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PM directs swift restructuring, modernisation of NCCIA and resolution of cybercrime cases

ISLAMABAD (APP):Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to expedite the restructuring process of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) to transform it into an effective and modern institution and align the system for the prevention and investigation of cybercrimes with modern needs.

The prime minister, chairing a meeting regarding the restructuring of the NCCIA, said that protecting the public from cybercrimes was among the government's priorities.

He directed the deployment of experts from the information technology and artificial intelligence sectors in the NCCIA and all its subordinate offices, and the hiring of the best and merit-based human resources in the agency.

The prime minister said that the restructuring of the institution should focus on the use of AI and modern technology, while utilising all available resources to resolve pending cybercrime cases.

To review the reform proposals presented by the NCCIA, Prime Minister Shehbaz ordered the formation of a committee comprising federal ministers Mohsin Naqvi, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Muhammad Aurangzeb, and Shaza Fatima Khawaja, which would submit its recommendations to him by the end of the current week.

During the meeting, recommendations regarding the restructuring of the NCCIA were presented, and its performance, administrative structure, and future course of action were also reviewed.

In a briefing, the participants of the meeting were told that there was a proposal to convert the NCCIA into a national-level Pakistan Cyber Police, for which the best human resources would be recruited on merit.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding restructuring of NCCIA.

Pakistan makes history as first astronaut Zeeshan Ali reaches China's Tiangong space station

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's first astronaut, Muhammad Zeeshan Ali Wednesday reached a historic milestone as the Shenzhou-24 spacecraft carrying him successfully docked with China's Tiangong space station, marking Pakistan's entry into human space exploration.

According to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA), the spacecraft successfully docked with the space station three hours and 38 minutes after liftoff from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China.

The three-member crew comprises Chinese astronauts Tang Hongbo, who is commanding the mission, and Wu Yi, serving as mission pilot, along with Pakistani astronaut Muhammad Zeeshan Ali as payload specialist. Ali became the first Pakistani astronaut to enter orbit and the first foreign national to board China's Tiangong space station.

During his approximately one-week stay in space, Ali will undertake Pakistan's scientific experiments in microgravity, developed in collaboration



with Pakistani researchers and academic institutions.

The spacecraft was launched at 8:18 a.m. Beijing time (5:18 a.m. Pakistan time) aboard a Long March-2F carrier rocket. It successfully separated from the carrier rocket approximately 10 minutes after liftoff and entered its preset orbit, CMSA confirmed.

According to the Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission of Pakistan (SUPARCO), the research programme covers materials science, fluid physics, life and biological sciences.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti inaugurates the first-ever Digital Balochistan Expo 2026, organized by the Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade in collaboration with the Planning and Development Department.

CM Bugti says:

Digital economy can unlock Balochistan youth potential

Balochistan to organise 1st-ever digital expo 2026 to accelerate youth-led innovation and digital transformation

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has announced the launch of Digital Balochistan Expo 2026, the province's first-ever digital exposition, scheduled to take place from December 21 to 24 at the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) in Quetta.

The four-day event is aimed at showcasing the government's digital reforms, highlighting the achievements of digitised public departments, and creating opportunities for young people to connect with national and international technology companies.

Speaking at a ceremony held at the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Bugti said the world is rapidly moving towards digitalisation, artificial intelligence and innovation-based economies, and stressed that Balochistan must adopt modern technologies to remain competitive.

"The greatest asset of Balochistan is not its mineral wealth but its talented youth," the Chief Minister said. "We must equip our young people with modern skills and provide them with platforms that enable them to compete nationally and globally."

The expo will feature presentations from all digitised government departments and provide a forum for young entrepreneurs, software developers, technology professionals and students from across the province to display their innovations, skills and business ideas.

Sarfraz Bugti said the government wants to encourage young people to look beyond traditional government employment and explore opportunities in entrepreneurship, freelancing, digital services and emerging technologies. He noted that youth from remote districts, including Dera Bugti, Zhob, Turbat, Kharan, Awaran and other areas, can leverage digital platforms to achieve economic independence and create employment opportunities for others.

The Chief Minister highlighted several ongoing digital initiatives, including

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DPM underscores sustainable reforms to stabilise power sector, provide relief to consumers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister (DPM/ FM), Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Wednesday underscored the need for sustainable solutions and close inter-institutional coordination to stabilise the power sector and provide tangible relief to end consumers.

The deputy prime minister chaired a meeting to review power sector management here, a DPM's Office news release said.

DPM/FM Dar emphasised the importance of effective debt management, financial discipline and coordinated reforms to ensure that energy requirements are fully met, particularly during the summer season.

The meeting discussed managing power sector debt and deliberated on viable financial and structural measures to address the issue. Financing through commercial banks alongside reviewing international best practices for reducing energy sector debt and effectively managing transmission and line losses also came under discussion.

The meeting was attended by SAPM Tariq Bajwa; Secretary Power Division, and representatives of concerned ministries, power distribution companies and financial institutions.

Pakistan, Maldives agree to expand cooperation in tourism, trade, sports: Mohsin Naqvi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi and Minister of State for Interior, Talal Chaudhry on Wednesday met Maldives Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mohamed Amin and discussed ways to expand cooperation between the two countries in tourism, sports, health, trade, manpower and other sectors.

During the meeting, both sides agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation and explore opportunities in different fields.

The Maldivian minister appreciated Islamabad's infrastructure and sanitation system. He said he was pleased to see the city's rapid development, beauty and natural landscapes. He said Islamabad had strong potential to become a tourism capital.

The Maldives minister also informed the meeting that the country's national airline would soon launch direct flights between Pakistan and the Maldives.

Welcoming the decision, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said direct flights would make travel to the Maldives easier for Pakistani citizens. He said Pakistanis had a keen interest in tourism and direct air links would help increase the number of Pakistani visitors to the island country.

Govt slashes petrol by Rs4, diesel by Rs5 for Nov 26

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government on Wednesday decreased the price of petrol by Rs4 per litre and that of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs5 per litre for November 26.

A press release from the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority said petrol stood at Rs314 per litre, while HSD was Rs348 per litre.

The latest revision comes a day after the government decreased the price of petrol by Re1 per litre and that of HSD by Rs4 per litre for November 25.

The federal government on Wednesday decreased the price of petrol by Rs4 per litre and that of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs5 per litre for November 26.

Leghari highlights Pakistan's diplomatic role in US-Iran conflict, calls for stable energy supplies

MOSCOW (APP): Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari on Wednesday said Pakistan is playing a proactive role in promoting peace and facilitating dialogue amid the US-Iran conflict, while stressing that uninterrupted global energy supplies are essential to economic stability.

In an exclusive interview with RT in Moscow, the minister said Pakistan had been positioned to play an important regional role for decades, but its contriberty and affecting countries that were on the path to economic recovery.

He said Pakistan had sought to play its role in helping resolve the crisis and had received appreciation from key global players, including the United States, Russia and China.

Emphasising the need for an early end to the conflict, he said uninterrupted energy flows were essential for all countries, whether developed or developing, energy exporters or importers.

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Wanted terrorist killed in Karak IBO

PESHAWAR (APP): Security forces have killed a highly wanted terrorist, identified as Shoaib alias Saif-ul-Islam during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Karak district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday.

According to official sources, the deceased terrorist was affiliated with Fitna al-Khawarij and was involved in the killing of DSP Imran- -ud-Din in Karak.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr. Musadiq Masood Malik called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

ADB approves $250m to strengthen Pak PPP framework, attract private investment

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday approved a $250 million policy-based loan to help Pakistan strengthen its public–private partnership (PPP) framework, advance sustainable infrastructure development projects in the pipeline and attract greater private sector investment to consolidate the economy.

A statement issued by ADB said the financing will support government reforms aimed at preparing commercially viable projects, particularly high-quality and cost-efficient infrastructure, while improving the management of fiscal risks associated with PPP arrangements.

ADB Pakistan Country Director Emma Fan said, "Rigorous project appraisal, transparent disclosure, and sound management of fiscal risks are essential to translate Pakistan's PPP pipeline into sustainable infrastructure investment."

She added that the programme reflected the bank's commitment to supporting Pakistan in strengthening public investment and financial management, improving infrastructure development and mobilising private sector financing through PPP.

Titled the Promoting Sustainable Public–Private Partnerships Programme, the initiative builds on its first phase approved in 2024, which focused on strengthening Pakistan's legal and policy frameworks for PPPs. Under the second phase, the government has taken steps to bring federal PPP and privatisation functions together under a unified platform.

The programme also supports the establishment of dedicated PPP units in four federal ministries and agencies.

Another key component is the development of a national framework to monitor and disclose fiscal liabilities arising from PPP projects.



PM directs
Identification of additional loss-making SOEs for inclusion in privatization process

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the relevant authorities to identify additional loss-making state-owned enterprises (SOEs) for inclusion in the privatization process.

The prime minister chaired a meeting here to review progress on the privatization of SOEs and assets.

PM Shehbaz Sharif said the privatization of non-functional SOEs and assets is vital for improving the national economy, reducing the burden on the national exchequer, and ensuring economic stability.

He underlined that the privatization of loss-making SOEs would create opportunities to redirect national resources toward public welfare and development projects.

The prime minister directed that the privatization process for state entities should be further accelerated and all projects should be completed within the stipulated timelines.

"Legal hurdles must not be allowed to cause delays in the privatization process, and effective measures should be taken to resolve them," the prime minister said.

The meeting included a detailed review of the progress made by the Privatization Commission regarding the privatization of various state entities. A briefing was provided on the privatization process for power distribution companies (DISCOs)—including IESCO, LESCO, GEPCO, and others.

Moreover, the meeting was briefed on the progress of the Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) and the State Life Insurance Corporation privatization. The meeting was informed that all ongoing privatization projects are proceeding according to the established schedule.



QUETTA: MPA Sheikh Zarak Khan Mandokhail and Secretary Pak Canoeing Federation meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

Ambassador Gilani says:
Pak-China friendship rooted in mutual trust, solidarity and people-to-people bonds

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Syed Ali Asad Gilani, has underscored the deep-rooted and enduring nature of Pakistan-China friendship, describing it as a bond founded on mutual trust, respect and solidarity that extends beyond government-to-government relations to the hearts of the two peoples.

Addressing the China-Pakistan Exchange for Mutual Learning Among Civilizations and Youth Dialogue and the unveiling ceremony of the China-Foreign Youth Parlor, held as part of celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations, Ambassador Gilani emphasized that youth engagement, cultural exchange and mutual learning would be essential in carrying the longstanding friendship forward for generations to come.

The ambassador expressed his sincere appreciation to the Contemporary World Press of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) and the Embassy of Pakistan for bringing together participants to commemorate the historic milestone.

Leghari..

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past two to three years had helped rebuild trust with major international players, including Washington and Tehran. He said Pakistan was now increasingly recognised as a promoter of peace, he added.

The minister said relations with Iran had also improved over the past few years, enabling Tehran to consider Pakistan a trusted partner for facilitating dialogue. He acknowledged the positive contributions of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and other regional countries in the diplomatic efforts.

On Pakistan-Russia relations, Leghari said both countries had a strong desire to translate their cordial political ties into higher levels of economic and trade cooperation. He said the Intergovernmental Commission had gained momentum over the past three years, advancing cooperation in energy, the North-South Transport Corridor and human resource development.

He described energy as one of the key pillars of the bilateral engagement and said the two countries were exploring opportunities to take their economic relationship to a new level.

Discussing Pakistan's energy outlook, the minister said the country was shifting towards indigenous energy resources and had witnessed a significant transition to renewable energy, particularly solar power, in recent years. He said around 24 per cent of Pakistan's electricity sector remained dependent on imported energy, while rising fuel prices had accelerated interest in electric vehicles and mobility. He said the shift towards electric two- and three-wheelers was gaining momentum as consumers looked for more economical alternatives.

Misinformation..

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our age is not nuclear warfare or destruction caused by climate change; it is misinformation and disinformation."

"When the definition of broadcaster is changing and millions of sources of information are coming through, it is quite a challenge to declare something a fake or false narrative," the minister stressed.

Citing his conversation with a religious party that was later banned, he said that in the midst of negotiations, they wanted certain multinational companies shut down. When asked why they had not spoken about shutting down social media platforms, which are also owned by foreign entities, they outrightly refused, saying the platforms were imperative for the promotion of their ideology and agenda.

"Now, you have hardliners and banned organizations. This threat has gone way beyond declaring something a false narrative," he argued.

"Let me say something very radical: we are financially incentivizing terrorism, harassment and child abuse for that matter. Anything that goes viral is now directly linked to financial incentives," he said, calling for redressal of the algorithmic injustice that enables such contributors or creators to earn money in accordance with their virality and views.

In such a scenario, the issue of false narrative recedes into the background, he added.

"The other day, we had a video from the BLA and you know well, it is not only a proscribed organization but is also on the list of banned organizations of the US State Department. We took it up with certain social media platforms that these people are terrorists killing innocent people and this content needs to be taken down, but it wasn't."

Pakistani architect Dr Zahra wins Tamayouz excellence award 2026 rising star title

Independent report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani architect and cultural heritage conservation specialist Dr Zahra Hussain has won the Rising Star Award at the Tamayouz Excellence Award 2026, recognising her contributions to architecture and the built environment. She received the honour for her work in safeguarding cultural heritage across the Hindu Kush Himalaya region, promoting community participation and advancing climate-responsive architecture.

Dr Zahra Hussain is Director of Lajvard and Chief Executive Officer of Mapping Heritage Terrains. She was selected from among candidates representing the Middle East and North Africa region. The international jury recognised her efforts to integrate heritage conservation with community engagement, environmental sustainability, research and policymaking. It also commended her role in establishing the Lajvard Visiting School and the Community Conservation Lab, through which hundreds of students, researchers and local craftspeople have received training.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi, addressing the national seminar titled "Iqbal in Contemporary Discourse: Perspectives, Perceptions and Reinterpretations" at the International Islamic University.

Digital..

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the Rise Balochistan Programme, telemedicine services, the Dehleez health application, digitisation of the Finance and Planning and Development departments, and the introduction of AI-based attendance systems in the education and health sectors.

He said digital reforms are improving transparency, efficiency and accountability across government institutions. The provincial government has also digitised the PC-I approval process for development projects and is gradually reducing reliance on conventional bureaucratic procedures.

Bugti further announced plans to modernise the Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSC) through a paperless and technology-driven examination system aimed at ensuring greater transparency and merit-based recruitment. He said the reforms would eventually include modernised assessment methods to protect candidates from subjective or unfair evaluation processes.

Emphasising the importance of merit and good governance, the Chief Minister said sustainable development depends on transparency, anti-corruption measures and difficult but necessary reforms.

He added that empowering youth and women through technology remains a key government objective, citing the success of the Rise Balochistan programme, which has helped women establish businesses and move toward financial independence.

Speaking on the occasion, Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade Vice, Chairman Bilal Khan Kakar said the expo would serve as a major platform to showcase the province's digital transformation, governance reforms and investment potential. He noted that initiatives such as the digitisation of government departments, improvements in healthcare delivery and business facilitation measures are helping create a more modern and investor-friendly environment.

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Tender Fee 1,500 PKRand Bid Security 3%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	WATER SUPPLY SCHEME WITH SOLAR SYSTEM FOR KILLI HASHIQ HUSSAIN RARASHAM DISTRICT MSAKHAIL UNDER PROVINCIAL PSDP NO 4410 Z2026. 2469 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.	15,000,000

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 10,500,000 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 CE09(ii) (Water Supply), EE11(ii) (Solar Energy). 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 272502 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 01 December, 2026during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10 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
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S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	CONSTRUCTION OF DISTRICT OFFICE AND RESIDENCE AT SUB-DIVISION TOBA KARARI DISTRICT BARSHORE Z2026.0603	41,227,369

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 28,859,158 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Bid Security 2% of the Estimated Cost Tender Document Fee Rs.2000 in account of C-02716 The Bidder must not have any pending litigation or court cases related to contractual disputes, fraud, corruption, or other serious offenses. The Bidder must not have been involved in any contract breach or termination Completed at Least 02 Projects of Similar Nature and complexity projects Cost 60% or above under taken in last 05 Years **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 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.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 17 December, 2026till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Street No 8
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Tender Fee 1,500 PKRand Bid Security 3%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	WATER SUPPLY SCHEME WITH SOLAR SYSTEM MUHALLAH SADDIQUE ABAD TRATA RARASHAM DISTRICT MUSAKHAIL UNDER PROVINCIAL PSDP NO 4412 Z2026. 2471 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.	15,000,000

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 10,500,000 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 CE09(ii) (Water Supply), EE11(ii) (Solar Energy). 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 272502 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 01 December, 2026during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10 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
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Tender Fee 1,500 PKRand Bid Security 3%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	WATER SUPPLY SCHEME WITH SOLAR SYSTEM FOR KILLI MALIK GHAUS BUKHSH RARASHAM DISTRICT MUSAKHAIL UNDER PROVINCIAL PSDP NO 4411 Z2026. 2471 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.	15,000,000

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 10,500,000 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 CE09(ii) (Water Supply), EE11(ii) (Solar Energy). 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 272502 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 01 December, 2026during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10 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
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Tender Fee 1000/-, Time limit 30-06-2027and Earnest Money 3%

S.N O	Name of work	E/Cost
1.	PROVISION OF HOME SOLAR PANELS KILLI ISHANI ENGR JAMALKHETRAN BARKHAN PSDP #Z2026.3966 **TSE-2627111228283**	19,888,758

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 13,922,130 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Attach Affidavit on Judicial stamp paper of 100 Rupees, that the firm never blacklisted by any Government/Semi Government Department (Fresh Dated) The bidder provide an Authority Letter on judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/specifically for this TSE duly attested by oath commissioner (Fresh Dated) Credit Line Certificate Issued from a schedule bank of Pakistan with the minimum value of Rs. 20.00 Million, along with the project name mentioned in the letter Bidder must have completed at least 3 Home Solar projects in the last 3 years, each costing at least 70% of the estimated cost. Bidder must have required equipment and staff. Subcontracted works are not accepted. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** Single Stage – Two Envelope Procedure **BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS :**The Tender Form/ Bidding Documents will be issued from the date of first publication till submission date and time during working hours and working days, from the address mentioned below/ head office on production of green challan form for an amount as mentioned above respectively (as bidding documents charges ,Non –refundable) deposited in the head of account C-03870 through Government Treasury / National Bank of Pakistan against written request which should be on original letter head pad having name ,address, phone numbers and signature of the contractor. Or can be downloaded from BPPRA website i.ewww.bppra.gov.pk. Tender application should accompany with Earnest Money in shape of deposit at call in favor of the undersigned issued from any scheduled bank against firm's Account. Name of firm should be clearly mentioned on instrument (Deposit at call). Application for issuance of tender documents accompanied with valid copies of PEC License, NTN and Sales Tax. BRA Certificates, CNIC, and Registration of firm/ Partnership Deed/Sole Proprietorship/Power of Attorney/Authority letter from the contractor in favor of their representative. No tender will be issued without showing the required documents in "ORIGINAL". **ISSUANCE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS:** The tender documents will be issued from the date of publication of this NIT till date of submission i.e. **11th December, 2026** during office hours. **DEADLINE OF BID SUBMISSION:** The technical and financial proposals from intending contractors / firms sealed in one single envelops clearly marked with work title and type of proposal must be submitted latest by **11th December, 2026** at 09:30 AM at the office of the undersigned. **TENDER OPENING:** The Envelope bids will be opened on the same day i.e. **11th December, 2026** at 10:30 AM in the office of the undersigned before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives. **PLACE OF ISSUANCE AND SUBMISSION WILL BE:- Address**: Office of the Directorate of Works UP&DD Quetta
E-mail Address: Habibbaloch100@gmail.com
BID VALIDITY PERIOD: Ninety (90) Days. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Blacklisting, Integrity Pact and All other AFFIDAVITS (To be provided by the bidder on Stamp Paper of worth Rs.100/- duly attested by notary public) and the others Terms and conditions are mentioned (incorporated in detail in bidding documents).

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No. TSE-2627111228073

Only electronic bids will be submitted. No physical bid is required.

The Executive Engineer, PHE Division Killa Abdullah, invites e-bids from eligible bidders for execution of the following works for the year 2026, based on Composite Schedule of Rates (CSR) 2023, on percentage-rate basis:

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Tender Fee	Bid Security
1	Construction of Water Supply Schemes (WSS) at Various Locations in District Killa Abdullah	153,450,000	Rs. 2,500	3% of estimated cost (Rs. 4,603,500)

Procurement Rules: Procurement shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014. **Procedure of Procurement:** Single Stage – Two Envelope Bidding Procedure (Rule 41(3), BPPR 2014). **Eligibility of Bidders:** Bidders must fulfil all of the following criteria: (a) Bidder's name must appear on the Active Taxpayer List (ATL) of the Federal Board of Revenue. (b) Valid registration with the Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA). © Valid registration with the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in category C-4 or above (up to Rs. 200 million) in the relevant field, with specialized code CE09, CE09(I) (Sewerage Works) or CE09(ii) (Water Supply). (d) Minimum turnover of Rs. 107,415,000 in the previous one (01) year, showing the financial capacity of the firm.(e) Successful completion of at least three (03) similar projects in the last five (05) years, each comprising at least 80% similar work and costing at least 70% of the estimated cost. Maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation and sub-contracted works shall not be accepted. (f) The firm must not be blacklisted or debarred by any procuring agency of Pakistan. (g)An affidavit confirming: no conflict of interest; no current blacklisting or debarment; no major litigation or non-performance in the last five (05) years; and no failure to sign a contract. Any prior blacklisting or debarment and its restoration must be disclosed with details and proof. **Bid Security:** Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security of 3% of the estimated cost (Rs. 4,603,500) in the form of Bank Guarantee or Deposit at Call (CDR) from a scheduled bank, in favour of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Killa Abdullah. The CDR and the Green Challan (tender fee) must both bear the Tender No. TSE-2627111228073. **Bid Validity:** Ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening. **Integrity Pact:** The successful bidder shall submit an Integrity Pact as required under Rule 79 of BPPR 2014. **Tender Documents:** The NIT and the complete bidding documents can be viewed and obtained electronically from **www.bppra.gob.pk** (EPPS). **Last Date of Bid Submission:** Bids can only be submitted electronically through the supplier dashboard latest by **09 December 2026 up to 09:00 AM**. **Bid Opening:** Technical bids will be opened on the same day at **10:00 AM** on the EPPS. Financial bids of technically responsive bidders only will be opened on a date to be notified. **Right of Rejection:** The Procuring Agency reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with BPPR 2014. **Address:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Killa Abdullah, DC Office/Complex, Jungle Piralizai, District Killa Abdullah. **Phone:** 0333-7932098.

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Dr. Rubaba Buledi says:

Violence against women unacceptable, perpetrators must be held accountable

Independent Report

QUETTA: Balochistan Adviser on Women Development Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi has called for stronger measures to protect women and girls from all forms of violence, stressing that survivors must be able to seek justice without fear, coercion or social stigma.

She said ensuring protection, legal support, dignity and access to justice for survivors was a collective responsibility of the state and society, while those responsible for violence must face legal consequences. The adviser was speaking at the launch of the 2026 global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign in Quetta. The campaign was jointly organized by the Women Development Department, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and EVA Alliance.

Dr. Buledi described violence against women as a major social challenge requiring stronger legislation, effective enforcement, institutional coordination and sustained public awareness. She stressed that survivors should have access to legal assistance, psychological support and essential services while their privacy and dignity were protected. Perpetrators, she said, must be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law. The adviser said the 16-day campaign should go beyond public awareness and serve as an opportunity to reinforce collective efforts to prevent violence against women and girls. She called on government departments, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to coordinate their efforts in addressing gender-based violence. Reaffirming the provincial government's commitment to women's rights, Dr. Buledi said authorities would continue working with relevant institutions and international partners to strengthen protection mechanisms and create a safer environment for women and girls.

She maintained that a society based on justice, security and dignity could only be achieved when women and girls felt protected, empowered and confident that they could approach the justice system without intimidation.

Women Development Secretary Sher Shah Ghilzai, UNDP Balochistan Head Zulfiqar Durrani, UNFPA Balochistan Head Sadia Atta, FDI Pakistan Head Uzma Yaqoob.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti addresses the launching ceremony of the first-ever Digital Balochistan Expo 2026, organized by the Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade in collaboration with the Planning and Development Department.



QUETTA: Advisor to CM for Women Development Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi addressing at the launch of the 2026 global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign in Quetta

Dr Malik Baloch says:

Quality technical education vital to ending underdevelopment

Independent Report

QUETTA: National Party President and former Balochistan chief minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch has stressed that quality higher education and technical training are indispensable for overcoming underdevelopment and advancing the province on political, economic and social fronts.

He said women students in Balochistan had demonstrated considerable intellectual ability and creative potential, but limited access to effective policies, financial resources and meaningful opportunities continued to restrict their contribution to society.

Dr Malik Baloch was speaking as chief guest at the concluding session of the Second International Conference on Emerging Trends in Science and Technology (ICETST-2026), organized by Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University in Quetta.

The former chief minister appreciated the research projects and innovative concepts presented by female students at the conference, calling for greater investment in their education and research opportunities.

He said students needed institutional support, adequate resources and encouragement to translate their abilities into practical achievements and contribute to addressing the country's challenges.

Referring to his tenure as chief minister, Dr Malik Baloch said the education sector's share of the provincial budget was raised from 4 to 26 percent during his government. He also said three medical colleges and six universities were established during that period. He described education as a provincial responsibility and called for sustained attention to the sector, particularly in a province where talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds often face financial and institutional barriers.

Citing students from low-income families in Balochistan who had earned merit-based scholarships to study physics at European universities, he said such achievements reflected the high caliber of young people in the province when they were provided with suitable opportunities.

Dr Malik Baloch said knowledge, scientific research and technological advancement had become key drivers of development worldwide. He called for education and technical skills to be aligned with changing labour-market requirements so that young people could compete in an increasingly technology-driven global economy.

He also highlighted the expanding role of artificial intelligence, urging Balochistan's youth to acquire expertise in emerging technologies, research and innovation. The National Party leader said the province's young population had substantial potential, but turning that potential into meaningful progress required access to opportunities, institutional encouragement and sustained effort. National Party Balochistan Working Committee member Mashkoor Anwar and Provincial Education Secretary Sadia Badini were also present on the occasion.



QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehrullah Badini, Deputy Commissioner Quetta West Madam Sana Mahjabeen in a group photo with CEO of Martin Dow Madam Salwa Zainab.

Loralai Commissioner says:

Effective strategy needed for repatriation of undocumented foreigners, revenue recovery

Independent Report

LORALAI: Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Bareech has called for a coordinated strategy to facilitate the repatriation of undocumented foreign nationals, recover outstanding government dues and improve provincial revenue collection.

He has convened a series of meetings involving deputy commissioners and relevant officials from Loralai, Dukki, Musakhel, Harnai and Ziarat districts to assess administrative arrangements, revenue performance and interdepartmental coordination.

A meeting on the repatriation of undocumented foreign nationals will be held in accordance with the Balochistan Home Department's notification issued on October 4, 2023. Officials will examine the progress of the repatriation process, administrative requirements and measures necessary for its effective implementation.

The DIG Police Loralai, deputy commissioners from the five districts and representatives of Loralai Scouts, intelligence agencies, Special Branch, NADRA and the Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees Balochistan will participate in the meeting.

Another session will focus on government revenue collection, with district-wise performance, prescribed targets, agricultural income tax and recovery of outstanding dues included in the agenda.

Officials will also review quarterly receipts from stamp duty, irrigation charges, Ushr, land mutation fees, district and municipal charges and capital value tax. The meeting will further assess acreage-based inspections of Rabi and Kharif crops and compare revenue collection with established targets.

BFA fines three Quetta businesses, partially seals two food units

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) has taken action against several food businesses in Quetta for violations of food safety regulations, imposing fines on three establishments and partially sealing two units during a special inspection campaign. Food safety teams led by BFA Director Operations Kashif Zubair conducted inspections at major food outlets, distribution centers and restaurants in the Alamo Chowk and Airport Road areas. During an inspection of a bakery, officials found expired canned olives, products carrying different manufacturing and expiry dates, inadequate storage arrangements and poor hygiene among staff. A distribution center was also penalized after inspectors found food items exposed to direct sunlight, inadequate sanitation and disinfection of the warehouse.

Ministerial reappointment carries responsibility to serve people: Ali Madad Jattak

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Minister for Agriculture Haji Mir Ali Madad Jattak on Wednesday said that he is taking practical measures to address legal issues of public with aim to provide basic facilities to them at their areas.

He said this while talking to a large number of local elders, political and social figures, and members of the general public called on him at his residence, Jattak House in Quetta.

During the meeting, the local elders and the public apprised the Provincial Minister of the fundamental issues facing their respective areas.

They engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the challenges encountered in the area, the needs of the public, and various development-related matters, while also putting forward several proposals.

Haji Mir Ali Madad Jattak listened attentively to the concerns raised and assured them that every possible measure would be taken to resolve the difficulties being faced by the public and to foster the development of the area.

Expressing his gratitude to the local elders and the public for their congratulations and for the trust and affection they have shown, Provincial Minister Haji Mir Ali Madad Jattak remarked that the love, confidence, and prayers of the people are his greatest assets.

He noted that being entrusted with the ministerial portfolio once again is both an honor and a significant responsibility, one that he intends to fulfill with a dedicated spirit of public service.

He emphasized that serving the public lies at the core of the Pakistan Peoples Party's political philosophy, and addressing the problems being faced by the people has always remained his top priority.

He reaffirmed his commitment to remaining among the people just as he has in the past and pledged to utilize all his capabilities toward resolving their issues, ensuring the provision of basic amenities, and driving the development of the area.

Haji Mir Ali Madad Jattak said that the journey of serving the public would continue with renewed zeal, determination, and dedication. Efforts to coordinate with relevant institutions regarding the resolution of fundamental issues being faced by the public, such as access to electricity, gas, water, healthcare, education, and employment would be made more effective, with the aim of alleviating the hardships encountered by the people.

He further mentioned that the true purpose of public representation is to serve as a voice for the people and to raise their legitimate concerns at the appropriate forums.

He affirmed that he would continue to make every possible effort to live up to the public's trust and to serve the people of his constituency, as well as the broader population of Balochistan.

At the conclusion of the meeting, local elders and members of the public expressed their best wishes for Haji Mir Ali Madad Jatak, voicing their hope that, in his new capacity, he would play a significant role in resolving public issues and fostering the development of the area.



LORALAI: Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Barrech presides over the meeting regarding collection of governmental revenues.

DC Jaffarabad calls for coordinated measures to strengthen district security

Independent Report

JAFFARABAD: Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad Khalid Khan has directed district authorities to ensure strict and effective implementation of government security directives to safeguard public life and property and prevent illegal and subversive activities.

He emphasized stronger coordination among government departments and security agencies, stressing that a unified approach was essential for maintaining peace and improving public safety across the district.

The directives were issued during separate meetings of the District Coordination Committee, District Intelligence Coordination Committee and District Implementation Committee, attended by heads of district departments and representatives of intelligence agencies.

The meetings reviewed security arrangements for railway tracks, bus terminals, national highways and other key installations, along with the mapping and profiling of individuals listed under the Fourth Schedule. Participants also assessed potential threats to law and order.

Officials discussed the registration of religious seminaries and tenants, the status of undocumented foreign nationals, security arrangements for non-local workers and measures to curb the smuggling of Iranian oil and narcotics.

The meetings also examined illegal spectrum-related activities, updating of the BISA dashboard and possible misuse of press and social media platforms for activities that could threaten public order.

The alleged involvement of government employees in unlawful activities, possible misuse of public resources, implementation of national directives in educational institutions and other administrative and security matters were also reviewed.

DC Khalid Khan directed the concerned officials to strengthen institutional cooperation, maintain close coordination and ensure timely implementation of security measures to preserve peace and protect citizens throughout Jaffarabad district.

DC Loralai orders special focus on missed children

Independent Report

LORALAI: Deputy Commissioner Loralai Captain (Retd.) Muhammad Haseeb Shuja has directed authorities to ensure that every child under five is vaccinated during the upcoming anti-polio campaign, with particular attention to children missed in previous rounds, vaccine-refusing families and other high-risk areas.

He issued the directives while chairing a meeting of the District Polio Eradication Committee (DPEC), where preparations for the forthcoming campaign were reviewed in detail.

The meeting examined microplanning, deployment and training of vaccination teams, security arrangements, monitoring procedures, interdepartmental coordination and measures to address potential challenges during the campaign.

The deputy commissioner instructed all relevant departments and partner organizations to enhance coordination and complete preparations before the campaign begins. He stressed that no child should be left without polio drops due to administrative or operational gaps.

Dualization of N-25 vital to improve road safety, traffic flow: Lasbela Commissioner

Independent Report

LASBELA: The Commissioner of Lasbela Division has described the dualization of the N-25 National Highway as an urgent requirement, citing rising traffic volumes and growing risks to motorists and passengers along the major trade and transportation route. He directed relevant authorities to strengthen road safety measures, improve traffic management and take immediate steps to reduce accidents and safeguard the lives and property of travelers.

The commissioner issued the directives while presiding over a meeting with officials of the National Highway Authority (NHA), which was attended by the general managers of Hub and Khuzdar and other technical officers.

The meeting examined the proposed dualization of the N-25 and reviewed the challenges posed by increasing traffic pressure. Participants also discussed accident-prone locations, improvements to existing road infrastructure and measures required to provide safer travelling conditions.



QUETTA: District Education officer Chaman Ashuk Kumar Rajpoot meeting with Acting Governor Balochistan Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai.

DC Chaman orders timely completion of Tehsil complex renovation

Independent Report

CHAMAN: Deputy Commissioner Chaman Habib Ahmed Bangulzai has instructed officials to expedite renovation work at the Chaman Tehsil Complex while ensuring that construction meets approved quality standards.

He said the improvement of government buildings was intended to create better facilities and a more suitable environment for citizens visiting public offices.

The deputy commissioner issued the directives during an inspection of renovation work being carried out under Phase III of the Balochistan Special Development Initiative (BSDI). He reviewed the progress of the scheme, quality of construction and pace of work at the site.

Bangulzai directed the officials concerned to complete the project according to the approved design, specifications and applicable regulations. He stressed that efforts to meet deadlines should not come at the expense of construction quality.



QUETTA: Increased demand for gas heaters boosts business at Suraj Ganj Bazar shop.

Development projects must meet deadlines without compromising quality: DC

Independent Report

ZIARAT: Deputy Commissioner Ziarat Abdul Quddus Achakzai has directed officials to expedite ongoing development schemes while maintaining construction standards, stressing that completed projects should deliver timely benefits to residents, particularly the farming community.

During an inspection of an agricultural tube well being constructed in Zandra under Phase III of the Balochistan Special Development Initiative (BSDI), the deputy commissioner assessed the pace and quality of work at the site.

Major Amir of 155 Wing, Executive Engineer Irrigation Ziarat Umair Ali and the contractor concerned accompanied him during the inspection.

Achakzai instructed the irrigation engineer and contractor to complete the scheme within the stipulated timeframe and ensure strict adherence to approved construction specifications.

He said development projects should be executed efficiently so that public resources produce tangible benefits for local communities.



QUETTA: A delegation from different walk of life meeting with Provincial Minister for Agriculture Haji Ali Madad Jattak.

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Childhoods forsaken

World Children's Day, observed today, should be a celebration of childhood. In Pakistan, it is a reminder of how often children are denied even basic safety. At least 28 schoolchildren died when a roof collapsed in Peshawar last month; in August, a fire at Islamabad's Pims hospital killed 14 newborns. Both tragedies raise serious questions about safety standards in schools and hospitals. Reports of children raped and murdered, sometimes by people they knew, point to dangers closer to home. Sahil documented 1,914 child abuse cases in the first half of 2026, including 1,015 cases of sexual abuse and 558 abductions. These were only cases reported in newspapers; the true scale of abuse is likely far greater. Children also face exploitation online. A Unicef-backed study estimated that 1.5m internet-using children aged 12 to 17 experienced technology-facilitated sexual exploitation or abuse in a year. Yet despite the scale of these dangers, effective protection remains out of reach.

Violence and abuse are only part of the hardship confronting Pakistan's children. Unicef estimates that 25.1m children aged five to 16 are out of school. Malnutrition and preventable disease remain widespread, while nine polio cases had been reported by early November. Child marriage continues to interrupt girls' education and expose them to early motherhood. There has been some progress. Punjab joined Sindh, Balochistan and Islamabad this year in setting 18 as the minimum marriage age, though KP has yet to follow suit. The Benazir Nashonuma Programme has also been extended to support more vulnerable women and children. But laws need enforcement, and schemes need sustained funding and oversight, particularly in areas where public services are weakest. School and hospital safety inspections, effective investigations of abuse, support for survivors and stronger safeguards online are essential. Birth registration, vaccination, nutrition and access to schooling also demand attention. Officials must be held accountable for disasters, and investigations must lead to action. Pakistan cannot keep failing its children and then celebrating them once a year. The real disgrace is not that these failures are unknown, but that they are allowed to continue.

When a Fake Video Can End a Girl's Education:

How AI Is Reshaping Online Abuse of Women in Balochistan

By Nimra Arshad

For a woman in Quetta, or anywhere in Balochistan, a fake video of herself is not a technical question. It can decide whether she goes back to university, whether her brother takes her phone and whether her family believes her. As artificial intelligence makes such fakes easy to produce, the meeting point of AI and gender-based violence in the province is a story that deserves far more attention than it gets.

Artificial intelligence now let's abusers fabricate evidence with a single photograph. In Balochistan, where family reputation can outweigh facts, internet shutdowns, distant cybercrime offices and fear of stigma leave many women without help.

Imagine opening your phone and finding a video of yourself. Your face, your voice, your dupatta. You are doing something you have never done, in a place you have never been, with a person you barely know. The caption says you have brought shame on your family.

Technology-facilitated gender-based violence, or TFGBV, is violence carried out through phones, social media, messaging apps and other digital tools. It includes blackmail, stalking, hacking, sharing private images without consent, sextortion and coordinated smear campaigns.

It is not a separate world from "real" violence. As one Pakistani commentator put it, it sits on the same continuum as every other form of gender-based violence, a reflection of the same inequalities.

AI has added a new and frightening tool to that list: the ability to fabricate. With a free app and a single photograph, someone can now produce a convincing fake image, video or voice clip. No hidden camera is needed. No private moment is needed. Just a face. The best data available in Pakistan comes from the Digital Rights Foundation (DRF), whose helpline logged 3,171 complaints of tech-facilitated gender-based violence in 2024. In cases involving non-consensual intimate images, 85 percent targeted women. In 2025, women reported 1,709 cases to the helpline, compared with 1,279 reported by men.

Deepfakes are already part of that picture. DRF recorded 155 deepfake cases among the 1,371 complaints it received in 2023. DRF's founder, Nighat Dad, has described the trend as a disturbing new frontier of gender-based violence, with cases rising steadily.

For Balochistan, the more important finding concerns who is



reporting. Of the cases DRF handled in 2025, Punjab accounted for 69.5 percent. DRF itself links that to population size and to better access to reporting mechanisms. In other words, a province that appears to have fewer cases may simply have fewer women able to report them.

DRF also noted that 892 complaints came from cities with no office of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA), and that 79 percent of cyber harassment cases were referred to that agency, yet access to justice remains uneven.

When the numbers from a place are small, it is worth asking who is missing from them.

Experts who study the issue say AI does not create misogyny. It magnifies it. It takes old beliefs, that a woman's reputation is her family's property and that a photograph is proof of guilt, and gives them faster, cheaper and more convincing tools. Three problems stand out.

The proof problem. Before, an abuser needed a real photo or video. Now none is needed. A woman who has done nothing can still be targeted. The speed problem. A fake can reach hundreds of WhatsApp groups before a woman even learns it exists. Fact-checkers can later prove it is false, but the correction rarely travels as far as the lie.

The silence problem. Because "the video exists" is often treated as enough, many women choose not to fight at all. They delete accounts, stop posting, leave their studies or stay quiet. That silence is exactly what the abuser is after.

Every province has its own version of this problem. Balochistan's has particular layers.

Honour, reputation and family. In a tribal and conservative setting, an accusation can matter more than the evidence. That is exactly the power a fake exploits.

Low access to education to begin with. Al Jazeera reported in 2020 that female literacy in Balochistan stood at 33.5 percent, and that fewer than 12 percent of women in the province went past primary school. Every girl who reaches university has already beaten difficult odds. Anything that gives a family a reason to pull her out is a serious loss.

Connectivity that comes and goes. In August 2025, mobile internet was suspended across all 36 districts of Balochistan for what authorities called security reasons. For most of the province's roughly 15 million people, mobile data is the only way to get online. The Balochistan High Court ordered it restored after about two weeks. Whatever the security reasoning, the effect on women is easy to see: less reliable access to online classes, helplines, reporting tools and trusted contacts, and less chance to learn digital safety skills.

Distance from justice. DRF's own data shows how far services can be from the people who need them. A complaint process that is difficult, far away or requires travel is, for many women in rural Balochistan, no process at all.

Predatory medicine

Murad Moosa Khan

"Medicine carries a morality that is destroyed when the emphasis is placed on the bottom line. Unless humanism and professionalism remain, medicine will become just another commodity in life's marketplace." — Dr William W. Parmley

MEDICINE has traditionally been regarded as a profession founded on trust, compassion and an ethical commitment to heal. Patients entrust doctors with their bodies, their fears and, often, their lives. This relationship rests on an implicit promise: that medical decisions will be guided by the patient's best interests. But what happens when the business of medicine begins to take precedence over the practice of medicine?

In his book Predatory Medicine, US cardiologist Jack Vangrow draws attention to an uncomfortable reality: healthcare can become an extractive enterprise in which patients are exploited. He describes how both practitioners and institutions who should be protecting patients, instead exploit patients' limited medical knowledge and trust.

The commercialisation of medicine may not be inherently unethical. Private hospitals, clinics, labs and pharmaceutical firms have an important role in healthcare delivery. Medical innovation and research require investment, and healthcare professionals deserve fair remuneration. The problem arises when profit becomes the dominant consideration and the patient's wellbeing becomes secondary.

Healthcare is a rapidly expanding commercial market in a country where millions cannot afford basic treatment.

Predatory medicine describes many practices that lead to profit-making: unnecessary investigations, excessive prescriptions, avoidable surgical procedures, inappropriate hospital admissions, inflated bills and the promotion of expensive treatments when cheaper, equally effective alternatives exist.

The fundamental problem is the profound imbalance of knowledge and power between doctors and patients. Most patients cannot independently assess whether an investigation is necessary, whether a diagnosis is accurate or whether a proposed intervention offers meaningful benefit. They depend on their physician's integrity and competence. When that trust is exploited, the consequences can be both financial and physical.

Vangrow highlights the culture of professional complicity: doctors who recognise questionable practices but remain silent to protect their careers, professional relationships or financial interests. Predatory medicine, therefore, is not simply about a few unethical practitioners; it becomes embedded in the institutional culture.

Vangrow's observations are highly relevant for Pakistan, where private healthcare has become a hugely lucrative business, while a chronically underfunded public health system struggles to provide even basic services. The private medical sector continues to grow exponentially, with private hospitals, specialist clinics, diagnostic labs and pharmaceutical firms dominating healthcare delivery.

According to Pakistan's National Health Accounts 2021-22, total health expenditure stood at approximately Rs1.96 trillion, with the private sector accounting for 52.6 per cent. Much of this expenditure comes directly from household pockets. The World Bank's latest available data show that out-of-pocket payments accounted for approximately 53pc of Pakistan's current health expenditure in 2023. These figures illustrate the extent to which healthcare costs are transferred from the state to individual households. They also reveal a stark contradiction: healthcare is a rapidly expanding commercial market in a country where millions cannot afford basic treatment. Public health expenditure remains around one per cent of GDP, leaving government hospitals chronically under-resourced, overcrowded and struggling with shortages of medicines, equipment and personnel. While wealthier Pakistanis can access private healthcare, the poor have to suffer the indignity of treatment at government facilities, underscoring a deeply unequal healthcare system.

A particular aspect of predatory medicine is to medicalise ordinary social problems, resulting in unnecessary lab tests, polypharmacy and doctor shopping. This is compounded by potential conflicts of interest involving pharmaceutical firms, labs, medical equipment suppliers and healthcare providers.

Pakistan's regulatory institutions — Provincial Healthcare Commissions (PHCs), PMDC and DRAP — have important responsibilities of licensing, quality assurance, professional conduct and patient safety. However, enforcement remains poor. Regulation must be more effective and independent.

Not another Yalta

Mahir Ali

When the leaders of the USSR, US and UK gathered at a Crimean resort in Feb 1945 for a weeklong trilateral summit, an extensive agenda awaited them. With the Nazis caught in a pincer movement between the rapidly advancing Red Army and its western allies, the European segment of the world war had entered its endgame. The architecture of peace needed to be sketched out.

Historians still argue about whether Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill conceded too much to Joseph Stalin in delineating 'spheres of influence', but it was indisputably a momentous occasion. For better or worse, many of the decisions made at Yalta endured for decades, and some still resonate. No comparable outcome can be imagined from this week's summit in Shenzhen.

It may well turn out to be little more than a grandiose photo-op. A domineering presence on the global stage has additional appeal for Donald Trump following his domestic humiliation in the midterm elections. Vladimir Putin is inevitably keen to be counted among the 'Big 3'. By many accounts, Xi Jinping is a reluctant host — perhaps partly because there's only a vague agenda — "safeguarding world peace and promoting strategic stability in major-power relations", according to Beijing. And he's naturally wary of Trump's tendency to grandstand.

The Iran war could figure in discussions at Shenzhen.

The Iran war is expected to figure in the discussions. Some good could possibly come out of that if both Xi and Putin urge the US president to recognise the error of his ways. The conflict is particularly painful for China, given its reliance on Iranian crude.

On the brighter side, China's oil imports have decreased by design, while exports of its cutting-edge green tech — including solar panels — have substantially increased. Russia, on the other hand, has been delighted by a sanctions reprieve and a surge in petroleum exports, largely due to the transport hiatus in the Hormuz and Bab al-Mandab straits. Besides, the US/Israeli conflict helps Russia portray its war against Ukraine as a comparable venture aimed at safeguarding its security. Moscow's stance makes slightly more sense than the justifications from Washington and Tel Aviv for their aggression against Iran. China sees both wars as huge strategic errors.

Trump seems to believe the Israeli propaganda that Tehran must be prevented from acquiring a nuclear weapon, an outcome that now logically seems likelier than it did before the attacks. That may help to explain why nuclear proliferation was among the topics he hoped to broach at his talks with Xi and Putin. Back in February, his administration turned down Moscow's proposal to extend a strategic arms reduction treaty, with Trump aspiring for a new deal that includes China, whose expanding nuclear arsenal appears to have alarmed Sinophobes in the US. Given that even its projected stockpiles are a fraction of what's stored in Russian and American silos, Beijing does not wish to play ball.

Shortly before flying to Asia, Trump noted that denuclearisation, Iran, economics, trade and "my favourite topic, Ukraine" would be up for discussion. Volodymyr Zelensky is alarmed by the possibilities, but a carve-up without Kyiv at the table is hardly likely. China sees Ukraine as a European issue that should be discussed at a more appropriate forum. Trump is disinclined, meanwhile, to bring up the Nvidia fiasco after the US chip-maker's CEO Jensen Huang was ousted over revelations about an affair with a purported Chinese 'asset'.

America rem-ains determined to deny China superiority in artificial intelligence throu--gh curbs on chip exports. But that's probably another lost battle. Exactly what the three lea-ders will talk about remains to be seen. Climate change won't be on the agenda. That's being thrashed out at COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, where there's no official US representation, given the Trump administration's focus on exacerbating global heating despite rapidly mounting evidence about its catastrophic consequences, from the devastation in Nepal caused by glacier collapse to an estimated 50,000 heatwave deaths in Europe during a scorching summer, not to mention the ecocidal aspect of the Pales-tinian genocide as well as the Iranian, Ukrainian and Sudanese conflicts. Not to mention the ginormous carbon footprint of proliferating US data centres.

As Swedish activist Greta Thunberg accurately spelt it out in Antalya, "The planet is not dying, it is being killed." And the outgoing UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, was equally correct in pointing out: "It's make or bake time." He might have erred, though, in comparing fossil fuels to dinosaurs and claiming the latter "did not have a lobby". They do, and some of its components might be congregating in Shenzhen right now.

Punjab cabinet approves 5,000 electric buses, AI-powered police vehicles

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister (CM) Maryam Nawaz Sharif, on Wednesday approved a series of developmental, administrative and welfare initiatives including the recruitment of 3,080 Prisons Department employees, 50 AI-powered electric vehicles for police and inclusion of dozens of development schemes in the provincial Annual Development Programme (ADP). The 38th cabinet meeting also reiterated the government's commitment to introducing 5,000 electric buses across Punjab. The cabinet paid tribute to the chief minister for her recent visits to various cities and appreciated the public response during her engagements with people.

Addressing the meeting, the CM said that the public's appreciation of the government's service-oriented initiatives deserved credit. She said the achievements were not hers alone but were the result of the collective efforts of ministers, advisers and special assistants.

She said she considered every day better than the previous one a measure of success, adding that the government had made progress despite financial difficulties faced by ordinary people.

Referring to her recent visits,she said people had showered flowers on her during public engagements after two and a half years,while residents of Rawalpindi had presented her with copies of the Holy Quran. She also referred to the completion of the government's target of building 250,000 houses.

The chief minister welcomed Sikh pilgrims visiting Punjab and said she had directed officials to provide trolleys after noticing pilgrims carrying their luggage on their heads. She also questioned the relevant departments over their failure to repair damaged roads without waiting for her intervention. She directed lawmakers to ensure immediate implementation of approved development projects and tasked Food Minister Salma Butt with bringing down flour prices.

Among the key approvals, the cabinet sanctioned 50 AI-based electric vehicles for Punjab Police, recruitment against 3,080 vacancies in the Prisons Department and fresh appointments in the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau. It also approved the purchase of 10 operational vehicles for Murree Police.

The cabinet approved the inclusion of 62 development schemes for Dera Ghazi Khan, 27 schemes for Muzaffargarh and two projects for Okara in the ADP. Funds were also approved for the immediate repair of a dilapidated bus stand.

Other major decisions included the provision of 450 laptops to students of Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore, and the reconstruction, renovation and expansion of Punjab House in Murree.



Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif addressing the eighth convocation of Fatima Jinnah Medical University in Lahore.

Quran connects different countries, cultures through common spiritual bond: Governor

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday said that the Holy Quran connects different countries, nations and cultures through a common spiritual bond, adding that its message transcends borders, and that unity, mutual respect and peace remain the real strength of the Muslim world.

Addressing the second International Qirat Competition 2026 on its second day, the governor said that Islam is a religion of peace, mercy and justice, adding that there is a need to introduce Islam's true message of peace to the world.

He said the Holy Quran teaches the protection of human life, justice, compassion and respect.

Familiarising the younger generation with the teachings of the Holy Quran is a pressing need, as its teachings instil patience, discipline, respect and a sense of responsibility among young people.

The governor said the true reflection of the Holy Quran lies not merely in beautiful recitation but also in practically following its teachings.

He termed the organisation of the international competition a commendable initiative, saying it would further strengthen Pakistan's religious and cultural ties with the Muslim world.

Highlighting the importance of such events in promoting Quranic teachings globally and fostering mutual respect and harmony among Muslim countries, he said Pakistan advocates peace and would continue playing its role in promoting global peace.

Rana Sanaullah says referendum cannot create new provinces

LAHORE (INP): PML-N leader Rana Sanaullah has said a referendum cannot lead to the creation of new provinces, stressing that any such change must be made through a constitutional process.

"Referendum is a means of seeking guidance from the people," he said while speaking on a programme "Capital Talk" on Tuesday, adding that there was nothing wrong with seeking public opinion when differences existed over the issue.

His remarks come amid growing debate over the creation of new provinces, with political leaders from the ruling coalition expressing differing views on the proposal. Sanaullah said that the debate over new provinces had not started in the right manner, adding that the issue should be brought before parliament so all stakeholders could present their views.

"If this matter had been initiated in parliament on 30 July, we would have reached a conclusion by now," he said.

He maintained that differences over the creation of new provinces could only be resolved when the matter was formally discussed in parliament. He added that the concerns of different provinces would be addressed once the issue came before the legislature.

Commenting on the Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) position, Sanaullah said the party had made its stance on the provinces issue clear.

According to Sanaullah, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) leadership was trying to bring all sides towards an agreement acceptable to them.

He said that the debate involved other matters, including administrative units and the federal structure, besides the creation of new provinces. He added that the PML-N would convene a meeting and make a decision through consultation when the matter reached a decisive stage.


State Minister for Interior, Talal Chaudhry meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi in Islamabad.

Federal govt plans three Daanish schools in Sindh

ISLAMABAD (APP): The federal government plans to establish three Daanish schools in Sindh at Tando Muhammad Khan and Karachi's Orangi Township and Ibrahim Hyderi/Malir to expand access to quality residential education for talented and deserving children from underprivileged communities, according to an official document available with Wealth Pakistan.

The proposed schools are part of the nationwide Daanish Schools Initiative, which aims to provide fully residential, merit-based education to children, particularly those belonging to poor, remote and less developed areas.

The three Sindh projects are at different preparatory stages, including procurement, PC-I approval, feasibility and design, while physical construction has yet to begin at any of the locations.

Under Section 10 of the Daanish Schools Authority Act, 2026, admissions to the institutions will be merit-based, with priority given to destitute children in the categories prescribed under the law. These include orphans who have lost both parents and have no guardian, children living with a surviving parent after losing one parent, and those whose parents are illiterate.

Zeeshan Ali's space journey marks beginning of a new era: CM

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday expressed gratitude over the departure of Pakistan's first astronaut on an orbital space mission, congratulating astronaut Muhammad Zeeshan Ali and the entire nation on the historic milestone.

In her message, the chief minister said Zeeshan Ali's departure for the space mission marked the beginning of a new era, adding that the journey towards new heights initiated by his space voyage would continue unabated. She congratulated Zeeshan Ali and the nation, describing the space mission.


Member of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab (PML-N) and chairperson of the punjab women protection authority, Hina Parvez Butt, addresses ceremony for international day for the elimination of violence against Women in Lahore.

Governor Kundi, State Minister discuss KP security situation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi and State Minister for Interior, Talal Chaudhry held a meeting here on Wednesday and discussed in detail the overall security situation and law and order issues in the province.

During the meeting, matters related to maintaining lasting peace in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, elimination of terrorism and effectively addressing security challenges came under discussion.

Both sides emphasized the need for effective coordination and a coordinated strategy between the federal and provincial governments to improve the law and order situation in the province.

The meeting also discussed measures for ensuring protection of lives and properties of the people and further strengthening the efforts of security institutions.

Governor Faisal Karim Kundi and State Minister Talal Chaudhry agreed to continue joint efforts for promoting peace and stability in the country, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and for eliminating the menace of terrorism.

Two policemen injured in firing by robbers in Mailsi

BUREWALA (APP): Two police constables were injured when three armed robbers opened fire on police personnel pursuing them after a robbery near 109 Pul in the jurisdiction of Mitro police station in Mailsi, police said on Wednesday.

According to police, the suspects snatched cash and a mobile phone from a citizen before fleeing. When police personnel chased them, the armed men opened fire, injuring Constables Zubair and Ramazan.

The injured policemen were shifted to DHQ Hospital Vehari for treatment. DPO Vehari Tassawar Iqbal and SP Investigation Muhammad Usman visited the hospital to inquire after their health and directed doctors to ensure the provision of the best possible medical care.

Abbasi thanks Rawalpindi residents, traders for historic welcome to CM Punjab

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi Wednesday expressed heartfelt gratitude to the people of Rawalpindi, party office-bearers and the business community for according a historic and enthusiastic welcome to Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif during her visit to the city. In a special message addressed to the residents and business community of Rawalpindi, the minister said that, by the grace of Allah Almighty, the people of Rawalpindi had given an unprecedented reception to the CM Punjab.

Hanif Abbasi particularly appreciated the role of the business community, saying that traders of Rawalpindi had created history through their enthusiastic participation in the reception.

He said that the 10-kilometre-long route was beautifully decorated, with flower petals showered at various points, balloons released into the air and colourful flags adorning the city. The traditional horse dance and the overwhelming enthusiasm of the people had made the reception truly memorable, he added.

The minister said that mothers, sisters and daughters of Rawalpindi also came out onto the rooftops of their houses to welcome the chief minister, reflecting the affection and enthusiasm of the residents. "I have never witnessed such a warm and enthusiastic reception before. These memorable scenes will always remain in our hearts," he said.

Expressing his sincere appreciation, Hanif Abbasi thanked the citizens, party office-bearers and traders for their overwhelming support and participation.

"You have upheld the honour of your brother, Hanif Abbasi. Thank you, Rawalpindi; thank you, traders of Rawalpindi," he remarked.

Azma Bokhari slams Fazlur Rehman over 'below-the-belt' remarks against institution

LAHORE (INP): Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari on Wednesday criticised Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman over what she described as objectionable remarks targeting a national institution, saying such statements and incitement to violence were inappropriate.

Speaking to a priviate TV Channel about the detention of Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Bokhari said the government had exercised its authority while keeping the law and order situation in view.

She said Fazlur Rehman appeared angry these days and had crossed several red lines through his statements.

"Sometimes he taunts military personnel over their salaries. Even today, he issued a video statement containing several objectionable remarks, particularly targeting an institution. Inciting violence and making below-the-belt remarks against an institution is not wise," she said.

Bokhari said the government respected Fazlur Rehman and considered him an elder, adding that ministers had remained in contact with him to defuse tensions.

"We respect Maulana Fazlur Rehman. He is our elder, and our ministers were in touch with him to cool down his anger. However, the direction in which things are being taken is not appropriate," she added.

Karachi ranks second among world's most polluted cities

KARACHI (INP): Karachi has emerged as the second most polluted city in the world after its Air Quality Index (AQI) climbed to 236.

According to the latest report published by a global environmental monitoring website, Karachi recorded an AQI of 236, placing its air quality in the "very unhealthy" category.

The report highlighted that the concentration of fine particulate matter in the city's atmosphere has exceeded the World Health Organization's recommended limits by several times.


KARACHI: Chairman of the Sub-committee of National Assembly Standing Committee on Water Resources Muhammad Idrees presiding over a sub-committee meeting on K-IV Project at the office of Project Director K-IV.

Law minister calls for public awareness of alternative dispute resolution

LAHORE (APP): A meeting of the Punjab Alternative Dispute Resolution Authority (PADRA) was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Provincial Law Minister Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan to review the authority's progress, the Punjab Alternative Dispute Resolution Act 2026 and the proposed rules for its implementation.

The minister was given a detailed briefing on the authority's recent performance and informed that the Punjab Alternative Dispute Resolution Act 2026 was passed on November 18, 2026. The draft Punjab Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules 2026, approved by the authority during the meeting, have been forwarded to the Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department for further legal proceedings.

The meeting was also briefed on the proposed establishment of the Punjab Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC), which will serve as a platform for professional training, capacity building and research as an authority-approved think tank in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

Officials highlighted key features of the proposed rules, including a comprehensive eligibility and accreditation mechanism for ADR service providers, centres and training institutes. The framework also envisages mandatory 40-hour training instead of a written examination, procedures for referring cases to the ADR system, online proceedings, inclusion of female service providers, a database of accredited professionals and training institutions, monitoring and inspection mechanisms, a code of conduct, accreditation fees and standardised ADR forms.

Addressing the meeting, Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan said the alternative dispute resolution system could help protect citizens from lengthy court proceedings and the heavy expenses associated with litigation. He said the Punjab government's objective was to provide accessible, affordable and speedy justice to people at their doorsteps.

Pakistan closes multiple air routes for two days

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan has temporarily closed several air routes within the Lahore Flight Information Region (FIR) for two days on November 25 and 26 due to operational reasons, according to a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

The affected air routes will remain unavailable from 5:30am to 9:30am on both days, with the restrictions applying from ground level to unlimited altitude, the NOTAM stated.

The affected routes include A466, N644, P500, M881, G201, G202, L750, G326, J139, J119, J124, J138, J141, J145, J164, J165, J153, J116 and J166.

Five alternative air routes have been designated to facilitate aircraft operations during the closure period.

The NOTAM also specifies alternative climb and descent routes for Multan, Faisalabad and Dera Ismail Khan to ensure continued flight operations.

For Multan, aircraft will use the Murli route, while Nitiv has been designated for Faisalabad and Reget for Dera Ismail Khan.


FAISALABAD: Vice Chancellor University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF), Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, confers degrees upon graduates during the university's 29th Annual Convocation.


KARACHI: Rescue workers busy carrying out search and rescue operations at the site of a six-storey under-construction building that collapsed in the Karachi Administration Employees Housing Society near Baloch Colony.

Minister visits Gurdwara Sacha Sauda, reviews facilities for Sikh pilgrims

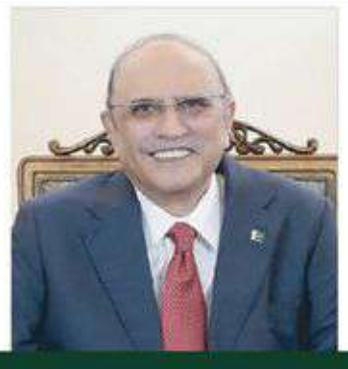
LAHORE (APP): Punjab Minister for Minorities Affairs and Chairman Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora on Wednesday visited Gurdwara Sacha Sauda as part of the celebrations marking the 557th Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and interacted with Sikh pilgrims visiting the sacred site from Nankana Sahib. During the visit, the minister inquired about arrangements for the pilgrims, particularly accommodation, langar, transportation, security and other essential facilities.

He said the Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, was committed to providing the best possible facilities to Sikh pilgrims arriving from across the world. He added that the provincial administration, bureaucracy, cabinet and all relevant departments were working collectively to ensure a comfortable, secure and memorable stay for the visiting pilgrims.

Highlighting the universal significance of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings, Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora said his message of love, peace.



MESSAGES ON PAKISTAN'S HISTORIC PARTICIPATION IN SHENZHOU-24 SPACE MISSION



ASIF ALI ZARDARI

President of the
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

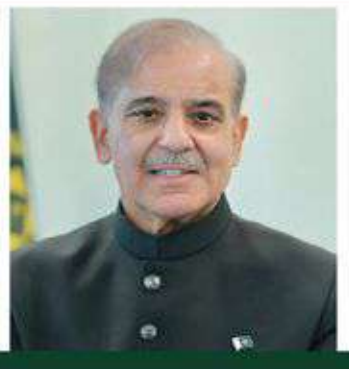
I felicitate the nation on Pakistan's historic participation in China's Shenzhou-24 mission to the Tiangong Space Station. It is a landmark achievement in our country's scientific journey and a moment of immense national pride.

I believe this mission reflects Pakistan's growing commitment to science, research and technological advancement. I appreciate SUPARCO, Pakistani scientists and engineers, and China's cooperation in making this historic opportunity possible. I am confident that this mission will strengthen Pakistan-China scientific cooperation and open new horizons for Pakistan's space programme.

I am hopeful that the scientific experiments to be undertaken during the mission will contribute to advancing research and knowledge in areas of scientific interest. Pakistan's participation in human spaceflight is not only about reaching space but also about harnessing its opportunities for research, learning and innovation to address challenges on Earth.

Recalling Allama Iqbal's vision, **"Sitaron se aagay jahan aur bhi hain"**, I believe this milestone should inspire Pakistan's young generation to pursue knowledge, innovation and scientific discovery with confidence and ambition. I wish the astronauts a successful mission and safe return.

PAKISTAN ZINDABAD!



M. SHEHBAZ SHARIF

Prime Minister of the
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

I extend my heartfelt felicitations to the entire nation on the participation of Pakistani astronaut Zeeshan Ali aboard China's Shenzhou-24 mission to the Tiangong Space Station.

Today, Pakistan has embarked on a journey beyond the stars. This is not merely the journey of one astronaut; it is the journey of 240 million Pakistanis, our youth, our scientists and our dreams. Muhammad Zeeshan Ali and Khurram Dawood have both completed their training in China through extraordinary hard work, discipline and dedication.

Pakistan has become the first country after China to send an astronaut to the Tiangong Space Station. This is a living testament to the ironclad friendship between Pakistan and China. I am grateful to our brotherly country, China, especially President Xi Jinping, for making Pakistan a part of this historic mission. Pakistan and China are not only united in their commitment to peace and shared development on Earth, but are now also partners in the journey into space. This reflects the depth and closeness of our enduring friendship.

I also pay tribute to SUPARCO, the universities and the scientists whose scientific experiments are being carried out aboard this mission into space. Through the collective efforts of the Armed Forces of Pakistan, national institutions, scientists and our youth, Pakistan is moving towards new heights in space research and advanced scientific fields.

If a Pakistani can reach a space station today, a Pakistani will reach the Moon tomorrow. I urge our youth: never stop dreaming, keep working hard and continue believing in Pakistan. Our destination lies beyond the stars.

Our national poet, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, urged the youth decades ago to venture beyond the stars and explore the hidden secrets of the universe. I thank Allah Almighty that this dream is becoming a reality today. My government considers science, technology and space research among its foremost priorities. This mission is a major step towards a new Pakistan, where our youth will not merely compete with the world but will lead it.

PAKISTAN ZINDABAD!



FIELD MARSHAL SYED ASIM MUNIR

NISHAN-E-IMTIAZ (MILITARY)
HILAL-E-JUR'AT

Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces

The departure of Pakistan's first astronaut aboard the Shenzhou-24 spacecraft on a historic mission to China's space station is a moment of immense pride and joy for the entire nation. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Pakistani astronaut, SUPARCO, and all the technical teams from Pakistan and China on this historic achievement. This extraordinary accomplishment reflects national determination, professional excellence and scientific advancement, marking an important milestone in our national history.

The participation of a Pakistani astronaut in this historic mission reflects Pakistan's scientific and technological capabilities, the strategic partnership between Pakistan and China and the unwavering trust between the two countries. The representation of Pakistan's national flag in space is a matter of great honour and pride for the entire nation.

Alhamdulillah, Pakistan is steadily achieving new milestones in various fields of science and technology. Its growing expertise in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Information Technology, and Cybersecurity, Biotechnology, research in medical sciences, engineering and industrial development are all evidence of our technological prowess. Similarly, progress in communication satellites, defence and aerospace technologies, alternative energy resources and environmental technologies is laying the foundation for a bright and self-reliant future for Pakistan.

Pakistan's greatest strength lies in its talented youth, academics, scientists, engineers and professionally skilled institutions. Harnessing their potential for advanced research, innovation, and technological advancement is essential for national development and achieving self-reliance. This space mission conveys a powerful message to future generations that through sustained determination, professional excellence, and national unity, Pakistan can reach new heights in every field. This new chapter of Pakistan-China cooperation will create further opportunities in space exploration, advanced scientific knowledge and international technological collaboration.

The friendship between Pakistan and China is higher than the heights of the Himalayas, deeper than the depths of the oceans, sweeter than the sweetness of honey and as boundless as the vastness of the universe. It transcends geographical boundaries. This everlasting friendship is a shining example of mutual trust, brotherhood, and shared determination and will continue to serve as a guiding light for generations to come.

I am confident that through its capabilities, national resolve and institutional harmony, Pakistan will secure an increasingly prominent position in the global landscape of science and technology.

PAKISTAN HAMESHA ZINDABAD!

Beyond the First Pakistani Astronaut: Space Cooperation and the Next Phase of CPEC 2.0



PROF AHSAN IQBAL
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The participation of a Pakistani astronaut in China's Shenzhou-24 mission to the Tiangong Space Station marks a significant moment in the 75-year relationship between Pakistan and China. Yet, its importance extends beyond the distinction of becoming the first foreign national to visit the station. It points to a broader shift in bilateral cooperation: from infrastructure, connectivity and technology transfer towards scientific participation and the development of advanced capabilities.

The strategic question is whether Pakistan can turn this opening into a durable role in space research and technology. That will require more than access to Chinese facilities. It will depend on the ability of Pakistani institutions to contribute experiments, develop technologies and translate research into applications. This is also where space cooperation intersects with CPEC 2.0, whose emphasis on innovation and industrial development creates a wider context for moving the partnership towards knowledge-based growth.

Shenzhou-24 Mission and Pakistan-China Scientific Cooperation

Under an agreement between Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) and the China Manned Space Agency, two Pakistani astronaut candidates had been selected for training in China. One is participating in Shenzhou-24 as a payload specialist, with the second serving as backup. The mission makes a Pakistani the first foreign astronaut to enter China's space station.

Its scientific significance lies in the experiments that will accompany the astronaut. Pakistani universities and research institutions submitted more than 300 proposals, of which four experiments were selected. Preparing these payloads requires research design, testing and coordination with Chinese technical teams. It gives Pakistani scientists experience in the standards and procedures of crewed space research, while creating opportunities to build longer-term institutional partnerships. The mission does not, by itself, establish a human spaceflight capability in Pakistan. Its greater value is as a platform for sustained scientific participation. Continued access to experiments, research exchanges and future missions could help Pakistani institutions develop expertise that cannot be acquired through observation alone. For China, the collaboration also broadens the international dimension of its space program and builds scientific links with a long-standing partner.

Satellite Development, Lunar Exploration and Technology Transfer

The astronaut mission is one part of a wider relationship that increasingly includes satellite technology and lunar research. Pakistan's PRSC-S1, launched in 2025, and PRSC-EO3, launched in 2026, have expanded its remote-sensing capabilities. EO-3 also carries an experimental AI-based processing unit, reflecting the growing importance of onboard data analysis in satellite systems.

University collaboration has opened another route into international missions. ICUBE-Q, developed by Pakistan's Institute of Space Technology and Shanghai Jiao Tong University, travelled aboard China's Chang'e-6 mission in 2024 and conducted lunar observations. The planned Pakistani lunar rover for Chang'e-8, expected in 2028, would take this involvement further. Developed indigenously by SUPARCO, the approximately 35-kilogram rover is intended to operate near the lunar south pole.

These projects matter because they represent different stages of technological engagement. Satellite launches expand access to space-based services; university-led missions create experience in collaborative research; and, the rover offers an opportunity to contribute locally developed hardware to a major international program. The strategic priority now is to extend Pakistani participation into system design, scientific instruments, software, robotics and manufacturing.

This is where technology transfer must become capability-building. The objective should not simply be to acquire equipment or benefit from another country's infrastructure, but to develop the engineering skills, research partnerships and industrial expertise needed to adapt and eventually produce technologies. China's established space sector can provide a valuable partner in that process, while Pakistani universities and companies can contribute specialized research and applications.



Shenzhou-24 crew members: Tang Hongbo (C), Wu Yi (R), and Pakistani astronaut Muhammad Zeeshan Ali. /Xinhua

Space Technology and the Economic Priorities of CPEC 2.0

The economic value of space programs is increasingly realized through their applications on Earth. Satellite data can support crop monitoring, irrigation planning, flood assessment, environmental observation and disaster response.

Telecommunications can improve connectivity, while maritime monitoring can contribute to coastal planning and fisheries management. For Pakistan, these are not peripheral benefits They relate directly to food security, climate resilience, infrastructure planning and public services.

But data alone does not create economic value. The larger opportunity lies in building the capacity to process information and turn it into usable products. Universities can develop analytical methods. Pakistani technology firms can provide geospatial services and remote sensing applications; and, public agencies can incorporate these tools into planning and decision-making. Collaboration with Chinese companies could help connect research with commercial markets, support specialized engineering and create opportunities for technology startups.

This offers a practical innovation dimension to CPEC 2.0. The first phase strengthened physical connectivity through energy, transport and infrastructure. The next phase can build on that foundation by linking research institutions, technology companies and industrial users. Space cooperation is not an established CPEC project in itself, but its applications align with the broader priorities of innovation, industrial development and high-value economic activity.

The strategic opportunity is to connect the stages of an innovation economy: research generates knowledge, firms develop it into services and products and public and private users create demand. If Pakistan-China cooperation can strengthen these links, space technology can contribute, not only to scientific prestige, but also to productivity, skilled employment and the growth of domestic technology businesses.

Long-Term Prospects for Pakistan-China Space Cooperation

The next phase should aim to make cooperation continuous rather than dependent on individual missions. Five complementary areas can help guide that effort: joint research involving SUPARCO, Chinese institutions and universities; human-capital development through specialist training, fellowships and academic exchanges; technology development in satellite systems, AI, robotics and scientific instruments; commercial partnerships in geospatial services and satellite applications; and knowledge-sharing through joint publications and regular institutional exchanges. These priorities are mutually reinforcing. Research creates the basis for new technologies. Skilled people enable institutions and companies to develop them and commercial applications give innovation an economic purpose. A Pakistan-China Space Science and Innovation Forum could bring scientists, policymakers, universities and businesses together to identify research priorities and partnership opportunities. It would be a possible platform for strengthening existing cooperation, not a substitute for the institutions and projects already under way.

Both countries also have an interest in the peaceful and responsible use of outer space. Scientific collaboration can widen international participation and contribute to shared knowledge, while giving developing countries greater opportunities to engage in exploration and research.The long-term measure of success will be the extent to which Pakistan's role expands from participating in missions to contributing technologies, research and services. China brings an established space infrastructure and extensive technical experience; Pakistan's opportunity is to use this partnership to strengthen its own scientific institutions and domestic capabilities. The Shenzhou-24 mission is a historic milestone, but its deeper significance will be determined by what Pakistan can build from it: a sustained place in international research and a stronger innovation base at home.

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Trump says he will meet 'smart guy' Abdul El-Sayed on universal healthcare

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WASHINGTON United States President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he would meet with Michigan Senator-elect Abdul El-Sayed to discuss universal healthcare, signalling a possible opening for cooperation after a combative election campaign.

"I know I'll be meeting with him," Trump told the New York Post in an Oval Office interview, referring to El-Sayed's proposal to rebrand Medicare for All as "Trumpcare".

"Maybe there's some place in the middle that we could go," Trump added, suggesting room for compromise on healthcare reform. Trump described El-Sayed as "a smart guy" and said he had done "a very good job" promoting the idea.El-Sayed made universal healthcare a central issue in his campaign and sought to appeal directly to Trump by proposing that the plan carry the president's name.

Earlier this month, El-Sayed posted an image of a gold "Trumpcare" card on US social media company X, urging the president to guarantee healthcare coverage "from cradle to grave".Trump called the branding idea "very smart" and said he saw room to work with the incoming Democratic majorities in Congress, though he expected tensions at first.

"I'm just going to veto everything there is, and then at some point I think they're going to want to negotiate," he said. "I will, and we can do health care. We can do a lot of great things together."

Trump repeatedly attacked El-Sayed during the campaign, while the Michigan Democrat was a vocal critic of the Trump administration. El-Sayed is set to become the first Muslim US senator.

Republicans ran a scorched-earth campaign to paint Democrats as communists and branded El-Sayed a terrorist who would endanger Americans.

But the straight-talking 42-year-old El-Sayed pledged to help cash-strapped voters navigate America's fractured, for-profit health care system.

During the race, El-Sayed drew huge campaign crowds across the state, even in deeply conservative Republican areas.



A 24 hour cost-of-living strike in Greece disrupted planes, trains and ferries.



German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier speaks during a joint press conference with Kenya's President William Ruto after their talks at State House, the presidential residence.

Canada Does Not Report to US, Says Defense Minister after Pentagon Criticism

Monitoring Desk

Canada: Canadian Minister of National Defense David McGuinty pushed back on Tuesday against a Pentagon document accusing Ottawa of insufficient defense spending, stating that Canada is a sovereign nation and does not report to the United States.

The US Department of Defense recently issued a fact sheet titled "Canadian Defense Shortfalls," accusing Canada of chronic underinvestment in its military, which it said had left the Canadian Armed Forces "atrophied" and caused the country to fall short of its commitments to NATO and the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), a joint US - Canadian military organization. Even with pledges to boost spending, it would take years to recover from decades of underinvestment, the document added.

"Canada is a sovereign nation. I'll be very direct: We don't report to the United States," McGuinty told media in response.

Asked why Washington had targeted Canada with the document, McGuinty said he could not divine the Pentagon's thinking, but noted that the move "speaks directly to the internal politics of the United States."

He stressed that Canada is moving forward with defense investments and that its commitment to NORAD and NATO cooperation remained unchanged. McGuinty said his government currently has a plan to reach the 4 percent mark and would revisit the 5 percent target in 2029.

Overnight RSF drone attacks kill 19 in Sudan

Monitoring Desk

SUDAN: At least 19 people have been killed in drone attacks by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan's Blue Nile state, according to a rights group.

A Sudanese military source told Al Jazeera that the RSF, which has been fighting Sudan's army since 2023, targeted the city of Damazin in a series of attacks late on Tuesday that also wounded at least 20 people.

The attacks targeted multiple sites across Damazin, the capital of Blue Nile, and the neighbouring town of Roseires.Three families were killed in the bombing of a residential area in Damazin, the military source said.

According to Emergency Lawyers, a rights group based in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, drone attacks also targeted electricity facilities in Damazin and a big dam in Roseires.

Emergency Lawyers said six women were among the dead. Sudan is currently in the grip of a large-scale civil war between the Khartoum-based Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the RSF.

The southeastern Blue Nile state is strategically significant because it neighbours some of Sudan's most unstable regions and is home to some of the SAF's most experienced fighters, Al Jazeera's Almigdad Alruhaid explained.

Reporting from Khartoum's twin-city of Omdurman, Alruhaid said, "The attacks come amid a sharp escalation in the use of drone attacks between the RSF and the SAF in the last days."On November 22, drone attacks in Sudan's capital area around Khartoum and Omdurman killed at least four people and damaged a United Nations building while staff were inside.

Between January and June this year, at least 1,390 civilians were killed in Sudan – 80 percent of them by drones. In the following four months, another 840 civilians were killed, including about 520 in drone attacks.

"Civilians right now are paying the price. There is no safe zone for civilians, whether in Damazin or in Khartoum," Alruhaid said.


Nuclear test veterans and family members meet British First Secretary of State Louise Haigh, centre, at 10 Downing Street in London.

Germany seeks to boost Kenyan education as it eyes skilled recruits

Monitoring Desk

KENYAN: Germany aims to work more closely with Kenya to boost education for young people, including to be able to recruit more skilled workers from the East African country, German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in Nairobi on Wednesday.

"We want to open up opportunities for young people. And we want to establish regular, fair and organized channels for labour and skilled worker immigration," Steinmeier said following talks with Kenyan President William Ruto.

Germany has struck agreements with several countries to recruit workers from abroad as its rapidly ageing population worsens a shortage of skilled labour.Kenya and Germany signed a migration and mobility partnership in 2024, Steinmeier said, adding that "we want to breathe even more life into it."

Ruto highlighted the positive impact of the labour agreement.

Between March 2024 and March 2026, the number of Kenyans working legally in Germany had risen from 7,000 to 9,500, while the number of Kenyan apprentices in Germany had increased from 820 to 1,260, he said.

To ensure further progress, Ruto said he had also discussed measures with Steinmeier to speed up visa and recruitment processes.

The German president meanwhile expressed reservations regarding plans by five EU countries, including Germany, to set up a deportation centre for rejected asylum seekers in Rwanda. "Whatever the outcome of the debate, whatever decision is taken: all these procedures must be in accordance with applicable international law," the head of state said.

Kenya is the last stop on the German president's latest trip to Africa.

Greece cost-of-living strike hits trains and planes

Monitoring Desk

GREEK: Thousands of people demonstrated in Greek cities on Wednesday during a 24-hour cost-of-living strike that disrupted public transport and other services.

The strike caused stoppages on the Athens metro while ferries were confined to port for the day. Flights to and from 15 Greek regional airports were grounded owing to a strike by telecommunications staff in charge of flight information services.

Some 14,000 people marched in Athens and Thessaloniki, police said, in response to calls from unions representing civil servants, dockers, and teachers.

"Fifteen years ago, I drew a pension of 1,500 euros ($1,640), and today my purchasing power is less than a third of what it was then," Kostas Tzatzanis, 82, a retired engineer, told AFP.

Russian attack damages Ukraine's energy and gas sites, cuts power in 5 regions

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: A Russian attack on Ukraine's power sector overnight damaged energy and gas infrastructure and caused electricity outages in five regions, officials said on Wednesday.

Russian strikes halted power generation at a thermal plant and badly damaged its equipment, the company said, without disclosing its location. The attacks also caused a large fire at a Naftogaz gas production site in the Poltava region of central Ukraine, stopping its operations.

With cold winter weather setting in across the country, the latest round of strikes increased the pressure on Ukraine's already struggling system.Deputy Energy Minister ' Artem Nekrasov said the attacks also cut external power to the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant for the 17th time this year.

Zaporizhzhia governor Mykhailo Semikin said a morning attack on the region's main city hit a residential building and injured six people, including two children. A strike on a residential building on Tuesday had injured at least 50.

"The most difficult situation is in Zaporizhzhia, all attention is now," Prime Minister Sergiy Koretskyi said on Telegram.Koretskyi said one person was killed in the Kyiv region and that Russian forces also struck logistics routes in the south of Ukraine, damaging civilian sites and residential buildings.

Volodymyr Vovkotrub, the acting mayor of the city of Bila.

Boy, 3, died after choking in nursery, inquest hears

Monitoring Desk

MANCHESTER: A three-year-old boy died after choking at a Greater Manchester nursery earlier this month, an inquest heard.

Thiago Wall died on 5 November after becoming critically ill at Cosy Toes Nursery, in Middleton, on 2 November.

An inquest at Rochdale Coroner's Court heard on Wednesday that Thiago had choked on a bowl of food and died three days later at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. A CT scan later confirmed the toddler had suffered a brain injury.

The nursery - and three other nurseries owned by Cosy Toes LTD - remain closed.

The inquest heard the toddler had a hypoxic brain injury, which can be a result of decreased oxygen supply to the brain.

Libya's Haftar meets with senior Turkish officials as ties deepen

LIBYA: Khalifa Haftar, the head of the self-styled Libyan National Army, has held talks with senior Turkish officials in Ankara, Turkey's state news agency Anadolu reported on Wednesday, as Ankara deepens ties with the powerful commander in eastern Libya.Haftar and his delegation met Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Defence Minister Yasar Güler, alongside the energy minister, chief of staff and intelligence chief, Anadolu said.

Local media shared images of a military welcome at the airport in Ankara. No further details on the nature of the talks were immediately available.The visit marks another step in Ankara's rapprochement with the Haftar family, which effectively controls eastern Libya's military and economy. Turkey backed the Tripoli-based authorities who repelled Haftar's offensive to seize the capital, launched in 2019.

Libya descended into chaos after the 2011 armed revolt that toppled long-time dictator Moamer Gaddafi. The country has since been split between two rival governments and militias, while foreign powers including Russia, the UAE and Turkey have vied for influence in the oil-rich nation.

Turkey's parliament approved a military deployment to Libya in January 2020. Ankara said the deployment was intended to help Libya counter "threats to its stability and territorial integrity ... irregular migration, armed groups and human smuggling.

Russia's own figures show it has lost nearly 500,000 people in Ukraine war

Monitoring Desk

RUSSIA: At least 490,334 Russian soldiers have died since the start of the war in Ukraine in 2022, according to Russian government statistics analysed by the BBC.

The leaked Rosstat data reveal how the full-scale invasion of Ukraine has fundamentally changed mortality patterns in Russia, and show the high cost paid in human life in a war that Vladimir Putin had assumed would last only days but is now almost five years old.

BBC Russian has had access to more than 11 million death records from 2021 to September 2026, after a hack by Belarusian group Cyber Partisans BY and Ukraine's Silent Crow.Russia's statistics agency admitted to a cyber-attack, but denied any protected information had been leaked.

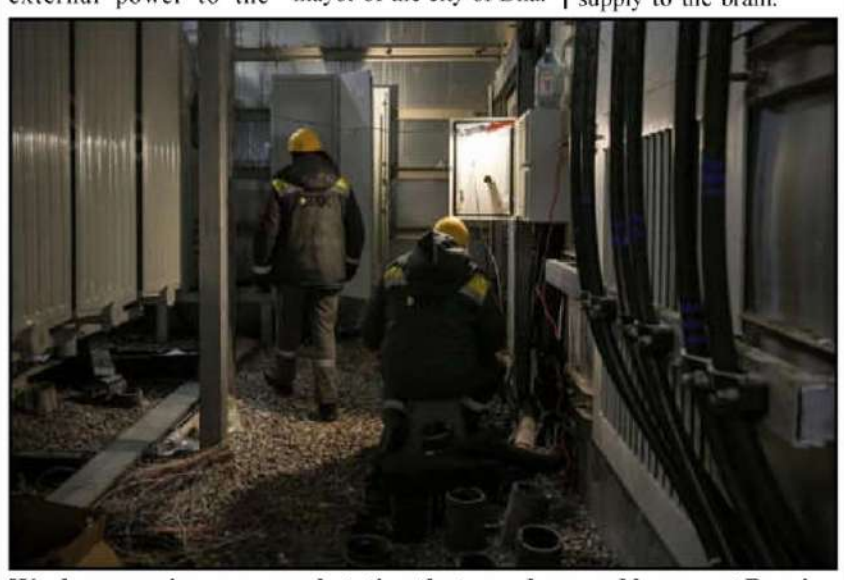
Israeli strike kills Hamas official, his wife & children

Monitoring Desk

GAZA: An Israeli air attack on Gaza has killed a senior Palestinian security official and his wife and daughters, according to a statement from the enclave's Ministry of Interior.

In a statement posted on its Telegram channel on Wednesday, the ministry identified the official as Muhammad Majid Abu al-Awf, 47, director of the Internal Security Service in northern Gaza.

Noura Ezzat Abual-Awf, his wife, aged 41, and his children, Yusra Mohammed Abu al-Awf.


Workers repair a power substation that was damaged by recent Russian drone and missile strikes, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Odesa region, Ukraine.

Solomon Islands signs security pact with Canberra, ditches China

Monitoring Desk

AUSTRALIA: The Solomon Islands signed a security treaty with Australia on Wednesday, opting not to renew a divisive 2022 pact with China that was due to expire in April.

At a signing ceremony in Canberra, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Solomon Islands Prime Minister Matthew Wale praised the "historic" treaty that requires the Pacific nation to involve Australia in decisions on national security and sensitive infrastructure in exchange for $644 million in development funding and work opportunities for islanders in Australia. Under the treaty the islands guarantee no militarization of its sensitive infrastructure and "any form of foreign interference or unauthorised access," and it will not "permit its territory to be used for any foreign military or security base."

Albanese said the agreement made it clear that Australia was the Pacific nation's "security partner of choice," despite the text stating that the Pacific Islands Forum is its first stop for security cooperation and that the Solomon Islands will prioritize regional security in the event it forms any alliance for "security needs unable to be met by PIF members."

Belarus's Lukashenko proposes flying with Ukraine's Zelenskiy to Moscow for talks

Monitoring Desk

UKRAINE: Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, a close ally of Russian leader Vladimir Putin, proposed in an interview published on Tuesday that he and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy fly together to Moscow for Kremlin talks to end the war in Ukraine.

Lukashenko, allowed Putin to use his country's territory for the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, also told the French media outlet Le Point that he believed Russian forces were winning on the battlefield.

Putin has long suggested that Zelenskiy come to Moscow to negotiate a resolution of the conflict. Zelenskiy rejects such a proposal, while saying he is prepared to meet the Russian leader in different "more neutral" locations."Volodya (Volodymyr) Zelenskiy and I could simply and fly to Moscow. The ` two of us. As a guarantor of his safety, I could sit with him and fly to Moscow," Lukashenko said in comments reported by Belarus' state ` Belta news agency.

In response to a suggestion that Zelenskiy was unlikely to agree, he said: "If he doesn't agree, let him keep fighting. Let him go to the front with an automatic weapon and fight. The war is going on. It needs to be stopped. And we could come to an agreement."

He said forces were making slow progress, but were winning the war.


A Sudanese man stands on the rubble of a destroyed building following a drone attack on a neighbourhood of Khartoum .

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Iqra Bibi with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased muhammad akbar citizen number 5440061055659 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. nazish sattar(daughter) 2. jahnzaib(son) 3. aurang zaib(son) 4. jahangir zaib(son) 5. Iqra Bibi(daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by noor jahan with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Khudai Rahim citizen number 5440001182831 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. noor jahan(spouse) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by bibi sadia with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Rehmat Khatoon citizen number 5140162569322 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. bibi sadia(daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA FEMALE KHUZDAR ONEAPP

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by mehboob with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Ghulam Hussain citizen number 5210132797189 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. Hanifa(spouse) 2. sameer ahmed(son) 3. Zuhra(daughter) 4. mehboob(son) 5. Lal Jan(son) 6. sumaira(daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA GWADAR ONEAPP

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by muhammad ali ashraf with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased safina ashraf citizen number 5440071085058 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. Bushra Noman(daughter) 2. mahwish ashraf butt(daughter) 3. muhammad ali ashraf(son) 4. sahrish butt(daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Bakhtiar Khan with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Sardar Gohar Khan citizen number 5440067740905 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. sardar hassan khan musakhel(brother) 2. Bakhtiar Khan(brother) 3. sardar ahmed yar khan(brother) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MEGA QUETTA ONEAPP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Naz Khatoon with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Hazoor Bakhsh citizen number 5130113603301 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. sajida(daughter) 2. Naz Khatoon(spouse) 3. aman ullah(son) 4. Sibghat Ullah(son) 5. abdul baqi(son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA KHARAN ONEAPP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Sajida with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Imam Bakhsh citizen number 5220341168779 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. zeeba(spouse) 2. Sajida(spouse) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA TURBAT ONEAPP

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Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Nasreen with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased lal muhammad citizen number 5230146873799 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. Nasreen(spouse) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA PANJGUR ONEAPP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Zaib Un Nisa with regards to moveable & immoveable assets of deceased Muhammad Ayub Shah citizen number 5630208520799 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs. 1. Zaib Un Nisa(daughter) 2. asma ayub(daughter) 3. Qamar Ayub(daughter) 4. hameeda bibi(spouse) 5. gohar ayub shah(son) 6. samia ayub(daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

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President stresses strengthening Pakistan-Bangladesh ties through trade, parliamentary exchanges

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday emphasised the need to strengthen Pakistan-Bangladesh relations through expanded parliamentary exchanges, trade and economic cooperation, educational links and people-to-people contacts, calling for a forward-looking approach based on sovereign equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit.

The president expressed confidence that the visit of Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament, Hafiz Uddin Ahmad Bir Bikram, would help advance bilateral relations and pave the way for more high-level exchanges between the two countries.

The president met with a parliamentary delegation of Bangladesh, led by Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, here at Aiwan-e-Sadr, a Presidency's news release said.

President Zardari said Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Bangladesh, which are rooted in shared history, common faith and deep cultural and familial affinities.

The president noted the renewed momentum in bilateral relations, particularly in high-level exchanges, education, trade, culture and people-to-people contacts. He highlighted the considerable potential for cooperation in agriculture, industry, food security, disaster management, digital governance, space research and defence.

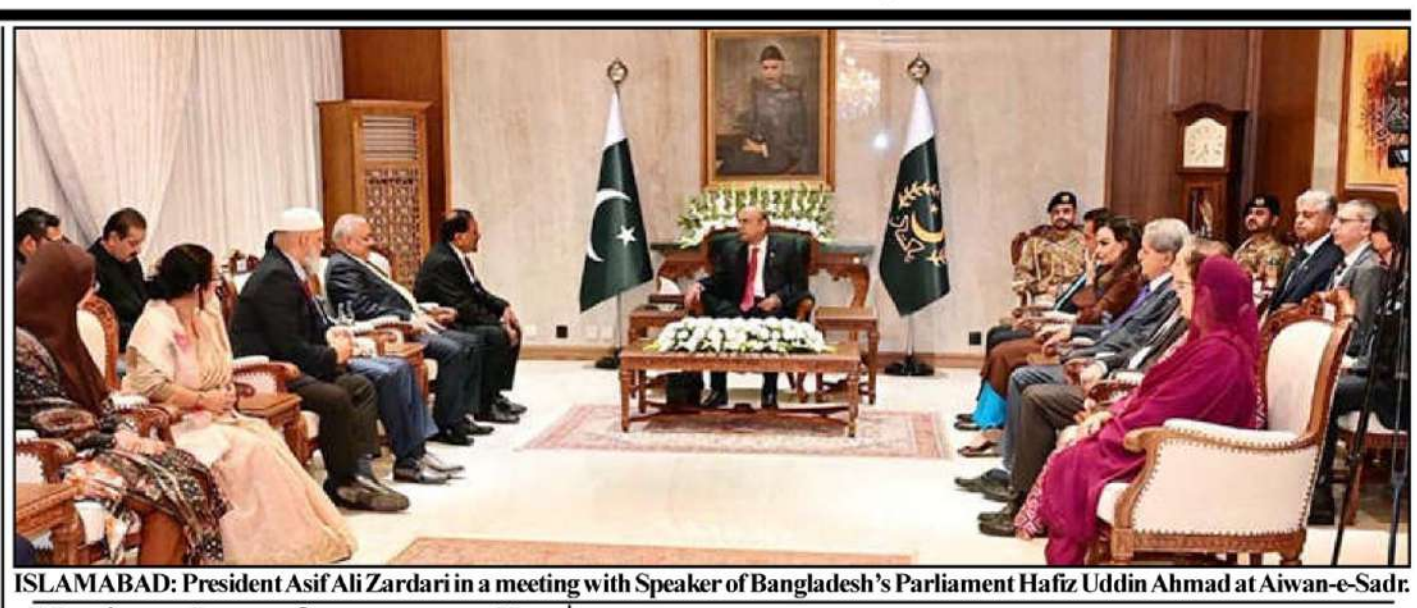
He also expressed hope for the early finalisation of around 26 MoUs under consideration, which would provide an institutional framework for expanding bilateral cooperation.

President Zardari congratulated Bangladesh on the election of Barrister Adib Chowdhury, Chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee, to the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). He expressed Pakistan's desire to further strengthen parliamentary cooperation, including at international parliamentary fora, and welcomed efforts to establish a Pakistan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship Group.

The president offered Pakistan's assistance in facilitating training for Bangladeshi parliamentary officials at the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) and sharing its institutional expertise in operating a bicameral legislature.

President Zardari highlighted Pakistan's educational initiatives, including the Pakistan-Bangladesh Knowledge Corridor launched last year, which offers 500 fully funded scholarships to Bangladeshi students at leading Pakistani universities. He noted that 170 Bangladeshi students have already joined Pakistani universities, while another 20 are expected to join shortly.

He also welcomed the positive response to the Executive Leadership Training Programme for senior Bangladeshi civil servants at the National School of Public Policy, Lahore.



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with Speaker of Bangladesh's Parliament Hafiz Uddin Ahmad at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

National conference calls for stronger safeguards for freedom of expression

ISLAMABAD (INP): A national conference on Wednesday called for stronger safeguards for freedom of expression, journalist safety and accountability, while urging greater respect for the public's "right to information", stronger safeguards for media practitioners and special measures to protect women journalists from online and offline harassment.

On January 28, 2025, the Senate passed the Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Act, 2025, significantly expanding the government's powers to regulate online content and penalise digital offences. The legislation drew widespread criticism from journalists, media organisations and rights activists, who argue that it undermined the fundamental right to freedom of expression.

The conference in Islamabad comes as censorship under the PECA becomes increasingly entrenched, while journalists and media organisations face mounting safety and economic challenges, despite the enactment of special legislation aimed at combating impunity and signs of improvement in the national economy.

CM Bugti assures delegation of journalists to address their issues for welfare of them

Says govt ads to newspapers to be tied to timely payment of media workers

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday assured the delegation of journalists that the government is committed to addressing the long-standing issues being faced by journalists in the province. He said this while talking to a representative delegation of journalists, led by President of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), Afzal Butt called on him here.

Representatives from the Quetta Press Club and the Balochistan Union of Journalists also participated in the meeting.

The discussion covered the closure of various TV channel bureaus in Quetta, the challenges being faced by journalists, and the Journalists' Housing Scheme. The Chief Minister said that journalists in Balochistan are performing their professional duties despite difficult circumstances and various challenges.

"The services of journalists are highly valued, free and responsible journalism plays a vital role in bringing about positive societal change and highlighting public issues", he said.

The CM said that practical progress is being made regarding the establishment of a 'Journalists' Colony', we are taking steps to provide residential facilities to journalists.

He said that the issuance of government advertisements to newspapers would be made conditional upon the regular payment of salaries to media workers. Mir Sarfraz Bugti mentioned that protecting the economic rights of media workers and ensuring the timely payment of their salaries is essential.

He noted that measures would be taken at the appropriate forums to address the problems confronting the journalist community.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Baugti talking to a representative delegation of journalists, led by President of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), Afzal Butt.

Justice Sector Support Programme benefits nearly 30,000 citizens: Aqeel Malik

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for Law and Justice, Barrister Aqeel Malik has appreciated the contribution of the Justice Sector Support Programme towards strengthening Pakistan's justice system, saying its community outreach initiatives have benefited nearly 30,000 citizens. He was addressing the "Showcasing Impact and Sharing Learnings" event of the programme, organised by The Asia Foundation (TAF) with the support of the US Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), here on Wednesday.

The minister said the programme had expanded its outreach to 56 districts across Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, trained more than 5,300 justice-sector officials and engaged over 29,500 citizens through community outreach initiatives. He said the programme's achievements in capacity-building, institutional development and community engagement had contributed to strengthening the country's justice system. Barrister Aqeel Malik stressed the need to sustain these achievements and further enhance institutional capacity to make the justice system more effective.

PM expresses grief over building collapse, citizen's death in Karachi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Wednesday, expressed his grief over a building collapse incident and the death of a citizen in Baloch Colony, Karachi.

The prime minister expressed sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed for the departed soul, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

He also directed for provision of medical treatment to the injured on priority basis.



CHINA: Professor Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, along with a high-level Pakistani delegation, witnesses the historic launch of the Shenzhou-24 space mission carrying Pakistan's first astronaut, Dr. Zeeshan Ali, at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China.

Violence against women is a grave violation of human rights: Azam Nazeer Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Law and Justice and Human Rights Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar said that violence against women is a grave violation of human rights, while ensuring the protection, dignity, equal rights and access to justice for women and girls is the shared responsibility of the state and society.

In a statement issued in connection with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Federal Minister said that women and girls must be protected from domestic violence, harassment, sexual violence, exploitation, discrimination and other forms of abuse. Effective enforcement of laws, timely justice, accountability and the provision of legal and support services to survivors are essential to ending violence.

Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar said that the Ministry of Human Rights is providing legal and support services for the protection of women's rights. Helpline 1099 is operational to provide free legal advice, assistance with complaints and guidance on human rights violations, helping affected individuals access relevant institutions and services.

He said that the National Action Plan for Human Rights 2026 includes practical measures for the protection and promotion of women's rights, while efforts are focused on effective enforcement of laws and support for victims of violence against women.

The Federal Minister emphasized the importance of the national strategy to address technology-facilitated gender-based violence.

Zardari says Pakistan will deepen ties with Bosnia, Herzegovina

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday said that Pakistan would continue to develop its ties with Bosnia Herzegovina across different fields, including politics, diplomacy, defence, education, and culture.

The president, in his message on the Statehood Day of Bosnia Herzegovina, said, "On 25 November, we join the people of Bosnia in celebrating their Statehood Day." Recalling bilateral history, he noted that Pakistan recognised the independence of Bosnia in 1992, recalling that during the war, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and he supported the independence of its people and that Pakistan also welcomed Bosnia's refugees.

Ahsan calls out Indian censorship demands

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday wrote a befitting response post to Indian call for banning Pakistani drama on Netflix.

He has pushed back against renewed calls in India to block Pakistani entertainment, sparking a wave of online support under the trending hashtag #GrowUpIndia. The minister's remarks came in response to a formal letter sent by the All Indian Cine Workers Association (AICWA) to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding that Netflix block the December 4 release of Pakistan's first original Netflix series, Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo, and impose a permanent ban on all Pakistani content across Indian platforms.

Addressing the controversy on X (formerly Twitter), Ahsan Iqbal questioned the politicization of sports and arts, asking why a cricket match should be treated as a political threat or a television drama as a national security concern.

His message resonated widely across social media, with users rallying behind the call to keep art and entertainment free from political gatekeeping.

Beyond responding to cross-border restrictions, the minister's stance reflected a broader, long-term policy push to transform Pakistan's creative and cultural sector into a thriving export industry. Ahsan Iqbal has been actively promoting the export of creative and culture exports through structured engagements with global streaming giants.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chairing a meeting to review power sector management, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Consumers can challenge illegal electricity billing in High Courts: FCCP

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Constitutional Court of Pakistan (FCCP) has ruled that consumers have the constitutional right to challenge illegal electricity billing, metering and tariff-related disputes before high courts under Article 199 of the Constitution, as electricity distribution and supply constitute a public service. The court dismissed an appeal filed by the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) against the Lahore High Court's decision in a case involving excessive electricity billing to Hamdard Laboratories (Waqf) Pakistan, upholding the restoration of the original decision of the Electric Inspector Punjab.

A two-member bench comprising Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Syed Arshad Hussain Shah announced the judgment, authored by Justice Syed Arshad Hussain Shah.

According to the case record, Hamdard Laboratories had challenged electricity bills issued under the DEF-EST tariff code for the period from August to November 2024. After inspecting the meter and hearing both parties, the Electric Inspector Punjab, on January 22, 2025, declared the disputed bills illegal and unjustified.

The inspector directed LESCO to issue revised bills based on the actual electricity units recorded by backup meter No. 95856, recalculate the consumer's account and adjust the excess amount recovered against future bills. The replacement of the disputed meter was also ordered.

LESCO challenged the decision before NEPRA's Appellate Board, which modified the inspector's ruling on October 28, 2025. However, the Lahore High Court, on a petition filed by Hamdard Laboratories, set aside the appellate board's decision on December 3, 2025, and restored the original order.

Public opinion, national consensus vital for establishing new provinces

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Wednesday said that public opinion and national consensus were essential for establishing new provinces in the country.

Speaking to a private television channel, he said political consensus was also imperative on matters of national importance.

He said political parties should hold discussions on key issues, including population, education, health and inflation. He stressed that collective efforts would be required to address the challenges confronting the people.

Commenting on the upcoming elections, he said the government would complete its constitutional tenure and elections would be held on time. Responding to a question about a referendum, he said it was a way to ascertain public opinion regarding the establishment of new provinces.

Zeeshan's achievement a source of immense national pride: Bilawal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Wednesday congratulated the entire nation on Pakistan's significant achievement in the field of space exploration, terming it as a historic milestone and a source of immense national pride.

In a congratulatory message, Bilawal Bhutto extended his heartfelt felicitations to Pakistan's first astronaut, Zeeshan Ali, on making history and bringing honour to the country through his remarkable achievement.

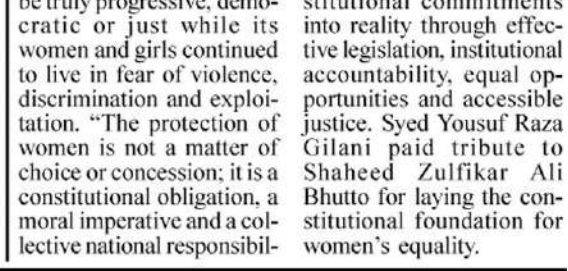
He said Zeeshan Ali's success heralded a bright future for Pakistan, adding that his journey into space was a moment of immense pride, joy and national honour for all 260 million Pakistanis. Bilawal Bhutto said Pakistan, the world's only Muslim nuclear power, was now advancing towards new frontiers in space research and exploration, demonstrating its growing scientific and technological capabilities.

He said that cooperation between Pakistan and China in the field of space research reflected the longstanding friendship, mutual trust and shared commitment of the two countries towards progress and development.

Pak, PATH discuss local vaccine manufacturing

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Health Syed Mustafa Kamal met a delegation of the global health organisation PATH, led by its President and Chief Executive Officer Nikolaj Gilbert, to discuss strengthening Pakistan's local vaccine manufacturing capacity through technology transfer and technical cooperation.

The delegation included Professor Jeremy Farrar, Chief of Asia, Middle East and Europe, Dr. Nabeel Gohar, Senior Adviser, and Dr. Khokhar, Executive Director of Remington Pharmaceuticals.



QUETTA: Chairman Balochistan Peace Forum Nawabzada Haji Lashkari Raisani addressing the ceremony of "Freedom of Press our national responsibility" organized by Balochistan Peace Forum.

Aleem Khan directs quality construction, timely completion of GB highway projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan on Wednesday directed the National Highway Authority (NHA) to ensure durable and high-quality construction of roads in Gilgit-Baltistan, with particular focus on improving travel facilities and safety on the Jaglot-Skardu Road.

During his visit to Gilgit-Baltistan, he inspected the ongoing construction and development work on the Jaglot–Skardu Road. He also inaugurated two bridges and the Malupa Shelter constructed by the NHA.

The minister further inaugurated the newly reconstructed Baghicha Bridge which had been destroyed by floods. Officials of the Frontier Works Organization and National Highway Authority briefed the minister on the ongoing development projects underway in the Northern Areas. Talking on the occasion, Abdul Aleem Khan said that the Government was committed to improving the challenging and difficult road infrastructure of Gilgit-Baltistan, particularly in Skardu. He added that the NHA was undertaking various development projects using its own resources. He also urged the Gilgit-Baltistan Government to extend its cooperation in these efforts.

Bangladeshi media delegation visits NADRA headquarters

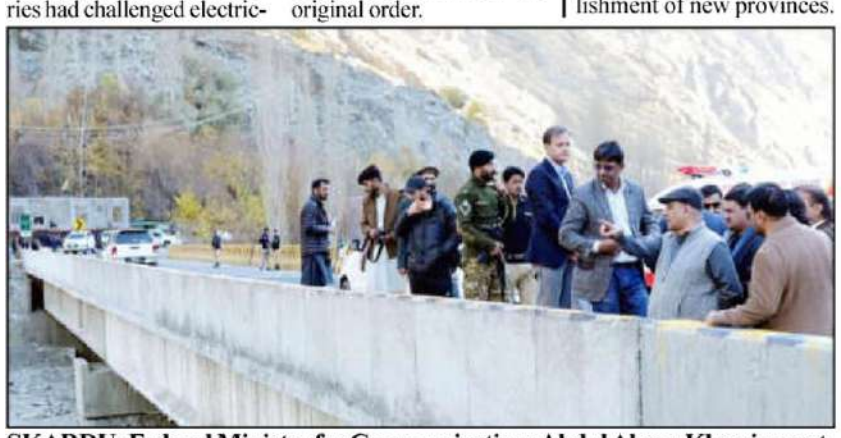
ISLAMABAD (APP): A 13-member Bangladeshi media delegation on Wednesday visited the headquarters of the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), where it was briefed on Pakistan's national identity management system, registration processes and digital services. The delegation was received by NADRA Chairman Lt Gen Muhammad Munir Afsar (Retd), HI(M), along with senior officials of the authority.

During the visit, the journalists were given a detailed presentation on NADRA's organisational structure, functions, operational mechanisms and technological framework.

Gilani calls for zero tolerance against gender-based violence

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Wednesday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to eliminating violence against women, urging all segments of society to work together to ensure the protection, dignity and equal rights of women and girls.

In his message on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the commencement of the 16 Days of Activism, he said no society could claim to be truly progressive, democratic or just while its women and girls continued to live in fear of violence, discrimination and exploitation. "The protection of women is not a matter of choice or concession; it is a constitutional obligation, a moral imperative and a collective national responsibility," he said. The Chairman Senate reaffirmed his commitment to building a Pakistan where every woman and girl could live with dignity, exercise her rights without fear and pursue her aspirations without barriers. He said the Constitution of Pakistan, particularly Articles 14, 25 and 34, provided a strong foundation for human dignity, equality before the law and the full participation of women in national life. The collective responsibility was to translate these constitutional commitments into reality through effective legislation, institutional accountability, equal opportunities and accessible justice. Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani paid tribute to Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto for laying the constitutional foundation for women's equality.



SKARDU: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan inspecting NHA work at Jaglot Skardu Road.

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