

Kazakh DPM/FM arrives Islamabad on official visit

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu on Monday arrived in Islamabad for a two day official visit.

He was received at the airport by Additional Secretary West Asia Syed Ali Asad Gillani and other senior officials of the government, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan was accompanied by a high-level 13-member delegation, including the Minister of Transport of Kazakhstan, Foreign Office said in an earlier press statement.

The Joint Working Groups meetings on Agriculture and IT will also be held on the sidelines of the visit.

During his stay, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan will hold a tate-a-tete with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, followed by delegation-level talks.

Nurtleu is also expected to call on the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

The discussions will provide an opportunity to review preparations for the upcoming Presidential visit and to deliberate comprehensively on the entire spectrum of Pak-Kazakh bilateral cooperation, with particular focus on trade and investment, agriculture, education, cultural and tourism exchanges, regional connectivity and logistics and collaboration at multi-lateral fora. "The visit of the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan will further cement the longstanding Pakistan-Kazakhstan ties.

Indian drone captured by civilians in Zafarwal

ZAFARWAL (INP): Local residents in Zafarwal border area captured an Indian drone and handed it over to the authorities.

According to details, the residents in the border village of Jangu Chak successfully captured an Indian surveillance drone that entered Pakistani airspace. The drone was intended for espionage and was intact. Earlier on September 7, 2025, three anti-tank mines and one landmine were found and defused.

from the Dek rainwater drain in Narowal.

According to details, the Narowal district administration control room received a phone call that explosives were found in the rainwater drain. Local police and security forces immediately reached the Dek drain near the village of Lahri in Zafarwal tehsil and cordoned off the area.

Civil Defence Bomb Disposal Squad was then called to defuse the explosives. As per details, the explosives were 'Indian-made'.

Tarar says:

Strict action will be taken against those who tortured Tayyab Baloch

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said on Monday that strict action will be taken against those who tortured journalist Tayyab Baloch simply for dissenting opinions which is unacceptable.

In a post on his X account, the minister said that such attitude was unacceptable.

"When there was no evidence, such elements resort to violence. This is their thinking, which is based on intolerance."

The minister reiterated that he has always stood with journalists and will fully support them in this case as well.



ISLAMABAD: A high level delegation of renowned companies in the mining and infrastructure sector meets Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

PM, US delegation discuss mining opportunities in Pak

Renowned US firms to invest \$500 million in Pakistan's critical minerals sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high level US delegation including USSM (United States Strategic Metals) and Mota-Engil, renowned global companies in the mining and infrastructure sector met with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at the Prime Minister's House on Monday and discussed prospects for mining in Pakistan.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Chief of the Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir and Federal Ministers were also present in the meeting.

The delegation is visiting Pakistan to explore opportunities for expansion of mining operations in Pakistan and assess potential for value addition in mineral resources and development of supporting infrastructure. Delegation held high-level meetings with Prime Minister of Pakistan, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Minister of Petroleum and Minister of Commerce and were briefed on Pakistan's vast mineral reserves, including copper, gold, and rare earth elements.

The visiting companies expressed readiness to invest in establishing value-addition facilities within the country, enhancing mineral processing capacity, and developing large-scale infrastructure projects linked to the mining sector.

In this context, two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) focusing in development and processing of critical minerals, including rare earth elements (REEs), and logistics services were signed between the two governments.

The Frontier Works Organization (FWO) - Pakistan's largest miner of critical minerals - signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United States Strategic Metals (USSM), a leading processor, recycler, and miner based in St. Louis, Missouri. The agreement establishes a framework for collaboration across a range of critical minerals essential for the defence, aerospace, and technology industries.

The partnership will begin immediately with the export of readily available

minerals from Pakistan, including antimony, copper, gold, tungsten, and rare earth elements.

This cooperation lays the foundation for scaling up towards the establishment of a USSM proprietary, highly flexible poly-metallic refinery in Pakistan. The refinery will produce intermediate and finished products dedicated to meeting the rapidly growing demand of the U.S. market. The first phase of this deal is envisaged at approximately \$500 million of investments into Pakistan's critical minerals sector.

This collaboration further strengthens the enduring bilateral relationship between Pakistan and the United States, while unlocking new opportunities for sustainable growth, technology transfer, and job creation. The next steps for the MoU include forming dedicated teams to explore the full potential of Pakistan's vast resource base, identifying critical minerals for immediate export, and building an anchor position for a long-term partnership in exploration, extraction, and processing.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi addressing the participants of conference on eve of New Judicial Year 2025-26 at Supreme Court of Pakistan

CJP chairs full court meeting

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 156th full court meeting of the Supreme Court was held on Monday at the Supreme Court Building, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of Chief Justice Yahya Afridi.

The meeting was attended by the Judges of Supreme Court, including, Justice Amin-Ud-Din Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Shahid Waheed, Justice Musarrat Hali, Justice Irfan Saadat Khan, Justice Naem Akhter Afghan, Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan, Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi, Justice Shahid Bilal, Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar, Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui, Justice Salahuddin Panhwar, Justice Shakeel Ahmad, Justice Aamer Farooq, Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim, Justice Ali Baqar Najafi and, Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb.

CJP Afridi prioritizes speedy justice, announces major tech reforms in judiciary

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi has said the dispensation of justice has to be made effective through technology and wrapping up cases speedily must remain our priority.

He held Artificial Intelligence (AI) should be used in justice system but we are not prepared for it immediately.

He was addressing a judicial conference at the opening of the new judicial year in Islamabad Monday.

CJP said this is opportunity that we should have a look on our performance. He explained that this tradition of marking the new judicial year began in the 1970s and has been observed regularly since 2004. I felt necessity for re-

forms after assuming my office. We started reform on 5 principles. Digital case filing system was evolved. E-services have been started.

Today I am announcing that we have got conducted our internal audit. There is no restriction on judges to go anywhere during leave. A procedure has been worked out regarding leave during judicial work.

He held the judges need not more protocol being in red zone. Additional security will be provided in view of any threat in Islamabad or outside red zone. All judges agreed on security related procedure.

He said every one talks of technology and artificial intelligence. 61000 files will be digitally scanned.

President confers Nishan-e-Imtiaz on UAE Naval Chief

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday conferred the prestigious Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military) upon the Commander of the United Arab Emirates Naval Forces, Staff Major General Humaid Abdulla Alreimeithi, in a special investiture ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Speaking after the ceremony, President Zardari said the award recognized General Alreimeithi's outstanding services and contributions to strengthening defence and security ties between Pakistan and the UAE. He noted that the visit of the UAE Naval Chief was a reflection of the deep-rooted fraternal bonds between the two nations, adding that both sides were committed to expanding cooperation in multiple fields. The president lauded the UAE Navy's active participation in Aman Dialogue-25 and Exercise Aman-25, expressing confidence that such engagements reinforced regional maritime security. He also appreciated the trust placed by the UAE in the professional expertise of Pakistan Navy and assured continued support in meeting the UAE Navy's manpower requirements. Underscoring the "extraordinary and exemplary" nature of Pakistan-UAE relations, President Zardari emphasized that the partnership was not only based on shared strategic interests but also on enduring people-to-people linkages. "Pakistan remains committed to further strengthening these historic brotherly ties," he affirmed. General Alreimeithi, in his remarks, highlighted his personal bond with Pakistan, recalling that he had spent four years in the country while graduating from the Pakistan Naval Academy in Karachi.

The ceremony was attended by Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, former National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, former Senate Chairman Nayyar Hussain Bukhari, and Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf.

Commander UAE Naval Forces calls on CJCS Gen Sahir

RAWALPINDI (APP): Commander of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Naval Forces Major General Humaid Mohammed Abdulla Alreimeithi who is on an official visit to Pakistan, called on Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) General Sahir Shamsad Mirza, NI, NI (M) here Monday at Joint Staff Headquarters.

The two dignitaries held in-depth discussions on professional matters, reviewing the evolving global and regional geo-strategic environment, said a press release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR). Both sides emphasized the vital role of bilateral defence and security cooperation, including in the maritime domain, for regional peace and stability.

The visiting dignitary remained appreciative of professional standards of Pakistan Armed Forces, their achievements and sacrifices in fight against terrorism and continued efforts towards regional peace and stability.

Earlier, upon arrival at Joint Staff Headquarters, a smartly turned-out tri-services contingent presented Guard of Honour to the visiting dignitary.



BAIKTER: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti listening the problems of people in open Katchery during his visit to native town of Dera Bugti.

Terrorism and bad governance remain Balochistan's biggest challenges: CM Sarfraz Bugti

Vows swift action on public grievances; urges political stakeholders to focus on real issues instead of "non-issues"

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has said that terrorism and bad governance continue to pose the biggest challenges for the province, stressing that political stakeholders must recognize the seriousness of the situation and collectively address the pressing issues instead of diverting attention toward "non-issues."

Speaking at a public Khuli Kacheri (open court) in his hometown Balker on Monday, the chief minister underscored the need to prioritize solutions to genuine problems confronting the people. The gathering was attended by provincial assembly members, tribal elders, and a large number of citizens, who directly apprised the CM of their problems.

Bugti not only listened to public grievances

but also issued immediate directives to relevant officials for on-the-spot resolution of several complaints. "The common man wants quick and practical solutions to his problems, and the government fully realizes this responsibility. We are determined to take all possible steps to resolve the people's issues," he asserted.

Highlighting the impact of terrorism on society, Bugti said the menace has affected every segment of the population, and people in Dera Bugti have made great sacrifices for peace and national unity. He stressed that the state must remain paramount, adding that linking routine socio-economic grievances with criticism of the state was an inappropriate approach.

The chief minister further emphasized that

while peaceful protest is the democratic right of every citizen, blocking roads and causing public hardship in the name of demonstrations was unjustified. "The government will never tolerate coercion and violence in the name of protest," he warned.

Bugti said steps were being intensified to strengthen local-level service delivery and directed municipal representatives to play a more active role in resolving grassroots issues. He reiterated his government's commitment to transparency, promising that development funds for local bodies would be linked to national dignity, merit, and accountability.

"The doors of the government are open to all. Together, we must move forward to overcome Balochistan's challenges," he concluded.



ISLAMABAD Commander of the United Arab Emirates Naval Forces, Staff Major General Humaid Abdulla Alreimeithi called on President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Relations between Pak, India should be seen in perspective of two nation theory: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Information Minister Atta Ullah Tarar has said relations between Pakistan and India should be seen in perspective of two nation theory. Never we have pursued the way of aggression. We are acting as wall between terrorism and world. He said this while addressing a book launching ceremony here Monday.

He underlined Pakistan has never pursued way of aggression. Pakistan armed forces frustrated Indian aggression.

He lauded the services of Pakistan ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry.

He said India has made the life of minorities miserable. The power of truth cannot be conquered.

He reiterated Pakistan has rendered unprecedented sacrifices in war on terror. We are the country whose children rendered sacrifices.

He reiterated Pakistan is wall between terrorism

and other world. The allegation against Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism is ridiculous.

How can a country which rendered sacrifices in 1990 sponsor terrorism. India is trying to suppress minorities in the country.

Indian recent attack was provocative and on unjust basis. Indian government is involved in global terrorism.

Pakistan placed its stand point before the world through successful diplomacy and achieved significant diplomatic successes.

He said Pakistan has always talked of justice and peace. The whole nation united when any threat was posed to our integrity.

Pakistan has already placed its narrative with reference to terrorism before the world successfully. Now Prime Minister will place Pakistan stance before the world in UN General Assembly meeting.

7 of family die, troller hits car

NAUSHAHRO FEROZE (Online): As many as 7 persons have been killed after a speeding troller has hit the car in Naushahro Feroze.

According to police the incident took place on national highway near Sudhoo jaka in Naushahro Feroze where a speeding troller hit the car. 7 members of a family lost their lives.

According to authorities those who died include 2 children, 2 men and 3 women.

Police said one among the victims has been identified as Ali Ahmad Januri who was resident of village Luqman of district Khairpur.

Ghulam Muhammad Januri father of Ali Ahmad Januri had passed away in Karachi and he was taking body of his father to village that this tragic incident occurred.

According to police sources Shiran, wife and Isma daughter of of Ali Ahmad Januri had also died in the incident. Their bodies have been sent to their respective village.

Bilawal Bhutto asks govt to impose agri emergency, launch global appeal

MUZAFFARGARH (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Monday called upon the federal and provincial governments to immediately impose an agriculture emergency in Punjab where farmers have borne the brunt of the recent devastating rains and floods.

During his visit to Muradabad Union Council in Muzaffargarh, Bilawal reviewed the flood situation and met with affected families.

He said Punjab had suffered the

most damage as vast agricultural fields, crops, livestock, and houses had been badly hit by the calamity.

The PPP chairman outlined three crucial steps to cope with the crisis. "The first priority is rescuing stranded people, the second is providing relief in the form of rations and tents, and the third is devising sustainable measures for long-term rehabilitation," he said. Bilawal underlined that farmers were among the most severely affected communities and urged the government

to waive their loans or extend special facilities to enable them to restart agricultural activities. "Without urgent support, farmers cannot stand back on their feet," he added.

He said that he had urged Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to ensure that relief assistance was delivered to flood-hit families transparently through the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), which has reliable data of beneficiaries. According to him, this mechanism remains the most effective

way to guarantee timely support.

Recalling his tenure as Foreign Minister during the PDM government, Bilawal said a housing programme for flood victims was launched at that time, and stressed that similar initiatives were now required from both federal and provincial governments to provide shelter and stability to displaced families.

He also praised the role of the Punjab media in highlighting the plight of flood victims and promoting a spirit of humanitarian service through posi-

tive reporting. Bilawal said all institutions engaged in relief and rescue operations deserved appreciation for their sincerity and dedication. "If shortcomings are noticed, they must be pointed out, but so far no major flaws have been observed in the ongoing efforts," he added. The PPP Chairman further stressed that moments of natural calamities demanded unity beyond political differences. "Serving the people must always remain the top priority," he remarked.

CM Punjab thanks Saudi Arabia for flood relief aid

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has expressed profound gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for extending timely and generous relief assistance to flood-affected families in Punjab.

Talking at a ceremony, here on Monday, the CM said Saudi Arabia's support reflects a true spirit of brotherhood and solidarity with Pakistan during a critical time. She noted that the Kingdom's contribution of 10,000 food baskets and 10,000 shelter kits will be remembered as a symbol of compassion for flood affectees. The relief consignment, comprising five trucks loaded with essen-

tial goods, was formally handed over to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) by CM Maryam Nawaz and Saudi Ambassador H.E. Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki. The aid, provided by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre, will be distributed among families in Kasur, Jhang, Multan, Chiniot, Khanewal, Toba Tek Singh, and Hafizabad through PDMA Punjab, King Salman Relief Centre, and Hayat Foundation.

Each 95-kg food package includes flour, sugar, gram lentils, and cooking oil, while each shelter kit consists of a tent, solar panel, LED lights, two thermal blankets, a plastic mat, a kitchen set, water cooler, antibacterial soap, and other essentials.

CM Maryam Nawaz also met Saudi Ambassador Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki to discuss ongoing relief efforts, economic cooperation, and the regional situation. She deeply appreciated the vision and leadership of Saudi Arabia, terming it a guiding light for the Muslim Ummah. She remarked that Saudi Arabia has once again stood firmly by Pakistan in its hour of need, proving itself a true brotherly nation. She added that Pakistan-Saudi relations are not merely strategic but are firmly rooted in mutual trust and real brotherhood, with economic cooperation growing stronger by the day.

The ceremony was also attended by Saudi Country Director Abdullah Al-Baqmi, senior PDMA officials, and dignitaries.



DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Governor Khayr Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi listening public issues at his residence Kundi Model Farm.

Punjab is currently facing severe weather challenges: Azma

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Minister for Information and Culture Azma Bokhari has said that Punjab is currently facing severe weather challenges. The ongoing rains and floods for the past four months have affected millions of lives, but timely measures by the Punjab government have set an unprecedented example in relief and rescue operations.

Azma Bokhari expressed these views during a press conference at DGPR. She said that 4,355 villages have been affected by floods, impacting a population of 4.199 million people. So far, 2.147 million individuals and 1.549 million livestock have been shifted to safe locations. Currently, 412 relief camps are operational across the province, housing 68,980 people. For medical support, 492 medical camps

and 432 veterinary camps have been set up, where 193,806 people have been treated, she added.

Unfortunately, Azma said, the floods have caused 60 deaths, 8 injuries, and the loss of 1,543 cattle. Agricultural land covering 1.841 million acres has been damaged, leading to price hikes in pulses and vegetables.

The Minister stated that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz will soon announce a major relief package, while short, medium, and long-term strategies are being prepared to handle natural calamities.

On dengue, Azma Bokhari said: "The Health Department and administration are fully active during dengue season. In areas where water has receded, surveillance and spraying operations have already begun."

PDMA says: Sutlej at Ganda Singh Wala faces very high flood

MULTAN (INP): The Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) on Monday said flooding in major rivers across the province remains at critical levels, warning of further rise in water flows until September 9 due to ongoing rains in the upper catchment areas.

According to a PDMA spokesperson, the Sutlej River at Ganda Singh Wala is experiencing very high flood levels, with water discharge recorded at 319,000 cusecs. At Head Sulemanki, the Sutlej is flowing in high flood at 135,000 cusecs.

In the Chenab River, water flow at Marala has reached 84,000 cusecs, while Khanki Headworks is witnessing low flood with a flow of 147,000 cusecs. At Trimmu Headworks, the Chenab is flowing at 543,000 cusecs, posing a major risk.

The Ravi River at Shahdara is in high flood with 90,000 cusecs, while Head Sadhna is recording a high flood of 123,000 cusecs. "The risk of very high flood levels in Punjab's rivers will persist until September 9," PDMA spokesperson Irfan Ali Kathia said, adding that continued rainfall in upper regions could push river flows even higher.

ANF recovers over 239 kg of drugs worth Rs 42.2m in 7 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), conducting 7 operations across the country, recovered as many as 239 kilograms of drugs worth Rs 42.2 million and arrested 8 suspects, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman on Monday.

He informed that 400 grams of hashish were recovered from an accused near a university area at Hattar Road, Haripur.

The accused confessed to selling drugs to the students of educational institutions.

During another operation, 46.800 kilograms of opium, 26.400 kilograms of hashish, 2 kilograms of ice and 1 kilogram of heroin were recovered from a vehicle near GT Road, Peshawar. The accused was arrested on the spot.

Similarly, 7.200 kilograms of hashish were recovered from a vehicle near Golra Mor, Islamabad, and 3 accused were arrested.

In another operation, 2.400 kilograms of hashish were recovered from the possession of an accused at Faizabad, Islamabad.



MULTAN: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, interacts with a flood-affected family that lost everything in recent flash floods during his visit to Gilani Domra makeshift Tent City.

KP approves ehsaas e-pension system for 2026 rollout

PESHAWAR (Online): Chief Minister (CM) KP Ali Amin Gandapur has given approval to Ehsaas e-Pension system which will stand implemented from January 01, 2026.

CM Secretariat has worked out concept paper to introduce e-Pension system. Orders have been issued to finance department to give it practical shape.

Payment of pension to new pensioners will be made under e-pension system from January 2026.

The existing paper based pension system will be fully changed to paperless e-Pension system. Ehsaas Pension Dashboard will be introduced in this regard. This dashboard will be web based platform. Under this system the

employees will be able to file pension case by filling a simple digital form on portal 6 months before their retirement. All necessary documents will be uploaded on portal directly by scanning them in safe way. In next phase system will create time bound tasks in automatic way for respective authorities. Under new system not a physical file or paper will be used in any phase. All the process of verification and approval will be completed through digital system.

System will prepare sanction order, retirement order pension papers and pension payment order under automatic process. These all orders will be digitally signed. These will be acceptable legally.

Minister distributes Stoori Da Pakhtunkhwa scholarships among 373 students

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Higher Education, Meena Khan Afridi on Monday distributed Stoori Da Pakhtunkhwa Scholarships among deserving students at a ceremony held at the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Peshawar.

Addressing the ceremony as the chief guest, Meena Khan Afridi said that the scholarships are a reward and recognition for the top position holders of the province and serves as an

encouragement for them to continue excelling in their academic pursuits.

He stated that this scholarship program was launched to acknowledge the outstanding academic efforts of brilliant students and to provide them with further opportunities to move forward. The minister informed that since 2011, scholarships worth Rs. 1.42 billion have been distributed among the top position holders of various educational boards of the province.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training Ms. Wajihah Qamar addressing at seminar on "Promoting Literacy Era" on the occasion of International Literacy Day 2025 Organized by Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training in collaboration with JICA-AQAL and Allama Iqbal Open University.



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S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	Construction Of Bakhrani Dam Area Baghaw District Barkhan	55,000,000
2	Construction Of Flood Protection Wall For Lands And Channel Scheme Nakammi Nadi Area Haji Karam Khan Jala Lani District Barkhan	42,091,000

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. Turn over of at least 38,500,000 PKR Amount in1 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm (FOR SCHEME # 1) Turn over of at least 29,463,700 PKR Amount in2 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm (FOR SCHEME # 2) The bidder must have successfully completed at least two assignment for any civil department within the last Two year. The corresponding work order and completion certificate must be verified by the concerned department. The bidder must possess at least two ongoing work order issued by any civil department, which must be duly verifiable. No litigation history with any govt., semi govt. or any other organization. Attach Affidavit on Judicial stamp paper of 100 Rupees Call Deposit/ CDR 3% of Estimated Cost from the titled account Green Challan Rs.2000/- (Irrigation C03434) (Detail Evaluation Criteria Are Given In The Bidding Document) **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of **Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call** of 3% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gov.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gov.pk **Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by **22 September, 2025 till 12:00 PM (Scheme # 1) & 01:00 PM (Scheme # 2)** through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at **02:00 PM on EPPS System** Address: Barkhan Phone no: 0829668511 Email: engrmqayyum@gmail.com

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AJK PM says: Belief in finality of Prophethood stands as foundation of Islam

MIRPUR (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq has said that the belief in the Finality of Prophethood (Khatm-e-Nubuwwat SAW) is the foundation of Islam and an essential pillar of faith.

In his message issued late Sunday on the Day of Khatm-e-Nubuwwat, the Prime Minister said that Allah Almighty sent Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as the last prophet and messenger, and that any claim of prophethood after him is false and misleading.

He noted that the Legislative Assembly had the honor of passing a resolution affirming this belief and that under his government, September 7th was officially observed to highlight

its importance. He warned that the Muslim Ummah continues to face ideological attacks aimed at weakening its faith.

Under the given circumstances, he said, the foremost responsibility is to foster unity and safeguard present and future generations from misleading ideas.

Reiterating his government's resolve, the Prime Minister said that Azad Jammu and Kashmir will take every possible step for the protection and defense of the belief in the Finality of Prophethood (SAW).

He also called on the Muslim world to unite in confronting any forces that seek to undermine this fundamental doctrine.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah meets new UNICEF Pakistan Representative Pernille Ironside.

Stronger Together: Pak, Philippines explore new horizons in trade, education & climate response

LAHORE (Handout): The Ambassador of the Philippines, Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez called on the Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at the Governor House Lahore. The Ambassador's spouse, Alicia Kaulaw, and Honorary Consul General of the Philippines Fahadel Sheikh were also present in the meeting. The two sides explored opportunities for collaboration in education, trade, culture and other key areas of shared interest.

The Philippine Ambassador also extended heartfelt condolences over the loss of life and property due to the recent floods in Pakistan. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the Philippines has a long-standing relationship of friendship with Pakistan.

He said that despite Pakistan's very small contribution to climate change, Pakistan is facing the worst floods and problems due to climate change. The Governor Punjab said that the

Philippines and Pakistan can cooperate with each other to address the challenge of climate change. He said As Chancellor, he has launched programmes on climate challenge in universities. The Governor of Punjab said that Pakistan's textile products are famous all over the world for their high quality. He further said that the PPP has launched the biggest programme for the rehabilitation of flood victims in Sindh province. The Governor of Punjab said that Chairman Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto has constructed 2.1 million houses for flood victims in Sindh province since 2021.

Philippine Ambassador Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez informed the Governor of Punjab about the establishment of a growth window for student exchange and scholarship programme at GIFT University. He said that he will ensure exchanges of educational, trade and cultural delegations between Pakistan and the Philippines.



LAHORE: Ambassador of Philippines Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez meeting with Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan.

Ayaz calls for stronger academia-parliament linkages

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Monday underlined the importance of robust collaboration between Parliament and academic institutions to foster democratic values, civic awareness, and national development.

He was addressing the Inaugural Session of the National Conference on Teaching, Research and Writing about the Parliament, held at the Parliament House to mark the 10-year review of the Parliamentary Studies Programme.

Recalling the launch of the programme in 2015 under his chairmanship, the speaker noted that 25 universities pledged to introduce Parliamentary Studies into their curricula.

He commended Vice Chancellors, Rectors, Principals, and senior faculty for their continued partnership in building parliamentary literacy among students. "A true understanding of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure cannot be gained through cursory reading. It requires practical exposure and experience," he remarked.

The Speaker highlighted that currently, 17 universities are offering courses on Constitution, Parliamentary Studies, and related subjects, with faculty members and scholars increasingly engaging in indigenous research on parliamentary processes.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq emphasized the success of the National Assembly Internship Programme, launched in 2013, which has provided exposure to thousands of students - particularly from underprivileged areas - on legislative processes.

Interns, he said, were often struck by the scale and complexity of parliamentary work and left as the Ambassadors of Parliament and Democracy after completion of their immersive experience during internship.

The Speaker highlighted reforms to boost transparency and merit in the National Assembly Secretariat, including public access through seminars, limiting discretionary promotion powers, and publishing staff seniority lists.

He noted Pakistan's National Assembly became

the world's first "Green Parliament" by fully shifting to solar energy.

Participants proposed replicating the internship programme in provincial assemblies, enhancing academia-Parliament ties, launching a Parliamentary Journal, recognizing top academic work, involving MPs in university boards, creating a research databank, and reviving the Student Ambassador Programme.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq assured participants of Parliament's full support in strengthening higher education and committed to engaging the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to facilitate universities in implementing Parliamentary Studies programmes.

He invited universities to submit written recommendations, which will be deliberated at a follow-up meeting in December 2025. This meeting, he announced, will also be expanded to include the Speakers of all four Provincial Assemblies, Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly, and Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

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The Assistant Director Local Govt Dera Bugti Department invites a sealed Tender/Bid for execution of various development works under the scheme on from eligible contractors/firm with the Bid Security @ 2% of estimated cost in shape of Call Deposit (Refundable). The non-refundable Tender Form Fee **Rs.1500/- for each tender** to be deposited in any **National Bank of Pakistan Branch** situated in Balochistan Province through Green Bank Challan in a head of account **(C03870)** (verified by the District Accounts Officer).

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2	CONST OF TALAB NEAR PEER KOH, SEWERAGE KILLI AMEER HAMZA PEER KOH. TSE-252609844753	12000000
3	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD AND SEWERAGE LINE AT DERA BUGTI. TSE-252609844763	10000000
4	CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE LINE AT KILLI ALI MUHAMMAD MANDWANI KOH DERA BUGTI. TSE-252609844923	10000000
5	CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE LINE KILLI AMEER HAMZA PIK KOH DERA BUGTI. TSE-252609845053	5000000
6	CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE LINE KILLI KAHOR BAKSH DERA BUGTI TSE-252609845093	9500000
7	PROVISION OF SEWERAGE LINE ZAIN KOH LOTI DISTRICT DERA BUGTI KILLI AMANULLAH TSE-252609845133	20000000
8	SEWERAGE LINE 500 FEET ZAREEN ZANKO DISTRICT DERA BUGTI. TSE-252609845163	12000000
9	SEWERAGE LINE 500 METER AT KILLI MUHAMMAD IQBAL DERA BUGTI TSE-252609845183	20000000

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Politics of Strike & Price Paid by Poor

The wheel-jam and shutter-down strike in Quetta once again highlighted the destructive pattern of political protest in Balochistan. Called in response to the tragic suicide attack on the Balochistan National Party public meeting on Sept 2, in Quetta that was addressed by BNP president Akhtar Jan Mengal, Pkmap chairman a d Tehreek Tehafuz Aen Pakistan, the strike was meant to demonstrate solidarity with victims and demand justice. Instead, it quickly descended into chaos, leaving ordinary citizens to bear the heaviest burden.

From the early morning hours, roads were blocked, rickshaws and vehicles were attacked, and commercial life was paralyzed. Police were forced to intervene with tear gas and mass arrests, eventually detaining more than 200 leaders and workers of various political parties. The government had repeatedly emphasized that peaceful protest is a democratic right, but warned that roadblocks, violence, and disruption of public services would not be tolerated. Citizens were urged to remain calm, yet political workers ignored these calls and chose confrontation over dialogue.

In the process, the greatest victims were not politicians but the poor. Daily-wage laborers, shopkeepers, rickshaw drivers, and small traders were deprived of their income. Parents struggled to access hospitals and schools. For families already living on the margins, even a single day’s closure can mean going hungry.

Strikes and protests must never become a license for violence or vandalism. The state must uphold its writ firmly but fairly, while political parties must accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions. Mourning tragedy is legitimate—but when solidarity comes at the expense of the poor, it risks deepening public resentment instead of uniting the people.

Shifting global dynamics

Malecha Lodhi

The summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation took place against the backdrop of significant geopolitical upheaval. This has been driven largely by President Donald Trump’s disruptive policies, which have upended global trade by a tariff war and also reordered Washington’s geopolitical priorities. The US president’s aggressive trade policy applied against both allies and adversaries has encouraged them to seek closer ties with each other even as they pursue negotiations with Washington to secure lower levies.

Trump’s coercive approach has pushed China and Russia even closer together. His trade assault on India and imposition of penalties over Indian import of Russian oil has undermined strategic ties built over decades with New Delhi. This has urged India to reach out to China and deepened the thaw in their relations. It is also the principal reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to undertake his first visit to China in seven years to attend the SCO summit.

These developments shaped the environment for the high-profile SCO summit. This was its biggest gathering so far since the Eurasian organisation’s inception in 2001. It was attended by leaders of 10 member states and another 16 observer or dialogue partner countries as well as heads of 10 international organisations. A regional security and economic grouping, SCO represents over 40 per cent of the world’s population and accounts for a quarter of the global economy.

The summit marked an opportunity for President Xi Jinping to set out an alternative vision for the global order that places emphasis on cooperation in contrast to the confrontation represented by Trump’s policies.

In a volatile international landscape created by Trump’s actions, China offered stability and more responsible and reliable global leadership. It also of-

fered to be a strong voice for the Global South.

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The summit was important for its symbolism, messages to the world, especially the US, display of Global South solidarity and for bilateral meetings on the sidelines aimed at strengthening regional relationships or as some said, “redrawing the geopolitical map”. President Xi’s speech called for a fairer, more equitable international system. He reiterated China’s support for multilateralism, stressing the need to strengthen it and accord the UN a key role. Taking aim at the US, without naming it, he rejected “bullying behaviour” by certain countries and decried the “Cold War” mentality that “continues to haunt the world”. He also called for “a clear stand aga-inst hegemonism” and to oppose “u-n----i--lateralism”.

Declaring the global governance system was at a crossroads, he announced a ‘Global Governance Initiative’ predicated on international law and equal participation of all states with a greater voice for developing countries. More significantly, President Xi received support from member states to establish a new SCO development bank and pledged two billion RMB in grants and 10bn in loans for SCO members. This marks the first time the organisation’s economic role has been backed by development finance funds and reflects China’s increasing weight in the global finance system.

The Tianjin declaration issued at the summit called for the “creation of a more just multipolar world order”. In implicit criticism of the US, it said member states opposed “confrontational approaches to resolving international issues”. It rejected “unilateral coercive measures”, including economic ones and vowed to boost trade within the organisation — again a veiled reference to Trump’s tariff actions. The

joint communiqué “strongly condemned the military strikes by Israel and the US against Iran in June 2025”, calling them “a gross violation of the UN Charter and international law”. It expressed concern at the continuing Israeli-Palestinian conflict and catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza. It called for an immediate ceasefire and a just settlement of the Palestinian issue. Conspicuous by its absence was any mention of the Ukraine war. A significant part of the lengthy declaration was devoted to affirming the collective commitment to fight terrorism. In a display of even-handedness, it condemned both the Pahalgalam incident and the terrorist attack on the Jaffer Express without mentioning where these took place. This language obviously had both Pakistan and India’s approval.

The bilateral meeting ahead of the summit between President Xi and Prime Minister Modi — the second this year — received much international attention. Positive statements by both sides after the meeting reflected the warming in their relations that had gone into deep freeze in 2020.

India had previously made normalisation conditional on settlement of the border dispute while the Chinese insisted the bilateral relationship should not be limited to the border issue.

The Indians seemed to have now come around to the Chinese view.

The Sino-India thaw had in any case begun earlier especially with the border management agreement reached in August. The meeting between the two leaders in Tianjin was seen as helping to further normalise the relationship. How far this is tactical, reflecting Modi’s reaction to Trump’s humiliating conduct towards India, or a shift that could gather momentum, remains an open question. It would be a mistake to read too much into the Sino-Indian re-engagement because they have more divergent interests than convergences.

Interestingly the Indian opposition cautioned the Modi government against adopting a “knee-jerk foreign policy” because of the current hostile US stance towards India.

The other bilateral meeting that attracted attention was between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Russian President Vladimir Putin. This underlined the desire of both countries to improve relations and expand trade. It also signalled Pakistan’s intent to chart an independent course in its foreign policy. Sharif held important meetings with President Xi and Premier Li Qiang. Both countries committed to further solidify their strategic partnership, usher in the next phase of CPEC and upgrade the Free Trade Agreement. They also approved an Action Plan for 2025-2029 and signed over a dozen MoUs. This indicated that for all the recent warming in Pakistan-US ties, China remained Pakistan’s overriding strategic priority.

The Tianjin summit reflected the geopolitical shifts underway in a world marked by growing multipolarity and in which Trumpian policies are accelerating some of these shifts. Of these, efforts by non-Western powers to shape the new world order may turn out to be the most consequential.

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Lawlessness & state

Abraham Shah

On Aug 11, US President Donald Trump ordered the National Guard to Washington D.C., to seize control of the city’s police force while calling the capital ‘lawless’. Weeks before, Reform UK leader Nigel Farage lamented ‘societal collapse’ in the United Kingdom, calling attention to Britain’s ‘lawless’ streets.

These statements by Trump and Farage, in association with the larger far-right narrative on crime and immigration, reveal critical insights. First is the sharp delineation between a ‘safe and peaceful’ West threatened by its native non-white population and the amorphous dark shadow of immigration the East casts over Western civilisation. Streets in Britain remain unsafe because of the arrival of “droves of unvetted men into our towns and cities”, per Farage. In Washington’s case, it is the city’s homeless population, largely AfricanAmerican, threatening public order.

Images of “droves of unvetted men” add a sexualised and gendered connotation — a narrative going as far back as colonial times when brown and black men were seen as promiscuous and violent.

Second, on display is the contradictory relationship between the political right and the state. Staunch critics of an overbearing and expansive government, the right, instead, advocates minimalist official intervention — a “hollowed out” state, as David Harvey says.

Monitoring immig-ration and crime, on the contrary, requires active state intervention and an expanded state apparatus that actively patrols and surveils the bodies of coloured individuals, immigrants and even alters the physical spaces they occupy: think the ‘Haus-smianisation’ of Paris in the 19th century to root out resistance to Napoleon III’s rule. The state does not operate as a neutral actor.

America under Trump perhaps reflects these contradictions most sharply. While asserting himself and the American state globally, he has adhered to typical

Rep-ublican prescriptions of cutting back the state’s presence domestically.

Through his ‘One Big Beautiful Bill’ (OBB), signed into law on July 4, the government has made a substantial 12 per cent cut to Medicaid spending, enhanced the work requirements for SNAP benefits — in essence, food stamps for the low-income — and extended tax cuts for the rich.

The OBB becomes a critical component of our analysis, shedding light on how the seemingly disparate strands of the far-right narrative are in fact deeply interwoven. The measures under the OBB, for instance, will further exacerbate inequality within America which already stands at unprecedented levels following the 2007 recession. In particular, the steps targeting Medicaid and food stamps will disproportionately impact low-income households (in most cases people of colour), triggering increased poverty and homelessness, thus serving as further justification for policing and control. Crime and rising poverty in the UK too, stem from dwindling social safety nets and steps that enhanced inequality in Britain.

It is this overlap between government decisions and rising subsequent poverty and inequality that demands scrutiny and reveals the fallacies within far-right conversations on immigration, crime and violence. For it is not the rising numbers of immigration that makes Western cities more lawless; it is the unfettered adherence to neoliberalism’s flawed economic logic that triggers economic precarity and threatens the social fabric.

The history of the world since neoliberalism’s advent in the 1980s and the sharpening elite-poor divide coupled with a backlash against glo-b-a-lisation reinforces this argument, dema-nding cri-tical engagement with how certain state policies — such as the OBB Act — will impact p-o-v-erty and homelessness rates, placing coloured and imm-igrant communities at greater risk of violence and public ostracism.

Urban storm-water management

By Muhammad Hassan Dajana | Ramiz Shafqat

Pakistan has been ravaged by riverine and pluvial floods this monsoon season too.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Hum-a-n-itarian Affairs reports that during the current monsoon season, 785 lives have been lost; the number is increasing with each passing day. July 2025 saw 82 per cent more rain than July 2024, reports the Pakistan Meteorological Department. In Punjab alone, two million people have felt the season’s impact; and visuals from KP and Sindh are grim to say the least.

Sadly, it will only get worse as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projects 26pc faster warming rates till 2050. This means more frequent heatwaves, erratic weather, glacial lake outburst floods and riverine and pluvial floods.

Pakistan’s challenges are multifold; they include an aging infrastructure, fragmented institutions working in silos, and under-resourced local governments, to name a few. Most urban areas have non-existent storm-water management, often piggybacking on decaying sewerage systems, and leading to compounded fiascos. For the urban poor living in informal settlements on city margins, the situation is even more dire — when downtowns catch a cold, slums catch fever. Every year, the monsoon triggers disasters that result in life-threatening conditions for the less-privileged urbanites in particular.

As a developing country with limited resources, Pakistan must make smart choices to address the aforementioned ills while improving public service delivery too. Instead of reinventing the wheel, we can learn from global best practices, leading to customised solutions for our local challenges. Globally, there are two approaches when it comes to dealing with storm-water: get rid of it as soon as possible or treat it as an asset instead of viewing it as a threat. The latter approach is reckoned as more progressive, and cities adopting it are referred to as ‘sponge cities’. A sponge city essentially acts like a sponge: it absorbs water and can release it whenever needed. This

property can resolve a problem faced by our cities: deluges and droughts throughout the year.

Sponge cities are based on blue-green infras-t-r-u-c-ture (BGI), comprising a specially designed network of water bodies and green spaces such as urb-an parks, wetlands, bioswales and water plazas.

The BGI model presents Pakistani urban centres with an opportunity to enhance livability.

BGI, unlike single-purpose grey infrastructure (storm-water drains), is multifunctional and provides ecosystem services through urban nature. This climate infrastructure is not buried underground and provides flood mitigation, storm-water management, urban heat island impact reduction, recreational opportunities as well as enhanced biodiversity.

We present Copenhagen’s example and how the city’s climate adaptation model can help Pakistani cities be climate-proofed for the future. Cop-enhagen has made great strides towards climate resilience using BGI over the last decade or so. The city was jolted by a cloudburst event in 2011, sending shockwaves and losing more than \$1 billion in damages. Consequently, the city came up with its pioneer Cloudburst Management Plan, 2012.

The plan serves as a blueprint for the city’s climate adaptation and envisages urban nature as its fundamental pivot. The plan provides a robust system consisting of BGI to manage storm-water on the ground in addition to four underground tunnels. The city found out that its limited sewer capacity led to combined sewer outflows during intense downpours.

The Cloudburst Plan responded to this challenge through a unique idea. Relying on hydraulic modelling, experts divided the city into seven catchment areas based on where it would rain and where the city would want its rain-water to go. The surface system comprises more than 350 projects spr---ead over seven catchments. Further, each cat-chment area is divided into cloudburst branches comprising various BGI projects in

Muna Khan

Maryam Nawaz went to Japan and, as if on cue, practically everyone had a meltdown. I think a lot of the hate she especially receives is indicative of the deep rot of misogyny in this country. Ali Amin Gan-dapur or Murad Ali Shah would not garner the same resentment had they gone on the same trip, with their entourage and printed the same self-congratulatory advertisements. Prime time anchors would question the costs of the ad, the point of them etc, but not with a venomous style they reserve for Maryam.

So yes, misogyny for Maryam trumps everything and yet ... she doesn’t help herself.

Maryam may be a good administrator, visionary and all the things claimed in the many advertisements about her leadership that get printed at taxpayers’ expense as everyone loves to point out. All the journalists angry at the advertisements may want to check their media organisations business model dependency on that advertising for survival but I digress. Maryam hasn’t understood that bad optics can sink political careers and hers particularly suffers from poor public perception.

Sadly, politics is all about optics. I wish it was about performance. It’s not what you say — for example, that cipher controversy — but how you say it — again the cipher’s lingering appeal stands. Politicians are able to convince voters about the most offensive, regressive ideas. We’ve got our backs to the corner, convinced that we can’t ‘touch’ any law based on religion, for example, because some elements will take to the streets and create hell. But I digress again. I was writing about optics.

Maryam hasn’t realised that bad optics can sink political careers. Imagine if Maryam had undertaken this trip to Japan without the pomp. Even half the pomp.

Most of the debate around this trip has been around the optics of her entourage, who paid what and why, and the advertising spent on “her personal projection”. Pun-jab’s Information Minister Azma Bokhari, who accompanied her to Japan, has been giving press conferences debunking xyz claims and said, among other things, that Maryam bore the expenses herself. This has done little to quell the anger. Her trip overshadowed the worst floods in nearly 40 years.

I understand her government had to debunk false claims about this trip but they didn’t do a good job of that either. Soch Fact Check confirmed the video of the pro-Imran chants during a press conference by Maryam in Japan, as shared by PTI supporters on social media, is doctored. The organisation has debunked doctored videos of Maryam in the past as well.

A part of me thinks that Maryam knows that no matter what she does, it will never be good enough for her detractors so she’s ploughing ahead with her plans. A certain urban elite group of women especially hate her so Maryam’s focus is purely on her voter base. This is a mistake.

Maryam has not been able to shake off her party’s disconnect to Pakistan today, especially the youth. Fan cams of her father aside, young people are not taken in by ads. They want to leave this country and are dying to do so. More than the slick vlogs about her trips, they want results. They are likely put off by the supposed thousands of clinics she has named after herself. All

this self-promotion is, as the kids say, ‘cringe’.

The irony is that she’s hoping this media blitz will help people forget about her opponent. However, the manner in which she’s doing it is only strengthening Imran Khan’s image as an austere leader who didn’t spend a lot of money on entourage or ad-v-----ertisements.

Optics matter. All of Pakistan’s lea-der ship should wa-t--ch the unfolding eve-nts in Indo-nesia. Pro-t-ests began on Aug 25 aga-i-nst the hou-sing all-o-w-ance given to MPs that was 10 times the min--imum wage in Jakarta.

This happ-e-n-ed at a time when the government has made cuts in education, hea-th and public work. Incensed demo-nst-ra-t-ors have burnt and reportedly looted public buildings, including the parliament building in eastern Indonesia and the home of the finance minister. The protests against the ‘corrupt elite’ turned ugly last Friday after a video emerged of the paramilitary police running over a 21-year-old delivery driver while they were dealing with prot-e-sters. Although the president, an ex-gene-r-al only a year into his presidency, has called for law enforcement to be firm with violent protesters, he has agreed to a cut in the MPs housing allowance and said he’ll reduce overseas trips for them, a rare conc-e---ssion to the protesters, reported The Guardian. This is a story worth following not just for Pakistan’s leadership that is disconnected from people’s reality but also for citizens fed up with their needs not being met. I’m not condoning violence but there is power in organising as we’ve seen in Bangladesh and now in Indonesia with students showing us a different way is possible.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, presiding over a meeting of the Spectrum Advisory Committee at the Finance Division.

Finance Minister urges swift action on spectrum policy to harness digital opportunities

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday stressed the need for 'timely progress' on the spectrum process to capture emerging opportunities for Pakistan's economy and society. Chairing a meeting of the Spectrum Advisory Committee, he welcomed the insights of the industry and GSMA and appreciated the value of global best practices for shaping Pakistan's spectrum roadmap, a news release said.

The meeting was at-

tended by Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Head of Asia Pacific, GSMA, Julian Gorman, senior officials from relevant ministries and regulators, as well as representatives of leading mobile operators.

Participants from the telecom industry and GSMA shared perspectives on advancing Pakistan's digital transformation

through an effective spectrum policy.

Discussions underscored the importance of spectrum in enabling the growth of IT and telecom services, supporting exports, creating jobs, and driving wider digital adoption.

Federal Ministers Shaza Fatima Khawaja and Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar reaffirmed the government's commitment to building a digitally connected Pakistan with inclusive, affordable and high-quality connectivity.

Julian Gorman says

Spectrum policy vital for digital growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Head of Asia Pacific at GSMA, Julian Gorman Monday said spectrum policy forms the foundation of economic development and is essential to fuel Pakistan's digital ambitions.

Briefing on Pakistan's upcoming spectrum auction, he said the process could play a pivotal role in advancing the country's vision of becoming a digital nation.

Gorman stressed that spectrum policy underpins economic growth and aligns with Pakistan's broader economic vision—shifting from stabilization towards sustainable, export-led development.

He pointed out that information technology and telecom had been identified as low-hanging fruit for exports and job creation, targeting \$25 billion by 2030.

Calling spectrum a scarce national resource, he said it was vital to maximize its benefits for society, the economy, and digital transformation. "A cashless Pakistan and digitized government systems rely on ubiquitous, high-quality mobile connectivity," he noted,

adding that AI-enabled governance and digital public services cannot scale without affordable spectrum.

He emphasized that low-band spectrum is the cornerstone of digital equality, driving broad and affordable connectivity. Additional spectrum, he said, would improve internet quality in Pakistan, which currently lags in available data speeds, ranking 98th out of 104 countries globally.

Gorman cautioned that delaying spectrum allocation could cost the economy between \$1.8 billion and \$4.3 billion over the next five years. He also highlighted that Pakistan faces one of the highest spectrum costs worldwide, accounting for about 20 percent of operators' revenues—an issue that negatively impacts both coverage and internet speeds.

"Every 10 percentage-point increase in the spectrum cost-to-revenue ratio reduces 4G and 5G coverage by up to six percentage points and lowers average mobile internet speeds by as much as 8 percent," he said.

PM lauds economic team as PSX 100 index surpasses historic 156,000 mark

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday expressed satisfaction as Pakistan Stock Exchange's 100 index surpassed the historic 156,000 mark, lauding his economic team's efforts to put the country's economy on an upward trajectory.

The prime minister, in a statement, said that the historic milestone achieved by the PSX reflected the confidence of the business community and investors in the government's policies.

Recalling his visit to

China last week, he said that the agreements and memorandums of understanding worth billions of dollars were signed between the private companies of Pakistan and China.

"By the grace of Allah, the journey of national progress continues due to the hard work of the economic team.

Increased investment

in the country will lead to the establishment of industries, growth in exports, and the creation of more employment opportunities," the prime minister remarked.

ICCI to work hand in hand with policymakers for economic revival

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Nasir Mansoor Qureshi, has stressed the need for immediate and meaningful reforms to overcome deep-rooted economic challenges and unlock the true potential of Pakistan's economy.

He said that infrastructural deficiencies, regulatory hurdles and high energy costs continue to limit the manufacturing sector's potential, thereby weakening Pakistan's competitiveness both regionally and globally.

In a press statement, ICCI President pointed out that the export basket remains undiversified and dominated by low-value goods, which is hampering efforts to achieve higher export growth and attract much-needed foreign investment.

He emphasized that genuine structural reforms,

including tariff discipline, are crucial; otherwise, the circular debt crisis is bound to resurface.

He added that weak infrastructure remains one of the most significant obstacles to sustainable economic growth.

Highlighting the importance of consensus-building, he said the most critical challenge is the lack of an inclusive political environment.

He urged that all stakeholders, particularly the business community, must be on board in the reform process to ensure sustainability and long-term economic stability.

Nasir Qureshi reiterated that ICCI has always played its due role in promoting the country's economic development through its effective advocacy and by submitting genuine policy recommendations aimed at national economic well-being.



KARACHI: A street vendor is selling bananas along the road side to earn daily wages for the livelihood of his family.

Shaza Fatima assures public on internet repairs, future connectivity plans

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for IT Shaza Fatima Khawaja, on Monday, explained that the internet disruptions across Asia countries are linked to subsea cable outages, with repairs in progress in the Red Sea and assured that her ministry is in regular contact with the relevant authorities and will provide timely updates through the media. In an exclusive interview with a local media channel, the Minister explained that the subsea cable cut is a critical issue not only for internet users but also for businesses, particularly those relying on digital exports.

She highlighted that the disruption could impact export targets, with PTCL already issuing a press release on the matter, adding that the IT Ministry and PTA have endorsed the statement and are in continuous contact with international authorities to resolve the issue promptly.

She further stressed that providing high-speed

internet is a key priority for the government, with a focus on improving accessibility and performance, adding that, through strategic initiatives aimed at expanding digital networks and promoting technological advancements, the government is working to ensure that every user has access to fast and reliable internet services.

Responding to a query, she mentioned that international authorities have not yet provided a specific timeline or clear details regarding the resolution of the issue.

However, she assured that the Pakistani government is actively monitoring the situation and working closely with the relevant parties.

She also emphasized

that the public will be promptly informed of any further updates through media channels as soon as new information becomes available.

Responding to another query, she mentioned that

a project with China is underway to enhance Pakistan's internet infrastructure, adding that after the successful landing of subsea cables in Karachi and Gwadar, two additional cables are planned.

One of these cables is expected to land by the end of this year, with another scheduled for next year. She highlighted that these projects are part of the government's broader efforts to strengthen connectivity and ensure more stable internet services for both users and businesses in the region.

In concluding remarks, she added that the government is set to lay down three new submarine internet cables to enhance digital connectivity and support the rollout of 5G services in Pakistan, adding that this initiative will increase bandwidth capacity, reduce outages associated with older cables like AAE-1 and SMW-4, and provide more reliable internet infrastructure.



ISLAMABAD: Phase-I of the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) MOU signing a game-changer for Pakistan Railways' freight capacity. Faster cargo movement, reduced congestion, stronger revenues. A milestone towards modern, trade-driven Railways under the Prime Minister's vision in federal capital.

Rupee gains 03 paisa against US Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Rupee on Monday appreciated by 03 paisa against the US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 281.62 against the previous day's closing Rs 281.65.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 282.2 and Rs 283, respectively.

The price of the Euro increased by Rs 1.78 to close at Rs 330.65 against the last day's closing of Rs 328.87, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The Japanese yen remained unchanged to close at Rs 1.90, whereas an increase of Rs 1.54 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which was traded at Rs 380.78 compared to the previous day's closing of Rs 379.24.

The exchange rates of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal came down by 01 paisa each and closed at Rs76.67 and Rs75.05, respectively.

SBP injects over Rs 316b in the market

KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Monday, injected Rs 316.4 billion through Reverse Repo Purchase and Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operations (OMO) to maintain liquidity in the market. The central bank conducted the Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) for a 4 day tenor on September 08, 2025 and injected Rs 238.4 billion against 6 quotes while another Rs 78 billion were inserted through Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based OMO.

For the Reverse Repo Purchase for a 4-day tenor, SBP received 6 bids cumulatively offering Rs 238.4 billion at the rate of return ranging between 11.07% to 11.10%. SBP accepted the entire amount at 11.07% rate of return. Moreover, the SBP also conducted Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operation for the 4 day tenor. The central bank received 2 bids offering Rs 78 billion at the rate of return ranging between 11.14% to 11.15%. The SBP accepted both the quotes with the entire amount at 11.14% rate of return.

Railways signs phase-I of dedicated freight corridor

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Railways on Monday inked Phase-I of the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC), a flagship project set to boost freight capacity, speed up cargo movement to and from Karachi Port, and ease congestion on roads and terminals.

Addressing the ceremony, Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi said the project will prove to be a milestone for Pakistan Railways.

He added that it will not only modernize freight transportation but also strengthen Pakistan Rail-

ways' revenue base through freight charges, track access fees, and revenue-sharing mechanisms.

The Minister emphasized that the government is fully committed to launching Phase-II of the DFC at the earliest, reflecting the prime minister's vision of transforming Pakistan Railways into a key driver of trade facilitation and modernization.

He expressed deep gratitude to DP World and the Government of the UAE for their valuable support, stating that their collaboration marks the beginning of a new era for Pakistan Railways.



ISLAMABAD: Famous Pakistani Cricketer Shahid Afridi along with FPCCI President Atif Ikram Sheikh Press conference in connection with fund-raising campaign to help flood victims.

UAE investors explore major projects in Islamabad, CDA assures full support

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high-level delegation of investors from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) met with Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Chief Commissioner Islamabad, Muhammad Ali Randhawa, on Monday to explore investment opportunities in the federal capital.

During the discussions, CDA officials briefed the UAE delegation on potential projects across key sectors, including hotels and hospitality, commercial real estate, and tourism.

Officials underscored that Islamabad's growing demand in the hospitality and real estate industries offers "excellent investment opportunities."

Feasibility studies for major tourism projects, including a proposed theme park and a cable car system, have already been completed, officials informed the delegation.

They also assured that "robust financial and operational models" have been developed to secure investor capital in commercial ventures.

Chairman CDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa emphasized that the authority is committed to facilitating foreign investment.

"CDA is creating uniform and excellent opportunities for investors," Randhawa said.

"We are taking comprehensive measures to provide maximum incentives and facilitation. Gaining the confidence of investors in Islamabad is our top priority."

He further noted that renowned consultancy firms have conducted studies to ensure the financial viability of the proposed projects.

The UAE investors expressed strong interest in Islamabad's real estate, hotel, and tourism sectors.

U.S. strategic metals, FWO sign MoU on critical minerals in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (Online): Embassy Islamabad Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Zach Harkender accompanied a delegation led by U.S. Strategic Metals (USSM) to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pakistan's Frontier Works Organization (FWO) at Prime Minister House Monday.

Speaking about the MOU signing, Chargé d'Affaires (CDA) Natalie Baker said, "This signing is yet another example of the strength of the U.S.-Pakistan bilateral relationship that will benefit both countries."

USSM, based in the U.S. state of Missouri, is

focused on producing and recycling critical minerals, which the U.S. Department of Energy has defined as essential in a variety of technologies related to advanced manufacturing and energy production. Speaking about the importance of such bilateral agreements, CDA Baker added, "The Trump administration has made the forging of such deals a key priority given the importance of critical mineral resources to American security and prosperity. We look forward to seeing future agreements between U.S. companies and their counterparts in the critical minerals and mining sector in Pakistan."

SC seeks brief summary of decisions related to super tax

ISLAMABAD (APP): A constitutional bench of the Supreme Court on Monday sought brief summary of court decisions from Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) in cases related to the super tax.

A five member constitutional bench headed by Justice Amin u Din Khan heard the case.

At the outset of hearing, FBR lawyer Asma Hamid began the arguments and took the position that no taxpayer challenged the decision of the Lahore High Court, the decision of both sections has been made in the Islamabad High Court.



ISLAMABAD: Traders and Vendors are busy in buying and selling of the vegetables and Fruits at Market of I-11 as due to the flood in the different cultivated parts of the country, prices of vegetables are hike to its double, in Federal Capital.

Chairman WAPDA, WB Country Director discuss financial matters of Dasu

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman WAPDA Lt Gen Muhammad Saeed (Retd) was called on by World Bank's Country Director for Pakistan Ms. Bolormaa Ambagbazar to review financial matters of Dasu and Tarbela 5th Extension hydropower projects.

During the meeting, the Chairman appreciated the World Bank for its role as key development partner in harnessing vital resource of hydel electricity in Pakistan, said a press release.

Highlighting the importance of Dasu and Tarbela 5th Extension hydropower projects for energy security of Pakistan, he said that both projects will help ensure affordable and clean electricity for socio-economic development in the country.

The Chairman was of the view that IARC would further strengthen institutional capacity and efficiency, transforming WAPDA into a more efficient and robust organization aligned with interna-

tional best practices.

The Country Director reaffirmed World Bank's commitment to continued financial support for WAPDA's hydropower portfolio. She acknowledged WAPDA's efforts in advancing the shared vision of promoting clean, green and sustainable energy development in Pakistan.

It is important to note that World Bank is providing financial support worth US\$ 1517 million for under-construction Stage-I of Dasu Hydropower Project and US\$ 390 million for Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project. Besides, the World Bank is also funding Institutional Assessment and Reforms Consultancy Services (IARC) for WAPDA.

It is pertinent to mention that the 4320 MW-Dasu Hydropower Project is being constructed across River Indus in Upper Kohistan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. At present, WAPDA is constructing Stage-I of the Project, which will generate 2160 MW electricity.

Govt. to train 1m youth in IT skills

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government, in collaboration with Huawei and other partners, plans to train around one million youth in diverse IT skills to boost employability and strengthen the digital economy.

An official of the Ministry said, "If even one million youth earn an average of \$10,000 annually, the economic impact would be massive."

He said training programs were central to the Prime Minister's agenda. "Last year, around 350,000 youth were trained, while another 300,000 are currently undergoing training in advanced skills. From December, an additional 300,000 will be enrolled," he added. He highlighted that Pakistan's IT and telecom sector was witnessing remarkable growth in exports, digital transformation, and youth employability programs.

He said that IT exports had nearly doubled, with inflows reaching \$3.8 billion. A major share, he said, came through remittances, which had risen significantly from \$400 million last year to about \$700 million this year.

Govt won't allow forced shop closures or public harassment: Ministers

Dummar warns against fueling fear over Ziarat land dispute; Noshervani, Lehari, and Mandokhail vow transparent probe into recent terror attack

QUETTA (ANN): Provincial ministers and members of the Balochistan Assembly have said that while political parties have the constitutional right to stage protests, shutters, and wheel-jam strikes, no one will be allowed to forcibly close shops or create hardships for the public. Speaking to the media after the provincial assembly session, Food Minister Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar, Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshervani, Parliamentary Secretary for Excise Haji Muhammad Khan Lehari, and MPA Sheikh Zarak Khan Mandokhail stressed that those arrested during recent disturbances would be dealt with according to the law. They urged the public to cooperate with the government and security institutions rather than taking the

law into their own hands during the prevailing sensitive circumstances.

The ministers acknowledged that a land dispute between two local tribes in Ziarat exists, but warned that some elements were deliberately trying to exploit the situation and spread fear. "The provincial government is working to bring both tribes closer in order to resolve the issue peacefully and avoid further loss of life. However, attempts to politicize the matter and create panic are condemnable," said Minister Dummar.

They also referred to the recent suicide attack on a Balochistan National Party (BNP) rally that claimed multiple lives and left several injured. "All political parties and government institutions have unanimously condemned

this act of terrorism. The government has assured that a transparent inquiry will be conducted and those responsible will be brought to justice," the ministers affirmed.

Reiterating the government's priorities, the ministers said Balochistan is on the path of development despite hurdles being created by certain quarters. "Some people cannot digest the province's progress and are attempting to obstruct it. But they are mistaken if they think the government will bow to such tactics or compromise on its mandate," they added.

They maintained that Balochistan's peace, stability, and development remain the top priority of the government, and political differences must not be allowed to derail the progress achieved so far.



QUETTA: Nawab Shah and Sheikh Wali meeting with Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel.

Sadiq Agha says

'Fake Govt has broken martial law records'

Senior PTI leader condemns arrests, shelling, and firing on peaceful protesters in Balochistan; demands immediate release of detainees

QUETTA (ANN): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Balochistan Senior Vice President and tribal elder, Syed Sadiq Agha, has strongly condemned the arrests of political leaders and workers during the province-wide shutter-down and wheel-jam strike, calling it an unprecedented display of authoritarianism.

He said that the detention of PTI members and leaders from other parties, including Rahim Ziaratwal, Qahar Wadan, Liaquat Agha, and Noor Khan Khilji, was unjustified and amounted to "worst dictatorial behavior." He further denounced the shelling on peaceful demonstrators and the firing on leaders such as Asghar Khan Achakzai, Sajid Tareen, and Agha Hassan, terming it "blatant state terrorism."

According to Agha, the use of force to suppress people's fundamental and constitutional rights was proof that "true democracy has been replaced by im-

posed authoritarianism." He remarked: "The fake government, born out of Form-47, has even broken the records of martial law. Extending power through brutality, arrests, and bullets is a dark chapter in history."

He stressed that the people of Balochistan had expressed their democratic rights through peaceful means, but the government and administration attempted to crush the movement through misuse of state power. "Such tactics cannot suppress the will of the people," he added.

Sadiq Agha demanded the immediate release of all arrested political leaders and workers, an investigation into the use of force on protesters, and action against those responsible. He affirmed that PTI and its allied parties remain determined to continue their struggle for the restoration of democracy and the protection of the public mandate.



QUETTA: Chairman of Health Department and Member of Provincial Assembly Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Kibzai presenting the report about Health Department during Balochistan Assembly Session.

E-Center to ease public burden, improve quality of life: DC Mansoor

PISHIN (APP)-Deputy Commissioner Mansoor Ahmed Qazi On Monday said that keeping in mind the welfare of the people, providing all the basic facilities of life to public is one of the top priorities of government. He said that these public welfare sectors would be made active on a permanent basis and monitored, because the development and prosperity of the nation depends on the quality of life. He expressed these views while discussing the establishment of the E-Center established in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Qazi Mansoor said that the establishment of the E-Center is intended to reduce the burden on the relevant government institutions, and the public is

being provided with facilities and possible information in this regard. He directed that all possible steps should be taken to promote more quality facilities in the district and it is necessary for all relevant departments to be present in the E-Center, so that the problems of the people could be addressed on a priority basis.

He further said that due to the lack of institutions connected to the center and the increasing population, problems are also enhancing. However, to overcome these problems, every possible effort will be made to make the e-center active on a permanent basis and very soon, more better steps to be taken in this regard and the district can be presented as a model, he noted.

JUI declares looters of national wealth and perpetrators of instability as "national criminals"

QUETTA (UNA): The leadership of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) Quetta District has strongly condemned the ongoing economic and political instability in the country, declaring those who have looted the national exchequer over the past 78 years as "national criminals" and holding them responsible for the unrest plaguing Pakistan.

In a joint statement, District Ameer Sheikh-ul-Hadith Maulana Hafiz Hussain Ahmed Sherodi, District Information Secretary Maulana Muhammad Tahir Tohidi, Finance Secretary Haji Qasim Khan Kakar, Deputy Finance Secretary Mir Saifraz Shahwani Advocate, Maulana Mufti Rozi Khan Badizai, Maulana Haji Abdul Malik Bareech, Akhtar Jan Marri, Maulana Mufti Rehmatullah Salar, Maulana Ali Jan Deputy Salar, Hafiz Muheeb-ur-Rehman Malakhel, Maulana Jan Muhammad, Maulana Hizbullah, Malik Yar, Hafiz Rehman Gul, and Maulana Muhammad Aslam expressed grave concerns over the worsening state of the nation.

They said that instead of offering jobs to educated youth, the ruling elite has pushed millions toward poverty and hunger. "The national treasury has been looted with both hands, and those responsible are nothing less than national criminals," the statement read.

The JUI leaders stressed that without justice and rule of law, Pakistan cannot move forward on the path of development. They argued that the prevailing environment of chaos is a direct result of the absence of accountability and supremacy of the constitution.

They reiterated JUI's commitment to defending the Constitution of Pakistan and Islamic Shariah, stating that no one is above the Constitution. "Today, those in power are trampling the Constitution under their feet," they said, adding that for 78 years, the same elite class has ruled the country and is to blame for the unrest and instability.

The party further emphasized that JUI has always promoted dialogue over the use of force, stating, "Power is never the solution to problems." They demanded the immediate release of all recently arrested leaders and workers of political parties, urging the provincial government to show restraint and political maturity.



QUETTA: Balochistan National Party (BNP)-Mengal public meeting targeted by suicide bombing, Balochistan National Party (BNP) and All Parties Hold Strike in Quetta.

Jattak elected chairman of BA's standing committee on home and tribal affairs

QUETTA (UNA): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) senior leader and Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA), Haji Ali Madad Jattak, has been elected as the new Chairman of the Balochistan Assembly's Standing Committee on Home, Tribal Affairs, and PDMA. The committee meeting, chaired by Jattak, was held in the Assembly Committee Room to discuss the draft bills for the establishment of the Balochistan Levies Force and the Balochistan Forensic Science Agency under the Draft Law 2025.

The session was attended by MPAs Mir Zareen Khan Magzi, Asghar Tareen, Ubaid Gorgage, Additional Home Secretary Hamza Shafqat, and other relevant officials. During

the meeting, members deliberated on various aspects of the proposed legislations and reviewed matters related to law and order and the functioning of the Levies Force. Speaking on the occasion, Haji Ali Madad Jattak said that the establishment of the Balochistan Forensic Science Agency would not only improve the investigative process but also enhance transparency in crime research on scientific grounds.

Committee members congratulated Jattak on his election as Chairman and expressed confidence that under his leadership, the committee would present effective recommendations to strengthen key provincial institutions and ensure better services for the public.

Jamali expresses solidarity with Sindh amid flood threat

Balochistan Livestock Minister assures full cooperation; urges public to stay calm and rely on official guidance

USTA MUHAMMAD (ANN) — Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and Balochistan Minister for Livestock, Sardarzada Faisal Khan Jamali, has reaffirmed the historic and brotherly ties between Sindh and Balochistan, assuring that the provincial government of Balochistan stands in full solidarity with the people of Sindh and will extend every possible support during testing times.

Speaking to the media during his visit to the Sukkur Barrage amid looming flood threats, Jamali said that the two provinces have always stood shoulder to shoulder in difficult

moments. He was accompanied by Mir Usman Khan Jamali and Mir Zarak Nasir Khan Jamali.

The minister personally inspected the situation and received a detailed briefing from irrigation and administration officials. Sukkur Barrage engineer Zahid Hussain Mughal informed him that a powerful flood wave of 500,000 cusecs from Punjab had entered the barrage. However, the Sindh government had already taken comprehensive precautionary measures to safeguard lives and property.

Jamali appealed to citizens not to pay heed to baseless rumors and to re-

main in close contact with district administrations in case of emergencies. He noted that awareness campaigns had been launched locally to keep communities informed about safety measures against floods.

Reassuring his own constituency, the minister pledged: "I will never abandon the people of Usta Muhammad."

In every difficult time, I will stand with them. The PPP has always prioritized public service beyond the divides of caste, color, or creed."

He concluded by praying for protection from natural disasters and peace for the country.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretaries Haji Wali Muhammad Noorzai and Mir Asghar Rind answering the question while Member of Provincial Assembly Mir Jhanzaib Mengal and Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman questioning during the session of Provincial Assembly.

Balochistan strike: PTI demands release of workers

QUETTA (PR): Leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Balochistan have expressed deep gratitude to the people of the province for observing a successful and peaceful province-wide strike. The strike was called as a symbolic protest against the deteriorating law and order situation in Balochistan and the ongoing injustices against democratic and political parties.

Addressing party workers at the conclusion of the strike, PTI Balochistan President Dawood Shah Kakar, Quetta Division President Noor Khan Khilji, and Quetta District President Sardar Zain-ul-Abideen Khilji said the purpose of the strike was to restore peace in the province and to raise a voice against political victimization.

They strongly condemned what they called the "Form 47 government" for using force against peaceful demonstrators. Despite the strike being peaceful and scheduled, they alleged that government authorities resorted to oppression, illegal arrests, and even opened fire on protesters in different parts of the province.

"This reaction is a clear sign of the government's frustration," they said, adding that such actions are an attack on the constitutional, legal, moral, and democratic rights of the people.

The PTI leaders extended their sincere thanks to lawyers' associations, trade unions, transport associations, and people from all walks of life who supported the strike and contributed to its success. They emphasized that the strike was not only about political grievances but also aimed at restoring peace and ending terrorism in the province.

They demanded the immediate release of all innocent political workers arrested during the protests.

"We not only condemn the fascist actions of the Form 47 government, but also warn that if our demands are not met, we will not hesitate to exercise our constitutional right to protest at every possible forum," the leaders concluded.

Scheduled power outages announced in Quetta due to dev. and maintenance work

QESCO, NTDC inform consumers of temporary suspensions from Sept 9-12; load management planned to cover 220 MW shortfall

QUETTA (ANN): The Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) has announced scheduled power outages in different parts of the provincial capital on account of development and maintenance work on transmission lines and grid stations.

According to a QESCO statement, on September 10 (Wednesday), supply from the Quetta City Grid Station will remain suspended from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. affecting the 11KV Brewery Road, Jinnah Town, Malik Plant, and Shahbaz Town feeders.

Similarly, supply from the Sheikh Manda Grid Station will remain suspended during the same hours, affecting Airport Road, Chashma, WASA, and Umar feeders.

On the same day, the Sariab Grid Station will experience outages

from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., disrupting supply to the Sariab-I, Sariab-II, Samungli Express, Satellite Town, Karani, Old and New Jan Muhammad Road, Khair Bakhsh Mari, WASA, and Industrial feeders.

Separately, due to repair work on the 132KV transmission line, the Panjpai Grid Station will face power suspension on September 9 to 12, routine work will be carried out daily on 132KV transmission lines between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This activity is expected to cause a power shortfall of around 220 megawatts, which will be managed through load management.

Inquiry launched into deadly Duki coal mine accident that claimed three lives

QUETTA (PR): A formal inquiry has been initiated under Section 21 of the Mines Act (1923) regarding the tragic coal mine accident that occurred on August 25, 2025, at M/s Maqsood Coal Agency, Degari, District Quetta, which resulted in the death of three miners.

According to official sources, a meeting was held on September 4, 2025, under the chairmanship of Amjad Hussain Shah,

where the Court of Inquiry began its proceedings.

The committee will soon inspect the affected mine site and collect all relevant evidence related to the incident.

In an effort to ensure transparency and gather complete information, the committee has invited individuals with relevant knowledge or testimony regarding the accident to come forward.



HUB: Balochistan National Party-Mengal Calls Province-Wide Shutter-Down Strike in Hub After Suicide Bombing Targets Public Meeting.

Wheel-jam, shutter-down strike paralyzes life across Balochistan

Police crackdown, firing and shelling; dozens of leaders and workers arrested; National highways blocked; long queues of vehicles, thousands of passengers stranded; Rickshaw driver's protest: "I have nothing to do with politics or strike, don't take away my livelihood; Internet services suddenly suspended across Balochistan

QUETTA (UNA) — Balochistan witnessed a complete shutter-down and wheel-jam strike on Monday following the Shahewani Stadium tragedy in Quetta, as protests called by the All Parties Alliance brought life across the province to a standstill.

Commercial centers, educational institutions, and transport services remained closed in all major districts, including Quetta, Khuzdar, Chagai, Washuk, Awaran, Lasbela, Makran, Barkhan, Loralai, Zhob, Chaman, Mastung, Kalat, Kharaan, Turbat, Gwadar, Panjgur, Dera Bugti, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, and others. National highways were blocked at multiple points, leaving thousands of passengers stranded for hours in long queues of vehicles. Internet services were also suspended across the province without prior notice.

Tensions escalated in Quetta when clashes broke out during demonstrations. Police used tear gas and fired shots in the air to disperse crowds, while protesters responded with stone-pelting. SHO Brewery sustained a gunshot wound in the leg and was shifted to hospital for treatment.

A heart-wrenching in-

cident also went viral on social media, where a poor rickshaw driver broke into tears after his vehicle's windshield was smashed by a protester on Jinnah Road. "I have nothing to do with politics or strikes. This rickshaw is my only livelihood. Please don't take away the bread of the poor," he cried. Citizens and shopkeepers condemned the act as hooliganism, urging political parties to ensure peaceful protests without harming the working class.

In several districts, including Mastung, Kharaan, Kalat, Kech, Zhob, Pishin, and Ormara, markets remained closed and highways were blocked under the supervision of opposition leaders. Prominent leaders from Balochistan National Party (BNP), National Party, Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), Awami National Party (ANP), Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), and Majlis Wahdat-ul-Muslimeen participated in the protests.

Police launched crackdowns in Mastung, Dera Allah Yar, and other areas, arresting senior leaders such as BNP's Lala Ghaffar Mengal, former BSO chairman Jahangir Manzoor, PTI's Amanullah Bangulzai, BNP's Malik

Abdul Rehman, and National Party's Abdul Rasool Baloch. In Dera Allah Yar, over two dozen leaders were detained under MPO, while police restored traffic on the highways and reopened shuttered markets after talks with traders.

In Kharaan, BNP leaders led complete blockades of routes connecting the district to Karachi, Quetta, and Taftan. Security forces were deployed to prevent escalation. In Kech and Turbat, six-party alliances enforced shutdowns, paralyzing daily life and leaving thousands of travelers stranded.

Amid the crackdown, Balochistan Zamindar Committee General Secretary Ghulam Muhammad Jamali and JUI leader Mir Ghulam Rasool Lehri voluntarily presented themselves for arrest in solidarity with detained political leaders. Addressing the media, they said: "Peaceful protest is a democratic right that the state cannot deny. The use of force to crush this movement will have serious consequences."

The All Parties Alliance reaffirmed that protests will continue until justice is served for the Shahewani Stadium victims and strict action is taken against terrorist elements.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding the situation of floods and the progress of relief and rescue operations.

Premier orders NDMA to intensify relief efforts amid rising river levels

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to expedite ongoing relief operations and ensure complete preparedness for potential flood situations due to rising water levels in the rivers.

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to review ongoing rescue and relief operations in flood-hit areas, instructed to ensure early warnings and timely evacuation measures for populations near rivers and areas at risk.

The NDMA chairman briefed the prime minister on the current situation of flooding in rivers, the status of rising water level in rivers, and the relief operations

for flood-affected people across the country. Prime Minister Shehbaz directed the NDMA to maintain full coordination with provincial governments and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities.

He also instructed to intensify the search for missing persons in the flood-hit areas.

The prime minister was also briefed on the displacement of people due to floods and the ongoing rescue operations.

The participants of the meeting were apprised of the severe flooding conditions in the Chenab, Ravi, and Sutlej rivers at Trimmu Barrage, Panjnad Barrage, Head Balloki, Head Sidhni, Ganda Singh Wala, Head Sulemanki, and Head Islam.

Balochistan CM inspects hospital, launches major road project to boost health and infrastructure

BAKKAR (APP): Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti visited the Mir Ghulam Qadir Bugti Hospital in Bakkar, inspecting wards, departments, and the pharmacy. The hospital administration briefed him on the medical services provided to patients.

CM Bugti emphasized the challenges of providing healthcare across Balochistan, which covers 43% of Pakistan's land, and highlighted the government's commitment to delivering quality health services at the local level. He noted that improving basic health facilities will ease pressure on tertiary hospitals, reduce costs and difficulties for patients seeking treatment outside the province, and enhance overall public health. He praised the public-private partnership with Indus Hospital, calling it a practical example of extending

healthcare to remote areas.

During the visit, he inspected various hospital departments, wards, and the pharmacy, while the hospital administration briefed him on the healthcare services provided to patients.

The Chief Minister stated that Balochistan is Pakistan's largest province, and delivering basic healthcare services to its widely scattered population is a significant challenge. However, the provincial government is committed to providing quality healthcare at the local level. He added that equipping primary healthcare centers with modern facilities would not only serve a larger number of people but also reduce the burden on specialized hospitals, improving the overall standard of treatment and reducing the need for patients to seek medical care outside the province.

BA session discusses Gwadar power crisis, passes key laws

QUETTA (ANN): The Balochistan Assembly session, chaired by Speaker Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, began 47 minutes late and took up a range of issues including the electricity crisis in Gwadar, the passage of important legislative bills, and the tabling of audit reports.

During the session, MPA Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch drew the House's attention to the severe electricity shortage in Makran, particularly Gwadar. He said that although Gwadar is supplied electricity from Iran under a 100-megawatt agreement, only 10 megawatts are currently being provided due to interruptions in supply, leaving residents in extreme distress. He demanded that the government explain the reasons for the suspension of supply from Iran. Following assurances from the

government, his attention notice was disposed of.

The House also passed the Balochistan Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill 2025 after its presentation.

Additionally, Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshervani tabled audit reports from the Auditor General of Pakistan under Article 171 of the Constitution. These included the audit of the Gwadar-Lasbela Livelihood Support Project (FY 2012-13 to audit year 2022-23) and the Karachi Bus Terminal project at Hazar Ganji, Quetta (FY 2016-18 and 2019-20). Both were referred to the concerned committees for examination. After completing its agenda, the Assembly adjourned proceedings and announced that the next sitting would be held on September 10 at 3 p.m.

Balochistan opposition plans Sept 11 protests, Sept 13 strategy meet

Opposition leaders demand immediate release of arrested workers, condemn use of force against peaceful protesters

QUETTA (ANN): Leaders of Balochistan's All Parties Alliance have announced fresh rounds of protests across the province on September 11, followed by a high-level meeting of senior political leadership on September 13, to decide the future course of action against what they call ongoing state repression and political victimization.

In a joint press conference held at the Quetta Press Club, representatives of several opposition parties including Lala Abdul Rauf (Pashtunkhwa MAP), Sajid Tareen Advocate (BNP), Asghar Khan Achakzai (ANP), Aslam Baloch (National Party), Zahid Akhtar (Jamaat-e-Islami) and Dawood Shah Achakzai (PTI), expressed gratitude to the people of Balochistan for their support in the successful wheel-jam and shutter-down strike held on September 8.

The leaders strongly

condemned what they described as the violent suppression of peaceful demonstrations by the "Form-47 government." They accused authorities of baton charging, tear-gassing protesters, and launching raids on party offices, including four rounds of tear gas at the Pashtunkhwa MAP office.

They stated that despite such provocations, political workers remained committed to peaceful resistance and did not allow the administration to sabotage the strike. "Attempts to force transporters and traders to operate during the strike failed miserably," they said.

The press conference was attended by former Governor Malik Abdul Wali Kakar, Akhtar Hussain Langoo, Tikari Shafiq Langoo, Jameel Mashwani, Abdul Hameed Mansoori, Mir Ghulam Nabi Mari, Kabir Afghan, and Ismatullah, among others.

CM Sarfraz Bugti says: Roads are lifelines for Balochistan's progress

Link Road from Tangwani to Phulawag via Konal Dam to Improve Transport, Trade, Livelihoods

BAKKAR (6 AM Report): Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, has said that the true development of Balochistan lies in the improvement of its basic infrastructure. He made these remarks while inaugurating a major road construction project from Tangwani to Shamul via Konal Dam to Phulawag — a step aimed at enhancing connectivity in one of the province's most remote regions.

The road project, which carries an estimated cost of Rs. 150 million, is expected to significantly benefit the local population by providing better transport facilities, promoting economic activity, and creating employment opportunities.

During the inauguration ceremony, technical teams and relevant officials gave CM Bugti a detailed briefing on the project's scope and implementation plan. Highlighting the importance of infrastructure development, the Chief

Minister said, "The construction and rehabilitation of link roads in underdeveloped and remote areas is one of the top priorities of the provincial government." He added that improved roads will facilitate timely transportation of agricultural produce, encourage local trade, and open doors to job creation.

Reiterating his administration's commitment to transparency and good governance, CM Bugti assured that public funds would be used judiciously, and no compromise would be made on the quality and timely completion of development projects.

He further stated, "Providing basic facilities and improving the quality of life for the people of Balochistan are our foremost responsibility. Roads like these will not only bring relief to local communities but will also help integrate remote regions into the national development mainstream."



BAIKTER: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti offering Dua after inaugurating construction of road from Tangwani to Shamol. Provincial Minister Sardar Kohiyar Khan Domki, MPA Zarak Khan Mandokhel and tribal elites are also present.

SC rule changes spark internal rift, four judges write to CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): 4 judges of Supreme Court (SC) has written a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi expressing reservations on approval of SC rules through circulation.

The judges are Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Muneeb Akhtar, Justice Athar Minallah and justice Ayesha Malik.

All the four judges through this letter have demanded to make this letter part of minutes of full court meeting. Through the letter reservations have been expressed over approval of the rules of SC through circulation. Objection has been raised over procedure on approval of rules saying

full court meeting letter was received by them. Rules have never been placed before full court for approval. One point agenda was placed for full court.

There is no use of attending this meeting till the removal of basic objection.

Mention has been made about the committee constituted by CJP in the letter. Rules are not general routine matter that they be approved through circulation. SC rules are framed under constitution. The steps taken under constitution cannot be approved through circulation.

If convening full court session for approval of rules was so much unnecessary then as to why meeting was convened for amendment.



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar presenting resolution regarding Standing Committee for Health during Balochistan Assembly session.

BA passes key health laws to boost cardiac and kidney care

Approval of Institutes for Cardiovascular Disease and Nephro-Urology hailed as major step in provincial healthcare reforms

QUETTA (ANN): The Balochistan Assembly has passed two significant health-related laws aimed at transforming medical facilities in the province, with a focus on advanced treatment for heart and kidney diseases.

Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar presented the Balochistan Institute of Cardiovascular Disease Bill 2025 and the Balochistan Institute of Nephro-Urology (Amendment) Bill 2025, both of which were approved by the House with a clear majority.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kakar said that at the time of forming the coalition government, Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had stressed the urgent need for fundamental and revolutionary reforms in the health sector. "These laws mark an important milestone in fulfilling that commitment. By the grace of Allah, the people of Balochistan will now have access to modern

healthcare facilities within their own province, rather than having to travel to other parts of the country," he said.

The minister added that the government was introducing modern technology and state-of-the-art medical equipment, which would significantly improve the treatment of cardiovascular and renal diseases.

Following the Assembly's approval, health experts welcomed the move, expressing hope that these institutes would bring Balochistan's healthcare sector in line with modern standards. They noted that the new laws would not only enhance specialized medical services but also provide better healthcare opportunities for the general public.

The passage of the legislation reflects the government's stated commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and reducing the burden on patients forced to seek treatment outside the province.



QUETTA: A view of closed shops during shutter down, wheel jam strike call by All Political Parties against Shahwani stadium blast of BNP gathering.

Floods claim 910 lives, leave trail of devastation: NDMA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Torrential rains and flash floods have wreaked havoc in many regions of the country, claiming 910 lives, injuring 1,044 people, destroying 7,850 homes, and killing 6,180 livestock since June 26, according to the latest figures released by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

At least 910 people, including 241 children, 520 men, and 149 women, have lost their lives in flood-hit areas of the country in incidents related to torrential rains and flash flooding.

At least 234 people have died in Punjab, including 91 children, 104 men, and 39 women. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the death toll has reached 504, with 90 children, 338 men, and 76 women among the victims. Sindh has reported 58 fatalities, comprising 24 children, 26 men, and 8 women.

Flash floods have

caused widespread devastation in most areas of the country, with Balochistan reporting 26 fatalities—including 16 children, 6 men, and 4 women. In Gilgit-Baltistan, 41 people lost their lives, among them 6 children, 26 men, and 9 women. Azad Jammu & Kashmir recorded 38 deaths due to the deluge, comprising 9 children, 17 men, and 12 women. Meanwhile, in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), 9 individuals perished, including 5 children, 3 men, and 1 woman.

Flood-related incidents have left 1,044 people injured, including 315 children, 444 men, and 285 women.

Punjab reported the highest number of injuries with 654 individuals affected, including 199 children, 253 men, and 202 women, highlighting the severe impact on vulnerable populations across the province.



BAIKTER: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti offering Fateha on the grave of his father late Mir Ghulam Qadir Bugti.

KSrelief delivers five aid trucks for flood victims

ISLAMABAD (INP): Saudi Arabia's King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) has delivered five trucks of humanitarian assistance for the victims of deadly floods in Punjab.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz met Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki on Monday, during which the Saudi envoy expressed condolences over the loss of lives due to the floods.

"Five trucks carrying relief goods for flood victims in seven districts of Punjab from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center have ar-

rived," the PML-N said, adding that Malki handed over the trucks to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Punjab.

The relief items included 10,000 shelter kits and 10,000 food packages. It said the KSrelief shelter kits contain tents, solar panels, LED lights, thermal blankets, plastic mats, durable kitchen sets, water coolers, and antibacterial soaps.

Floods in Punjab, exacerbated by heavy monsoon rains and excess water released by Indian rivers, have killed 60 and affected over 4.1 million people since late August.

PM appoints Mansoor Qadir as PCB election commissioner

ISLAMABAD (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has appointed former bureaucrat Mansoor Qadir as the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) election commissioner in his capacity as patron of the board, says in media reports. After assuming his responsibilities, Mansoor Qadir met PCB Chairman Syed Mohsin Naqvi and informed him about his role. Mohsin Naqvi expressed hope that Qadir would carry out his duties with diligence and honesty. Separately, Pakistani T20I captain Salman Ali Agha has commended all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz for his remarkable performance that played a key role in dismantling Afghanistan's batting lineup during the final of the tri-nation series at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium on Sunday.