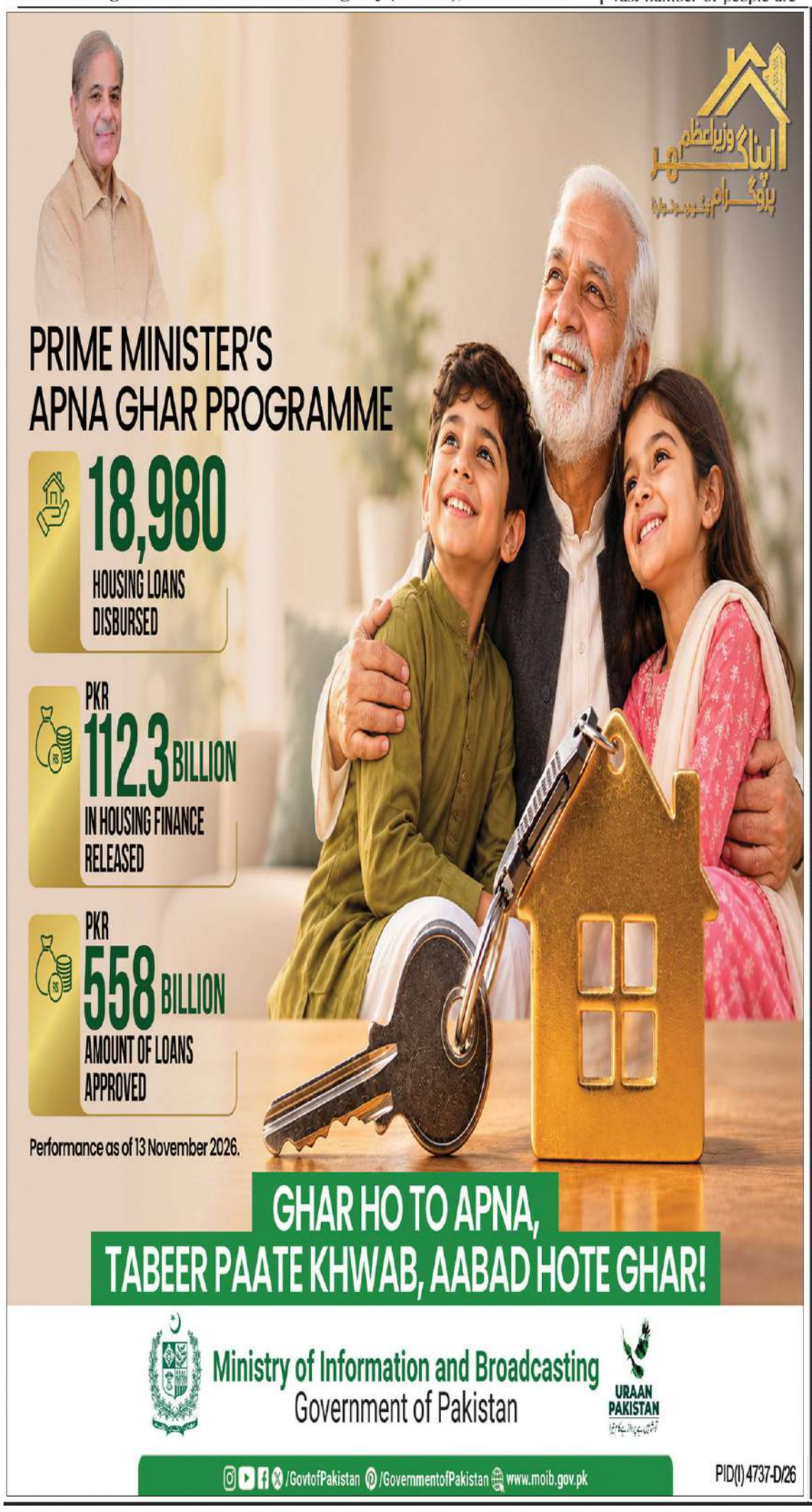
Government must ensure safety of commercial vehicles: Malik Baloch

QUETTA (ANN): National Party President and former Balochistan chief minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch has called on the government to ensure the protection of buses, trucks, oil tankers and other commercial vehicles, expressing concern over alleged extortion, vehicle abductions and ransom demands affecting transporters in the province.

sands of households relying on the safe and uninterrupted movement of commercial vehicles for their livelihoods. The National Party leader alleged that various groups were intercepting vehicles, abducting them and demanding ransom, while transporters were also facing alleged extortion at checkpoints. He urged the authorities to take immediate and effective



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar, Mir Ziaullah Lango, MPAs Mir Zabid Ali Reki and Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman expressing their views during Balochistan Assembly session.



PSL 12 opening ceremony, inaugural match to be held in Peshawar: Mohsin Naqvi

KP Governor Kundi reverses PTI decision to rename Peshawar stadium after Imran Khan

PESHAWAR (APP): Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman and Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi here on Monday announced that Peshawar would host the opening ceremony and inaugural match of the 12th edition of Pakistan Super League (PSL) next year.

Addressing a joint press conference with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi here, Mohsin Naqvi described the announcement as a major development for cricket lovers in the province, saying that the PSL opening ceremony and first match would be held in Peshawar after a gap of 12 years.

"The biggest announcement today, for which I congratulate both the Governor and Peshawar Zalmi, is that after 12 years, PSL will hold its opening ceremony and first match in Peshawar," he said. He added that several matches of the tournament would also be played in the provincial capital, while the detailed schedule would be finalised by the PSL management. The PSL would be held from March 18 to May 2, 2027.

The PCB chairman said Peshawar Zalmi owner Javed Afridi and cricket enthusiasts had also been keenly looking forward to bringing the prestigious tournament to the provincial capital.

Nohsin Naqvi expressed optimism about the revival of cricket in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, observing that the law and order situation in the province was improving rapidly.

He recalled that Governor Faisal Karim Kundi had repeatedly advocated the revival and promotion of cricket in the province during their meetings, even before the imposition of Governor's rule and emergency on October 11.

"Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has produced some remarkable stars for Pakistan's national cricket team. I strongly believe that with proper promotion, streamlining and collective efforts.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Honorable Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi meeting with President of the Court of Cassation of Türkiye Honorable Ömer Kerkez at Supreme Court.

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The prime minister said banks had initially been reluctant to enter this segment because of comfortable returns on treasury bills and government deposits. He praised those that came forward and said he was told the scheme was free of corruption and nepotism.

He recalled a beneficiary from Peshawar saying that no one had asked him about his party affiliation, and called this a mark of transparency and merit. He said he had told bankers that even a wrongful recommendation from the prime minister should be reported to him by phone, as the resources belong to the people who deserve them.

Announcing recognition for the top five high-performing banks, he said they would be given blue passports, with a notification to be issued the same day. He said it would be for each bank's owners or CEOs to decide who would hold them. He added that the recognition also carries responsibility, as any delay in genuine loan approvals would now be attributed to them.

The prime minister said an unencumbered, clear title is the main requirement for a loan, and that other documentation should be handled by banks by helping applicants rather than turning them away. He said some banks had claimed to be unaware of the scheme, which he described as unacceptable, and urged them to set up dedicated cells.

Responding to the ABAD chairman's suggestions, the prime minister said he welcomed a proposed tripartite coordination involving the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD), the SBP governor, the builders and the banks, and directed the finance minister to hold a meeting with the housing minister and housing secretary. "We want results," he said, and he said he was ready to support the effort if it truly helped build homes.

He thanked Federal Minister for Housing and Works Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, the SBP governor and Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema for their efforts, and appreciated Information Minister Attaullah Tarar's publicity. He said he sought publicity for the scheme itself so that its message reaches villages, deserts and mountains across the country.

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tance of exchanging experiences and adopting best practices to improve access to justice, predictability and accountability.

Ömer Kerkez appreciated the hospitality extended to the delegation and highlighted shared values of justice and impartiality between the two countries. He also emphasised the need for closer judicial cooperation to address emerging challenges relating to digitalisation, artificial intelligence, cross-border disputes and increasingly complex economic relations.

The signing ceremony was attended by Supreme Court judges, chief justices of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and high courts, the federal law minister, the attorney general for Pakistan, members of the district judiciary, representatives of the legal fraternity and other dignitaries.

The agreement marks a new step towards strengthening institutional ties between the judiciaries of Pakistan and Türkiye.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets citizens who benefited from Prime Minister's Apna Ghar Program.

President extends greetings to Sikh community on Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birth anniversary

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has extended warm greetings to the Sikh community in Pakistan and around the world on the birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji, highlighting his teachings of peace, equality, compassion and service to humanity.

In his message issued on the occasion, the president said the teachings of Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism, continued to inspire people across religious and geographical boundaries through the values of honest work, sharing with others and respect for humanity.

Recalling the spiritual and cultural significance of Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji in Sindh, President Zardari said generations of Sindhis, including many Sindhi Hindus, had revered him and followed his teachings through the Nanakpanthi tradition. He said this devotion reflected Sindh's longstanding tradition of religious diversity, mutual respect and rejection of discrimination based on religion or caste.

The president also highlighted the historical and religious significance of gurdwaras and Guru Nanak darbars in Sindh, particularly in Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Shikarpur. He said these places of worship continued to preserve traditions of prayer, recitation of sacred hymns and langar, promoting equality, fellowship and service to humanity.

President Zardari noted that Pakistan was home to some of the most sacred Sikh religious sites, including Gurdwara Janam Asthan in Nankana Sahib and Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, Narowal, which hold deep historical and spiritual significance for Sikhs worldwide.

He also highlighted the importance of the Kartarpur Corridor, saying it had provided Sikh pilgrims from India access to one of their holiest religious sites and created opportunities for religious observance and people-to-people contact across borders.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to protecting the rights of all citizens.

Pak, Portugal agree..

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in Islamabad. Dar also proposed holding a bilateral leadership summit in the third or fourth quarter of 2027, alongside establishing Parliamentary Friendship Groups in both houses of Pakistan's Parliament and the Portuguese legislature.

The deputy prime minister invited Portuguese enterprises to invest in Pakistan through the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC).

He told the media that the Board of Investment (BOI) and Portugal's trade and investment agency (AICEP) would sign an MoU on investment protection later in the day at the Pakistan-Portugal Business Forum.

Both sides also reviewed progress on amending their Double Taxation Convention and updating investment protection frameworks.

He said that the two countries signed a MoU abolishing visa requirements for diplomatic passport holders, expressing the hope that similar arrangements would follow for official passports and eventually ordinary passports after the JMC convenes.

Dar emphasized learning from Portugal's expertise in olive cultivation and processing following Pakistan's admission as a permanent member of the International Olive Council in Lisbon on June 30.

He welcomed the partnership between Portuguese football club FC Porto and the Sialkot Football Academy to launch the youth training program, proposing broader exchanges in coaching, youth tournaments, and sports science.

Deputy Prime Minister Dar thanked Portugal for supporting Pakistan's European Union GSP+ status and sought Lisbon's continued backing under the upcoming EU framework, referring to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent positive engagements with EU leadership on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

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tional security issues.

Upon arrival at the Ministry of Defence Malaysia (MINDEF), Kuala Lumpur, the Field Marshal was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour. General Tan Sri Haji Malek Razak Sulaiman, Chief of Defence Force of Malaysia, along with the Chiefs of the Malaysian Army, Royal Malaysian Navy and Royal Malaysian Air Force, were present on the occasion.

During his meeting with the Honourable Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin, Minister of Defence of Malaysia, both sides discussed matters of mutual interest, with particular emphasis on expanding bilateral defence cooperation, strengthening military-to-military engagements and exploring new avenues of collaboration between the Armed Forces of the two countries.

The Field Marshal will also visit the National Defence Studies Centre (PUSPAHANAS), Malaysia, where a formal ceremony is being held to induct him as the 21st member of its prestigious Hall of Fame.

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calling for an approach that prioritised people's welfare over political divisions.

He also proposed leveraging technology to curb corruption and improve governance, saying a united Pakistan would be better positioned to tackle future crises.

Speaking against the backdrop of conflict in the Middle East and concerns about a potential global economic crisis, Bilawal urged political parties to abandon divisive politics and focus on public welfare. He said the country needed a governance system capable of responding to emerging challenges and stressed that public confidence in such a system could only be built through unity.

"Pakistan can confront a range of crises, from economic hardship and conflict to terrorism and climate-related disasters, through collective efforts and a renewed commitment to democratic governance," he explained. Calls for a reset of Pakistan's governance system have gained momentum amid growing political polarisation and debate over institutional reforms. The debate intensified in July, when Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi declared that the existing governance structure had failed and called for a comprehensive overhaul, including the creation of new administrative units. The proposal received support from military spokesperson Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, who said an administrative reset, if required.

APHC calls for international action on Kashmir dispute

ISLAMABAD (APP): The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has called on the international community to hold India accountable for alleged human rights violations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and ensure the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

In a press statement issued on Monday, the APHC said the people of IIOJK had been denied their fundamental human, civil and democratic rights for the past 78 years, including the right to life.

It said repression, arbitrary restrictions and the use of force had made daily life increasingly difficult for the people of the occupied territory.

The APHC maintained that denying Kashmiris their right to self-determination was contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter and relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

It also questioned India's claims of being the world's largest democracy, saying that Kashmiris continued to be deprived of the right to decide their political future.

The APHC urged the international community not to remain silent and called for a free and impartial plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with relevant UN resolutions.

It said no force could suppress the people's demand for freedom and their right to determine their future.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman PNRA, Zia Hussain Shah, along with the Commandant PCENS Muhammad Saleem and IAEA Unit Head Dr. Mohammed Alqahtani, inaugurates the 10-year commemorative monument marking a decade since Pakistan first hosted the NSSC Network Meeting.

FC Balochistan North supports 67 educational institutions across 24 districts

Independent report

QUETTA: The Frontier Corps (FC) Balochistan North is supporting 67 schools and colleges across 24 districts of Balochistan, where around 1,000 local teachers are providing education to approximately 30,000 students in remote areas. In addition, more than 200 local children are receiving education at some of the country's leading educational institutions through scholarships sponsored by FC Balochistan North.

To recognise and encourage outstanding academic performance, FC Balochistan North organised a special ceremony honouring high-achieving students, teachers and educational staff from across the province.

During the event, certificates of appreciation, cash prizes, trophies, scholarships and laptops were distributed among students who demonstrated outstanding academic performance. Parents of the students and local residents attended the ceremony in large numbers. Participants appreciated the educational initiatives of FC Balochistan North, describing them as an important step towards promoting education and creating better opportunities for the future of Balochistan.



TENDER NOTICE

TSE-2627111227563 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 Bolan Medical College invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2026 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates

Tender Fee 1000 PKR and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	Repair works of College Hostels	9,622,000

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 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 6,735,400 PKR Amount in2 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 And Specialized Code is C6 (11) . **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee,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 1,000 PKR **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to 10 December, 2026during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10 December, 2026till 12:00 PM. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00 PM Address: Bolan Medical College Quetta

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TENDER NOTICE

1. Regional Directorate Anti-Narcotics Force Balochistan / Coastal are required bids for "Repair & Maintenance of Vehicles" from registered and experienced (relevant) companies/contractors/vendors (Automobile Workshops) for the FY 2026-27.
2. Bids shall be uploaded (online) on Federal Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) / EPADS V2.0 portal before the closing date as mentioned on PPRA website. **Manual submission of Bids shall not be entertained.** The vendor shall not be blacklisted by any firm / organization. The vendor will also submit an undertaking that the firm has not been blacklisted. All terms, conditions and procedures are mentioned on PPRA website.
3. Any query / information, bidder can contact to Regional Directorate Anti-Narcotics Force Balochistan, Quetta Cantt.

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S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	INSTALLATION OF 43 No SINGLE ARM SOLAR STREET LIGHTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT IN TEHSIL MUSAKAHIL, TEHSIL DRUG, TEHSIL KINGRI, TEHSIL TOISAR AND RARASHAM	13,000,000

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 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 9,100,000 PKR Amount in3 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 And Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works) , EE11(vv) (Installation of Solar Power LED Street Lighting System).

Submission of the required Bid Security @3% of estimated cost (Non-confidential, without envelope). In case Bid Security is not submitted, the bidding firm shall be declared as ineligible / nonresponsive. Submission of the required Bidding document Fee Rs.1500/- in account C03870 in Shape of Green Challan. BPPRA Generated E-Challan (in case not provided the firm should be considered non-Eligible) Submit a Rs.100 stamp affidavit (attested by 1st class magistrate) with TSE number and work title, confirming all bid information is accurate. Forged or false data will lead to blacklisting and forfeiture of the guarantee or deposit. Submit a Rs.100 stamp Power of Attorney (attested by 1st class magistrate) with TSE number and work title for written confirmation at time of bid submission authorizing a person (with Name & CNIC #) to submit the Bid. **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee,Deposit at Call of 3 % 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 1,500 PKR **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to 07 December, 2026during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 07 December, 2026till 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: Address UC Office Kingri

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CORRIGENDUM

The following changes are made in NIT No. DAB/AB No. 524 dated 04-11-2026 for Pre-Qualification of Consulting Engineering Firms as Proof Engineers (Structural Design Vetting): 1. The requirement of PEC service codes 0542 (Design Review), 0532 (Structural Design) and 0538 (Earthquake Engineering) is deleted. Applicants shall hold a valid PEC Consulting Engineer licence with Project Profile Code 1201 (Buildings). 2. The last date for submission of applications is extended to 07-12-2026 at 11:00 AM. Applications will be opened the same day at 11:30 AM. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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S.No	Class of Object	Bid Security
1	Medical Equipment and Accessories (Total Item(s) Count: 2)	3%

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 3,713,038 in Previous 3 Years Turn over of at least 4,331,877 PKR in 3 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List Sales Tax Certificate The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan JV is not permissible Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and non-responsive Submission of the required Bidding document Fee **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee,Deposit at Call of 3 % 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.gob.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk **Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 10 December, 2026till 09:45 AM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 10:45 AM on EPPS System Address: Assistany Director, Local Govt & Rural Development Deppt Quetta Phone no: 0081920209 Email: sadlgrdquetta@gmail.com

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Dummar pledges continued public engagement for regional development

Independent Report

SANJAVI: Provincial Minister for Community Management Department and Chairman Balochistan Food Authority Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummar has said that regular interaction with the public, consultation and joint efforts would remain central to addressing local issues and advancing development in Sanjavi and adjoining areas.

He was speaking at a political gathering held in Killi Batte Ter, Sanjavi, where a number of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam members announced their decision to join his political group along with their families and supporters.

The minister said the arrival of new members would strengthen ties with the local population and create greater opportunities for coordinated efforts aimed at resolving community problems and promoting development.

Among those who joined the group were Malik Aqal Shah Bazai, president of the Bazai Youth Organization, under the leadership of Haji Muhammad Salman, as well as Haji Taj Muhammad, Mian Khan, Kismatullah, Muhammad Azam, Muhammad Ali, Mir Hamza, Saifullah, Kaleemullah, Shamsullah and Ikramullah, besides several other supporters.

The event was attended by a number of political and tribal figures, including Malik Lajwar Khan Dummar, Municipal Committee Sanjavi Chairman Haji Khan Muhammad Dummar, Union Council Kazha Chairman Haji Nasruddin Tareen, Union Council Baghaw Chairman Nizamuddin Dummar and Deputy Chairman Dunya Khan Bacha Andar.

Religious scholars, local representatives and community elders also participated in the gathering.

Welcoming the new entrants, Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummar thanked them for placing their trust in his leadership and said he would continue maintaining direct contact with residents and taking up their concerns through consultation.

He emphasized that meaningful public participation and collective action were necessary to find lasting solutions to local problems and ensure progress in the area.

The provincial minister expressed optimism that the inclusion of the new supporters would broaden his political outreach and further reinforce joint efforts for development in Sanjavi and its surrounding communities.

The gathering ended with a group photograph followed by a tea reception for the participants.



QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Chaman Habib Ahmed Bangulzai meeting with acting Governor Balochistan Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Haji Muhammad Khan Lehri and MPA Zamrak Khan Achakzai meeting with Provincial Minister for Health Bakht Muhammad Kakar.

Ombudsman orders immediate measures to improve conditions at Quetta central jail

Independent Report

QUETTA: Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan Saadatullah Khan Bazai has directed the relevant authorities to ensure the provision of basic facilities to prisoners and address shortcomings relating to sanitation, overcrowding, electricity and other administrative matters at Quetta Central Jail.

Acting on his special instructions, a team of directors and officials from the Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat conducted an unannounced inspection of the prison to evaluate living conditions and assess the facilities available to inmates.

The inspection covered several sections of the jail, including prison wards, facilities for female and juvenile inmates, the hospital, dental clinic, mini laboratory, kitchen, library and other areas.

The visiting officials also interacted with prisoners and jail personnel, listened to their concerns and issued instructions on matters requiring prompt attention. The inspection revealed a number of deficiencies, including the absence of hot water for ablution during Fajr prayers, inadequate sanitation, overcrowding and problems with electricity supply.

The delegation instructed the jail superintendent to undertake practical measures to improve cleanliness, provide hot water and ensure other essential facilities for inmates. It also directed coordination with the concerned departments to resolve electricity-related and administrative issues.

The team reviewed the prison's educational, vocational and rehabilitation initiatives and appreciated the handicraft and vocational training centre for female prisoners. It also took note of computer and fine arts classes for juvenile inmates, along with the library and futsal ground.

Officials termed these initiatives encouraging steps towards improving prisoners' education, rehabilitation and eventual reintegration into society.

The delegation also stressed the need for stronger measures to prevent drug use inside the prison and called for further improvement in programmes focused on inmate welfare, skills development and rehabilitation.

Following the inspection, a comprehensive report containing observations and recommendations was submitted to Ombudsman Saadatullah Khan Bazai for appropriate action under the law, with the objective of addressing the identified deficiencies and improving overall conditions at the facility.

Transparency, merit assured in federal recruitment: DC Hub

Independent Report

HUB: Deputy Commissioner Hub Captain (Retd.) Jumma Dad Khan Mandokhail has reiterated that transparency, merit and equal opportunity will remain the guiding principles in the recruitment process for vacant positions in federal departments.

Interviews continued for the second consecutive day in the Hub region, with candidates from Hub and Wadh appearing before the designated recruitment panels. Their educational qualifications, academic credentials and other required documents were examined as part of the selection process.

The recruitment interviews are being conducted under special directives of Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, aimed at ensuring a transparent and merit-based selection process.

According to the district administration, all interview panels are functioning, while comprehensive administrative, logistical and security arrangements have been put in place to facilitate candidates and ensure the proceedings continue smoothly. Deputy Commissioner Mandokhail is personally supervising the process, with particular attention to document verification, administrative discipline and strict adherence to merit.

Force cannot resolve constitutional demands, says Maulana Wasey

Independent Report

KINGRI, MUSAKHEL: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl Balochistan President Senator Maulana Abdul Wasey has said that constitutional and national demands should be addressed through political dialogue and democratic engagement rather than force, intimidation or confrontation.

Addressing the Tahaffuz-e-Deeni Madaris Conference in Kingri, Musakhel district, the JUI-F leader stressed the importance of constitutional supremacy, protection of religious seminaries and safeguarding the legitimate rights of Balochistan's people over their natural and mineral resources.

Maulana Abdul Wasey questioned the government's alleged expenditure of billions of rupees on ceremonial and publicity activities, saying greater attention should instead be given to public grievances and the state's constitutional and legal responsibilities.

He said Balochistan continued to face significant challenges because of what he described as ineffective governance, inappropriate policies and persistent neglect of issues affecting ordinary citizens.

The JUI-F leader maintained that sustainable development in the province required greater public participation in decision-making, fair distribution of resources and adherence to constitutional principles, while religious and national identities should also be protected.

He said political issues and constitutional demands could not be resolved through coercive measures and called for meaningful engagement among stakeholders to address differences.

The conference was also addressed by JUI-F Balochistan General Secretary Agha Mahmood Shah, Hafiz Muhammad Yousaf, Maulana Kamaluddin, Maulana Ghulam Sarwar Musakhel, Balochistan Assembly Opposition Leader Mir Younus Aziz Zehri, Asghar Khan Tareen and other party leaders.

The speakers reaffirmed their support for constitutional supremacy, protection of religious seminaries and the rights of local communities over the province's natural and mineral wealth.



QUETTA: MPA Malik Naeem Khan Bazai meeting with Provincial Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango.

Public grievance redressal, basic facilities top priorities: Achakzai

Independent Report

ZIARAT: Deputy Commissioner Ziarat Abdul Quddus Achakzai has directed government departments to ensure prompt and transparent resolution of public complaints, stressing that the provision of basic facilities and effective public service remain key priorities of the district administration.

He expressed these views while meeting residents from various parts of Ziarat at his office, where citizens presented individual and collective complaints and submitted applications concerning issues affecting their daily lives.

The deputy commissioner listened to the grievances and directed the relevant officials to take immediate action on legitimate complaints. He emphasized that applications should be dealt with strictly on merit, transparently and without unnecessary delays. Abdul Quddus Achakzai said timely grievance redressal, transparency and public service were fundamental responsibilities of government institutions. He assured residents that available resources would be utilized to improve essential services and address genuine public concerns.

He said his office would remain accessible to citizens and encouraged people to approach the district administration without hesitation whenever they faced difficulties requiring official intervention.

The deputy commissioner also hosted a tea reception in honor of renowned local singer Maqam Shah in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of Ziarat's cultural traditions and regional music.

The gathering also provided an opportunity to discuss the preservation of local cultural heritage, artistic traditions and the promotion of music and performing arts.

Appreciating Maqam Shah's artistic services, Achakzai described local artists as valuable assets who contribute significantly to preserving cultural identity and projecting a positive image of their communities. He emphasized the importance of encouraging emerging local talent and safeguarding Ziarat's distinctive cultural heritage so that its traditions could be passed on to future generations.

DC Quetta says: No child should remain deprived of polio drops

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Mehrullah Badini on Monday chaired a meeting to discuss preparations for an "extended campaign" aimed at administering polio drops to children whose parents have firmly refused vaccination.

Officials from the Health Department and the Polio Program attended the meeting and provided a detailed briefing regarding the campaign.

It was decided that during this extended campaign, Assistant Commissioners and magistrates would perform their duties in the field, they would take effective measures to persuade parents who have previously adamantly refused to allow their children to receive polio drops.

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Mehrullah Badini, directed all relevant departments to play their part with mutual cooperation and a sense of responsibility to ensure the complete eradication of polio and to guarantee that every child has access to the vaccine. He emphasized the firm resolve that no child should remain deprived of polio drops.



SANJAVI: Provincial Minister for Commodity Management and Chairman Balochistan Food Authority in a group photo with those who joined party.

PTI Balochistan backs BUJ demands for journalists' rights, press freedom

QUETTA (PR): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Balochistan President Dawood Shah Kakar has expressed full support for the Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) Charter of Demands, describing press freedom as an essential pillar of democracy and calling for protection of journalists' rights.

According to a statement issued by the PTI Balochistan provincial secretariat, a delegation led by PTI Quetta Division President Zain-ul-Abideen Khan Khilji visited the journalists' protest camp outside the Quetta Press Club on the instructions of the provincial president and conveyed solidarity with the protesting journalists.

The delegation voiced concern over alleged restrictions on press freedom, forced layoffs of journalists and media workers, closure of bureau offices and violations of workers' rights.

Dawood Shah Kakar called for an immediate halt to what he described as unlawful dismissals, timely clearance of outstanding payments owed to journalists and amendments to the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) through consultation with representative journalist organizations.

He also called for the withdrawal of what he termed baseless cases against media houses and urged authorities to take effective measures to protect journalists from threats, harassment and restrictions on freedom of expression.

The PTI provincial president alleged that his party's leaders and workers had also faced restrictions on access to press clubs, arrests, legal proceedings and political pressure. He said PTI would continue extending support to the journalist community and raising its voice for press freedom.

Reaffirming the party's support for the BUJ Charter of Demands, Dawood Shah Kakar said PTI Balochistan would raise the issue at every available forum, particularly regarding journalists' legitimate rights, job security, protection of media workers and freedom of the press.



QUETTA: Provincial President ANP Asghar Khan Achakzai taking oath from newly elected members of PSF.

PkNAP urges immediate wheat procurement to prevent shortage, price hike

QUETTA (ANN): The Pakhtunkhwa National Awami Party (PkNAP) has called on the Balochistan government to immediately arrange wheat supplies and build adequate reserves, warning that continued delays could trigger a shortage of flour and further increase prices in the province.

In a statement issued by its provincial secretariat, the party expressed concern over the reported absence of government-held wheat stocks and urged the authorities to approach the Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services Corporation (PASCO) for the urgent supply of wheat.

PkNAP warned that failure to secure sufficient stocks could create serious supply pressures during the next three to four months, before the arrival of the new wheat crop. It said inadequate planning and delayed decisions could affect flour mill operations and place an additional burden on low-income households, laborers and daily-wage earners.

The party questioned the non-utilization of an allocation of Rs5.75 billion for the Food Department during the current financial year, asking why wheat procurement had not yet been completed despite the availability of funds.

It further claimed that a procurement summary had been submitted to the chief minister for approval, but the process had yet to be finalized. Referring to remarks made by the provincial food minister in the Balochistan Assembly, PkNAP said the minister had acknowledged that the province currently had no government wheat reserves and had not procured wheat since 2024.

The party urged the provincial government to immediately negotiate with PASCO for wheat supplies, make arrangements for their timely transportation and ensure adequate stocks remain available until the next harvest.

Modern technology to enhance public services, road safety: DIG

QUETTA (ANN): National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) West Zone Deputy Inspector General Dr. Quresh Khan has emphasized the use of modern technology to improve public services, enhance road safety and bring greater transparency and efficiency to administrative affairs.

He expressed these views while inaugurating a Public Service Vehicles Management Information System (PSVMIS) point in Quetta, terming the facility a significant move toward modernizing service delivery for citizens and passengers.

Dr. Quresh Khan said the digital system would help streamline public service-related procedures, facilitate passengers and improve the overall efficiency of departmental operations. He noted that technology-driven mechanisms could also ensure faster service delivery and greater transparency in official processes.

The DIG said the NHMP was focused on providing quality services to motorists and passengers while taking practical measures to promote safer travel on national highways.

He described the establishment of the PSVMIS point as part of the department's broader efforts to introduce modern technological solutions and strengthen its public-oriented services.



QUETTA: Senior Politician Nawabzada Haji Lashkari Raisani addressing journalists protest sit-in against dismisal of employees, closed bureau offices.

NAB Balochistan to hold open court for public complaints on November 26

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QUETTA: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan will hold an open court on Thursday, November 26, to receive complaints from citizens regarding major financial corruption cases falling within its legal jurisdiction. According to an official notification, Director General NAB Balochistan will personally hear public complaints from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the bureau's Regional Office located on Shahrah-e-Gulistan in Quetta Cantonment. The public hearing is being arranged in line with directives of the NAB chairman, under which open courts are held on the last Thursday of every month to provide citizens with an opportunity to directly present complaints before senior officials.

DC Chaman directs to improve law & order for ensuring protection of public lives

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Chaman, Habib Ahmed Bangulzai on Monday issued directives to the district administration and police officials to further strengthen security measures, with the aim of maintaining law and order across the district and ensuring the protection of the public's lives and property.

In this regard, Assistant Commissioner (Saddar) Chaman, Ms. Ida Judith Gill, Assistant Commissioner (City) Chaman, Azizullah Khan Kakar, the SP of Chaman, and the DSP of Chaman have been instructed to effectively continue snap-checking, patrolling, and surprise roadblocks at various key locations, including the city's entry and exit points.

The Deputy Commissioner has directed that during these checks, thorough searches of suspicious individuals, vehicles, and motorcyclists along with necessary questioning and the verification of identification documents must be ensured.

Furthermore, immediate action must be taken in the event of any suspicious activity.

He emphasized that there would be no compromise when it comes to maintaining law and order, preventing crime, and ensuring the safety of citizens saying that the district administration and the police are to discharge their duties through mutual coordination and a unified strategy, ensuring a safe and peaceful environment for the public.

The Deputy Commissioner of Chaman has instructed the relevant authorities to maintain consistency in security measures and to ensure effective surveillance of all entry and exit points, as well as sensitive locations.



QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehrullah Badini presides over the meeting regarding establishment of IT Hub and Digital skills.

Establishment of IT Hub significant step toward honing potential of youth: DC Quetta

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Quetta, Meherullah Badini on Monday said that the establishment of the IT Hub is a significant step toward honing the potential of the youth and aligning their capabilities with the demands of the modern era.

He said this while presiding over a meeting regarding Information Technology (IT) Hub here.

The meeting was attended by Director of IT, Assistant Commissioner (City) Amir Hamza and the IT Officer.

During the meeting, a detailed briefing was provided on the IT Hub initiative, which aims to equip youth with modern digital skills by offering training in areas such as digital marketing, e-commerce, advanced IT competencies, and other cutting-edge technological fields.

Discussions also covered various strategies to create new employment opportunities for the youth, promote freelancing, and integrate them into the modern digital economy.

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He directed the relevant authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure the project is effective and result-oriented, enabling the youth of Balochistan to secure dignified employment through advanced IT skills.

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Theatre control

The Punjab government, after the passage of the Punjab Dramatic and Theatrical Performances Bill 2026, may find itself in choppy waters. The bill has sparked significant debate and anger both within and outside the House. It stipulates registration, script approvals, screening of the content for obscenity or defamatory and inflammatory material, and requires organisers to seek permission 15 days prior to holding events and performances. The provincial minister for information and culture defended it as an attempt to regulate, not ban, these performances as well as make them family-friendly.

Punjabi theatre, which originates from folk traditions, centralises relatability and familiarity, preferring derision over finesse. Sadly, instead of becoming a unique aspect of the cultural economy, the lack of state patronage has left artists at the mercy of private sponsors and ticket revenues. Since its descent into bawdiness did not happen overnight, an overhaul ought to be gradual and empathetic. Such ill-thought-out moves reveal a colonial mindset that has little time for poor artists and backstage staff. Framing a holistic cultural policy that grants validity, funds, training, and institutional support ensures decency, quality and job creation. Over the years, attempts to censor, not alleviate the pressure to survive through commercialisation, reveal an absence of foresight. Indigenous theatre, focused on storytelling with song and dance, is a record of our cultural heritage. This massive industry, comprising workers, troupes, theatre owners, lead artists and more, must be incentivised to produce performances that are within the bounds of reason and earthy. Regulatory frameworks must respect freedom of expression. Punjab's theatre should be revitalised as the acclaimed art form it once was. Its present state warns our policymakers and society that neglected cultural expression assumes cheaper avatars to carry on as affordable entertainment, and keeps a community alive. Hence, this bill is not a feather in anyone's cap.

Islamic education

Ghulam Shabbir

Where the Judeo-Christian tradition — despite its long coexistence with and exposure to Hellenism — failed at the fusion of religious and pure intellectual streams of thought, Islam sutured the fabric of transcendental and empirical reality so seamlessly that it gushed forth to spread like a prairie fire from Baghdad to India, Transoxiana and further still. The Quran so vigorously fired the imagination of Muslims and implanted philosophic spirit in them that within a short time they mastered the sciences and were at the helm of world affairs.

However, orthodox elements blew this fusion of metaphysical and social reality into shreds and after a few centuries, the real 'dark ages' of Muslims set in. The clergy was left with little more than a threadbare formal structure of ideas. How did things come to such a pass?

It was a protracted war between orthodox elements and philosophers, fought from rigid positions which shaped the content of Islamic education and Muslim attitude towards philosophy and positive sciences, of which both Muslim thought and philosophy paid the price.

The capture of Bait al-Hikma at Baghdad by the Mu'tazila, with an Abbasid inquisition board, was a shot across the bow to the ulema to make them realise how vital an education system is to state and society. So they set about to organise and control education. Thus, Nizamiyya Baghdad was the first orthodox college of higher learning where Ghazali served as professor. At almost the same time occurred the philosophical movement, which was critical of religion.

Ghazali saved religious thought from the critique of philosophers, but his wholesale rejection of philosophy and positive sciences proved a watershed event for later developments, as his community took his statements as 'eternal truth' rather than an overreaction to an extreme historical challenge.

Both philosophers and orthodoxy failed to mediate their rigidity. However, he failed to appreciate that no structure of ideas can survive without constant interaction with a living and growing stream of positive and scientific thought, and banishment of positive sciences can deal a deadly blow to knowledge as an organic whole.

Ibn Khaldun warned philosophers that the balance (intellect), meant to weigh gold, cannot weigh down mountains and told orthodoxy that ulema severed from Sitz im leben and social realities cannot be the real successors of the Prophet (PBUH).

In a nutshell, both philosophers and orthodoxy failed to mediate their rigidity and went off a cliff.

So, where philosophers outraged theology by interpreting the Quran through the lens of Hellenistic thought, orthodoxy proscribed philosophy, positive sciences and their instrument, human reason. Free thought, by its very nature, is bound to exceed on certain points, but its remedy is not to stifle it but to keep on criticising it to reach a balanced conclusion.

However, rise of philosophy in Islam was sporadic and individual. It never took the form of a movement or a tradition of enduring roots, as was the case in ancient Greece and the modern West. Confined to theological problems, the Mu'tazila's rationalism was not purely philosophical as the fulcrum of their thought was to know whether free will was compatible with the idea of a Just God.

Muslim philosophers were too enamoured of metaphysical heights to climb down to ethics. Had they made Sharia an object of study, the subsequent history of philosophy and Islamic thought could have been different. Thus, since orthodoxy's triumph against philosophy, Ghazali has been leading the fleets of Islamic thought to harbour on theological rather than Archimedean principles. Ibn al-Arabi extended his premises to supplant reason with Sufi intuition. Ibn Taimiyya's attacks against philosophy are well-known. Al-Shatibi discourages the cultivation of purely in--tellectual disciplines since they are not related to action and denies the role of reason in formulation of law and moral imperatives, though he himself employs a generous quantum of reason in his constructs. Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi unreservedly ridicules and rejects positive sciences.

Thus, madressah education, arguably since its very inception, was destined to culminate in intellectual barrenness. The panacea lies in an organic fusion of traditional learning and modern ethos, but given the reforms at Deoband, al-Azhar and Zaituna, the ulema manoeuvred juxtaposition of the two rather than synthesis of the old and the new. The long-quarantined religious knowledge gets fossilised and an unalterable law of God is that fossils do not survive long. As it is stated in the Holy Quran, "...We did not do them injustice; but they were unjust to themselves...." (11:101). Are Muslims ready to reform Islamic education, or are they waiting for a Luther?

Leveraging the solar revolution

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At COP31, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif told a high-level dialogue on electrification that "an extraordinary transition has already taken place" in Pakistan: nearly 22 gigawatts of rooftop solar in two years, "a quiet revolution by ordinary citizens seeking affordable power and a cleaner, more predictable future". More than one in 10 motorcycles sold this year, he added, was electric.

He was right to showcase it. Few countries can match that speed. Fewer can accept that their citizens paid for it. Nobody planned it: capacity payments rose whether plants ran or not, the rupee fell, and the 2023 IMF programme stopped the state hiding these costs in subsidies. Base tariffs doubled between FY22 and FY25, just as Chinese panels became cheap and loadshedding persisted. The IMF did not create the high cost of power. It made it visible, and achieved the revolution by accident, what policy had not.

The dividend is large. By the estimates of Ember, CREA and Renewables First, distributed solar avoided over $12 billion in oil and gas imports by February 2026, with $6.3bn more expected this year, and about 35 million tonnes of CO2 in FY25. Counting grid losses, it supplies about a third of the country's electricity. On farms, solar runs 52pc of 1.83m irrigation pumps, almost entirely without state help. Banks financed less than 5pc of the $14bn invested. The official response has been to contain it, with a sales tax on panels and cuts to net metering.

A showcase needs a strategy. The leveraging should run on two tracks.

Phase one put panels on roofs; phase two must make that power go further.

The first is phase two. Phase one put panels on roofs; phase two must make that power go further. Rooftops have already displaced most of the daytime thermal power they can reach, so more panels alone bring falling returns. Three areas will win the game.

Storage, with a tariff that spreads the grid's fixed costs fairly, so surplus daytime power serves the evening peak. Transport, where petrol imports are still growing: electric motorcycles reached 13pc of sales by August, already ahead of the New Energy Vehicles Policy's schedule. The 30pc target should move from 2030 to 2028 for automobiles, two-wheelers, rickshaws and delivery fleets first, with battery-swap and charging corridors for bikes and freight planned along the motorways now. And solar mini-grids for the 40m people still without electricity.

The prize is worth the effort. Adding 3GW of distributed solar a year would lift avoided emissions to about 50m tonnes by 2030, as per Renew-ables First estimates, more than the power sector now emits. At this year's rate, fuel import savings by then would approach $25bn. Electric bikes save less, but their savings will help poorer hou-seholds, which is where a transition survives or dies.

The second track is harder. If fiscal conditionality could transform mitigation by accident, what could adaptation measures achieve by design, without waiting for grants or loans?

Agriculture uses more than 93 per cent of the country's freshwater, yet produces under $1 of output per cubic metre, against a global average near $17. Solar has made matters worse: once panels are paid for, pumping groundwater costs nothing at the margin. The rice area grew by about 30pc between 2023 and 2025, even as Punjab's water tables fell. Flooded paddies also emit methane, so the same expansion that drains aquifers adds to emissions.

Islamabad and the provinces already hold the levers. Five would do the most.

First, conditional solarisation. Punjab already subsidises tubewell conversion; each should require drip or sprinkler irrigation and a flow meter. The Punjab Water Act 2019 allows new solar wells to be registered.

Second, volumetric abiana. The canal water charge is so low that sugarcane and rice grow where the water cannot support them. Charging by volume and crop is a provincial power, and it raises revenue.

Third, retargeted fertiliser support. IMF pressure ended most of the feedstock gas subsidy to urea plants in 2024. Blanket urea still invites overuse; the excess escapes as nitrous oxide, a potent greenhouse gas, or leaches into groundwater. Tying the remaining support, including Kissan Card credit, to soil testing and slow-release coated urea would cut the waste and the fertiliser bill together.

Fourth, alternate wetting and drying for rice. Letting paddies dry between irrigations cuts both water use and methane. Punjab and Sindh can initiate this through their extension services and Kissan/Hari cards, with a low-carbon basmati label for buyers who increasingly ask about embedded emissions.

Fifth, a satellite-enforced no-burn rule. Tying Kissan Card eligibility and wheat procurement to satellite checks on residue burning, already run for smog, is an administrative change. Lahore would breathe cleaner air.

None of these needs a donor. The petroleum levy brought in a record Rs1.57 trillion in FY26, and the climate support levy is budgeted at Rs50bn this year. Ring-fencing a fixed share of the first, and all of the second, would fund them without waiting on donor cycles. The provinces, which own agriculture and irrigation, ran a combined cash surplus of Rs1.45tn last year, led by Punjab; only Balochistan's was marginal.

Those surpluses are an IMF target, which brings the Fund back in. Its $1.4bn Resilience and Sustainability Facility already lists irrigation water pricing, but its water measures are hostage to influential interest groups. The two remaining reviews in 2027 can begin the shift; the successor programme should put adaptation at the centre, with these five as structural benchmarks carrying provincial timelines. The Fund's leverage transformed Pakistan's energy use by accident. It can now be used on water deliberately.

Some things need capital: flood protection, climate-proofed infrastructure, livestock systems that cut methane. That is where concessional finance belongs. A country that has done the rest with its own instruments makes a far stronger case for it.

Phase one happened by accident. Phase two cannot. Islamabad should design the next transformation, in water as well as power, rather than wait for the next IMF programme to force it. The first revolution cut Pakistan's fuel bill and emissions. The second can make the country resilient.

Arab blood

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To shed Arab blood, it is not necessary for the 'shedder' to be a non-Arab.

Thousands, for example, have died in Yemen, while millions have been displaced due to the conflict.

Well, it is war—and in the Middle East. Usually, a war in the Middle East meant a slaughter between Israel and the Arabs. There were exceptions, like Saddam Hussein's Kuwait misadventure, and his attack on Iran, when Imam Khomeini was at the peak of his power. This time it is war among the Arabs with no holds barred.

Fuming with rage, the 90-year-old Saudi monarch, King Salman, has dubbed the Houthis a "terrorist militia" and vowed retaliation. The anger was expected, because Houthi strikes on such a sensitive institution as Riyadh's international airport have killed a number of people. More regretfully, any possibility that the war may not spread disappeared when US President Donald Trump had said, after the Riyadh airport attack last month, that his country could join Saudi attacks on the Houthis.

Arabs are mere spectators of the international drama.

Lack of unity doesn't necessarily mean enmity. If the Arabs cannot unite, the least they can do is not make a spectacle of their disunity and invite the world's contempt by talking about liberating Palestine and Jerusalem. Unity, we must know, is a precursor to thought and action.

Some key Arab governments have expressed interest in joining the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement, signed on Aug 7 this year, while Iran and the Houthis are allies. The two defence alliances are confrontational in spirit.

A look at numerous recent news reports gives a fairly good idea of how so many Arab governments and factions are at war with each other. So read on:

"In a lightning offensive ... the Houthis seized control of Yemen's Red Sea coast and the Bab al-Mandab Strait, which is vital to Saudi crude exports.

"Pakistan also joined the Muslim world in condemning the alleged Houthi attacks on holy cities in Saudi Arabia and called for urgent de-escalation in Yemen.

"Saudi Arabia's foreign ministry condemned the purported targeting of Makkah as a "cowardly terrorist attack," and reaffirmed the kingdom's right to "defend the security of the two holy mosques, the pilgrims, and the entire Saudi territory".

"A Houthi politburo member dismissed the accusation as "a worn-out lie that has been used before and no longer fools anyone".

"The Houthis also claimed Saudi warplanes launched 40 airstrikes ... targeting the provinces of Taiz, Marib, and Hodeidah. "Pakistan's approach to the conflict seems to be to seek an end to hostilities rather than become part of an expanding military confrontation.

"These developments must be seen against the background of Pakistan's growing defence commitments to Saudi Arabia, especially the Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement (SMDA) and the recently signed Makkah Joint Defence Agreement.

"In September last year, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed a treaty under which aggression against either country is to be treated as aggression against both.

"Pakistan already maintains military personnel and defence assets in Saudi Arabia, with the two countries having long-standing military cooperation that predates SMDA."

The more you read, the more you realise how divided the Muslim world is and how this internal Saracenic rivalry in the world of Islam is the greatest asset others have. While talking of Arab unity and joint defence agreement, let us note that the United Arab Emir-ates, a major Arab oil power, has quit both OPEC and OPEC+, of which it has been a member for 60 years. It was hardly on spe-aking terms with Saudi Arabia be--c-ause of differences over a number of issues, though mat--ters have improved recently.

The UAE supports Yemen's Southern Transitional Council (STC). It made a major geopolitical mistake when it sent troops into eastern Yemen in support of the STC near Saudi borders. This alarmed Riyadh, which rushed its troops, bombed STC targets and forced a UAE withdrawal. By any standard it was a Saudi victory and an Emirati humiliation.

Look at the language the Houthis and the Saudis are using. To talk of Arab, much less Muslim, unity is to invite the world's contempt. Arabs are mere spectators of the international drama unfolding around them. Despite having all the money in the world, not one Arab country has internationally recognised institutes of science and technology. There are hundreds of thousands of Arab students in Europe and America, but they have chosen to live as migrants instead of achieving fame as scholars and inventors. This is the price they are paying for ignoring science and technology.

PPP asks MQM-P to reconsider Karachi rally dates at first meeting amid tensions over new provinces

KARACHI (INP): The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) held their first face-to-face meeting on Monday following an escalation in tensions and exchange of heated statements over the proposed creation of new provinces.

Delegations from both parties met in the chamber of the opposition leader at the Sindh Assembly, with the PPP delegation requesting MQM-P to reconsider the dates of its planned rallies in Karachi on November 29 and December 6.

The PPP delegation, led by senior party leader Nisar Khuhro, included PPP Sindh General Secretary Senator Waqar Mehdi, Sindh Home Minister Ziaul-Hassan Lanjar and Local Government Minister Nasir Hussain Shah.

The MQM-P delegation was led by Dr Farooq Sattar and included Opposition Leader in the Sindh Assembly Ali Khurshidi and the deputy opposition leader.

During the meeting, the PPP leaders urged MQM-P to postpone its planned rallies and hold them on another date, citing concerns about a possible law-and-order situation in the city.

The PPP delegation pointed out that Sindhi nationalist leader Dr Qadir Magsi had announced his rally nearly a month ago and requested MQM-P not to hold its event on the same day, warning that two simultaneous political gatherings could lead to tensions or clashes in Karachi.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Nisar Khuhro said the PPP did not oppose political rallies, adding that every political party had the constitutional and democratic right to hold political activities.

He maintained that the Sindh Assembly had already passed a resolution against the creation of new provinces, describing it as the final decision of the provincial legislature on the matter.

Dr Farooq Sattar said MQM-P would consult its leadership and review the proposal before giving a final response on whether to postpone its November 29 rally or change the date of its December 6 event.

He said the party had already made preparations for the rally and was also preparing for a proposed referendum, making an abrupt postponement a difficult decision.

Sattar complained that the government delegation had arrived late for the meeting, saying an earlier approach would have given his party more time to consider the request.



Peoples Party Sindh President Nisar Khuhro meets with Muttahida Qaumi movement delegation led by Dr. Farooq Sattar and opposition leader Ali Khurshidi at Sindh assembly building.



ISLAMABAD: President of the Court of Cassation of Türkiye Honorable Ömer Kerkez being briefed to Chief Justice of Pakistan Honorable Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi during visit at Supreme Court.

CM orders resolution of cleanliness complaints within hours across punjab

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Chief Minister (CM), Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Monday directed the introduction of a QR code-based system for cleanliness-related complaints across the province for the first time, enabling citizens to access details of Suthra Punjab sanitation workers and register complaints through QR codes displayed at different locations.

Under the initiative, citizens will also be able to provide feedback on cleanliness arrangements by scanning the relevant QR codes.

Chairing a special meeting to review matters relating to the Suthra Punjab program, the CM directed the authorities concerned to ensure that cleanliness complaints were addressed within a few hours.

She also ordered the installation of dustbins at various locations and stressed the need to train and encourage rural residents to dispose of waste in designated bins.

The meeting agreed on measures to ensure cleanliness operations in villages twice a week.

CM Maryam Nawaz reviewed a proposal to link the salaries of Suthra Punjab officers with their performance and directed the authorities to ensure adequate availability of sanitation workers and machinery throughout the province.

She ordered daily deep cleaning of one tehsil and directed officials to achieve the door-to-door waste collection target at the earliest.

She also instructed the use of modern machinery to remove weeds and bushes along roadsides, emphasizing that equal attention must be paid to cleanliness in urban and rural areas.

"Cleanliness in cities and villages is equally important, as sanitation is something visible to everyone," the CM said, adding that efforts were underway to overcome the challenges faced in maintaining cleanliness in every city and village.

She directed that anti-littering squads should be visible in every district and called for fines against those repeatedly dumping garbage in streets and drains.

The CM further ordered the identification of more designated waste disposal points and installation of dustbins and waste containers in commercial markets.

She also emphasized proper waste management and cleanliness arrangements in roadside vending markets.

She directed frequent surprise inspections of sanitation conditions, workers' attendance and the operational efficiency of machinery.

The minister for local government was also instructed to personally conduct inspections.

During the meeting, the CM received briefings on the availability of sanitation workers and machinery in Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Layyah, Muzaffargarh and Kot Addu.

She also reviewed arrangements in Gujranwala, Sialkot, Narowal, Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin and Hafizabad, as well as Multan, Vehari, Lodhran and Khanewal.

The availability of workers and machinery in Faisalabad, Jhang, Chiniot and Toba Tek Singh was also reviewed.

The meeting was informed that more than 93,000 sanitation beats had been established across Punjab under the Suthra Punjab program.

According to the briefing, more than 51,000 vacant plots had been identified across the province while garbage had been removed from 30,000 of them.

The authorities also informed the meeting that the target of paying salaries to all Suthra Punjab workers across the province had been achieved.

New provinces should be established through pilot project: Punjab Governor

ATTOCK (APP): The establishment of new provinces should initially be tested in one province rather than imposed simultaneously across the country, Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said on Monday.

Speaking to the media in Attock after offering condolences over the death of a close relative of veteran Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) worker Lala Muhammad Afzal, the governor said all aspects and potential consequences must be carefully examined before making a decision on creating new provinces.

He questioned whether the merger of the former FATA region with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had brought an end to terrorism, stressing that a pilot project in one province could help determine whether the creation of a new province improves access to healthcare, education and employment opportunities.

He said there was no disagreement among the government's coalition partners over the issue of new provinces and a referendum, adding that the PML-N and PPP were approaching the matter in accordance with their respective party manifestos.

Regarding the proposed division of Sindh, Sardar Saleem Haider said the Sindh Assembly had already passed a resolution opposing the creation of new provinces with a two-thirds majority.

He maintained that the provincial assembly was elected through public votes, and its mandate and decisions should be respected.

Responding to a question about 14 reserved seats of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), he said his position would be in line with that of the PPP, and whatever decision the party made would be acceptable to him.



ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Bar Islamabad President Naeem Ali Gujjar, Ex President Riyasat Ali Azad,Nadeem Hussain Mughal and PYO Islamabad city President Ali Mustafa in a group photo during Birthday party ceremony of Sardar Khizar Advocate.

Hanif Abbasi announces girls hostel, Rs. 250m gymnasium at AAUR

RAWALPINDI (APP): Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi on Monday announced that a well accommodated girls hospital would be constructed at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) to further ease female students' stay at the University.

Addressing at inaugural session of the Annual Students' Week, the minister also announced the construction of a Rs.250.0 million state of the art sports gymnasium. "An international-standard sports arena is being constructed at the campus", he announced adding that routes for 80 new green buses launching in the city will be aligned to facilitate commuting students.

Highlighting major healthcare and infrastructure milestones in Rawalpindi, Abbasi shared that a 400-bed Children's Hospital was being established near Asghar Mall, while the Rawalpindi Institute of Urology and Transplantation (PKLI North) had performed around 10 kidney and 12 liver transplants over the past two months, each costing Rs.6.0 million completely free of charge for Punjab domicile holders under the Chief Minister's initiative. He urged the students to potentially contribute in various segments during the students week, organized under the theme "Exploring the World of Social Entrepreneurship". Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR highlighted the main features of the ongoing students week. The event will feature a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities aimed at promoting students' creativity, leadership, innovation, entrepreneurial skills, and engagement with society.

Maryam Nawaz seeks report on fatal accident near Uch Sharif

LAHORE (INP): Punjab Chief Minister (CM), Maryam Nawaz Sharif has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of precious human lives in a tragic traffic accident near Uch Sharif.

In a message on Monday,the CM extended her heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the bereaved families and prayed for strength and patience for them to bear the irreparable loss.

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif also sought a detailed report on the unfortunate accident and directed the relevant authorities to provide the necessary details.

IHC seeks responses on JIT plea in 13yr-old girl's death case

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued pre-admission notices to police and other respondents on a petition seeking the formation of a joint investigation team (JIT) to probe the death of a 13-year-old girl allegedly following torture at the federal capital's Police Lines. Justice Azam Khan issued the order on a petition filed by Advocate Yasir Nadeem Ramday.

According to the order, the petitioner sought the constitution of a JIT to ensure a transparent investigation into the case. He also requested departmental action against an FIA officer. The petition stated that the wife of the FIA officer and a seminary teacher were in police custody. A judicial magistrate had remanded both suspects into police custody for physical remand.

The case regarding the girl's death was registered at Shams Colony Police Station on November 15.

Senate body directs strict enforcement of formula milk law

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services on Monday directed the relevant authorities to strictly enforce existing laws, launch a nationwide breastfeeding awareness campaign and strengthen monitoring of medicine prices to protect public health.

The meeting, chaired by Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti at Parliament House, Islamabad, reviewed implementation of its previous recommendations regarding the regulation and advertisement of formula milk for children aged one to 36 months.

Minister for National Health Services Mustafa Kamal, committee members and representatives of the Ministry, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP), Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) and other relevant institutions attended the meeting.

During the meeting, PEMRA officials informed the committee that the matter was pending before the court and that a revised advertisement had not yet been received. They said the advertisement would be aired on electronic media upon receipt. Expressing serious concern, the chairman said the matter directly concerned the health and future of coming generations and directed the authorities to take the committee's recommendations seriously.

The chairman instructed PEMRA to ensure that breastfeeding awareness advertisements were broadcast on major television channels to maximize public outreach. He also directed that advertisements of formula milk and related products prohibited under existing law must not be aired.

The committee emphasized that mother's milk was the best nourishment for infants and called for an immediate public awareness campaign to promote breastfeeding. It directed the ministry to prepare the awareness advertisement within 15 days.



ISLAMABAD: A journalist of Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) gives her thumb impression as a team of National Press Club led by President Abdul Razzaq Sial visits APP Headquarters for the biometric verification of members.

KP govt distributes Rs 38.7mln scholarships among minority students

PESHAWAR (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on Monday distributed educational scholarships worth Rs 38.7 million among students from minority communities to support their higher education and ensure equal access to academic opportunities.

Adviser on Auqaf Maulana Tayyab Qureshi, who attended the distribution ceremony as chief guest, said the government was providing special scholarships to minority students to help them pursue higher education.

He said the initiative reflected the government's commitment to promoting education, providing financial assistance and creating equal opportunities for students from minority communities.

Under the programme, 240 intermediate students will receive Rs 60,000 each, while 120 BS students will get Rs 80,000 each.

Similarly, 80 students pursuing professional degrees will receive Rs 100,000 each, while 20 MPhil scholars will be awarded Rs 150,000 each. PhD scholars will receive scholarships of up to Rs 250,000 per student.

Maulana Tayyab Qureshi said the government would also distribute laptops among minority students soon and introduce digital skills training and coaching programmes to enhance the professional capabilities of minority youth.

Punjab launches 24/7 digital pilgrim assistant to facilitate Sikh pilgrims

LAHORE (INP): A 24/7 Digital Pilgrim Assistant has been launched on the directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif to facilitate Sikh pilgrims arriving from across the world.

The Digital Pilgrim Assistant will provide comprehensive guidance on pilgrims' visits to Nankana Sahib, accommodation arrangements and religious rituals, all through a single platform.

The application will offer information in seven languages, including Urdu, English, Hindi and Punjabi. It will also feature offline access, ensuring pilgrims receive reliable, convenient and timely guidance throughout their visit.

Meanwhile, preparations are underway to celebrate the 557th birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak, the spiritual founder of Sikhism, with Nankana Sahib beautifully decorated for the religious celebrations. All seven gurdwaras in the city, including Gurdwara Janam Asthan, have been illuminated with decorative lights.

The main shrine has been adorned with beautiful lighting arrangements and colourful decorations.

Kundi condemns IED blast targeting police vehicle in Lakki Marwat

PESHAWAR (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi on Monday strongly condemned the improvised explosive device (IED) blast targeting a police vehicle in Lakki Marwat, expressing deep sorrow over the injuries sustained by police personnel and civilians. The Governor termed the attack by Fitna al-Khawarij on police officials and innocent citizens a highly regrettable and cowardly act. He said such terrorist attacks could not weaken the unwavering resolve of the government, police and security forces in the fight against terrorism.



Authorities criticized for negligence as garbage accumulates at sea view beach in Karachi.

Construction of Gulbai Road will provide better commuting facilities to citizens: Mayor

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab visited the under-construction Gulbai Road development project to inspect the ongoing construction work. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the reconstruction and improvement of Gulbai Road will provide improved travel facilities to commuters traveling to and from Hub River Road, Shershah, and the SITE Industrial Area, while significantly improving connectivity across the city's industrial corridors, said a statement on Monday. Earlier, the Mayor of Karachi also inspected road construction work in Clifton Block-5. He stated that the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) is also rapidly executing the reconstruction of the dual carriageway between Sakhi Hasan Graveyard and Shadman in District Central. He added that prior to road construction, the storm water drain was completely reconstructed and new sewerage lines were laid to ensure an efficient drainage system and long-term durability of the road. He remarked that the KMC team is maintaining the momentum of development work across the city. He noted that this is the same KMC which previously lacked funds for development schemes; however, the institution is now taking tangible measures for the city's progress, and its performance is visibly evident on the ground.

He emphasized that development works are underway across all districts of Karachi without discrimination, noting that providing citizens with improved infrastructure, standard roads, and better transportation facilities remains KMC's top priority. The Mayor added that the completion of these ongoing development projects will not only bring convenience to residents.

Seminary students, teachers visit Bala Hisar Fort, meet IGFC KP North

PESHAWAR (APP): Students and teachers from various seminaries in Peshawar, namely Jamia Darul Uloom Furqan-ul-Kareem Hayatabad and Markaz-o-Uloom Islam University Road, visited the historic Bala Hisar Fort on Monday and met with the Inspector General Frontier Corps (IGFC) KP North, Major General Rao Imran Sartaj.

At the beginning of the visit, the delegation of students and teachers visited the Martyrs' Monument (Yadgar-e-Shuhada) and paid tribute to the great martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the homeland.

Following that, they toured different sections of Bala Hisar Fort and learned about the history and culture of the Frontier Corps, says a statement. During the visit, the students and teachers held an interactive session with IGFC and discussed in detail the overall security situation of the province, ongoing counter-terrorism operations and the vital role of students and religious scholars in establishing peace.

Rangers arrest four suspects linked to over 300 street crimes

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Rangers have arrested four suspects allegedly involved in multiple robbery and street crime incidents during an intelligence-based operation in the Memon Goth area.

According to a Rangers spokesperson, the arrested suspects have been identified as Zain-ul-Abideen, Shayan, Akbar alias Shani and Rashid Rasheed.



Members of All Sindh Primary Teachers Association hold protest rally in Garhi Khuda Bux demanding service structure, promotions, and salary release.

Banks approve Rs560bn for affordable housing under Apna Ghar scheme: Aurangzeb

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday said banks had so far approved Rs560 billion in financing under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's Apna Ghar Programme, describing the initiative as a major step towards making affordable housing accessible to ordinary Pakistanis, with around 19, 000 families having benefited from the scheme.

Speaking at a ceremony marking the achievement of Rs100 billion in disbursements under the Prime Minister's Apna Ghar Programme, the finance minister said around Rs112 billion had so far been disbursed, while the substantial amount approved by banks reflected the programme's potential to help thousands of families realise their dream of owning homes.

Aurangzeb said that while Pakistan was moving towards social stability under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, it was equally important to ensure that the benefits of economic progress reached ordinary Pakistanis and their families.

He said the government had made every effort to channel available financial resources into sectors that directly benefited the common man, with small and medium enterprises (SMEs), exports and targeted relief measures among its key priorities.

Referring to targeted subsidies introduced amid the ongoing conflict, he said relief had particularly been extended to motorcycles and small vehicles to support the middle class and relatively underprivileged segments of society.

Regarding the Apna Ghar Programme, the minister said banks' approval of Rs560 billion in financing was an important milestone, adding that thousands of allocation letters had already been issued to applicants seeking houses and apartments.

He expressed confidence that the programme would continue to expand, benefiting families across all provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir, with both small towns and major cities included in its scope.

The finance minister commended the Ministry of Housing and Works, State Bank of Pakistan, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, Pakistan Banks Association and participating commercial banks for their contributions to the initiative.

He particularly congratulated the top-performing banks, whose representatives were set to receive trophies from the prime minister, while urging underperforming banks to improve their participation in the coming weeks.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presents shields to CEOs and senior management of commercial banks in recognition of their performance in loan disbursement for Prime Minister's Apna Ghar Programme.

Federal Minister inaugurates FoodAg Pakistan 2026

KARACHI (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, and Uganda's Minister of State, Desire Muhooza on Monday inaugurated the 4th International Food & Agro Exhibition, FoodAg Pakistan 2026, at the Expo Centre Karachi.

The ceremony was attended by dignitaries, international delegates, senior government officials, representatives of regulatory authorities and members of the business community.

Organized by the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), the four-day exhibition is being held from 23 to 26 November 2026 and brings together 400 Pakistani exhibitors and 850 international delegates from 72 countries.

Participating sectors include rice; fruits and vegetables, fruit pulp and beverages; meat, poultry, dairy and fisheries; seafood; processed foods, including biscuits, confectionery, sweets, pasta, snacks, ketchups, sauces and jams; cereals, spices and salt; honey and food ingredients; and food-related services.

On the opening day, 2, 000 B2B meetings were held between Pakistani exhibitors and international buyers, covering sourcing requirements, product specifications and potential commercial partnerships. Follow-up meetings have been scheduled for the remaining days of the exhibition to take these discussions forward.

In parallel, a series of bilateral meetings were held today on the sidelines of the exhibition with delegations from Malaysia, Brazil, Uzbekistan and The Gambia, alongside relevant Pakistani government institutions, including TDAP, the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA), NAFSA and the Department of Plant Protection (DPP).

The meetings focused on halal certification and mutual recognition, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) requirements, plant and animal health, quarantine procedures and the facilitation of bilateral trade in food and agricultural products. These engagements are expected to strengthen regulatory cooperation and improve market access for Pakistani exports.

The exhibition is being organized in coordination with the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), the Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP) and associations representing the fruit and vegetable, meat, seafood and processed food sectors, ensuring strong industry representation and effective buyer–exporter linkages.

The Federal Minister for Commerce also inaugurated the 4th Global Cuisine Show, in which 17 international chefs are preparing international dishes using Pakistani ingredients through live demonstrations, highlighting the quality, versatility and export potential of Pakistani food products.

Over the four days, the exhibition will also feature panel discussions, technical seminars, podcasts and knowledge sessions on market access, dairy exports, agricultural innovation, food safety, regulatory compliance, value addition, sustainable supply chains and export diversification.

FoodAg Pakistan 2026 will continue until 26 November 2026 at the Expo Centre Karachi, reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to trade diplomacy, export-led growth and a competitive, sustainable food and agriculture sector.The meetings focused on halal certification and mutual recognition.



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan and Uganda's Minister of State for Agriculture Desire Muhooza cut the ribbon to inaugurate FoodAg Pakistan 2026 at the Karachi Expo Centre, accompanied by Federal Minister for the Board of Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh.

Maritime Technical Institute to be established in Gwadar under Pak-China Cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Monday said that Pakistan-China cooperation will establish a new engineering and technology institute in Gwadar to train young people in specialised skills required by the port, shipping and maritime industries,

He was speaking at a pre-board meeting of the Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), where development projects and initiatives to strengthen technical education in the port city were reviewed.

Briefing the meeting, GPA Chairman Noorul Haq Baloch said the GPA, Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute (PCTVI), University of Gwadar and China's Qingdao Harbour Vocational and Technical College had signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish the Pakistan Overseas Engineering and Technology Institute in Gwadar.

Welcoming the initiative, Junaid Chaudhry said the agreement would lay the foundation for specialised maritime education, technical training and human resource development. He stressed that technical education should be aligned with the operational requirements of ports and the maritime industry.

Under the five-year cooperation framework (2026-2030), the partner institutions will collaborate on academic programmes, curriculum development, skills training, faculty development, joint research and practical learning.

The proposed curriculum will cover navigation technology, marine engineering, maritime safety, ship technology and port machinery to prepare students for the evolving needs of the shipping and maritime sectors.

The minister emphasised the importance of equipping young people in Gwadar and Balochistan with industry-relevant skills, saying technical education would improve employment prospects, support economic growth and develop a skilled workforce for emerging industries.

He described the MoU as an important milestone in Pakistan-China educational cooperation, saying it would strengthen institutional capacity, promote industry-oriented education and expand professional opportunities for local communities.



MUSCAT: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with Oman's Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, His Excellency Anwar bin Hilal bin Hamdoon Al Jabri.

NEEM secures investment from ADB ventures to help expand digital payments

ISLAMABAD (APP): Neem, a Pakistan-based B2B fintech company, that helps businesses receive, manage, and pay out money digitally, has secured an investment from ADB Ventures, the venture capital arm of the ADB.

The seed investment will support Neem's product development, help expand its team, and accelerate the onboarding of enterprise and merchant clients across Pakistan, said ADB press release here Monday.

It said, Pakistan had made strong progress in digitizing consumer payments, with the State Bank of Pakistan's instant payment system, Raast, and mobile wallets bringing millions of people onto digital rails. Business payments, however, have not kept pace.

Quoting State Bank of Pakistan, it said, an estimated 71% of retail transaction value is still settled in cash, and companies looking to go digital must integrate separately with banks, wallets, payroll providers, and reconciliation tools, a process that can be slow, costly, and hard to scale. Neem aims to close this gap by giving businesses a single platform to manage how money comes in, how it is tracked, and how it is paid out. Its API-first system combines collections, disbursements, a programmable ledger, and finance workflows, and connects directly with a company's existing operating systems to automate settlement and reconciliation in real time.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Three ships, Tican Express, Snarth and Pacific Star-1 carrying Container, Palm oil and LPG, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Liquid Cargo Terminal and Engro Vopak Terminal on Monday.

Meanwhile three more ships, Cetus Orca, Flim Inspire and Silver Gentrude scheduled to load/offload Rice, Wheat and Soya Bean Seed also arrived at outer anchorage during last 24 hours. Ten ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three ships, Tican Express, Northen Light and Pegasus-8 left the port on today morning. Cargo volume of 115,212 tones comprising 108,956 tones imports cargo.

Pakistan invites Portuguese investors to tap into $40b investment opportunities

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) of Pakistan and Portugal's Agency for Investment and Foreign Trade (AICEP) recently convened a high-profile Pakistan-Portugal Business and Investment Forum, marking a significant step toward enhancing bilateral trade and investment cooperation between the two nations.

The forum served as a platform to invite Portuguese investors to explore promising investment projects worth $40 billion across diverse sectors of Pakistan's economy.

Addressing the inaugural session, Dr.Erfa Iqbal, Additional Secretary (Country Wing) of SIFC, emphasized the enormous potential for investment and trade between Pakistan and Portugal.

She highlighted sectors such as textiles and cotton, information technology, aerospace, defence, manufacturing, electric vehicles, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, agriculture, and food processing as key areas ripe for collaboration. Dr. Erfa underlined that Pakistan has a pipeline of projects valued at $22 billion in sectors including industry and production, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals and healthcare, mining, ports and maritime, tourism, oil and gas, power, food security, and agriculture. Despite this, the existing bilateral trade volume of approximately $250 million remains significantly below the untapped potential, signaling vast opportunities for expansion.

The SIFC invited Portuguese investors to leverage Pakistan's attractive investment environment by engaging through various mechanisms such as joint ventures, public sector organizations, potential investment fund structures, and direct investment opportunities.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain, meets a high-level Syngenta delegation to discuss cooperation in agricultural biotechnology, advanced seed technologies, and enhanced crop productivity.

US consulate, APTMA discuss ways to boost bilateral textile trade

LAHORE (APP): The US Consulate General Lahore's Political and Economic Chief, Dillon Clancy, and the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) on Monday discussed ways and means to foster bilateral trade and economic relations between Pakistan and the United States.

APTMA Chairman Asad Shafi, Senior Vice Chairman (North) Habib Anwar Sheikh, Vice Chairman (North) Muhammad Ali Chaudhry, Energy Advisor Tahir Basharat Cheema, Secretary General Raza Baqir, senior executives, and APTMA members welcomed Dillon Clancy, who was accompanied by Economic Specialist Amna Anis.

Both sides discussed the immense potential to collaborate in the cotton and textile sectors, besides expanding trade and investment relations in focused areas and diversifying major commodities of trade between the two countries.

The US diplomat said his visit to APTMA was aimed at understanding Pakistan's textile industry and exploring the substantial potential to expand economic and trade relations between Pakistan and the US.

Gold prices surge by Rs7,800 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The prices of gold witnessed a significant increase in the local market on Monday, with the price of 24-karat gold per tola rising by Rs7,800 to settle at Rs384,136, according to rates issued by the All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association.

Similarly, the price of 10 grams of 24-karat gold increased by Rs6,687 to Rs329,334, while 10 grams of 22-karat gold rose by Rs6,130 to Rs301,900.

In the international market, the price of gold increased by $78 to $3,616 per ounce, the association reported.



SARGODHA: Farmers spray pesticides on their field near Jhang Road to protect crops from pests.

China, Pakistan to establish Joint Research Center for high water-efficiency

ISLAMABAD (INP): Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS), Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and five universities in Punjab Province have reached an agreement to jointly establish the China-Pakistan Joint Research Center for High Water-Efficiency Agriculture.

It aimed at strengthening bilateral agricultural science and technology cooperation and promote sustainable agricultural development in arid regions, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Monday.

The center will focus on key technologies such as mulched drip irrigation, efficient water utilization, cereal-legume intercropping and high-yield cultivation in arid areas.

The partners plan to conduct joint field experiments and technology demonstrations, share research data and technical expertise, and establish bilateral demonstration bases.

The cooperation will also promote academic and personnel exchanges through expert visits, technical training, field observations, joint master's and doctoral student training, and academic seminars, helping strengthen research capacity and facilitate knowledge sharing between the two sides.

POL imports rise 9.34% to US$ 5.63b in July-October

ISLAMABAD (APP): The imports of the overall petroleum group increased by 9.34 percent during the first four months of the current fiscal year (2026-27), as compared to the corresponding period of last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

The total imports of the petroleum group during July-October (2026-27) were recorded at US$ 5,630.718 million against imports of US$ 5,149.760 million during the corresponding period of last year.

Among the petroleum group, imports of petroleum products increased by 10.62 percent, from US$ 1,938.669 million to US$ 2,144.582 million during the period under review.

Pakistan moves to import additional wheat to stabilise flour prices

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has decided to import additional wheat to stabilise prices in the domestic market and ensure sufficient supplies to meet national requirements.

The country plans to import an additional 800,000 metric tonnes of wheat to fulfil domestic demand.

The Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) has issued its third international tender for wheat imports, with November 30 set as the deadline for submitting bids.

Pakistan has already signed agreements to import 550,000 metric tonnes of wheat.

According to officials, the purpose of the additional imports is to maintain national wheat reserves, ensure an uninterrupted supply and stabilise flour prices in the domestic market.

Read more: Wheat shipment from Romania arrives at Karachi Port

Last week, shipment of imported wheat arrived at Karachi Port from Romania to meet the wheat requirements of Karachi and other parts of Sindh.

The vessel, MV Caravus, carrying 58,488 metric tonnes of imported wheat, has berthed at berths 14 and 15 of the Karachi Gateway Terminal (KGT).



LARKANA: A family busy in shopping for warm winter clothes at old Bus Stand Road.

Senate panel seeks crop status for tobacco, action to protect growers

ISLAMABAD (APP): A Senate Sub-Committee on National Food Security and Research on Monday called for recognizing tobacco as an agricultural crop, protecting growers from unfair pricing practices and streamlining taxation and refund mechanisms to promote exports.

The Sub-Committee, convened by Senator Aimal Wali Khan, reviewed the status of tobacco cultivation and measures to safeguard the economic interests of growers, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Senator Poonjo Bheel attended the meeting, while Senator Hidayatullah Khan participated as a special invitee. Tobacco growers from four major producing districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa highlighted concerns over taxation, pricing mechanisms, quota allocation, company practices and utilization of the Provincial Development Cess.

The growers complained about high taxation and low prices offered by tobacco companies, alleging that companies were exploiting cultivators through unfair pricing practices while earning substantial profits. They also questioned the utilization of the Provincial Development Cess collected from tobacco-producing areas in other districts instead of benefiting the areas where it was generated.

Senator Aimal Wali Khan questioned the organization of a tobacco expo in Karachi rather than in the tobacco-producing districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, stressing the need to promote the sector in its actual production areas.

The Sub-Committee also examined concerns regarding surplus tobacco and the allocation of company quotas, which growers alleged were being used to influence prices.

Representatives of tobacco exporters informed the committee that an advance tax of Rs390 per kilogram on GLT-threshed tobacco, processed to meet export-quality standards, was making Pakistani exports less competitive and creating difficulties for exporters.

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) clarified that no tax or duty was imposed on tobacco exports, while advance tax applied only when GLT-threshed tobacco was consumed domestically.

Turkey, Russia Eye New Trade, Energy Cooperation Deals at Upcoming Meeting in Istanbul

Monitoring Desk

ISTANBUL: Ankara and Moscow will focus on exploring new partnerships in trade, energy, construction and tourism at the upcoming 20th session of the Turkey-Russia Joint Economic Commission (JEC) in Istanbul on Friday.

The commission meeting will also coincide with a joint business forum bringing together Turkish and Russian firms to focus on boosting trade, mutual investment, industrial cooperation and bilateral projects across energy, tourism, trade and agriculture, Anadolu Agency reported.

The JEC meeting will be co-chaired by Turkish Trade Minister Omer Bolat and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak.

Regional developments, such as the war in Ukraine, weighed on bilateral trade between Turkey and Russia, with total trade dropping 6.5% year-on-year to $49.2 billion in 2025, down from $52.6 billion in 2024.

Turkish exports to Russia exceeded $6.7 billion in 2025, led by boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and tools, which totaled $1.2 billion, followed by fresh fruits and nuts at $823.2 million and plastics and plastic products at $490.7 million.

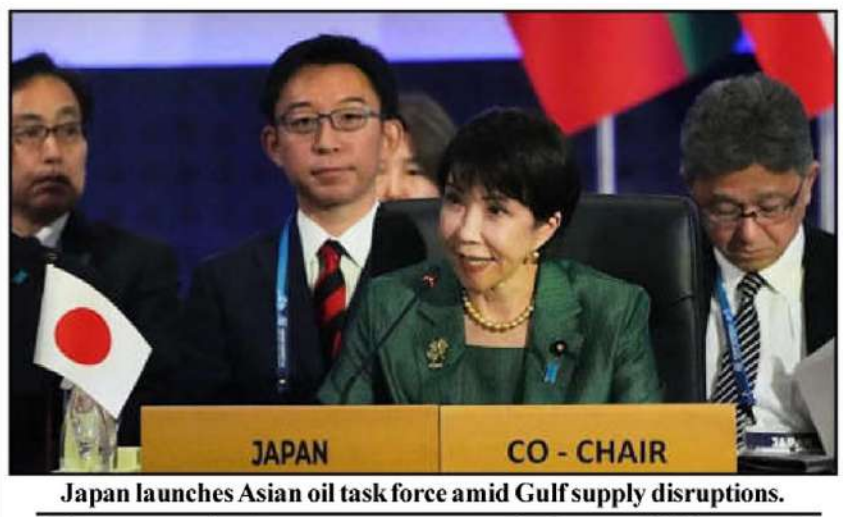
Russian imports into Turkey surpassed $42.4 billion in the same year.

Bilateral trade between the two countries reached $32.6 billion in January-September 2026, with Turkish exports accounting for $4.6 billion and Russian imports making up $28 billion of the total, as the two sides maintained a long-term goal of boosting annual trade volume to $100 billion.

Energy has been a central focus of economic ties between the two countries, as mineral fuels, oils and distillation products made up 70% of Turkey's imports from Russia in 2025.

Major energy infrastructure initiatives anchored Turkey's strategic energy cooperation with Russia, one of the nation's primary energy suppliers, through projects such as the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant and the TurkStream natural gas pipeline.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, recently highlighted these ties and the significance of the Akkuyu plant at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.



Japan launches Asian oil task force amid Gulf supply disruptions.

Iran Emerges Resilient from Two Wars: FM

Monitoring Desk

TEHRAN: Iran has endured two years of extraordinary pressure, including two wars of aggression, severe economic sanctions, terrorist attacks and attempts to foment unrest, Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said, stressing that the combined hostile efforts have failed to defeat the Iranians.

In comments on Monday, Araqchi said the past two years have been marked by intense pressure from the US and the Israeli regime, two wars, widespread assassinations, terrorist operations, attempts to instigate riots and efforts to arm foreign-based counterrevolutionary groups. He said the adversaries have thrown everything they had into the confrontation.

Referring to the outcomes of the two wars of aggression, Araqchi said that after 12 days of fighting, the adversaries had moved from demanding Iran's "unconditional surrender" to seeking an "unconditional ceasefire." In the 40-day war, he added, they shifted after about 20 days from calls for "unconditional surrender" to "unconditional negotiations" and efforts to reach an agreement through diplomacy. He noted that the confrontation has not entirely ended and that the government, Armed Forces, state officials and Iranian people have all been involved. The foreign minister said standing up to such pressure is no easy task and is beyond the capacity of many nations. He acknowledged the US military's vast arsenal, including advanced weapons.

Russian warship hit by Ukrainian drones in Libya, Zelensky says

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: A Russian warship was sunk by Ukrainian drones at a port in Libya on Sunday, President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

There was an explosion on the warship at the Benghazi naval base in the early morning, while it was docking for fuel and supplies ahead of its return to Russia, the government that controls eastern Libya said.

Zelensky added that Ukraine's attack hit a second Russian vessel, a cargo ship which he claimed was being used to transport weapons.The health ministry said it had received injured people from a commercial ship that was targeted off the coast of the port. It is not clear whether this is the same vessel as the one Ukraine has claimed responsibility for.

Following the strikes, the Kremlin warned of an "escalation of tensions in the region", but declined to comment directly on the attacks in Libya.

In a statement on Monday, Zelensky praised an "exemplary Ukrainian operation in response to Russia's war".

Seven naval drones were deployed to target and sink the corvette Merkury, one of Russia's newest ships, Zelensky wrote. He added that a Ka-27 combat helicopter was also destroyed.

The Ukrainian president said the second ship was the MV ANGARA, a Russian container carrier.

The attack came the day after a Russian cargo vessel was hit by a drone attack in the eastern Gulf of Finland. The Sparta II had been bound for Russia's Baltic exclave Kaliningrad when it was hit on Saturday morning.

Finnish defence forces said Ukraine was likely behind the attack. Kyiv has not commented.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Monday that the "expansion of terrorist activity in the Baltic" was a "dangerous trend" and has said "it is, of course, leading to an escalation of tensions in the region."

When questioned over the attacks in Libya, Peskov said information would be provided by the country's defence ministry and added: "We paid attention to Zelensky's statements about it".Peskov declined to comment on the strikes on Russian ships in Libya and said that that information would be provided by Russia's Defence Ministry.



Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto, left, hands an envelope containing the names of two vice presidential candidates to People's Consultative Assembly Speaker Ahmad Muzani at the parliamentary complex in Jakarta.

Armenia proposes new constitution in step towards peace with Azerbaijan

Monitoring Desk

TBILISI: Armenia published a draft proposal of a new constitution on Monday, a big step towards signing a formal peace agreement with long-time foe Azerbaijan and a move welcomed by Baku.

The document's unveiling puts pressure on Prime Nikol Pashinyan to secure a deal with Baku after he won a new term in office in June in an election widely viewed as a referendum on his handling of the peace process."I stake my entire political, human and moral credibility on this issue and say that after the adoption of the new Constitution, we will not only sign and ratify a peace agreement with Azerbaijan, but will also have institutional, lasting and irreversible peace," Pashinyan said in an address to the nation shortly after the draft was published on Monday, according to the Armenpress state news agency.

Armenia and Azerbaijan, neighbours in the South Caucasus, had been at intermittent war since the late 1980s, mostly over the mountainous region of Nagorno-Karabakh, controlled for decades by ethnic Armenians but recaptured by Azerbaijan in 2023 a lightning offensive.

India announces $1.6 billion in flood relief for Nepal

Monitoring Desk

UTTAR PRADESH: India will support Nepal with an aid package for reconstruction worth 150 billion rupees ($1.62 billion) following flash floods in August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

Modi highlighted that the two neighbours had similar goals and challenges, during a visit by Nepalese Prime Minister Balendra Shah to New Delhi. It was the first visit to India by Shah since he took office in March.

The flash floods, which originated in the Himalayan glacier regions, claimed approximately 1,450 lives at the end of August.



North Korea's leader highlights 'sovereignty' after rebuffing Trump offer for talks.

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SEOUL: North Korean leader Kim Jong-un said his country would seek to expand its foreign relations while safeguarding its sovereignty, state media reported on Monday, days after rebuffing US President Donald Trump's push to meet.

Kim made the remarks at a ceremony to receive credentials from newly appointed ambassadors, including Russia's, in a rare departure from protocol, as the task has traditionally been performed by a senior official rather than Kim himself.

Pyongyang's diplomatic goal is to "expand and develop foreign relations under the ideals of independence, peace and friendship on the principle of defending the national sovereignty and security", Kim said, according to the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).The ceremony followed Trump's unsuccessful attempts to arrange a meeting with Kim during his visit to China for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit last week.

Trump left Asia on Thursday after a landmark summit with the Chinese and Russian presidents, without meeting Kim, as Trump had suggested he might.

"The world is now witnessing an unstable security crisis and political and economic chaos round the globe," Kim said at the ceremony, without elaborating."The present international situation is bringing about a significant change in our understanding of national sovereignty and security," he added.

Iran Unveils New Missile Launcher Amid US Tensions

Monitoring Desk

TEHRAN: Iran has unveiled a new missile launcher capable of firing two missiles simultaneously from an underground military base.

The display signals Tehran's determination to maintain its military capabilities despite months of U.S. and Israeli airstrikes.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps released footage of the launcher, which can fire two liquid-fueled missiles at once, as President Donald Trump weighs whether to resume military operations against the Islamic Republic, The Telegraph reported.The new system, displayed publicly for the first time Saturday, reportedly allows missiles to launch vertically and adjust their speed and trajectory, potentially making them more difficult for air defense systems to intercept, according to The Chosun Daily, citing Iranian state broadcaster IRIB.

The footage showed IRGC Commander-in-Chief Maj. Gen. Ahmad Vahidi and Aerospace Force Commander Brig. Gen. Majid Mousavi touring an underground military complex filled with missiles, launchers and other equipment.

"We have integrated 'surprises' and highly effective assets into our combat structure," Mousavi said, according to The Telegraph.

Vahidi issued an even more direct warning to Washington and Jerusalem.

Rival Libyan govt trade accusations over Ukrainian attacks

Monitoring Desk

LIBYA: Libya's rival governments in the east and west of the North African country exchanged tit-for-tat accusations on Monday following Ukrainian attacks on Russian ships off Libya.

Osama Hammad, appointed prime minister by the parliament in the eastern port city of Benghazi, said the western government based in Tripoli was attempting to "exploit the incident for political purposes."

Hammad accused Tripoli of levelling "insinuations and veiled accusations" at the eastern government.On Sunday, official sources in Libya had reported explosions on a Russian warship docked at the naval base in Benghazi.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky confirmed on Monday that his country's intelligence service carried out the previous day's attacks on Russian ships off the coast of Libya, sinking the corvette Merkury.



French police pepper spraying protesters during a demonstration by French high school and university students in Paris.

Presidential villa suffers water and power cuts, Nigerian leader says

Monitoring Desk

NIGERIA: Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu says the presidential villa suffers from cuts in electricity and water - issues that are all too common for the country's ordinary citizens.

He said he was shaving last week when the water supply cut at the villa, known as Aso Rock, in Abuja.

He is seeking re-election next January and vowed to address these issues.

Tinubu made the disclosure on Sunday at a special prayer session organised in his honour by members of his family in Lagos.He explained: "On the Wednesday of last week, I was shaving, and the water went off. In the villa, you won't know punishment dey dia too [there's punishment there too in Nigerian pidgin].

"The water went off. So we will correct all this. No light, no water, no electricity, no development. We have just started. We can do it, and we will do it for Nigeria," he said.

Aso Villa serves as both the office and official residence of the Nigerian president. It is situated at the base of Aso Rock in Abuja.Nigeria has long endured electricity shortages, but recent severe disruptions have been caused primarily by insufficient gas supplies and declining hydropower output, rather than the usual nationwide grid collapse.

Ukraine says: Russian air strikes kill at least 15 people across Kyiv region

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: Rescuers in Ukraine raced to find residents on Monday trapped under the rubble of a block of flats that partially collapsed in a Russian strike, after attacks on the Kyiv region killed at least 15 people. Moscow has been pummelling Ukraine with nightly aerial barrages as the war-torn country braces for another winter, as the full-scale invasion grinds through its fifth year. Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed last week.

'I want to destroy capitalism, not France': On the streets with the French ultra left

Monitoring Desk

PARIS: France is in turmoil. Crippling public debt, a "lame-duck" president with six months left in office, and massive social unrest - sparked by student protests which have erupted into looting and violence.

This Saturday marked the sixth weekend in a row of demos against soaring prices, worsening public services and alleged police brutality. Violence by protesters is down on last month but still present.President Emmanuel Macron has publicly blamed riots on "delinquents" and "ultra-left groups" whose aim, he says, is to bring down the French Republic.

That's quite a claim – and one that needs examining.

The unrest in France has become a political football ahead of key presidential and parliamentary elections next year.

The left in France blames the centre and right for the cost-of-living crisis that's making French people so upset and angry. They blame the hard left for fomenting violence (which they deny). While the nationalist right pledges, if elected, it will return order and security to France's streets.

So, who exactly are these "ultra-left" groups Macron speaks of? And how organised and dangerous are they?

It's infamously hard to speak to members of the radical left.

Mercedes, BMW hit by 24-hour strikes as German pay dispute widens

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BERLIN: Workers in Germany's metal and electrical industries walked out this week after three rounds of pay talks ended without a deal. IG Metall called on more than 23,000 workers at 19 sites in northern Germany to take part in a 24-hour strike.

Further walkouts are expected in Berlin and the union's central district, which covers Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland, and Thuringia.

The latest "warning strikes" follow nationwide walkouts on Friday that drew 151,000 workers, according to IG Metall.

European Commission warns EU Academy users of data leak after AI-driven cyberattack

Monitoring Desk

BRUSSELS: The European Commission on Monday warned users of one of its websites that personal data has been leaked in a major AI-generated cyberattack that was launched on the EU institution last month.

The European Union's executive branch said the EU Academy website had been caught up in the cyberattack. The site offers courses and information about the 27-nation bloc's policies to people outside EU institutions.

"The exact scale of the data leak remains under investigation as a precautionary measure," spokesperson Thomas Regnier said. Names and email addresses were among the data taken, he said, but did not specify how many people were affected.The commission confirmed last week that it had first detected incidents involving its databases on Oct. 22 and that its cyber experts had taken "preventive measures" to limit the damage.

Regnier declined to confirm whether the month-long cyber campaign has been brought under control.

"As long as the investigation is ongoing, I will not make any conclusive statements at this stage on where we are," he said.

A message on the EU Academy website said that access had been disabled and measures taken to contain the incident and limit its impact. It warned users to watch for suspicious or unsolicited emails and messages and to avoid sharing personal information with anyone contacting them about the website or its activities.



Turkish gendarmerie officers block a road as police and animal welfare teams search for a lioness spotted roaming in the Sariyer district of Istanbul.

Israeli attacks have turned Gaza into 'toxic wasteland', Oxfam says

Monitoring Desk

GAZA: Gaza has been turned into "a toxic wasteland", with more than 99% of the Palestinian territory showing indicators of environmental contamination from Israeli military attacks, a new report from the non-profit organisation Oxfam says.

Heavy metals, explosive residues, and asbestos from destroyed buildings, dioxins and biological contaminants in the air, soil and water supply are threats to Palestinians now and potentially for decades to come, it says.

Oxfam International's executive director, Amitabh Behar, accuses Israel of "environmental war crimes" as part of an "ongoing genocide in Gaza.""The destruction and contamination of Gaza will have fundamentally degraded the environmental conditions necessary for human safety and survival," he says.

Israel's government has been asked for its response to the report.

It has rejected genocide accusations in an ongoing case at the International Court of Justice as baseless and distorted. Israel maintains that its military campaign in Gaza is an act of self-defence against Hamas in response to the group's deadly attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, and that it takes steps to mitigate civilian harm.Oxfam and the UK-based Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS) used satellite imagery, remote sensing, spatial analysis and other open-source data .



The UN estimates that Israeli forces dropped more than 200,000 tonnes of explosives on Gaza in almost two years.

President, PM welcome Portugal's support for Pakistan's GSP+ status and regional peace mediation role

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday welcomed Portugal's continued support for the country's GSP+ status and its role in promoting regional peace.

Portugal's Minister of State and Foreign Affairs Paulo Rangel, on an official visit to Pakistan from November 22 to 23, met with the president in Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad today. The Portuguese minister also separately held a meeting with PM Shehbaz.

According to the president's secretariat, the president appreciated Portugal's support for Pakistan's GSP+ status and sought continued cooperation for the welfare, integration, consular access and protection of the rights of the Pakistani community in Portugal.

Describing Portugal as an important partner within the European Union, President Zardari highlighted considerable opportunities for expanding bilateral cooperation beyond traditional textiles. The president identified opportunities in agriculture, processed foods, pharmaceuticals, engineering, sports goods and IT services.

He also proposed establishing a Pakistan-Portugal Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment to address trade barriers, identify opportunities and facilitate commercial cooperation. The president also stressed the importance of collaboration between the two countries in education, research, technology and sports, including university partnerships, faculty and student exchanges, and cooperation between technology institutions and incubators.

"He welcomed the partnership between FC Porto and Sialkot Football Academy and encouraged further exchanges in coaching, youth tournaments and training programmes," the statement issued by the secretariat read.

It further underscored that the president expressed hope for the early finalisation of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding on agricultural cooperation and the establishment of a bilateral technical working group.

Furthermore, President Zardari congratulated Portugal on its election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the term commencing January 1, 2027, during the meeting and wished it a successful tenure.



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of Portugal, Mr. Paulo Rangel, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Pakistan offers nuclear security expertise, training support to IAEA member states: PNRA Chairman

Pak hosts IAEA Regional Workshop ahead of INSO 2027

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA), Zia Hussain Shah on Monday said Pakistan is offering its expertise and training capabilities to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) member states to strengthen nuclear security frameworks, particularly in countries embarking on peaceful nuclear energy programmes.

Speaking on the sidelines of the 2026 Annual Meeting of the International Network for Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres (NSSC Network) here, he said Pakistan had developed strong indigenous capabilities in nuclear safety and security through an independent regulatory framework, skilled human resources and state-of-the-art training facilities.

He explained that an independent regulatory body required three essential components, including a strong legal mandate, competent human resources and adequate institutional resources.

He said PNRA is legally empowered to regulate all aspects of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including nuclear power generation, medicine, agriculture, research and industry. Highlighting the importance of professional expertise, he said Pakistan benefited from the Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS), which produced highly qualified graduates in nuclear safety, security and related disciplines.

These professionals were recruited by regulatory bodies, licensees and technical support organizations, while PNRA also directly inducted graduates and provided them with specialized training.

He said Pakistan had three centres of excellence contributing to human resource development and capacity building in nuclear safety and security, including the Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS), the National Institute of Safety and Security (NISAS), operating under the administrative control of PNRA, and the Pakistan Centre of Excellence for Nuclear Security (PCENS).

He explained that PIEAS played a key role in producing highly qualified professionals in nuclear safety, security and related disciplines, while NISAS focused on regulatory frameworks and inspection-related training. PCENS, on the other hand, provided specialized facilities for practical training and demonstrating responses to different nuclear security threats and incidents. The PNRA chairman said Pakistan's collaboration with the international community through the IAEA had enabled it to share its expertise and contribute to capacity development in several countries across Asia, Africa and the Far East.

Ayaz calls for collective action, effective implementation of child protection laws

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has called for collective national efforts, effective implementation of existing legislation and stronger institutional mechanisms to ensure the safety, protection and welfare of children across Pakistan.

He expressed these views while addressing the National Seminar on Child Safety, titled "Strengthening the Legal Framework for Child Protection in Pakistan, " as chief guest at the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS). The seminar was organised by the Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights (PCCR) of the National Assembly, under the Convenorship of Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan, MNA, in collaboration with Save the Children.

In his keynote address, Ayaz Sadiq underscored that the protection, welfare and rights of children constitute a collective national responsibility.

Highlighting disparities in access to education, nutrition, healthcare and essential facilities, he stressed that every child, irrespective of background or geographical location, deserves a safe environment and protection from all forms of abuse and exploitation. He emphasised the role of parents and educational institutions in imparting moral values, civic sense and ethical responsibilities alongside formal education.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of Portugal H.E. Paulo Rangel called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Korea–Pakistan collaboration launched to strengthen world heritage conservation in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and the Republic of Korea have launched a joint initiative to strengthen the country's capacity for the conservation and management of World Heritage Sites, marking a new phase of bilateral cooperation in cultural heritage preservation. Under the initiative, the Department of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM), Ministry of National Heritage & Culture, in collaboration with the Korea Heritage Agency (KHA), commenced a four-day Capacity Building Programme for the Conservation and Management of World Heritage in Pakistan, running from November 23-26. The opening ceremony was attended by Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Pakistan, Han Sung-ho, and Secretary, Ministry of National Heritage & Culture, Asad Rehman Gilani, along with federal and provincial government representatives, international experts and other stakeholders.

The programme aims to enhance Pakistan's institutional, technical and professional capabilities in safeguarding its World Heritage properties through international expertise, knowledge-sharing and improved coordination among relevant institutions. A key feature of the opening day was a Town Hall Meeting, bringing together federal and provincial representatives, international experts and stakeholders to review the existing conservation and management framework for Pakistan's World Heritage properties and discuss challenges and priorities for their effective protection.

Over the next three days, participants will attend specialised lectures, technical discussions and practical training sessions conducted by three international experts.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman of Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority, Zia Hussain Shah Pose for group photograph with foreign Ambassadors and observers during IAEA Annual Meeting of the International Network for Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres (NSSC Network).

Chairman Senate extols ICMAP role in producing skilled professionals

MULTAN (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani has stressed the need for talented, responsible and forward-looking professionals to strengthen the country's economy and contribute to a prosperous future.

He was addressing the 36th convocation of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA) in Multan late Sunday night.

Gilani said success was measured not merely by academic qualifications but also by integrity, professional ethics and positive contributions to society. He noted that the year held special significance as ICMA was celebrating 75 years of its establishment in 1951, acknowledging its contribution to developing skilled accountants who had played an important role in Pakistan's corporate sector, industry, financial management and economic development.

He described the diamond jubilee as a tribute to the institution's longstanding commitment to education, professional integrity and nation-building.

The chairman senate appreciated ICMA Pakistan President Muhammad Yasin and his team for promoting professional education, strengthening the accounting profession and preparing future business leaders.

Congratulating the graduating students, Gilani said the convocation marked not the end of their journey but the beginning of greater responsibilities and opportunities.

He urged them to contribute to national development, saying their greatest achievement would be measured not only by personal success.

Dr Tariq urges opposition to hold talks on national, public interest issues

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Monday urged the opposition to engage in discussions on issues of national and public interest.

Speaking to a private television channel, he said political parties should hold meaningful dialogue on key issues, including education, health, population growth and terrorism.

Commenting on the establishment of new provinces, he said public opinion and political consensus were essential for creating new provinces in the country.

Responding to a question about the imposition of Governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), he said the imposition of an emergency, was aimed at eliminating terrorism from the province.

Atta Tarar calls

Apna Ghar Scheme practical manifestation of PM's vision for public welfare

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Monday highlighted the successful disbursement of loans worth more than Rs 100 billion under the Apna Ghar Scheme which is a practical manifestation of the vision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for public welfare.

Addressing a ceremony held here at the Jinnah Convention Centre to mark the milestone of massive loans disbursement under the Prime Minister Apna Ghar Scheme, Tarar said disbursement of loans worth over Rs 100 billion is an outcome of effective policy framework which was worked out in consultation with all stakeholders.

With public welfare as a prime objective of the programme, he said, the prime minister has chaired numerous meetings for the success of the programme.

"People from across Pakistan are present at the ceremony today, who have fulfilled their dream of owning a home under the Prime Minister Apna Ghar Scheme," he remarked.

Citing a common perception in the country that says "a man builds a house while a woman turns it into a home," the minister noted the presence of women in the hall that have not only built their houses but also given them the status of a home.



BEIJING: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, meets Fu Zhiheng, President of China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC), to discuss Pakistan-China cooperation in space exploration and Pakistan's historic first astronaut mission.



MULTAN: Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani distributes certificates among students during the ICMA 2026 convocation held.

Security official martyred in attack at toll plaza on Kohat Indus Highway

KOHAT (APP): A security official identified as Obaidullah , on Monday was martyred in an attack at a toll plaza on the Kohat Indus Highway, according to local reports. The incident occurred at the toll plaza along the Kohat section of the Indus Highway, resulting in the martyrdom of security personnel Obaidullah.

Sindh challenges federal notification transferring five SSPs to Balochistan

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh government has objected to the transfer of five Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) from the province to Balochistan and decided not to release their services to the federal government. In this regard, Sindh Chief Secretary has formally written to the Secretary Establishment Division, demanding the withdrawal of the transfer notification issued on November 13, 2026. In its letter, the Sindh government maintained that consultation with the chief minister is mandatory before transferring police officers from one province to another. However, no consultation was held with Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah before issuing the transfer orders. The provincial government referred to Rule 15(1) of the Civil Servants Rules, 1954, arguing that transfers made without the chief minister's consultation were contrary to the prescribed rules. The five officers included in the transfer notification are SSP Hyderabad Shahzaib Chachar, SSP Jamshoro Muhammad Zafar Siddique, SSP Sukkur Ahmed Faisal Chaudhry, SSP Matiari Abdul Aleem and SSP Tando Muhammad Khan Haseeb Javed Soomro Memon.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Haji Abdul Majeed Badini meeting with Provincial Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango.

Three bullet riddled bodies found in Bannu

BANNU (INP): Three bullet-riddled bodies found in tehsil Domel of Bannu district, police said on Monday.

"Three bullet-riddled dead bodies found at company road in Domel police station jurisdiction," officials said.

The slain persons included two brothers named as Abdul Razzaq and Sajid alias Jeeda, sons of Rahamzada, while the third deceased identified as Adil Nawaz, a native of Lakki Marwat, a guest of the two deceased brothers.

Three men were allegedly killed in a firing incident.

After the incident police reached to the crime scene and shifted the bodies to hospital for post-mortem and other medical formalities. Police has registered triple murder case on the complaint of a brother of two deceased and initiated investigation.

Naeem calls for modern IT skills to expand job prospects for Balochistan youth

QUETTA (ANN): Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Emir and Bano Qabil Program Patron-in-Chief Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman has stressed the need to equip Balochistan's young population with modern information technology and digital skills to improve employment prospects and promote economic self-reliance.

During a visit to the Bano Qabil IT Lab in Quetta, Hafiz Naeem interacted with students and reviewed various educational and technical activities being conducted at the facility. He appreciated the trainees' performance and encouraged them to make the most of the opportunities available to them.

He said Balochistan had a large pool of talented youth, but inadequate opportunities and facilities often prevented them from developing their abilities and securing sustainable livelihoods.

The Jamaat-e-Islami chief said Alkhidmat Foundation had extended the Bano Qabil initiative to Quetta and other parts of Balochistan to provide Pashtun and Baloch youth with access to IT education, technical training and skills aligned with employment opportunities.

He observed that technological and professional competencies had become increasingly important in the global economy, allowing young people to pursue freelancing and other forms of self-employment while accessing international markets through digital platforms.

Hafiz Naeem described the Bano Qabil programme as a significant initiative for providing quality IT education and practical training to young people without discrimination.

He said the programme was designed to develop market-oriented skills, strengthen employment opportunities and enable youth to achieve financial independence while making a productive contribution to the country's economy.

During the visit, Alkhidmat Foundation Balochistan President Abdul Majeed and General Secretary Muhammad Usman Kakar briefed Hafiz Naeem on plans to extend the programme to additional areas of the province, improve existing training facilities and establish new IT centres at proposed locations.

Hafiz Naeem urged the students to remain focused on learning, innovation and professional growth, saying commitment combined with modern technological expertise could open new avenues for employment and help young people become economically self-sufficient.

Supreme Court says:

Departmental proceedings against retired employees must conclude within 2yrs

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court has ruled that departmental proceedings against a retired government employee must be concluded within two years of retirement, observing that the concerned department has no authority to continue such proceedings after the expiry of the prescribed period.

A two-member bench comprising Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan issued the judgment while deciding cases concerning medical retirement of employees of the Punjab Irrigation Department, alleged fake medical certificates and recruitment of their children on the basis of such certificates. The court partially allowed appeals filed by the Punjab government.

The court held that under Section 21 of the Punjab Employees Efficiency, Discipline and Accountability (PEEDA) Act, 2006, departmental proceedings against a retired employee must be completed within two years of retirement.

The wording of the law makes this period mandatory, leaving no discretion with the competent authorities to extend it.

The judgment clarified that an amendment introduced in 2026 to the PEEDA Act allows an extension of the two-year period on the basis of recorded reasons in writing. However, the amendment would operate prospectively and would not apply retrospectively to the cases under consideration, which would be governed by the previous law.

According to the cases, the Punjab Irrigation Department had initiated proceedings against certain employees who had retired on medical grounds, declaring their medical certificates fake. Their children had obtained government jobs under Rule 17-A on the basis of the same certificates. The department subsequently ordered the employees' dismissal and recovery of salaries.

Zamrak Achakzai says:

Attempts to mute voice of Balochistan on rights, resources unacceptable

Independent Report

QUETTA: Awami National Party Parliamentary Leader Engineer Zmarak Khan Achakzai has rejected attempts to suppress voices advocating Balochistan's constitutional rights and control over its coastal and natural resources, vowing to continue highlighting provincial concerns at every relevant forum.

Addressing a protest demonstration by journalists in Quetta, Achakzai said several resolutions on public grievances and the rights of Balochistan had been tabled in the provincial assembly, but many of them failed to receive the attention they deserved at the national level.

He said the province's struggle for its legitimate rights would continue despite efforts to weaken or marginalize its voice.

Expressing solidarity with the protesting journalists, the ANP parliamentary leader described the media as the fourth pillar of the state and acknowledged the continued professional efforts of journalists in Balochistan despite challenging working conditions and security concerns.

He warned that undermining independent journalism would deprive citizens of an important channel for raising their issues with the authorities and ensuring institutional accountability.

Achakzai called upon owners of television channels and other media organizations operating in Balochistan to safeguard the employment and financial interests of journalists and media workers.



QUETTA: President PFUJ Afzal Butt, President Quetta Press Club Irfan Saeed and other journalists hold protest sit-in.

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