

Premier directs NDMA to ensure preparedness, early warnings as river levels surge

BEIJING (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to complete preparations for rescue and relief operations, considering the rise of water levels in Ravi, Chenab and Sutlej rivers.

The prime minister, who is currently on a visit to China, telephoned the NDMA Chairman Lt General Inam Haider Malik, and directed him to issue early warnings to the public regarding the rising water levels in the said rivers.

He also instructed the Authority to fully cooperate with provincial governments to expedite safety measures and relief operations. The NDMA Chairman briefed the prime minister on the flood situation in Pakistan and ongoing relief operations, as well as the rising water levels in three rivers.

Iranian envoy flays Quetta attack

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan, Reza Amiri Moghadam on Wednesday categorically condemned the inhumane and cowardly terrorist attack in Quetta's Shahwani Stadium, which has led to the martyrdom of 13 innocent civilians and left 29 others injured.

The envoy said terrorism is nothing but the sinister design of cowardly elements who seek to destabilize our region and obstruct its path toward the sustainable development objectives.

He said this chronic plight, imported and fueled by malicious machinations, is a shared menace across the region, where traitorous elements - hand in hand with international terrorism - target peace, security, and stability. Ambassador Moghadam, confronting this ominous phenomenon demands collective, determined, and united efforts by all countries to uproot every form of terrorism and violent extremism claimed the lives of countless innocent people over the past decades.

He said those responsible for such barbaric crimes are enemies of humanity, shamelessly spilling the blood of ordinary citizens at a time when a great nation is already enduring the tragic burden of devastating floods.

SCBA submits proposals regarding amendments in court rules

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) has filed written proposals to the Supreme Court regarding amendments in court rules. SCBA President Mian Rauf Atta and Senior Advocate Supreme Court Hafiz Ehsan Khokhar have submitted the written proposals comprising 12-page. The bar appealed the rollback of the increase in court fees. It said that access to justice should be available to all citizens, every appeal filed in the top court should be decided within a year, while civil appeals should be decided within six months.

Two FC personnel martyred in remote-control IED blast

AWARAN (UNA) – Two Frontier Corps personnel of the 109 Wing, Muhammad Zubair and Rehmatullah Jan, were martyred in a remote-controlled IED explosion in Jha, Awaran District, Balochistan. Following the incident, security forces cordoned off the area and launched a detailed investigation into the attack.



QUETTA: CM Mir Sarfraz Bugti presides over the meeting to review law and order situation.

Governor vows to develop backward areas of Balochistan

QUETTA (APP)- Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel said that government is committed to the development and constructive transformation of remote and backward areas.

He said that due to the dispersed population, providing all facilities to the people of remote districts at their doorsteps is a big challenge. He expressed these views while addressing a public jirga consisting of political leaders, tribal elders and Awami National Party workers in Kan Mehtarzai. On the occasion of a one-day visit, the Governor of Balochistan formally inaugurated the Grid Station and Singer Road.

A large number of people including Speaker Provincial Assembly Captain Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, Provincial Ministers Mir Shoaib Noshirwani, Mir

Asim Kurd Gillu, Noor Muhammad Dummarr, Member Provincial Assembly Zaq Khan Mandokhel, Hadiya Nawaz, Awami National Party leader Malik Amanullah Mehtarzai and former Member Provincial Assembly Shahina Kakar were present.

Addressing at the ceremony, the Governor said that we are well aware of the lack of facilities and opportunities that you all have to face every day saying that we are solving the problems being faced by people in terms of health facilities, education, water, roads and electricity in a sequential manner according to our capabilities.

Governor Balochistan said that to reduce the pressure on cities, we should develop infrastructure in rural areas along with education, health and clean water adding that this balanced

approach would ensure the overall development of our province.

I will convey your issues regarding the widening of roads in Kan Mehtarzai, establishment of more educational institutions, provision of medical facilities and access to clean water to the authorities of both the federal and provincial governments, he said.

Governor Mandokhel said that unfortunately, both our cities and villages are backward in terms of modern development and facilities, but rural areas are facing many difficulties due to lack of basic facilities and opportunities.

He said that investing in rural development projects and improving the quality of life for all are among our priorities as we encourage the active participation of citizens in rural development.



QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel addressing a Public Jirga during his one-day visit to Kanmehtarzai.

Malik stresses unity to address national challenges

ISLAMABAD (APP): State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aqeel Malik, on Wednesday, urged all stakeholders to work collectively in tackling the country's pressing national challenges like floods and terrorism.

Talking to a private news channel, he emphasized the need for greater introspection, unity and a strong sense of responsibility across all segments of society to ensure long-term stability and development.

The minister said that while floods are natural disasters, their devastating impact often multiplies due to poor planning, weak implementation of regulations, and the presence of illegal structures along waterways.

He stressed that timely action, better coordination among federal and provincial institutions and strict enforcement of laws were crucial to minimizing losses in the future.

He added that adaptation measures and disaster-resilient infrastructure must be prioritized to safeguard lives, livelihoods, and the economy.

President seeks global support to combat climate change in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday held a detailed discussion with Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider regarding the devastating flood situation across the province.

Reviews flood situation in Punjab; urges solidarity

The president termed it a human tragedy that demanded solidarity and urgent response.

He further stressed that Pakistan was facing unprecedented challenges due to climate change and called for international solidarity, urging the global community to stand with Pakistan in combating the destructive impact of climate change.

During the call, Governor Haider briefed the president on the challenges faced by flood-affected communities, particularly in remote and cut-off areas.

He underscored the relief efforts were underway, noting that Pakistan Red Crescent Society had

expanded its services to almost every part of Punjab, including Lahore, Hafizabad, Kasur, Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Narowal, and Mandi Bahauddin, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release. The relief camps had already been set up and a water treatment plant was being established in Kartarpur to provide safe drinking water to local residents. The governor emphasized that officials and volunteers were reaching out directly to affected families, assuring them that the state stood beside them in this difficult hour.

President Zardari praised these efforts and reiterated that the people of Pakistan would not be left alone during this crisis.

"Swollen rivers and unseasonal rains have created a looming threat of food insecurity across the region," President Zardari noted and pointed out that while Pakistan had played no role in creating the global climate catastrophe, but the nation continued to pay a heavy price for it.

PM telephones Balochistan CM to condole deaths in Quetta blast

BEIJING (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday telephoned Chief Minister Balochistan Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti to express deep sorrow over the tragic blast that struck a political rally in Quetta, claiming multiple lives and injuring several others.

The prime minister, who is currently on his official visit to China, strongly condemned the blast and conveyed deep grief over the loss of precious lives in the blast. He also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

"The terrorists involved in the blast will be traced and given exemplary punishment," the prime minister said.

He said the attack on the political rally was clear evidence of the nefarious conspiracy by terrorists to spread chaos in Balochistan.

"Terrorists are enemies of peace and development in Balochistan," the prime minister said, vowing to continue war against terrorism until complete eradication of this menace from the country.

Identities of 15 martyred revealed

QUETTA (UNA): The Home Department of Balochistan and the Civil Hospital Quetta have released the names of the 15 people martyred in Tuesday night's suicide bombing near the Balochistan National Party (BNP) gathering at Saryab. Among the victims is Hanif Ahmed, a Special Branch driver from Lakki Marwat. The others include five from Quetta, three from Nushki, two from Jhal Magsi, one each from Kharan, Dalbandin, and Sanghar.

The deceased include Bashir Ahmed (Quetta), Hafizullah (Quetta), Muhammad Ishaq (Nushki), Najeebullah (Qalat), Allah Bakhsh (Jhal Magsi), Najeebullah Qamberani (Kharan), Nasrullah (Quetta), Abdul Nabi (Quetta), Shan (Jhal Magsi), Muhammad Ahsan (Nushki), Arshad Rajput (Sanghar), Madad Khan (Nushki), Waqar Ahmed (Dalbandin), and Ali Nawaz (Quetta).

The bodies have been transported to their native towns for final rites.

Terrorists will never be allowed to derail peace in Balochistan: CM Bugti

Vows strict action after Quetta stadium blast, directs foolproof security for Rabi-ul-Awal programs

QUETTA (6 AM Report) Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that all measures to restore peace would be made more effective, stressing that no negligence in protecting the lives and property of citizens would be tolerated.

CM Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting on law and order at the Chief Minister's Secretariat following Tuesday night's blast at Shahwani Stadium.

During the briefing, Additional Chief Secretary for Home Hamza Shafqat and Acting Inspector General of Police Saeed Wazir informed the meeting about the incident and the security situation.

Speaking at the session, He directed the Home Department to keep the public and media informed

about the government's actions and facts surrounding the incident to curb rumors and ensure transparency.

The Chief Minister vowed that those responsible for the Shahwani Stadium attack would be brought to justice and stated firmly that terrorists would not be allowed to sabotage peace in Balochistan. He assured the families of the martyrs that the government stands with them and added that the injured were receiving the best medical treatment. Severely injured victims, he said, would be shifted to Karachi through the provincial government's air service if necessary for advanced care.

Bugti underlined that in view of current threat alerts, political parties and citizens must fully cooperate

with the government and security institutions. "This is a time for unity and solidarity to foil the nefarious designs of miscreants," he remarked.

He also directed the preparation of a foolproof security plan for the upcoming 12th Rabi-ul-Awal programs, urging the public to extend full cooperation during religious gatherings and processions to ensure peaceful observance.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Shakil Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Home Hamza Shafqat, Acting IG Police Saeed Wazir, Principal Secretary Babar Khan, Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzad Kakar, DG Levies Abdul Ghafar Magsi, and other senior officials.



PM attends China's grand 80th World War II anniversary parade

BEIJING (APP): At China's grand 80th highlights Pakistan's growing significance World War II anniversary parade in Beijing, in the region.

President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arrived together at the venue. In his speech before parade, President Xi Jinping highlighted the significance of victory 80 years ago and called on nations to "eliminate the root cause of war and prevent historical tragedies from recurring".

The Indian Prime Minister was not invited to this parade. The presence of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif alongside Xi Jinping reiterated China's commitment to peaceful development.

Pakistan, Turkiye reaffirm commitment to enhance cooperation in diverse fields

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high level delegation headed by Commander Turkish Air Force General Ziya Cemal Kadioglu, called on Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force Air Chief Marshal Zaher Ahmed Baber Sidhu here Wednesday.

The delegation was accorded a very warm and cordial welcome upon arrival at Air Headquarters, said a press release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

The meeting featured in-depth discussion on the evolving regional security environment, progress in ongoing defence collaboration and prospects of joint engagement in new domains of modern warfare.

During the meeting, the Chief of the Air Staff highlighted the deep-rooted brotherly ties between Pakistan and Turkiye, based on shared religious beliefs, aspirations and strategic alignment that continue to bring both the nations closer. He underscored that the arrival of the first batch of Turkish cadets at PAF Academy Asghar Khan for training marks a significant

milestone in the enduring fraternal ties between the two Air Forces.

The development marks a new chapter in the existing defence partnership between the two countries, underscoring mutual trust and the shared vision of building the next generation of air warriors.

Both Commanders reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation across multiple spheres, with particular emphasis on joint training, mutual exercises and multi domain operations.

General Ziya Cemal Kadioglu commended PAF's outstanding operational performance under the visionary leadership of the Air Chief during the recent conflict with India, lauding its state of operational readiness and resolute defence of national sovereignty.

He expressed keen interest in gaining comprehensive insight into the methodology of multi-domain warfare, drawing on the Pakistan Air Force's tested operational strategies and success in the conflict.

Potential rainfall in country's most areas overnext 12-24 hour

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), through its National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC), has issued a fresh weather advisory warning of potential rainfall across several regions of Pakistan over the next 12 to 24 hours.

Rain alerts have been issued for Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir, with intermittent showers expected in various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including Chitral, Dir, Swat, Buner, and Abbottabad.

Authorities have cautioned against flash flooding in low-lying areas, overflowing streams, and landslides in hilly terrain.

Heavy rainfall is forecast in northeastern Punjab districts such as Gujranwala, Lahore, Sialkot, Jhelum, and Narowal, raising concerns over flood-like conditions in both urban and rural zones. Light to moderate rain is expected in Gilgit, Hunza, Skardu, Neelum, Muzaffarabad, and Rawalakot, accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds.

Targeting political gatherings is an act of open terrorism

All institutions should operate within constitutional framework: Achakzai

QUETTA (ANN): Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) Chairman Mehmood Khan Achakzai has said that Pakistan is deeply entangled in political turmoil and needs to return to a system rooted in a social contract, where all institutions operate within a constitutional framework.

He called for clean, transparent trade practices and urged state institutions to support rather than obstruct business activities. He emphasized that honesty must be embraced for economic prosperity, adding that any traders found involved in illegal activities should be punished without political backing.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by

the Chamber of Small Traders, He stressed the crucial role of the business community, calling traders the "backbone of the country." He urged them to conduct business with honesty, noting that fair and transparent trade can solve many of the people's problems.

He emphasized the role of traders in nation-building, calling them the "backbone of the country." He added, "If trade is conducted honestly, it becomes a sacred profession. Imam Abu Hanifa himself was a trader whose piety and honesty are guiding principles for us all."

Achakzai said that by proving themselves to be honest traders, local

businessmen could gain international recognition. "You'll be sitting here and receiving orders on your computers," he told the business community, urging

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them to reform their attitudes and practices.

Achakzai condemned the recent blast and said targeting political gatherings is an act of open terrorism. "Everyone, including Sardar Akhtar Jan

Mengal, has the right to hold political rallies such attacks are unacceptable," he said, expressing solidarity with the business community.

Achakzai envisioned Chaman as a potential economic hub, stating, "Chaman has the potential to become the next Hong Kong if trade is facilitated properly."

Also addressing the gathering were leaders of the Central Traders Association including Abdul Rahim Kakar, Wali Muhammad Noorzai, Syed Abdul Khaliq Agha, and Muhammad Akram Tareen, who echoed concerns over economic challenges and security threats.

The PkMAP chief criticized the misuse of provincial resources, citing a

global survey that highlighted the minimal wealth of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa being exploited without benefiting its own people. "Natural resources must be used for the well-being of the local population," he stressed.

He warned government officers and institutional heads to refrain from political interference. "If someone in uniform has political ambitions, they should resign and join politics openly. Political engineering from official offices will no longer be tolerated," he said. Achakzai reaffirmed his party's support for traders affected by the recent violence, pledging to stand with them in their struggle for peace and economic justice.

Governor Kundi urges unity & prophetic teachings to defeat terrorism

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday said that restoring peace in the province requires joint efforts of scholars, educated circles and security forces, emphasizing that terrorism and extremism must be eliminated through unity and adherence to the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

He expressed these views while addressing the Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) Conference held at Governor House in connection with the blessed month of Rabi-ul-Awwal. The Governor attended the conference as the chief guest, which was also graced by prominent scholars and religious leaders from across the country. The Governor said it was a matter of honor to host such a sacred conference, saying that the Seerat of the Prophet (PBUH) is a beacon of light for all humanity. "The teachings of the

Holy Prophet (PBUH) are a guarantee of success in this world and the Hereafter," he remarked, adding that just as the nation had stood united against Indian aggression, peace would soon be restored in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Earlier, religious scholars highlighted the Prophet's (PBUH) life and urged the youth to study his Seerat regularly and embody his guidance in every sphere of life. They congratulated the Governor for arranging the conference and thanked him for the invitation. Prominent scholars and religious leaders from across the country participated in the conference, including members of the Council of Islamic Ideology Maulana Intikhab Ahmad Noori and Mufti Muhammad Zubair, son of Shaheed Maulana Hamidul Haq, Maulana Abdul Haq Thani, Maulana Hisham Elahi, Pir Habibullah Naqshbandi from Jhang, Mufti Nauman Naeem of

Jamia Binoria Karachi, Mufti Zubair Ashraf Usmani, Maulana Azizur Rehman Rahimi, Maulana Abdul Zahir Farooqi, Maulana Abdullah Naqshbandi, Maulana Abu Bakar Shah, Pir Syed Chiraghuddin Shah, Hafiz Muhammad Amjad, Qari Muhammad Ibrahim Qasmi, Usama Syed Ajmal Qasmi and Mufti Shahbaz Alam Farooqi.

They said the Prophet (PBUH) was sent as a mercy for the entire universe, and believers must celebrate his birth by emulating his teachings. They stressed that the youth should make the study of Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) a regular part of their lives and play an active role in national progress by following his guidance in every sphere of life, including society, economy, and trade.

The event concluded with a special prayer by Pir Amin Qadri for peace, prosperity and stability of the country.



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi hosts Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) conference in connection with 12th Rabi ul Awwal at Governor House.

CM Maryam vows to rebuild homes for flood victims during visit to Multan relief camp

MULTAN (APP): Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday paid a visit to Qasim Bela Relief Camp in Multan where she met women and children affectionately and promised all-out support to the affected communities including rebuilding of their flood-damaged homes as Chenab River witnessed history's one of the biggest surges. CM Maryam sat inside the relief camp with scores of women and children around. She mingled with them and talked to children for quite some time. She asked them questions about alphabets and others and gave them gifts like chocolates, biscuits, school bags, uniforms and helped some children wear new pairs of shoe. Maryam Nawaz Sharif also gave women gifts including

dressess.

The CM interviewed women to know about their problems and needs and promised to them to rebuild their homes and help them return to their normal life.

She expressed satisfaction over the cleanliness and other facilities inside the relief camps after visiting health, Rescue 1122 and other counters there. Commissioner Multan Amir Kareem Khan and Deputy Commissioner Waseem Hamid Sinsdhu gave her briefing on the arrangements made to facilitate the flood affected communities.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif ordered officials to make arrangements to meet all the requirements of inmates of flood relief camps particularly food, milk and other needs of children.



KARACHI: Kanzul Iman Mosque is illuminated with colorful decoration lights for the celebrations for Mawlid al-Nabi, in Provincial Capital.

TENDER NOTICE

The office of Assistant Director Local Government Duki invites Sealed percentage tender on composite schedule of rate 2023 Government of Balochistan (amended up to date) from interested contractors/firms for the following works under **PSDP 2025-26**. Time limit for each scheme is 3 months & 3% **EARNEST MONEY** for each Scheme. Tender Fees for each scheme are Rs. 1500. National Bank of Pakistan Code C03870.

S#	Name of Work	E/Cost
1.	FROM FAZAL KHAN MARKET TO GUNJ NALA LENGTH OF SIZE DRAIN 4X4= TOTAL 660 FEET MC DUKI LAYING 5 CULVERTS TOTAL ROAD CROSS 50 FEET MC DUKITSE-252609840123	8.0M

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules-2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Bidding firms must have valid registration with PEC in category C-6 or above, bidding firm must be registered with FBR and BRA **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment (non-refundable) bidding document fee (amount mentioned above) through Green Challan. If Others please specify (The NIT & Bidding Documents can also be downloaded from <https://bpps3ree.vdc.services/tenderssearch> **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to 19th September, 2025 during office hours on working days. **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 19th September, 2025 at the office of the undersigned at 09:00 A.M sharp, after which the bidder will not be entertained. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed on 10:00 A.M **Address:** Office of Assistant Director Local Government District Duki, Duki. **Phone No.** 0318357053, **Email:** shamsulhaddo786@gmail.com

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Police rescue 337,826 people amid flood emergency

LAHORE (APP): Over 337,826 flood-affected individuals have been rescued by Punjab Police since the declaration of flood emergency in Lahore and other river-adjacent districts across Punjab.

According to the Punjab Police spokesperson, the rescued include 131,883 men, 100,177 women and 105,766 children, while over 488,000 livestock have also been relocated from flood-hit areas. The operation involves over 700 police vehicles and 40 boats, with more than 15,000 police officers and personnel actively engaged across the affected districts.

More than 5,000 people and over 900 livestock have been evacuated from the affected areas of Multan, while more than 29,400 people have been relocated to safe places in Khanewal, added spokesperson. Inspector General of Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar has instructed that the rescue efforts continue without interruption and emphasised the importance of ensuring security, food and essential supplies at all relief camps. He added that with the help of thermal imaging drone cameras, trapped citizens and livestock in flood torrents are being traced and rescued.

Annual Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) gathering held at AGPR Lahore

LAHORE (APP): The Staff Welfare Organisation organised the annual Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) gathering at the Accountant General Pakistan Revenues (AGPR), Lahore Office on Wednesday to commemorate the blessed birth of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). A large number of AGPR officers and employees attended the spiritually uplifting event. Director General AGPR, Mirza Sarfaraz Baig, was among the distinguished guests present on the occasion.

The gathering began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz & Qari Muhammad Owais Asghar, followed by heart-felt Naat recitations in praise of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) by renowned Naat Khawan Muhammad Shehzad Hanif Madani. Addressing the participants, renowned Islamic scholar Allama Mahmood Masood Qadri said that the essence of a successful life for Muslims lies in following the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).



MULTAN: Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani reviewing the flood situation in Multan.

Punjab unveils comprehensive security plan for Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) celebrations

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Law and Order, Khawaja Salman Rafique, has said that extraordinary security arrangements are being made across the province for Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him).

He was chairing the 34th meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Law and Order at the Punjab Home Department on Wednesday. Provincial Ministers Malik Sohaib Ahmed Bharat and Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani attended the meeting in person, while Chaudhry Shafi Hussain and Bilal Akbar Khan joined via video link.

The meeting reviewed security plans for Eid Milad-un-Nabi processions and gatherings, Pakistan Defense Day, the Pak-South Africa Women's Cricket Series, and upcoming by-elections. Home Secretary Dr. Ahmed Javed Qazi, along with senior officials from law enforcement agencies, briefed the committee on the arrangements. The meeting directed to ensure foolproof measures for the cricket series and other key events.

JI Emir condoles with Afghan PM over earthquake losses, pledges relief aid

LAHORE (PR): Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman has written a letter to Afghanistan's Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund, expressing deep grief over the loss of lives and property caused by the devastating earthquake in eastern Afghanistan.

In his message, Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman conveyed condolences to the Afghan leadership, affected families, and the people of Afghanistan.

He prayed for the martyrs, wished the injured a swift recovery, and stressed that Pakistanis, bound by ties of faith, consider the suffering of Afghans as their own. "In this difficult hour, the people of Pakistan and Jamaat-e-Islami stand firmly with their Afghan brothers and sisters," he stated, praying for Afghanistan's recovery from the crisis.

130 SMU students receive Google Career Certificates

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) in collaboration with the Government of Sindh, Google, Google for Education and Tech Valley Pakistan organized certificate distribution ceremony for the Google Career Certificate Program at the Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU on Wednesday. Out of 300 students who had successfully completed the program, 130 students attended the ceremony and received Google Career Certificates from Paul Hutchings. Regional Head Greater Asia Google for Education and Technology said that 30,000 students of total 30 public sector universities of Sindh have been provided Google scholarships with the support of Sindh government. He said future of students belongs to the digital skills, therefore they must learn skills of latest technologies.

He informed that it was the vision of Sindh

Khawaja Salman Rafique said that, on the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) will be celebrated with full devotion and religious fervor under a comprehensive security plan.

He added that preparations have also been finalized for Defense Day and Air Force Day events, and paid tribute to institutions involved in flood relief and rehabilitation efforts. Condemning the recent terrorist attack in Quetta, he said cowardly acts of terrorism cannot weaken the resolve of the Pakistani nation.

Provincial Minister Malik Sohaib Ahmed Bharat announced that saabels (water and refreshment stalls) will be set up along the main procession routes, while Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said that sweets would be distributed among flood victims and jail inmates on the occasion.

Home Secretary Dr. Ahmed Javed Qazi added that Milad gatherings would be held in educational institutions and special prayers will be offered for the martyrs of the nation.

from the crisis.

The JI chief assured full support for ongoing relief activities, noting that despite Pakistan's own challenges with devastating floods, Jamaat-e-Islami and Al-Khidmat Foundation would extend all possible cooperation. He confirmed that instructions had already been issued to Al-Khidmat to dispatch food, medicines, and other essential supplies to the quake-hit areas.

Meanwhile, on the JI Emir's directives, a delegation led by JI Vice-Emir Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim met Afghan Consul General Hafiz Mohibullah in Peshawar. The delegation offered condolences and prayers for the victims and informed him that relief trucks carrying food, medicines, and tents would begin crossing into Afghanistan from tomorrow.

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah to equip youth of the province with latest technologies as they could earn from the international market through digital skills. He said Google will get content from students and that will be linked with their job portal.

The I.T Secretary further said the SMIU is most prestigious university and its students are most privileged and fortunate that founder of Pakistan Qaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah had studies over here. This is why it is called the university of leaders. Due to such status the Sindh government is giving priority to SMIU also in its development. He emphasized that students must get maximum benefit from job providers are seeking students to support them.

Noor Ahmed Samo lauded services of Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai rendering for quality education and training to the students of SMIU. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU in his speech lauded the efforts of Secretary I.T. Noor Ahmed Samo for providing scholarships opportunities to the students of Sindh, which are equipping them with industry-relevant digital skills.

Aseefa Bhutto reviews flood response, urges unity in Shaheed Benazirabad

NAWABSHAH (APP): First Lady and Member of the National Assembly, Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, accompanied by Sindh Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho, visited Shaheed Benazirabad district on Wednesday to review preparedness and response measures in areas at risk of flooding.

During her visit, Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari convened a detailed briefing session attended by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, DIG, SSP, as well as senior officials from the Irrigation Department, Rescue 1122, and the Health Department.

She was informed that under a super flood scenario up to 80,000 residents across 95 villages in nine union councils could be affected. Daily monitoring is being carried out with regular updates to assess and respond to the evolving situation. Officials also reported that approximately 64,000 livestock may be at risk, with evacuation efforts currently in progress.

Areas in Qazi Ahmed and Sakrand, including That, Saeed Kando, Phullel, Khad, Gehram Mari, Bahawal Shah, Mehrabpur,

Mari, and Morya Lakho, have been identified as particularly vulnerable. To support relief efforts, 59 relief camps have been identified and 11 medical camps have been activated so far. Arrangements for life jackets, boats, fire brigades, ambulances, dewatering pumps, and ventilators have also been made.

Commending the ongoing efforts, the First Lady appreciated the dedication of the administration, particularly the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, DIG, SSP, Rescue 1122, and health authorities for their commitment to safeguarding lives and livelihoods. Assuring the people of Shaheed Benazirabad that they would not be left alone in this hour of crisis, Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari emphasized: "This is not a moment for political division but rather a time to stand together as one nation." She directed all stakeholders to intensify relief work and continue working collectively to support flood-affected families, ensuring that every possible step is taken to protect lives and provide timely assistance.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan meeting with family whose daughters' dowry was washed away in the flood in the private housing society Mohlanwal.

Dowries lost, hope restored; Governor Saleem supports flood-hit families

LAHORE (Handout): Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that we should go beyond politics and help the flood victims. It is very important to provide relief goods in the affected areas. He expressed these views while talking to the family whose daughters' dowry was washed away in the flood in the private housing society Mohlanwal today. The Governor Punjab also took responsibility for the marriage of nine girls of the flood-affected family.

Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that heavy rains and floods are wreaking havoc across Punjab, which has severely affected millions of people. He expressed deep distress at the plight of flood affectees. The Punjab Governor said that people's homes were submerged in floodwaters, while valuables were washed away

and people were forced to take shelter in cemeteries. He said that all his energies were focused on the rehabilitation of the flood victims. The Punjab Governor said that three meals a day will be provided to the flood-affected families in the relief camp. He said that medical camps will be set up by the Punjab Red Crescent and all possible help will be provided to the victims in this difficult time. The Punjab Governor further said that this is not the time for any kind of politics, we should go beyond politics and help the flood victims. He said that tents will be provided to the flood victims in a private housing society in Mohlanwal. The residents of the area asked the Punjab Governor to help them. They said that no one has reached for help and no government assistance has been received so far.



ISLAMABAD: UNESCO Chief to Pakistan called on Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui.

PBM spends Rs. 15.43b on free healthcare, expands welfare and empowerment programs nationwide

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) has disbursed Rs.15.43 billion during the last five years, benefitting more than 115,000 patients across the country with free medical treatment including cancer care, dialysis, kidney transplants, heart surgeries and cochlear implants.

According to official data, over 2,000 cochlear implants have been facilitated during this period, enabling hearing-impaired children and adults to lead better lives.

In the field of education, PBM awarded 32,197 scholarships worth Rs. 9.79 billion to deserving students, while 160 Schools for the Rehabilitation of Child Labourers are educating 22,792 child labourers. The organization also operates 46 Sweet Homes in 40 districts, providing shelter, care and education to about 4,600 orphans.

For women empowerment, PBM is running 165 Women Empowerment Centres (WECs) where 19,800 women are being trained this year alone. Since inception, these centres have imparted vocational and household skills to over 475,000 women.

In addition, PBM has extended social support through 17 shelter homes serving 9.66 million people during the last five years, while 30 food vehicles provided 7.75 million meals to deserving individuals.

For persons with disabilities, Rs. 394 million was provided to 27,056 families for assistive devices including wheelchairs and artificial limbs.

The organization has also digitized 60 percent of its operations, enabling applicants to apply online for health and education facilities. Full automation of its services is expected in the near future.

Following these

achievements, PBM Managing Director Senator Capt @ Shaheen Khalid Butt, in an exclusive interview with APP, said that the institution is not only addressing immediate financial, health and education needs but also striving to make people self-reliant.

"When I joined PBM, I pledged to move beyond one-time aid and focus on rehabilitation. Our pilot project trained 55 individuals with technical skills, and all of them are now self-sufficient. They told me they no longer need PBM's help, which was the most encouraging feedback. We will expand this project nationwide," he said.

The MD said while education remains an important focus, youth must also be equipped with practical training. "Families with low incomes often believe education alone will solve their problems, but when jobs don't come, frustration builds.

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Unity for survival

They say adversity makes strange bedfellows. In Pakistan, even calamitous events struggle to do so. Floods have swept through KP, drowned swathes of Punjab after water was released from across the border, and displaced thousands. The destruction is immense. Yet the country's politicians, rather than rallying together, remain stuck in their habitual quarrels.

A fleeting glimpse of unity came at the opening of the National Assembly session on Monday, when members suspended routine business to focus on the unfolding disaster. The spirit evaporated almost instantly.

On the orders of Imran Khan, PTI legislators boycotted a scheduled NDMA briefing. Their absence turned what should have been a vital forum into yet another stage for political one-upmanship.

The instinct to politicise calamity is not confined to one side. A couple of months ago, PTI lawmakers in Punjab tried to present the floods as proof of the provincial government's failures, only to face worse devastation in KP.

And now, during the NA debate, ministers used up precious time to trumpet their own 'effective' responses or to cast blame on rivals and contractors. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, while correctly pointing to encroachments and poor planning, also singled out a company in his home constituency, turning part of his speech into a political broadside. Even amid a shared tragedy, leaders reach for familiar tactics of point-scoring.

Nevertheless, the defence minister was right to call the situation a "man-made disaster". Successive governments have allowed hotels to sprout on riverbeds, sanctioned housing societies on floodplains and neglected to enforce building codes. Big dams remain mired in politics; small reservoirs and local drainage schemes, which could be completed in a year or two, are ignored. Weather-monitoring is abysmal: Pakistan has 85 stations to cover nearly 800,000 sq km, when thousands would be needed to meet international standards.

No wonder the country lurches blindly from one storm to the next. There are precedents for doing better. During the 2010 floods, leaders did at least convene all-parties meetings and discussed creating an independent relief commission. The spirit was imperfect, but it showed some recognition that disaster could not be fought through mudslinging.

This year's floods ought to provoke similar realism. Unity is now a matter of survival. Politicians must come together to debate the hard questions: how to complete existing dam projects, build smaller water-storage structures, empower local governments and invest in forecasting capacity.

They must also strengthen disaster-resilient infrastructure, enforce zoning laws against construction on riverbeds, upgrade drainage in cities, and expand social protection for displaced families. Climate change is redrawing the map. Three major floods in three provinces this summer alone should be warning enough. The waters have shown no partisanship. Neither should the politicians.

Multilateral world order

Zahid Hussain

It was the largest gathering of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, with leaders of Eurasian nations seeking to establish a more just and equitable multilateral system as an alternative to a crumbling West-dominated world order. The recently concluded SCO summit in the Chinese city of Tianjin brought together countries with competing interests in times of great turmoil in global governance.

Initially formed as a security cooperation group over two decades ago, the SCO has evolved into a formidable forum for trade and economic development. Described as 'SCO-Plus', the conference was attended by more than 20 heads of state and government, as well as leaders of international organisations. The Tianjin summit reinforced China's leading role in the emerging multilateral international order.

In his speech, President Xi Jinping called for "equal and orderly multipolarisation". The Chinese leader stressed the need for the organisation to work towards a "more just and equitable global governance system" and urged regional leaders to shun a "Cold War mentality".

It was pointed out that member states faced complicated security and development challenges in a "chaotic and intertwined" world. These remarks set the tone of the conference. His speech indicated China's emphasis on geo-economics and connectivity.

As per media reports, "The organisation covers approximately 24 per cent of global land area and 42pc of the world's population, with member states accounting for roughly one-quarter of global GDP and trade increasing nearly 100-fold in two decades."

China's trade with SCO members, observers and dialogue partners reportedly totalled \$890 billion in 2024. Donald Trump's reckless trade war has massively increased SCO's potential, as the bloc provides an alternative to America's economic domi-

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The conference also brought the leaders of Pakistan and India face-to-face for the first time after their four-day conflict in May that had pushed the two nuclear-armed nations close to a wider conflagration. The tension was palpable with the two leaders not even shaking hands, let alone any possibility of meeting on the sidelines. Pakistan's offer for a dialogue on all disputed matters between the two countries had gone unheeded by the Indian prime minister.

Without taking names, both leaders accused the other of perpetrating terrorist activities in their respective countries. New Delhi has hardened its position and does not want any bilateral talks with Islamabad after it was humiliated during its military action against Pakistan. India's belligerence remains the main source of tension, hampering regional economic and trade cooperation. There seems to be no change in its stance despite foreign policy setbacks.

However, the conference provided an opportunity for China and India to ease the tensions in their relationship. It was the first trip of the Indian prime minister to China in seven years. Relations between the world's two most populous nations remained strained after bloody border clashes in 2019 following India's unilateral and illegal decision to annex the disputed state of Jammu and Kashmir and declare Ladakh as federal territory.

Although a ceasefire has been in place for some time, other issues have continued to strain their relationship. India has been part of a US-led anti-China coalition in the Indo-Pacific region. But the latest dispute with the Trump administration on trade tariffs seems to have forced India to mend fences with China. Interestingly, the 50 per cent tariff on exports to the US had come into force just before the sum-

mit. Once America's so-called strategic ally, India now faces some of the highest tariffs imposed by the US. This factor, together with political reasons, has caused relations to sour between Washington and Delhi.

Although the Chinese and Indian leaders agreed they were not "rivals but partners in development", unresolved issues remain between them, which can widen the existing trust deficit. These include the border dispute, which the Chinese president indicated should be put aside to focus on improved trade and economic relations.

Interestingly, despite their strained relations over the past years, trade between the two countries in 2024-2025 totalled \$118bn, though with India's trade deficit with China reaching \$99.2bn.

The thaw in their relations has already resulted in the resumption of direct flights between the two countries and improved business environment. But China's strategic relations with Pakistan continue to cast a shadow over any further breakthrough.

The summit also reinforced Russia's return to the global stage after being ostracised by the West for invading Ukraine. President Putin blamed the West for triggering the war. The Russian president has also been invited to the military parade in Beijing this week to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War (World War II) and the founding of the United Nations. "It is a milestone prompting us to remember the past and create a better future together," declared President Xi.

The gathering of leaders and observers from across Eurasia reflected the emerging alignment in the shifting sands of regional geopolitics. The bloc represents the emerging power of the Global South, which is challenging the unjust Western international global order.

The Tianjin Declaration, issued after the two-day parleys, reaffirmed the commitment to sustainable international peace

and called for joint efforts to counter traditional and new security challenges. While resolving to fight against terrorism, separatism and extremism, the conference recognised the leading role of sovereign states and their competent authorities in countering terrorist and extremist threats.

The conference also adopted a 10-year SCO Development Strategy, which "defines the priority tasks and main directions for deepening multifaceted cooperation in the interests of ensuring peace and stability, development and prosperity in the SCO space".

After the summit concluded, President Xi had a bilateral meeting with Pakistan's prime minister and his delegation in Beijing, reaffirming the strategic and economic partnership between the two countries. They also agreed to initiate the second phase of CPEC. The SCO provides a great opportunity for Pakistan's economic development.

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Gaza's obituary

Syed Sheheryar Raza Zaidi

As much of Gaza and its inhabitants now sleep forever under the rubble of what used to be homes, it is time for people around the world to write their obituaries. Typically, an obituary is a note of remembrance, a tender act of affection where the living pay tribute to their deceased loved ones. But Gaza's obituary cannot be written like other obituaries. The obituary of Gaza is not of a person, but of dreams, ambitions and independence. Gaza's obituary does not only mourn the death of people but also the death of humanity, the burial of international law and the demise of the conscience of the world.

Traditionally, an obituary starts with identifying the deceased, their name, their age, their place of belonging, their moment of passing. In Gaza, however, to name the dead is impossible, for every day starts with the sound of life giving way to death and ends with death taking more of the grief- and hunger-stricken with it. To speak of age is futile, for the earth now cradles infants who had yet to feel the embrace of their mothers, children clutching toys, students holding books, mothers with unborn babies who had yet to see the world, fathers who buried their children, and elders who once championed the stories of Muslim unity. Time itself has collapsed in Gaza; the unmarked graves house the young and old alike, all of them becoming examples of Israel's naked aggression.

Post identification, an obituary speaks of what the departed loved and what their legacy would be. For Gaza and its people, what they loved was life and the basic liberties which life is supposed to bring — the moistness of their olives, the bustle of the sea, a freshly caught fish, the laughter of children in alleyways and their defiant refusal to bow to despair. What they valued was life, unadorned but dignified. Their legacies were not in gold or minarets of stone, but poetry recited in hallways, bread shared with family, weddings celebrated

under blockade, and the indomitable spirit that insisted that they live for a better tomorrow, in hope, in expectation and in anticipation.

In the custom of remembrance, an obituary lists the survivors. But who outlives Gaza? Survivors are rescued from the rubble only to discover that their 'survival' is not life but a manmade, endless cycle of fear and hunger. Orphans survive without families to love. Mothers survive without their babies. People survive, shaking with malnutrition, the hunger which ate their bodies as they could not find food. Entire families have been wiped out, their legacies, aspirations and achievements washed away by the bombs raining down on them. Survivors in Gaza are portraits of grief, carrying the fragments of the memory of their family. To call them survivors is to pretend that survival is permitted in Gaza, when it is not and when genocide reigns supreme.

The memory of Gaza and the indomitable Palestinian identity breathes.

An obituary usually ends with condolences: the soft words of comfort offered to those left behind. But for Gaza, the condolences are empty, noise without meaning, words without purpose. The silence of those who could have spoken, the complicity of those who could have acted, the selective empathy of those who lamented some wars but not others. Condolences for Gaza and its Palestinians are written not in concern but in indifference.

And yet, an obituary is not only for the dead, it is also for the living, for those who must face the reality of their indifference. Gaza's obituary is a mirror in which the world should confront itself. It reflects not only the char-red ruins of a city but the burnt co-

science of hu-ma-

nity. Despite all the bombs that have exploded and all the bullets that have been fired, all the blood that has been spilt and all the cries that echo through the city.

Past as the future

Arifa Noor

More provinces or empowered local governments? The debate has been sparked, it seems. And it wasn't just due to forwarded-as-received WhatsApp posts, which 'announced' multiple, smaller provinces but also the research presented by media owners-turned-public intellectuals, who are so convinced of the need for this reform that they are now trying to shape opinion at large.

The government and its allies profess ignorance and deny that any such move is in the offing. But the rest of us know better and are taking these 'mazameen' (inspiration) from 'ghaib' (unknown) rather seriously. After all, unlike the government, the rest are openly aware of the importance of the unknown. As a result, the debate rages on.

More provinces are needed, we are told. India has been carving out states whenever needed. It helps improve governance because the 'seat' of the government is closer to the people; for instance, the people of south Punjab would find, say, Multan more accessible than Lahore. It would also ensure cities such as Karachi get the resources and attention they deserve. And, aside from these other benefits, some argue, it would also weaken political dynasties that control entire provinces.

But not everyone is convinced. In fact, there has been commentary and discussions highlighting how cumbersome and time-consuming the process of establishing new provinces could be. For instance, every new province requires a two-thirds majority in the relevant assembly and even if this is managed, it would be followed by a drawn-out process of administrative measures (such as the drawing up of new boundaries) and the setting up of governments in multiple parts of the country. It has been asked if this would not add to the existing polarisation. Local government has been offered as a solution — an alternative that has, perhaps, more supporters than the idea of new provinces.

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tion.

These proposals have generated an interest because of the acknowledgment that the current political system is not working and — whether in democratic set-up or a hybrid dispensation — all political parties have struggled with governance and implementation of the needed reform. This is the silent consensus regardless of party affiliation — other than the party heads who have turned parties and provinces into fiefdoms and have no interest in any change. Indeed, the 18th Amendment has ensured the older, mainstream parties now only have regional ambitions, ie, dominating the provinces rather than trying to increase their cross-country appeal. There is a direct link between the 18th Amendment and the increasing focus of the PPP in Sindh and the PML-N in Punjab.

But this is a digression. Most others realise the need for change in the political set-up, assuming, or rather hoping, that this will lead to badly needed reform, especially in the economic sphere, and an improvement in governance.

However, the various discussions on the topic should not ignore the larger, political context in which these solutions are conjured up.

And this larger context is one in which political parties are hampered, civilian space is limited (if not non-existent) and very unsuitable efforts are being made to argue that parliamentary politics and parties have failed to deliver.

In the past, whenever we have had similar moments, the devolution of power has always been offered as the magical solution. This age-old formula is supposed to ease the people's misery, empower them and rid them of corrupt politicians. But whether the empowerment of the people is really the objective is the question because it is offered at moments when the centralisation of power is also at play.

It appears as if the present times may prove to be no different.

But this is not all. The second issue is that such efforts rarely prove perma-

nent. Just consider Pervaz Musharraf's local government system. By the time general elections were held in 2002 and 'parliamentary democracy' restored, the politicians at the provincial and national level began to slowly reverse or weaken the local government systems. Come 2008, and the system was more or less wrapped up.

Once the 18th Amendment was passed, power was concentrated at the provincial level, and the local governments were left to the mercy of each government (the amendment conveniently allowed each provincial assembly to pass its own local government act and decide how much powers to devolve). Initially, even this legislation was delayed till pressure from the courts forced the hand of the provincial governments.

And the parties running the provinces made sure they passed legislation that led to weak and ineffective local governments. Perhaps one can say that the local governments enjoyed about as much power as the present federal government does. Even the PTI, which introduced a relatively stronger local government in KP, progressively weakened them as time went on. Hence, it might not be a waste of time to ask how long-lasting any such move will be.

Partly because half the challenge in Pakistan is the back and forth between different experiments as elites try to strengthen themselves against their rivals. This tug of war means there is little stability in terms of the path ahead.

Perhaps what we need additionally at the moment is not just a discussion on the political reform needed but also a debate about what could create a consensus on the need for more devolution of power. What would push political parties to not just acknowledge but also accept the need for local governments or more provinces? Without this kind of a consensus, any such effort to devolve power will not be easy and if pushed through coercion, it will last as long as its creators enjoy power. Beyond that moment, anything is possible. Such formulas bring neither stability nor progress.

Impending crises

Dr Niaz Murtaza

We may be among the most crisis-prone nations globally. In this writer's view, we have faced nearly 30 crises since 1990 or one every 14 months on average. This includes political crises when the ruling set-up or its head were removed in contentious circumstances (seven); economic crunches that led us to the IMF (eight); natural and health-related calamities like earthquakes, floods and Covid-19 (four); internal or external security challenges (five) and crises due to street unrest (five).

This sorry status arises from the state's predatory, security and autocratic bent. The economic crises arise as our predatory rulers induce fickle growth via high twin deficits. The external security crises reflect the hold of hawks on both sides of our eastern border. The internal challenges come from the gripes of excluded ethnicities or our tolerance in the past of violent groups to gain a regional security edge. The political crises and street unrests relate mainly to establishment feuds with politicians. Natural crises cause excessive harm as our rulers eschew disaster management. Economic progress requires peace and economic stability, which need political stability, which, in turn, requires political legitimacy. So, a prolonged loss of political legitimacy lies at the root of all our crises.

The longest crisis-free phase after 1990 was 2001-2005 when a military-led set-up induced questionable stability via fickle US aid and repression. But it only delayed and magnified the inevitable crises that erupted during our first polycrisis from 2005-08. We witnessed the 2005 earthquake, the start of Baloch and TTP violence, Benazir Bhutto's death and street unrest, and the 2007-08 economic crisis the set-up caused. They led to its fall despite its macho aura of invincibility and debatable claims of progress.

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The Baloch and TTP-linked crises have raged on since then. The frequency of crises has gone up. The PPP inherited the 2007-08 economic crisis that was

boosted by the 2008 global recession. It witnessed the mega floods of 2010 and the removal of its prime minister in 2012. Its government caused an economic crisis in 2013. The PML-N inherited the economic crisis, faced the PTI dharna in 2014, lost its prime minister in 2017 to court decisions, and caused an economic crisis itself in 2018. The PTI inherited the problems, faced Covid-19 in 2020, caused an economic crisis in 2021 and saw its prime minister removed through a no-trust vote in 2022. This started our second polycrisis with floods in 2022, mismanaged economic crisis, PTI protests till 2024, spikes in militant violence and war with India in 2025.

Given the internal boost from the war, resurgent ties with the US and (fickle) economic stability, this hybrid set-up is claiming stability and invincibility. But Pakistan is the humbling ground of many a haughty regime that exuded sham invincibility. In trying to escape the strong pull of the root causes of crises, it faces the same insoluble puzzle as past set-ups — achieving elusive stability. Repression may only delay the inevitable and cause a bigger polycrisis.

Flawed policies are already fomenting future trouble.

The failure to fix our perennial external deficits may cause an economic crisis as growth picks up. Given the government's inability to fix the deeper causes of insecurity, our three external and local security foes may jointly try to inflict more violence. If civilians are supposed to forego democratic freedoms in order to fortify the 'same page', it may, instead, lead to cracks and divisions in the regime, ie, establishment-civilian, the PPP-PML-N, intra-PML-N, and cause a political crisis. Gre-ater autocracy may spark national anger against oppres-sive policies, which may ignite Arab Spring-type protests. Natural crises remain a wildcard given the neglect of disaster control.

So, despite the rulers' incumbency plans, based on dubious assumptions of durable stability, we may be an external shock away

from an economic crisis, a terrorist attack away from war, a spark away from street unrest, a civilian refusal away from a political crisis and a big monsoon season away from a natural crisis. Such events may quickly negate the desperate attempts to exude an aura of invincibility that set-ups with low legitimacy need badly and that cause their fall.

A crisis-weary nation can see an end to the recurrent crises only through political legitimacy based on fair polls and civilian sway. Otherwise, with external, economic, demographic, security and natural threats set to increase in the coming decades, we may become even more crisis-prone.

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PM Shehbaz meets Chinese business leaders to strengthen B2B investment and CPEC ties

BEIJING (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday held a series of high-level meetings with senior executives of China's leading enterprises in Beijing to boost business-to-business (B2B) investment cooperation between the two countries.

The discussions focused on expanding cooperation in priority sectors including textiles, information technology, agriculture, industry, mines and minerals, road and digital connectivity, e-commerce and space technologies.

During the meetings, the prime minister informed about the comprehensive reforms and measures undertaken by the government to stabilize and strengthen Pakistan's economy.

These include tax incentives for investors,

streamlined visa policies for Chinese nationals and the establishment of dedicated booths at major airports to facilitate ease of travel and business. He further underlined Pakistan's commitment to a whole-of-government approach through the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), which has emerged as a key platform for accelerating investment, addressing bottlenecks and strengthening B2B cooperation.

The prime minister emphasized that industrial cooperation remains the cornerstone of Pakistan-China economic cooperation and a defining pillar of the high-quality development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as it enters into its second phase. He invited Chinese companies to consider Pakistan as their preferred in-

vestment destination, particularly for relocating industries into Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

Pakistan, he noted, offers a unique comparative advantage with a large pool of skilled and cost-effective labor, competitive input costs and strategic connectivity to regional and global markets.

Prime Minister Sharif assured Chinese business leaders that Pakistan is committed to providing a conducive business environment and facilitating win-win industrial partnerships.

He stressed that enhanced Chinese investment in Pakistan's SEZs will not only contribute to Pakistan's economic resilience and job creation but also strengthen the vision of CPEC as a driver of regional growth, innovation and shared prosperity.



BEIJING: Business Executives of Chinese companies from textiles, IT, Agriculture, Industry, Mines and Minerals, Roads and Digital Connectivity, E-commerce and Space Technologies sectors call on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

U.S. firms urged to explore investment in Pakistan: Baker

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chargé d'Affaires (CDA) Natalie Baker emphasized Pakistan's potential as a dynamic investment destination during a webinar hosted by the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) the other day.

The session brought together American and Pakistani business leaders, along with representatives from financial institutions, to discuss Pakistan's evolving economic landscape and reform agenda.

Commenting the Sharif government's efforts to stabilize the economy and foster an investor-friendly environment, CDA Baker underscored the opportunities for U.S. companies to play a pivotal role in supporting Pakistan's long-term growth.

"Pakistan is the fifth largest country in the world, home to 250 million people, with 64 percent of the population under the age of 30. It represents one

of the world's largest and youngest consumer markets," Baker noted. "Pakistan's GDP stands at \$412 billion, ranking 38th globally, but projections by Goldman Sachs suggest it could grow to \$3.3 trillion by 2050, positioning it among the top 10 to 15 economies worldwide."

She highlighted several sectors primed for U.S. investment, including critical minerals, information and communications technology, agriculture, energy, and infrastructure development.

Baker also encouraged American companies to partner with the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service team at U.S. Mission Pakistan and explore joint ventures with local counterparts. "Let's seize this moment to create profitable opportunities for U.S. businesses, contribute to shared economic prosperity, and strengthen the bonds between our two nations," she concluded.

ICCI calls for export facilitation Roadmap to boost global trade

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has underlined that Pakistan's economic future lies in expanding its footprint in international markets through stronger exports.

It emphasized that achieving this goal requires the government to foster an enabling environment by eliminating unnecessary barriers, lowering the cost of doing business and ensuring easier access for Pakistani products and services into global markets.

President ICCI Nasir Mansoor Qureshi said Pakistan holds vast potential in key sectors including textiles, IT, pharmaceuticals, and engineering goods.

However, exporters

continue to face structural hurdles that limit competitiveness, said a press release issued here Wednesday.

He urged the government to simplify export procedures, cut bureaucratic red tape, and provide consistent support for international trade promotion initiatives.

Senior Vice President Abdul Rehman Siddiqui noted that high energy tariffs, rising input costs, and complicated taxation frameworks are undermining the profitability of industries, making Pakistani exports less attractive in global markets.

He stressed the urgent need for reforms that would lower production costs and create a fair playing field for exporters.

September 2nd week recommended as prime time for carrot cultivation

FAISALABAD (APP): The agronomy experts have advised growers to prepare their lands immediately as second week of September offers ideal conditions for sowing carrots.

A spokesman for Agriculture (Extension) Department said here on Wednesday that carrot is largely used in Pakistan because it is a rich source of several vitamins and minerals. He said that the farmers should cultivate carrot over maximum space of their lands because it would not only cater to domestic food needs but would also help the growers to mitigate their financial issues.

He said that second week of September is most suitable for carrot cultivation. Hence, their growers should select deep, sandy-loam soils for cultivation of this crop. They should avoid from clayey or heavy soils which tend to produce forked, multi-rooted car-

rots, he added.

He said that deep, sandy-loam soils and optimal temperature ensures superior quality and yield and in this connection, sowing should ideally occur in the second week of September. He said that the growers should cultivate approved varieties of carrot and its seeds should be soaked in water for 12 hours prior to cultivation as this step would increase germination and enhance production.

He advised the growers to use clean, disease-free, high-vigor seed stock with good sprouting and free of weed contaminants.

The farmers should use 6 to 8 kilograms (kg) seed per acre as it is sufficient under normal conditions. However, in case of autumn sowing, the seed rates may be increased up to 15 kg per acre to offset temperature or growth stress factors, he added.

SWCCI launches relief operation for flood victims

SARGODHA (APP): The Sargodha Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SWCCI) has initiated a comprehensive humanitarian relief mission in the Kot Momin area, affected by devastating floods and torrential rains in Punjab.

Talking to the APP here, the SWCCI Founder President Shamim Aftab said that SWCCI will provide 200 ration packs flood-hit families will receive essential ration packs, adding that 100 families already benefiting from food supplies in the first phase.

She said that each affected family will also receive Rs. 10,000 to help them rebuild their lives with dignity.

She said that the SWCCI team, including Ex-MPA Nasreen Tariq, Senior Member Rabia Busri, Ex-MPA Sajida Begum, and others, is working tirelessly to support flood victims.

She highlighted that the Woman Chamber will formally report its efforts to the district administration to ensure coordinated action and greater impact.

Shamim Aftab said that the Chamber's relief operation showcases women's leadership, compassion, and commitment to social responsibility.

M-6 & M-10 motorways crucial for economic growth: Murad Ali

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that the Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway (M-6) and the Karachi Northern Bypass-Jamshoro Motorway (M-10), are vital for the country's economy.

Sindh CM was talking to a delegation, led by Federal Minister Aleem Khan to discuss construction of M-6 and M-10 motorways.

"M-6 would unlock opportunities for the youth of interior Sindh through enhanced connectivity, while M-10 would 'resolve Karachi's traffic bottlenecks once and for all'."

Federal Communications Minister Aleem Khan said that the National Highway Authority will build M-6 project with the cost of 363 billions.

The chief minister and federal communication minister were briefed by federal Secretary Ali Sher that the Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway (M-6), the last missing north-south motorway link, has received final approval under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP). The project, approved by ECNEC for Rs 363 billion.

The National Highway Authority (NHA)

will implement the project in five phases. The Islamic Development Bank has committed to funding two sections, while a Chinese company has expressed interest in undertaking all five sections, it was disclosed.

Highlighting its significance, officials said that M-6 would complete Pakistan's north-south motorway backbone, linking Peshawar to Karachi.

M-10 Motorway The meeting also discussed the M-10 Motorway project, which has evolved from a simple bypass upgrade into a two-segment mega initiative. The two segments include upgrading Karachi Northern Bypass (34 km) – From ICI Bridge to Hamdard University Chowk, converted into an 8-lane motorway. New 134 km Motorway M-10 through Khirthar Range – A 6-lane motorway linking Hamdard University Chowk to the M-6 at Jamshoro.

Additionally, a 23 km stretch from Hamdard University Chowk to the M-9 will be upgraded to a 6-lane road. This will transform the entire route from Karachi Port to M-6 in Jamshoro into a high-capacity motorway, the meeting was told.



QUETTA: A delegation of Pakistan Kisan Ittehad led by Khalid Hussain meeting with Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehar ullah Badini.

Algeria to host 4th Intra African Trade Fair in September

ISLAMABAD (APP): Algeria is set to host the fourth edition of the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF) from September 4 to 10, 2025, positioning itself as a key driver of African economic integration.

The Algerian Investment Promotion Agency will have a strong presence at three major events during the fair, highlighting Algeria's growing role in promoting trade, investment, and regional partnerships across the continent, said a press release issued here on Wednesday.

The IATF will open with "Algeria Day – Investment and Trade Forum" on September 4 at the International Conference Center under the theme "Algeria: An Emerging Platform for Investment and Trade in Africa." The forum will focus on Algeria's expanding economy, investment-friendly reforms, modern infrastructure, and strategic geographic location. Sessions will also deliberate on business climate improvement, investment opportunities, integration into value chains, and strengthening

South-South partnerships.

On September 5, a mini-summit of African investment promotion agencies will take place at the Exhibition Centre, organized in partnership with the African Export-Import Bank and supported by the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA). The summit will bring together 30 African agencies and international experts to exchange views on digital transformation, innovative financing, and the role of investment agencies in implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Algeria's pavilion at the exhibition will provide a platform to showcase the business climate, investment opportunities, and financing mechanisms, with direct meetings with investors and exchange of expertise.

A major continental event attracting more than 2,000 exhibitors and 35,000 professional visitors from 140 countries, reflecting Algeria's position as a pivotal economic hub in Africa.

SCCI Chief seeks urgent support as floods hit Sialkot's industry & agri.

SIALKOT (APP): Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Ikram-ul-Haq has said that Sialkot district has been severely affected by the recent floods and heavy rains, causing widespread losses to industries, warehouses, and ready shipments. Stocks, including materials imported under the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS), were badly damaged, creating serious problems for exporters.

He said the SCCI has contacted the Collectorate of Customs Sialkot, which advised that exporters whose EFS material was lost or damaged should not accept responsibility for the losses. Instead, they must submit applications through SCCI along with photographic and video evidence, so that the Customs team can visit sites, verify damages, and report them to government institutions. He added that waivers in duties and taxes would be granted for goods lost under EFS, while insured exporters could claim recovery from their insurance companies.

Ikram-ul-Haq said the SCCI had also launched a relief drive with donations from philanthropists and the business community. So far, one month's ration has been distributed among 400 families in Zafarwal, Chaprar, and Sambrial areas, with food for another 300 families stored at the Chamber for distribution. A mobile medical clinic with a doctor, nurse, and veterinary support has also been deployed, while three vans are being sent daily to affected areas with free medicines.

He expressed gratitude to the Pakistan Army, particularly 15-DIV and 8-DIV Sialkot, for their logistical support in ration distribution and setting up medical camps. He appealed for more donations and zakat, noting that existing funds may last only a week.

The SCCI president also highlighted that the rice crop in Sialkot has been devastated, along with farmers' tractors, livestock, and household belongings. "Sialkot, being the entry point for floodwaters from India, was the first to suffer.

Rupee gains 02 paisa against US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Rupee on Wednesday appreciated by 02 paisa against the US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 281.70 against the previous day's closing Rs 281.72.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 282.6 and Rs 283.4, respectively.

The price of the Euro increased by 33 paisa to close at Rs 328.33 against the last day's closing of Rs 328.03, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The Japanese yen remained unchanged and closed at Rs 1.89, whereas an increase of 58 paisa was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which was traded at Rs377.74 compared to the previous day's closing of Rs377.16.

The exchange rate of the Emirates Dirham declined by 01 paisa, while the Saudi Riyal stood stagnant to close at Rs75.07.

PSX continues with bullish trend, gains 1,226 more points

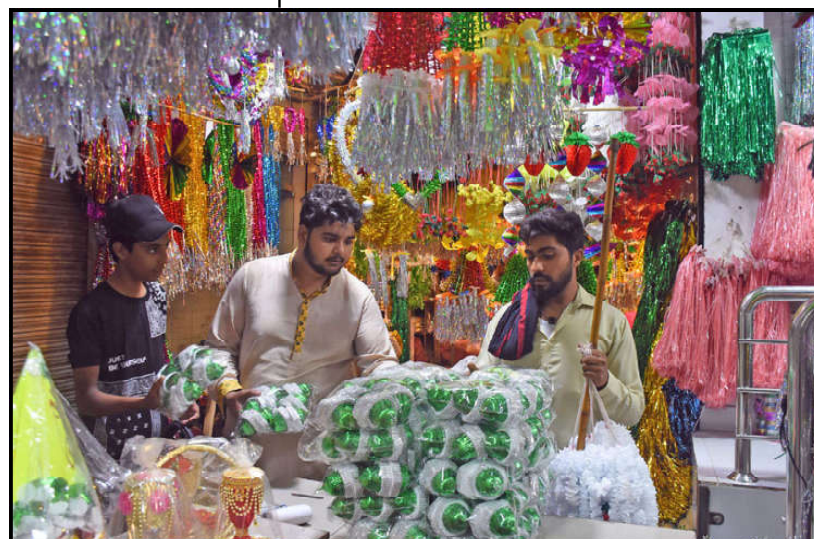
ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Stock Exchange's (PSX) benchmark KSE-100 Index continued with bullish trend on Wednesday, gaining 1,226.39 more points, a positive change of 0.81 percent, closing at 152,201.88 points against 150,975.48 points last trading day.

A total of 1,043,232,122 shares were traded during the day as compared to 1,081,077,703 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 51.308 billion against Rs 44.424 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 477 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 242 of them recorded gains and 204 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 31 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were Pace (Pak) Limited with 89,287,134 shares at Rs 6.95 per share, Fauji Foods Limited with 73,360,809 shares at Rs18.15 per share and Bank of Punjab with 51,572,354 shares at Rs17.37 per share.

Hoechst Pakistan Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 210.03 per share price, closing at Rs 3,999.38.



LAHORE: People are buying flags and others stuff from shops at Ganpat road related to the celebrations of Milad-un-Nabi (Saw), in Provincial Capital.

RCCI shines at global stage

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has been acknowledged at the ongoing Global SME Summit-2025 in Davos, Switzerland, as Usman Shaikat, President RCCI is to present Pakistan's robust industrial potential before the world's top enterprises.

The three day summit started from 3rd September, is focusing on small and media enterprises through interactive bilateral and multi later engagements strengthening business to business bonds among the participants.

In an exclusive brief interaction with APP, Usman highlighted his aims to represent Pakistan at the summit, where he will deliver a presentation and address to portray the country's potential as 'a lucrative investment destination'. "Pakistan is open for business," he said, emphasizing the country's diverse sectors, including manufacturing and services.

Usman, in his address at the global economic stage will showcase Pakistan's economic outlook, the role of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), and the government's efforts to attract foreign direct investment (FDI). "From Rawalpindi's pharmaceutical and IT clusters to Sialkot's surgical and sports industries, and Gujarat's fan and ceramic sectors, Pakistan's SME sector is the backbone of our economy," Usman said when asked the key features of Pakistan's production domain.

AARI trains youth in fruit processing to enhance exports: Dr. Abrar

FAISALABAD (APP): Ayub Agricultural Research Institute (AARI)'s Postharvest Research Center (PHRC) Chief Scientist Dr. Abrar Ahmad has said that PHRC is emerging as a hub for practical training in fruit value-addition by preparing young students for employment opportunities and contributing to enhance national exports of Pakistan.

He was briefing the participants of a 3-day training program of Baghban Group who on concluding day visited the PHRC.

Dr Abrar said that PHRC is striving to combat unemployment among the youth by equipping them with hands-on skills in food processing, preservation and product development. "Our goal is not only to create skilled human resources but also to transform Pakistan's abundant fruit produce into exportable value-added products", he added.

He said that PHRC laboratories are equipped with modern food processing units where students not only observe but actively participate in each stage of production. This exposure instills entrepreneurial confidence in the youth and enable them to think beyond conventional employment toward self-reliance, he added.

Senior scientists Dr. Humaira Kausar and Dr. Saima Parveen jointly briefed the delegation about

the role of food technology laboratories in skill development. They said that PHRC has designed a special training program for matric-level students so that they could be given an accessible platform to acquire expertise in food technology.

The center labs provide practical demonstrations on preparing a diverse range of products from local fruits including mangoes, citrus fruits, jamun, guava, falsa, peach, dates, strawberries and papaya. The students are trained in techniques such as making jams, jellies, squashes, pulps and juices, with an emphasis on maintaining hygiene and international quality standards, they added.

Dr. Kausar explained that the training modules are structured to help students understand both the science and the business potential of fruit processing. "When our youth learn how to transform raw fruits into commercially viable products, they can establish small-scale enterprises or work in agro-based industries", she added.

Dr. Parveen said that Pakistan despite being among the top producers of mango and citrus still loses a considerable portion of its harvest due to postharvest losses. "Through such initiatives, we can minimize these losses and turn surplus produce into products that can compete in global markets", she added.



GWADAR: A delegation of Habib Bank (HBL) meeting with Director General GDA Moin ur Rehman.

Political space shrinking in Balochistan, workers being martyred: Dr. Malik Baloch

National Party announces three days of mourning, postpones Hub rally after deadly suicide attack

Turbat (6 AM Report) : National Party President and former Chief Minister of Balochistan, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, has said that the suicide attack at the party's rally in Hub was a deliberate conspiracy aimed at restricting political activities and cornering democratic forces. Speaking to reporters, Dr. Malik recalled that this was not the first such incident, citing the earlier attack on Sardar Akhtar Mengal's long march. He said political space is being squeezed, while anti-social elements are being allowed free rein to spread intolerance across society.

Paying tribute to the martyred party workers, Dr. Malik said the tragedy is a national loss that has

plunged the entire political leadership and cadres into mourning. He announced that the National Party will observe three days of mourning and has postponed its September 14 rally in Hub, with a new date to be announced later.

He emphasized that all democratic forces believing in the supremacy of the Constitution and Parliament are being pushed into a dead end. "The killing of political workers is condemnable and intolerable, but such tactics cannot end political struggle or suppress ideological politics," he said.

Dr. Malik called for a joint strategy against terrorism and political repression, reaffirming his support for

the decisions of the All Parties Conference recently held in Quetta.

He reminded that the National Party has faced the toughest of times in the past, yet never abandoned its struggle or deviated from its ideological stance.

Senior leaders of the National Party including Kahda Akram Dashti, Central Finance Secretary Haji Fida Hussain Dashti, Lala Rasheed Dashti, Mulla Barkat Baloch, Haml Baloch, Dr. Muhammad Noor, Balkh Sher Qazi, Nazimuddin Advocate, Muhammad Jan Dashti, and District President Younus Javed Dashti, along with a large number of workers, were present on the occasion.



QUETTA: Advisor to CM for Excise and Taxation Mir Muhammad Khan Lehri listening the problems of people.

Health Minister visits Civil Hospital Quetta, inquires after blast victims

Kakar vows no negligence in treatment; says nation united against terrorism

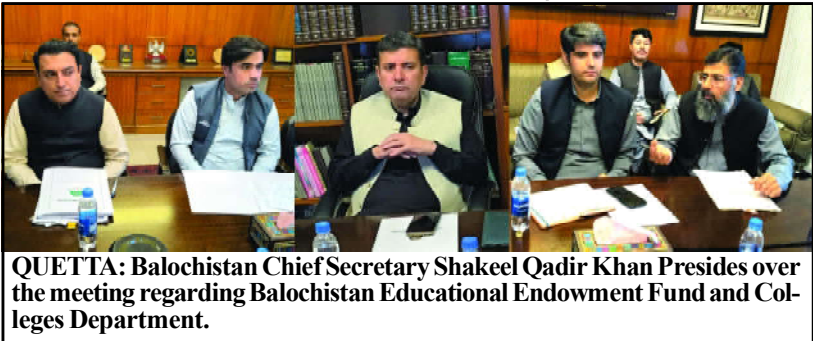
Quetta (ANN) — Balochistan Health Minister Bakhth Muhammad Kakar paid an emergency visit to Civil Hospital Quetta on Tuesday to inquire after those injured in the recent blast at the BNP-Mengal rally. During his visit, the minister met with doctors and paramedical staff, reviewing the medical facilities being provided to the injured. He directed hospital authorities to ensure that no negligence is shown in the treatment of the victims and that immediate steps are taken for their proper care.

Condemning the incident, Kakar said the cowardly act of terrorism not only claimed innocent lives but was also aimed at spreading fear and instability in the province. "The people and political parties stand united against terror-

ism. Such elements will never succeed in their evil designs to destabilize Balochistan and the country," he asserted.

He further stated that the people of Balochistan have always made sacrifices, and it is because of these sacrifices that terrorists will never achieve their objectives. He assured that the provincial government would provide full medical treatment for the injured and extend all possible assistance to the affected families.

Expressing solidarity with the bereaved families, the minister offered heartfelt condolences and prayers for the martyrs. "The sacrifices of the martyrs will never go in vain. May Allah grant the martyrs a place in His mercy and bless the injured with speedy recovery," he added.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan Presides over the meeting regarding Balochistan Educational Endowment Fund and Colleges Department.

Hanna hills to turn green under Quetta's new plantation plan

QUETTA (APP)-Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzeb Khan Kakar on Wednesday chaired a meeting regarding making the mountains of Hanna green, lush and planting trees.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehruallah Badini, Director Development Quetta Division Zahoor Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner Political Kaleemullah and officers of the Forest Department and Environment Department.

The meeting was informed that as per the instructions of the provincial government, a plan would be prepared to plant trees on the mountains of Hanna Lake and make them green and beautiful.

On this occasion, a detailed review was presented regarding the availability of water, groundwater situation, weather con-

ditions and selection of suitable trees.

It was said in the meeting that tree plantation has been done in Quetta during the monsoon, while in the future, trees will be selected according to the weather of Quetta.

For this purpose, a comprehensive feasibility report will be prepared in which those trees that grow fast in the local environment and can survive in less water will be identified.

It was further informed that as per the instructions of the provincial government, steps will be taken to plant olive, fig, pomegranate, pistachio and other fruit-bearing trees on the mountains of Hanna so that the mountains are not only green but also the economic needs of the people can be met.

In this regard, a detailed review of the testing, survival and other aspects of the trees will be taken.



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzaib Khan Kakar presides over the held meeting regarding plant trees on the mountains of Hanna Lake.

Ex-QDA director booked in major land scam probe

Anti-Corruption Balochistan launches operation over bogus allotment of 26 plots; raids underway to arrest suspect

QUETTA (ANN): On the directives of Director General Anti-Corruption Balochistan, Abdul Waheed Kakar, a major investigation has been launched against former Director Town Planning of Quetta Development Authority (QDA), Zahid Hussain Bugti, over the alleged bogus allotment of 26 plots.

The probe, led by Deputy Director Sheikh Munir Ahmed and Investigating Officer Shah M u h a m m a d Mandokhail, accuses Zahid Hussain of forgery, abuse of authority, and tampering with records of the Hazarganji Complex. A formal case has been registered against him.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti presides over the meeting regarding Universal Service Fund Empowering Communities.

Security tightened in Quetta after blast; special measures for Rabi-ul-Awwal processions

Police, Rangers deploy additional forces at sensitive sites; citizens urged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity

QUETTA (ANN): Security across Quetta has been put on high alert following the recent blast at a Balochistan National Party (Mengal) rally. Police, Rangers, and other security agencies have intensified deployment at sensitive locations, including major roads, markets, educational institutions, and public gathering points.

Authorities announced that in view of upcoming Rabi-ul-Awwal processions, religious gatherings, and events, special security measures will be

implemented according to the threat level. Citizens have been advised to avoid unnecessary gatherings and to immediately report any suspicious activity to relevant authorities.

Checkpoints have been set up along major roads and public areas where vehicles and individuals are being thoroughly screened. Security officials emphasized that these measures are solely for the protection of citizens and assured that any suspicious movement will be dealt with immediately.

Sariab Road Blast a deliberate attack on peace: Wali Norzai

QUETTA (UNA) — Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) Balochistan leader and Parliamentary Secretary for Social Welfare, Haji Wali Muhammad Norzai, has strongly condemned the recent blast near Shahwani Stadium on Sariab Road in Quetta. He called it a deliberate and malicious attempt to disrupt law and order.

Norzai said the attack caused the loss of innocent lives and political workers while undermining demo-

cratic processes and political activities in Balochistan. "These terrorist incidents indicate that certain elements do not want lasting peace in the province.

Such attacks target not only the people of Balochistan but the integrity of Pakistan as a whole," he added.

He expressed deep condolences to the families of the martyrs and prayed for their patience, while also wishing a speedy recovery for the injured.

Majeed Badini says No flood threat to Jaffarabad, people should remain calm

JAFFARABAD (6 AM Report) — Provincial Parliamentary Secretary for S&GAD, Engineer Abdul Majeed Badini, has reassured the people of Jaffarabad that there is no threat of flooding in the district, urging citizens not to pay attention to rumors. He said he would remain in his constituency until all possible risks are over and would not leave the people alone in this situation.

Addressing an emergency press conference on the possible flood situation in Jaffarabad, Badini said: "I am present among my people in Dera Allah Yar. There is no need for fear or panic — not a drop of water will be allowed to enter the city, God willing. We successfully countered attempts in 2024 when opponents tried to breach the embankments under the cover of night, and this time too, we will protect the city

from all dangers."

He added that development promises are being fulfilled, including the construction of a grid station, drainage schemes, establishment of a vegetable market, provision of clean drinking water, and supply of canal water from Pat Feeder to Dera Allah Yar.

He claimed that negative propaganda and protests are being orchestrated to obstruct progress, but he remains steadfast in his commitment to deliver.

Criticizing past practices, Badini said that commissions were taken from government offices, money was made through development schemes, and plots were occupied for personal gain. "My record is clean, I have always presented myself for accountability, and I will continue to do so before the people," he declared.



JAFFARABAD: MPA Abdul Majeed Badini talking with people during the review of Irrigation Drainage.

180 Balochistan youth secure jobs in gulf thru B-TEVTA program

Opportunities also planned in the US, UK, Japan, and Korea, says Tareq Javed Mengal

QUETTA (UNA) — Promising employment opportunities are opening up for youth from underprivileged families in Balochistan. Under the Balochistan Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (B-TEVTA) program, 180 trained youths have secured jobs in Saudi Arabia, Dubai, and Qatar, with 150 currently working in construction projects and companies in Saudi Arabia.

B-TEVTA Managing Director Tareq Javed Mengal said that since the program's launch in Octo-

ber 2024, over 12,000 applications have been received, and 6,000 youth have been enrolled in various skill-development courses. He highlighted that Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 projects are providing significant employment opportunities, which skilled Baloch youth are benefiting from. In addition to technical training, participants were taught basic Arabic to better adapt to the Gulf work environment. Some have secured positions with major Saudi companies, including subsidiaries of Aramco.

Quetta blast: Death toll rises to 15, FIR registered

QUETTA (ANN) — The death toll from the suicide bombing on Sariab Road near Shahwani Stadium has risen to 15, while at least 38 others remain injured, according to Balochistan's health department.

A spokesperson for the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) confirmed that an FIR has been registered under murder, attempted murder, and anti-terrorism provisions against unidentified suspects. The CTD further said that body parts of the suicide attacker have been taken into custody and sent for forensic examination.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif strongly condemned the attack, directing authorities to provide the injured with the best possible medical treatment. He also ordered security agencies to swiftly identify and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Zarak condemns suicide attack on BNP rally

QUETTA (ANN) : Member of Balochistan Assembly, Sheikh Zarak Khan Mandokhail, has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives in the recent suicide attack at the Balochistan National Party (BNP) rally, terming it a cowardly act aimed at undermining national and political unity.

Speaking to the media after visiting the injured at the hospital, Sheikh Zarak said such barbaric acts cannot break the will of the people. He prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and extended heartfelt condolences to the families of those martyred.

He emphasized that terrorism is a failed attempt to destabilize Pakistan, but the people and political parties remain united against it. "No such elements will ever succeed in pushing the country towards chaos," he stated.

The MPA further said that state institutions are taking practical steps to improve law and order and will leave no stone unturned in the fight against terrorism.

Fateha Khwani to be held in Qta for Afghan earthquake victims

QUETTA (UNA): A Fateha Khwani will be held at the Afghan Council Quetta to honor the victims of the recent devastating earthquakes in Afghanistan's Kunar and Nangarhar provinces. The prayer gathering is scheduled for Friday, September 5, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

During the ceremony, prayers will be offered for the elevation of the martyrs' ranks, and solidarity will be expressed with the families affected by the tragedy. The Afghan community and local dignitaries are expected to attend the event to show their support and sympathy.

DC inaugurates polio drive

USTA MUHAMMAD (APP)-Deputy Commissioner Usta Muhammad, Razaq Khan Khajak officially inaugurated the national anti-polio campaign by administering polio drops to a child under five year in the district.

A short but important ceremony was held on this occasion, in which representatives of the health department, district administration, police and civil society participated. Addressing at the ceremony, the Deputy Commissioner said that polio is a deadly disease, the complete eradication of which is the joint responsibility of all of us.

Irrigation minister vows crackdown on water theft in Naseerabad

Sadiq Umrani calls for officer accountability, enforcement of court orders, and recovery of government dues

NASEERABAD (6 AM Report): Provincial Minister for Irrigation, Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani, has stressed the need for officers to adopt a proactive and responsible approach to uplift the morale and performance of the Irrigation Department.

Accompanied by Provincial Irrigation Secretary Saleh Muhammad Nasir, the minister visited the Irrigation Circle Office in Naseerabad, where he was briefed by Superintending Engineer Ghulam Sarwar Bangulzai on ongoing canal desilting, infrastructure repair, and agricultural water distribution initiatives.

The visit was attended by Deputy Commissioner Naseerabad

Munir Ahmed Khan Kakar, Chief Engineer Canals Nasir Majeed, PPP Naseerabad Division President Mir Bilal Sadiq Umrani, Executive Engineer Pat Feeder Canal Fareed Ahmed Pindrani, Project Director Atiq-ur-Rehman, Sub-Divisional Officers Amanullah Gajani and Rasool Bakhsh Pindrani, and Deputy Director Agriculture Extension Zaheer Ahmed Umrani.

Minister Umrani highlighted the department's ongoing efforts to enhance the productivity of the Green Belt in Naseerabad Division.

He emphasized coordinated action with district administration to curb illegal water theft and misuse of irrigation resources.



NASEERABAD: Provincial Minister for Irrigation Mir Sadiq Umarani being briefed by SE Irrigation Ghulam Sarwar Bangulzai.

Section 144 imposed in Naseerabad, Sibi amid Monsoon flood threats

Balochistan Home Department warns of strict action against damage to canals, levees and illegal constructions

QUETTA (ANN): In view of heavy monsoon rains and potential flood risks, the Balochistan Home Department has imposed Section 144 in Naseerabad and Sibi divisions. Citizens, farmers, and those linked to the agriculture sector have been cautioned that strict safety measures are being enforced to protect lives and property.

According to the notification, cutting or damaging canals, water channels, headworks, or levees has been strictly prohibited. Weakening protective embankments or interfering with official flood-control measures will be treated as

a crime. Establishing unauthorized temporary or permanent embankments, encroachments, makeshift shops, or cattle pens will face strict legal action.

Any attempt to divert or obstruct the natural flow of canal or floodwater has been completely banned. Swimming or boating without permission has also been prohibited. Violators will face action under Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code, in addition to punishments under the Balochistan Canal and Drainage Ordinance, 1980. Police have been authorized to arrest offenders without a warrant.



QUETTA: Provincial Women Development Advisor Dr. Rababa Khan Baledi met with Taraqee Foundation head Amjad Rasheed to discuss advancing women's social roles and participation in decision-making. Dr. Baledi highlighted ongoing initiatives aimed at women's economic empowerment in Balochistan to contribute to family and provincial progress. She assured that the government is committed to providing facilities and ensuring strong female representation in policymaking. Amjad Rasheed pledged full support for women's welfare and emphasized that partnership can accelerate social development goals in the province.

Lawyers announce boycott of court proceedings over BNP rally blast

QUETTA (6 AM Report) : The Balochistan High Court Bar Association on Tuesday strongly condemned the recent bomb blast at the Balochistan National Party (BNP) rally and announced a province-wide boycott of court proceedings on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. In a joint statement

issued by the Bar Association's president and cabinet members, the attack at Shahwani Stadium in Quetta was denounced as a cowardly act of terrorism that not only claimed innocent lives but also represented a deliberate conspiracy to push the country toward instability.

Wadh observes shutdown after attack on Akhtar Jan

WADH (UNA) : In solidarity with Balochistan National Party (BNP) chief Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal and the victims of the recent suicide bombing in Quetta's Sariab area, traders in Wadh have declared a three-day mourning period and complete shutter-down strike.

The Anjuman-e-Tajiranj Wadh announced that all markets, shops, hotels, restaurants, and commercial centers will remain closed during the mourning period. Leaders of the traders' association stated that the attack was not just on Akhtar Mengal or the BNP, but "an assault on the emotions of the entire Baloch

nation." They emphasized that the strike is meant to pay tribute to the martyrs and send a strong message of solidarity—that the Baloch people stand firmly with their political leadership.

The association demanded a high-level investigation into the incident, review of the security lapses, and immediate financial assistance and compensation for the victims' families.

Appealing to the public, the traders urged patience and unity during the mourning period, calling for silence and restraint as a symbolic tribute to those who lost their lives.

CM vows zero tolerance for lapses in treatment

Anti-peace elements will never succeed in sabotaging Balochistan's stability: CM

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that terrorists are targeting innocent civilians in an act of cowardice and enmity toward humanity. "These anti-peace elements will never succeed in sabotaging Balochistan's stability," he asserted.

Bugti expresses these views during his emergency visit to Civil Hospital Quetta's Trauma Centre and CMH to inquire about the condition of those injured in the Shahwani Stadium blast.

Accompanied by Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Industries Minister Sardar

Kohyar Khan Domki, Parliamentary Secretary Muhammad Khan Lehri, MPA Haji Ali Madad Jatak, and Senator Agha Shahzeb Durrani, the Chief Minister reviewed medical services being provided to the injured.

Senior officials including Health Secretary Majeed ur Rehman, Quetta Commissioner Jehanzeb Khan, and Deputy Commissioner Mehrullah Badini were also present.

Hospital and Health Department officials gave a detailed briefing to the CM on treatment facilities and emergency measures taken for the victims. CM Bugti met with patients and their

families, expressed his solidarity, and assured them that the government is fully committed to their care.

He expressed satisfaction with the medical arrangements and said all necessary resources are being utilized to ensure the best treatment.

"Orders to airlift critically injured patients to Karachi were issued last night," he said, adding that no negligence in care will be tolerated.

He further assured the families of the martyrs that they will not be left alone. "The government stands firmly with the victims and will provide all possible support and assistance."



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Provincial Ministers enquiring about the health of victims of Shahwani Stadium blast.

IHC judges question transparency, case allocation in letter to CJ Dogar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Two members of Islamabad High Court (IHC), Justice Babar Sattar and Justice Sardar Ejaz, have written to IHC Chief Justice Sardar Muhammad Sarfraz Dogar, questioning judicial anomalies ahead of a full court meeting.

IHC Chief Justice Dogar chaired a full court meeting attended by all judges of the high court. The meeting's agenda in-

cluded service rules, practice and procedure rules, powers of family judges, and issues related to the high court building's construction.

Ahead of the meeting, the two IHC judges sought additional points to be included in the meeting's agenda, while highlighting concerns over case allocation, administrative decisions, and transparency within the court.

Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi calls on CM Balochistan

QUETTA (APP)-Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military), Commander Karachi called on Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti here on Wednesday and invited him to participate in the second edition of the Pakistan International Maritime Expo and Conference (PIMEC).

He expressed satisfaction that the Balochistan government had successfully participated in the

first edition of PIMEC 2023 and had also signed agreements worth US \$ 400 million. Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that the provincial government would play a full role in every forum of national development and all possible steps to be taken to further promote investment opportunities in the maritime sector.

Souvenirs were also exchanged at the end of the meeting.



QUETTA: Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military) meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

JI Balochistan to mark Sept 27 as 'Ahmadi non-Muslim verdict' day

QUETTA (ANN): Jamaat-e-Islami Balochistan Ameer and Member of Provincial Assembly, Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman, has said that his party firmly stands by its 1974 position when the National Assembly declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims, a move in which Jamaat-e-Islami legislators played a vital role. He announced that September 27th – the day Parliament passed the historic resolution – will be observed across Balochistan, reaffirming the party's stance that Ahmadis are non-Muslims.

Speaking at a press conference at Quetta Press Club alongside party leaders including Provincial General Secretary Murtaza Kakar, Vice President Zahid Akhtar, Deputy General Secretary Noorul Haq Ghilzai, Deputy Ameer Maulana Abdul Kabir Shakir, and Information Secretary Abdul Wali

Shakir, he said the movement against Qadianism was ideologically spearheaded by Maulana Maududi through his 1953 publication *Qadiani Masla*, which exposed the Ahmadi beliefs in light of Quran and Sunnah. He recalled that Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing, Islami Jamaat Talaba, made immense sacrifices during the 1953 Khatm-e-Nabuwat movement, turning it into a nationwide struggle. "The Parliament's historic 1974 decision declaring Ahmadis non-Muslims remains final, and we will continue to uphold it," he stressed.

Condemning the recent suicide attack on a Balochistan National Party (BNP) rally, Maulana Hidayat expressed deep grief over the loss of precious lives and extended solidarity with the affected families, saying Jamaat-e-Islami equally shares their pain.



PM directs to replicate China's quality standards at Pak hospitals

BEIJING (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi to establish simple, robust and sustainable infrastructure at Islamabad's under-construction hospitals, including Jinnah Medical Complex, to deliver high-quality medical facilities, modeled on China's standards.

The prime minister, during his visit to Beijing's Anzhen Hospital, instructed to prioritise the high-quality facilities at Pakistan's under-construction hospitals, on the pattern of the Chinese system. During the tour of the hospital, he reviewed the facilities being provided at Anzhen Hospital, and appreciated the effective system, modern technology and efficient services being provided there.

The prime minister was briefed about the available health facilities, robotic systems for better administration and other hi-tech facilities.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, and federal ministers Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Ahsan Iqbal, Muhammad Aurangzeb and Attaullah Tarar also accompanied the prime minister.

Shaza Fatima arrives in Beijing to represent Pak

BEIJING (APP): Federal Minister for Information Technology Shaza Fatima Khawaja arrived in Beijing on Wednesday to represent Pakistan at various high-level events.

During her visit, the minister will highlight the Prime Minister's Digital Pakistan vision on the global stage. She is also leading a delegation of over 50 Pakistani IT companies to showcase the country's technological potential.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed to promote cooperation in emerging technologies, while Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings with leading Chinese technology firms have been scheduled from September 3 to 5.

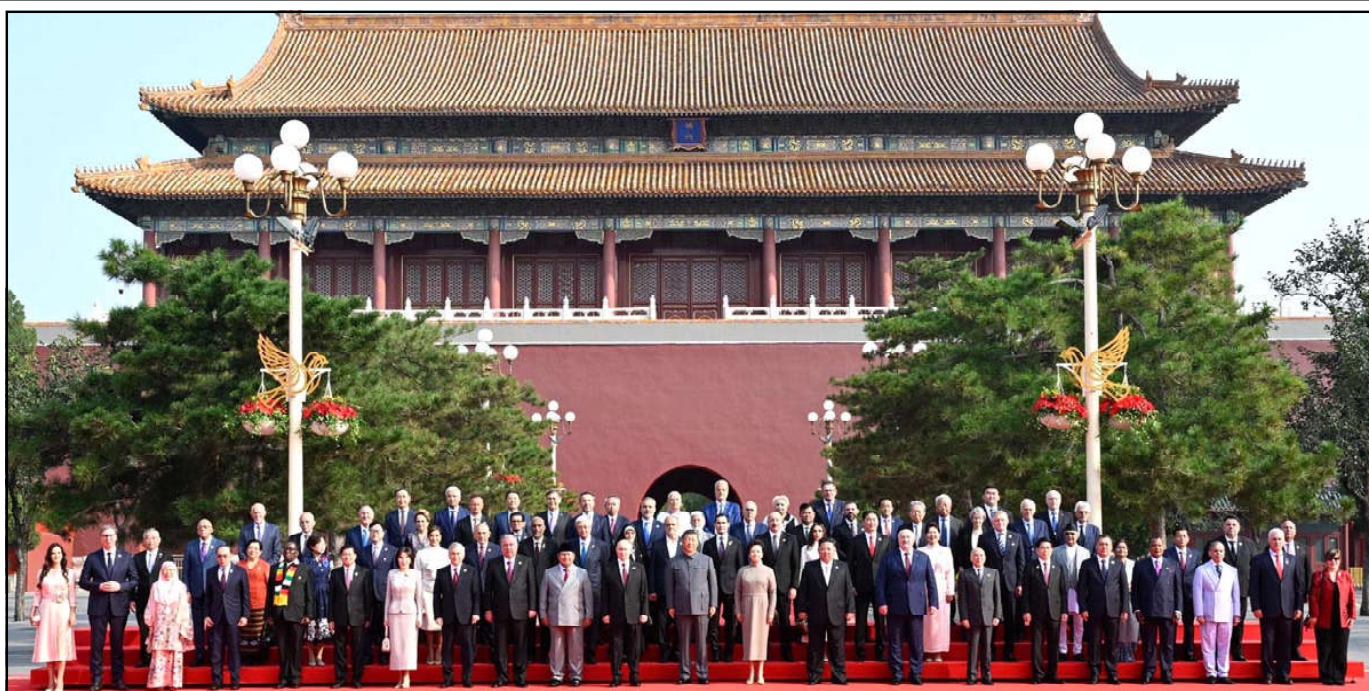
7 die in attack on passenger vehicle in lower Kurram

LOWER KURRAM (Online): As many as 7 persons have died in an attack by some unknown persons on passenger vehicle in Lower Kurram in district Kurram.

Unknown attackers opened indiscriminate firing on passenger vehicle near Ahmad Khan Kallay and fled the scene.

The police and security forces have started search operation.

Police said bodies of victims have been shifted to THQ hospital and investigation into incident is underway.



BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a group photo with the world leaders during the celebrations of 80th birthday of Anti-fascist war.

CM Bugti orders airlift option for blast victims

All provincial resources to be used for best medical care; critical patients to be shifted to Karachi if needed

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has directed that the provincial government's air services be utilized to shift critically injured victims of the recent Quetta tragedy to Karachi for advanced treatment on doctors' recommendations.

The Chief Minister instructed authorities to provide full cooperation and take immediate measures to ensure that all injured receive the best possible medical facilities. "Every effort must be made to save lives and provide world-class treatment," he said, while emphasizing the need to equip hospitals with modern facilities to enable early recovery of patients. Bugti assured that all resources of the Balochistan government are available for the treatment of the injured and that no effort will be spared. He directed relevant depart-

ments to avoid any delay in treatment, transfer, or provision of medical support, stressing that every victim should receive complete care.

He highlighted that the decision to deploy air services for critically injured patients reflects the government's commitment to public service and its responsibility towards citizens in times of crisis. "Providing immediate and effective medical relief is the government's top priority," he said, adding that patients shifted to renowned hospitals in Karachi will be treated under the supervision of specialist doctors.

The Chief Minister also appealed to the public to step forward and support the victims and their families in this difficult time, reaffirming the government's pledge to stand by those affected and ensure their swift recovery.

Fazla condemns Quetta suicide attack, slams security lapses

JUI-F chief urges political and social unity to eradicate terrorism

QUETTA (UNA) – Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) chief, Maulana Fazlur Rehman, has strongly condemned the suicide attack at the Balochistan National Party (BNP) rally in Quetta, calling it a result of "complete negligence and incompetence" of the security institutions.

In a statement, the JUI-F leader said the attack not only endangered innocent lives but also further deteriorated the law-and-order situation in the country. He demanded that those responsible for the attack be given exemplary punishment so that "no one dares to carry out such cowardly acts in the future." Maulana Fazlur Rehman criticized law enforcement agencies and the government for failing to protect citizens, saying: "The state has completely failed to safeguard its

people, while the worsening security environment is being ignored."

He expressed concern that democratic forces are being obstructed both inside and outside Parliament, undermining the political process. Despite this, he vowed that democratic voices will remain strong.

The JUI-F chief offered prayers for the deceased and expressed heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved families. He also thanked Almighty Allah for protecting senior political leaders including BNP President Sardar Akhtar Khan Mengal and Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party chief Mehmood Khan Achakzai, who remained safe in the incident.

Calling for a transparent and impartial investigation, Fazlur Rehman urged the government to bring perpetrators to justice.

ACS Home says Saryab incident was beyond control, could not be prevented

Hamza Shafqat says BNP rally was warned thrice to disperse; CM announces Rs1.5m for martyrs, Rs0.5m for injured



QUETTA (ANN): Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Balochistan, Hamza Shafqat, has said that the Saryab blast was beyond the control of security agencies and could not have been prevented. Addressing a joint press conference with senior police officials in Quetta, he stated that the Balochistan National Party's (BNP) rally had been repeatedly cautioned about security threats, but the warnings were not taken seriously.

He clarified that the rally was scheduled for 3 p.m., while the suicide blast occurred around 9 p.m., nearly 500 kilometers away from the rally venue. "The incident took place 45 minutes after the rally ended. The organizers were told three times to conclude the event early, but they ignored the advice. Had the explosion occurred inside the rally venue, the loss would have been far greater," Shafqat said.

According to him, the suicide bomber, under the age of 30, used around 8 kilograms of explosives. The attacker's remains have been recovered. He confirmed that 120 police personnel had been deployed for the BNP rally.

Shafqat further said that the provincial government had already shared threat alerts with the concerned political party. He stressed that political organizers must take such security advisories seriously in the future. "The responsibility of identifying those behind the attack lies with us, but organizers also need to cooperate. We have repeatedly appealed to the public to control their movements, especially on September 6, given the heightened security threats," he added. The Additional Chief Secretary also noted that terror groups were attempting to destabilize Pakistan, particularly ahead of the 12th Rabi-ul-Awal.

Justice Shahid Bilal says: Constitutional bench marks milestone in judicial reform

SC Judge highlights parliament's vision, urges timely justice, institutional efficiency at international legal forum in London

ISLAMABAD (APP): Supreme Court's Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan has said that constitutional bench, established under the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, reflected the will of Parliament and marked a structural development in the Court's functioning.

On the invitation of the International Lawyers Association (ILA), Mr. Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan attended the Annual ILA Seminar and Dinner at Gray's Inn, London, where he was the Guest of Honor, according to a press release.

The event was attended by distinguished group of the global legal fraternity, with notable participation from South Asia — particularly Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India — alongside senior practitioners and a former member of the judiciary from the United Kingdom.

The Seminar provided a vital platform for dialogue on contemporary legal issues, challenges confronting judicial systems, and the shared commitment of the international legal community to justice and the rule of law.

In his address, Justice

Shahid Bilal Hassan spoke on two central themes: the importance of the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the need to address case pendency.

He explained that the Constitutional Bench, established under the 26th Amendment to the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, reflects the will of Parliament and marks a structural development in the Court's functioning.

The Bench, he noted, ensures dedicated focus on constitutional interpretation and adjudication, with the judiciary faithfully discharging its role as guardian of the Constitution within the framework, prescribed by law. He emphasized that the judiciary cannot extend its mandate beyond the limits set by the Constitution and must consistently adhere to its constitutional role.

On the issue of backlog, Justice Bilal acknowledged the heavy pendency of cases before the Supreme Court, stressing that access to justice requires timely and efficient disposal of disputes. He reaffirmed that the judges are deeply

conscious of their constitutional duty and remain fully devoted to discharging it with diligence, impartiality, and efficiency.

He underlined the importance of systematic measures such as improved case management, technology-driven solutions for hearings and tracking, and better rationalization of judicial time to prioritize matters of significant constitutional consequence.

Reducing pendency, he stressed, is not only an administrative necessity but also a constitutional imperative essential to public confidence in the judiciary and the rule of law.

Justice Shahid Bilal's remarks were warmly received by participants and reflected the Supreme Court of Pakistan's resolve to address contemporary challenges with foresight while remaining anchored in constitutionalism, fairness, and the rule of law.

His participation at this prestigious forum also contributed to strengthening professional bonds, enhancing mutual understanding, and fostering meaningful exchange among jurists and lawyers from diverse jurisdictions.



QUETTA: Governor of Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail inquiring about health of blast injured persons at Trauma center.

Governor visits injured BNP workers at trauma center

QUETTA (APP)-Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail on Wednesday visited to Provincial Sandman Hospital's Trauma center to inquire about the health of Balochistan National Party (BNP)-Mengal (BNP-M) political workers who injured in the Shahwani Stadium blast last night.

He also inquired about the well-being of each injured person in the ward and reviewed their condition and appreciated the timely measures and excellent care taken by the doctors and paramedical staff present there.

The Governor Balochistan issued special instructions to provide all necessary medical facilities to the injured and arrange for the immediate transfer of the seriously injured to Karachi for immediate treatment.

During his visit to the

Trauma Center, the Governor also expressed his deep concern over the incident and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

However, about 13 people were martyred and 35 others injured in a suicide bombing took place near Shahwani stadium of Saryab area after concluding of the public meeting of Balochistan National Party (BNP-Mengal) organized on the death anniversary of late Sardar Attaullah Mengal, on Tuesday night.

The BNP President and MNA, Sardar Akhtar Mengal who presided over the public meeting remained safe in the blast which occurred when Mr. Mengal was leaving for home. Mehmood Khan Achakzai, Chairman PkMAP, Asghar Khan Achakzai of ANP and ex-senator Mir Kabeer Muhammad Shai of National Party were also at the public meeting.

Ashrafi urges national unity, calls for humanitarian aid to flood victims

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council, Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi Wednesday underscored the significance of national unity, urging everyone to follow the path of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and extend a helping hand to the flood victims as a humanitarian effort. While speaking to state news channel, Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi highlighted the profound importance of the month of Eid Milad un Nabi, emphasizing that it is not just a

time of celebration, but also a moment for Muslims to reflect deeply on the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

He appealed to the nation and all stakeholders to unite and help the flood-affected areas, stressing the importance of collective efforts for immediate relief and long-term support to rebuild the communities. He further pointed out that this sacred month serves as a reminder of the Prophet's exemplary character is kindness, justice and commitment to spreading peace.