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President felicitates Poland on national I-day

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Asif Ali Zardari has extended warm felicitations and best wishes to President of the Republic of Poland, Karol Nawrocki, and the people of Poland on the occasion of their National Independence Day.

In a letter to President Karol Nawrocki, President Zardari conveyed greetings on behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan, and in his personal capacity.

The President noted that Pakistan and Poland enjoy longstanding and cordial relations, founded on mutual respect, goodwill and a shared commitment to peace and international cooperation.

He expressed confidence that bilateral relations would continue to strengthen through enhanced engagement and expanded cooperation in areas of mutual interest, for the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

Afghan national arrested in Tirah Valley for plotting terrorist attacks

PESHAWAR (INP): Law enforcement agencies and security forces arrested an Afghan national involved in planning terrorist attacks in Pakistan during a joint Intelligence-Based Operation (IBO) in Tirah Valley on November 7, Additional Inspector General Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Abbas Ahsan said on Wednesday.

Speaking at a press conference alongside Information Secretary Area Development Secretariat (ADS) Mahmood Jan Babar, Ahsan identified the suspect as Hikmatullah, alias Hamza, son of Noor Mohammad, and said he had been arrested on November 7 in the Tirah Valley near Peshawar during an operation conducted jointly by security forces and police. "The arrest was made through human intelligence, electronic surveillance and other intelligence resources," he said, adding that the suspect belonged to Afghanistan's Paktia province, from the Chamkaniye area and village of Mangiyar.

Ahsan said the suspect had served in the former Afghan national army, where he received three months of military training and three months of commando training. After the Afghan army was dissolved, he used his expertise at different madrassas, resumed training and established contacts to facilitate terrorist attacks in Pakistan, the AIG added.

8 policemen injured during attack of militants

PESHAWAR (APP): Eight policemen were injured during an attack of militants in limits of Police Station Gumbat, Kohat on Wednesday.

According to police, eight policemen were injured when militants belonging to Fitana al Khawarij and criminals attacked them within jurisdiction of Gumbat Police Station.

Injured policemen were shifted to nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

District Police Officer Kohat has said that police troops have been sent and several militants have been killed during exchange of fire.

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Shehbaz seeks concessional financing to achieve 35pc clean energy target by 2035

Calls for $138 bln investment to transform Pakistan's energy sector

ANTALYA (APP): Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, on Wednesday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to a sustainable energy future, setting ambitious targets for clean energy transition and calling for enhanced international financing and affordable technology to help developing countries meet their climate commitments.

Addressing a high-level session titled "Clean Energy Transition by 2035: Powering the Future" on the sidelines of the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) here, the prime minister outlined Pakistan's ambitious roadmap for transitioning towards clean energy and called for enhanced international financing and affordable technology to achieve climate goals.

Prime Minister Shehbaz amid highlighting the country's progress, said clean energy sources now accounted for nearly 55 per cent of Pakistan's energy mix. He informed the gathering that, before travelling to Antalya, he had inaugurated a key section of Pakistan's seventh nuclear power plant, a state-of-the-art project that would add 1,200 megawatts of clean electricity to the national grid.

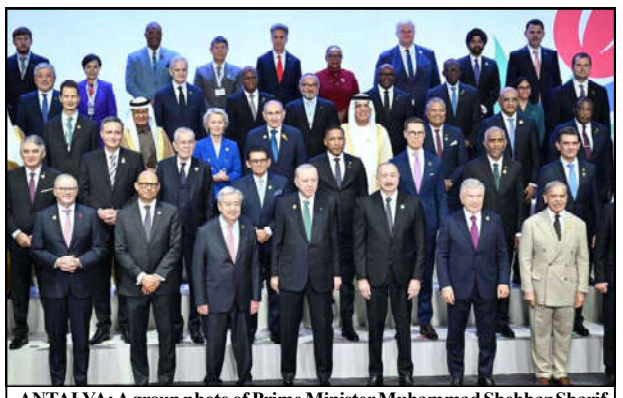
Outlining his vision for a cleaner transport sector, the prime minister said the recently launched auto policy envisaged making 30 per cent of new vehicles electric by 2030, supported by incentives, including lower tariffs.

He added that all future government buses and motorcycles would be electric, noting that, for the first time, more than one in every 10 motorcycles sold in Pakistan this year was electric.

The prime minister said the transition towards clean energy was gaining momentum, but stressed that sustained financing was essential to achieve the desired targets.

He pointed out that Pakistan required approximately $138 billion by 2035 for low-carbon power generation, in addition to another $50 billion to replace coal-based power with solar energy.

Emphasising the financial constraints confronting developing countries, he said expanding power grids, ensuring reliable energy storage and making emerging technologies affordable required substantial investment, a burden that heavily indebted economies could not shoulder alone.



ANTALYA: A group photo of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and other world leaders attending the Leaders' Summit of COP31.

DSP, SI among 10 police personnel martyred in Kohat's terrorist attack

KOHAT (APP): At least 10 police personnel, including a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) and a Sub-Inspector, were martyred when terrorists opened fire on a police party in the Gumbat area of Kohat on Tuesday.

According to a statement issued by the office of the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Peshawar, Kohat Police had launched a major operation against an illegal gold mining network allegedly operating in collusion with militants and criminal elements.

During the operation, militants attacked the police contingent in the Dar Bokach area falling within the jurisdiction of Gumbat Police Station.

Police and Rescue 1122 Kohat spokesperson said that 10 policemen including a DSP and sub inspector were martyred and several otters injured.

Police officials confirmed that 10 personnel had embraced martyrdom, including DSP Gumbat Haider Zaman and Sub-Inspector Mukhtiar.

The spokesperson said heavy contingents of police arrived to assist local police during encounter. Firing by the attackers was reportedly continuing with reports of injuries of several policemen and attackers.

Following the attack, an emergency was declared at the District Headquarters Teaching Hospital Kohat to provide immediate medical assistance to the victims.

Rescue 1122 Kohat spokesperson Jawad Afridi said the incident occurred in the remote Dar Bokach area of Gumbat tehsil, where police were conducting an operation against illegal gold mining.

He said rescue teams had been dispatched to shift the bodies to hospital.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi condemned the attack and sought report from IGP.

K-P Governor Faisal Karim Kundi strongly condemned the attack, expressing grief over the martyrdom of police personnel.

The governor described the attack as a highly condemnable and cowardly act and paid tribute to the martyred policemen, extending his condolences and sympathies to their bereaved families.

Kundi also sought a detailed report on the incident from police authorities and directed that those involved in the attack be brought to justice.

He stated that the sacrifices made by police personnel in the fight against terrorism and criminal elements were a "source of pride for the entire nation and would never go in vain".



Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, Chief of Army Staff & Chief of Defence Forces (COAS & CDF) addressing the troops during closing Ceremony of 46th Pakistan Army Rifle Association (PARA) Central Meet held at Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU), Jhelum.

JI chief demands more relief for inflation-hit masses

LAHORE (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) chief Hafiz Naeemur Rehman said on Wednesday that the people of the country were presently confronted with several issues.

Addressing a press conference at Mansoora in Lahore, he said it was the JI, which talked about the issues concerning the masses, and now the efforts the party had made had started bearing fruits. "I congratulate the entire nation that the movement, which the JI had launched for the provision of relief to the masses in petroleum products' prices, has paid off."

Naeem said the government had said that more than 1.50 million people had benefitted from its relief package. "But still, people belonging to different walks of life are perturbed," JI chief said, adding, "I request the government to extend its relief package to also cover 1,300 cc vehicles."

MDCAT 2026 results declared valid, admissions to proceed: NA body

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly Standing Committee on National Health Services on Wednesday declared MDCAT 2026 results valid and directed universities to proceed with admissions without delay, recommending reduction of the results' validity period from three years to one year from the next academic year.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the committee, chaired by Dr. Mahesh Kumar Malani, MNA, at Parliament House, where the overall conduct and results of MDCAT 2026 were reviewed in the presence of vice chancellors of the universities that conducted the examination.

The vice chancellors informed the committee that no major irregularity or serious issue affecting the overall credibility of the examination had been reported. They said that complaints primarily concerned question papers and answer keys.

CDF Field Marshal Asim Munir addresses 46th PARA central meet closing ceremony in Jhelum

RAWALPINDI (APP): The closing ceremony of the 46th Pakistan Army Rifle Association (PARA) Central Meet was held at Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU), Jhelum, with Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), gracing the occasion as Chief Guest.

The mega shooting event was conducted from October 7 to November 11, 2026, bringing together participants in a major marksmanship competition, said a news release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR)

Admiral Naveed Ashraf, NI, NI (M), T Bt, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) attended the cermony as Guest of Honour and also awarded trophies and medals to the award winners and runners up along with COAS & CDF in various categories.

Over 1500 Firers from Army, Navy, Air Force, Civil Armed Forces including Rangers (Sindh & Punjab), Gilgit Baltistan (GB) Scouts and teams ex Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Federal Rifle Association and civilians participated in the competition. In the 4th Inter Services Combat Shooting Championship, Pakistan Army won the championship trophy. Pakistan Army's Army Marksmanship Unit won the Prime Minister 'Skills at Arms' Big Bore National Challenge Match.

PM, President Pezeshkian reaffirm close, longstanding ties between Pakistan, Iran

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and President of Islamic Republic of Iran Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian, Wednesday, reaffirmed the close and longstanding ties between Pakistan and Iran and underscored the need to further strengthen bilateral relations across all areas of mutual cooperation.

Both leaders also exchanged views on the evolving regional situation.

The prime minister met with the Iranian president on the sidelines of the Leaders' Summit of UNFCCC COP31 Session currently taking place in Antalya, Turkiye, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Minister for Information & Broadcasting Ataullah Tarar and Senator Sherry Rehman along with senior officials from both sides were also present. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed deep concern over the prolonged conflict and emphasized the need for dialogue, restraint, de-escalation, and sustained diplomatic engagement to achieve lasting peace and stability in the region.

He also underscored the importance of building on the understandings reached under the Islamabad MoU of June 2026 and reaffirmed Pakistan's readiness to continue playing a sincere and constructive role in support of regional peace and stability.



TURBAT: Inspector General Police Balochistan Muhammad Tahir being briefed about law and order situation during his visit to Turbat.

Supreme Court pays tribute to Justice Jamal Mandokhail at full court reference

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Wednesday held a Full Court Reference in honour of Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail on the occasion of his retirement from judicial service, acknowledging his distinguished career and contributions to the administration of justice.

The reference was attended by the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Supreme Court judges, Attorney General for Pakistan Mansoor Usman Awan, Vice Chairman Pakistan Bar Council Pir Mohammad Masood Chishti, President Supreme Court Bar Association Syed Amjad Shah, senior law officers and members of the legal fraternity.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Justice paid tribute to Justice Mandokhail's professional journey from the Bar in Balochistan to the Supreme Court, highlighting his contributions to constitutional jurisprudence, judicial administration and institutional development.

Imran undergoes eye treatment at PIMS, receives intravitreal injection

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan was administered his sixth intravitreal anti-VEGF injection at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad during the early hours of Wednesday, according to a press release issued by PIMS.

"After obtaining informed consent and adopting standard monitoring, precautionary measures and clinical protocols, he was administered an intravitreal anti-VEGF injection by the ophthalmology team," the statement said. Imran has received a series of anti-VEGF intravitreal injections in his right eye as part of treatment for right central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO), a condition diagnosed after he reported reduced vision. He received his first injection at the PIMS on January 24. The hospital initially diagnosed him with right central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO), a condition affecting blood flow through the retina, after he reported reduced vision in his right eye.



ISLAMABAD: Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan and Honorable Judges of the Supreme Court, in a group photo with Mr. Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail on the eve of his laying down the robes of judicial office, at the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Governor Jaffar

Balochistan universities overcome financial crisis, performance doubles

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has said that the province's public universities have overcome major financial challenges and doubled their overall performance through sustained reforms, effective monitoring and improved management.

Addressing the 22nd convocation of the University of Balochistan, the governor said public universities that previously faced serious financial and academic difficulties had achieved greater stability, with institutions moving into a financial surplus position. He said the University of Balochistan, the province's oldest university, had recorded significant improvement in its academic and administrative performance, claiming that its ranking and performance score had increased from 44 percent to 82 percent within a relatively short period.

The governor described the improvement as an important achievement for higher education in Balochistan and appreciated the efforts of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Bazai and his team.

During the convocation, 24 PhD scholars, 29 MPhil graduates and 58 position holders from BS programs were awarded degrees, certificates and gold medals in recognition of their academic achievements.

The ceremony was attended by Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Member of the National Assembly Nawabzada Jamal Raisani, Parliamentary Secretary Mir Liaquat Lehri, MPA Zarak Khan Mandokhail, Hadia Nawaz, Kulsoom Niaz Baloch, Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Razzaq Shahwani, Provincial Ombudsman Justice (Retd.) Saadatullah Khan Bazai, vice chancellors of public universities, college principals, educationists and other dignitaries.



Saad Dehwar

Federal job announcement result of NP efforts

QUETTA (6 AM Report): National Party (NP) Central Social Media Secretary Saad Dehwar has claimed that the announcement of more than 5,000 federal vacancies under Balochistan's quota resulted from his party's sustained efforts and meetings with federal authorities led by former chief minister Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch.

In a statement, Dehwar welcomed the reported vacancies but urged the federal government to ensure transparent, merit-based recruitment free from political interference.

He said the National Party had repeatedly raised concerns over unfilled federal positions and inadequate implementation of Balochistan's employment quota. According to Dehwar, Senator Jan Muhammad Buledi also pursued the matter through the Senate's Devolution Committee, seeking details of vacant positions and quota implementation from relevant ministries.

The NP leader demanded the removal of unnecessarily lengthy professional experience requirements, arguing that such conditions disadvantage unemployed graduates in Balochistan who have limited opportunities to gain practical experience.

He called for equal opportunities for eligible candidates, timely completion of recruitment and safeguards against favoritism and irregularities.

CM Maryam Nawaz inaugurates cardiac facility at Jhelum DHQ

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister (CM), Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday inaugurated a cardiac catheterisation laboratory (Cath Lab) at the District Headquarters Hospital in Jhelum, saying patients would no longer have to travel to other cities for cardiac treatment.

During her visit, the CM inspected the wards, semi-modular unit and operation theater and checked the quality and expiry dates of medicines and injections, said a handout issued here.

She also witnessed a live angiography procedure from the control room and met patients recovering after angioplasty.

A Dubai-based driver, Shehzad Naveed told the chief minister that he had returned to Pakistan for free cardiac treatment after developing a heart condition.

He said he had initially been given an appointment in Faisalabad after a week's wait but came to Jhelum on his sister's advice, where he underwent immediate angioplasty.

The CM directed that patients requiring angioplasty at any hospital in Punjab should not have to wait more than 24 hours.

She said the Cath Lab, equipped with angiography, angioplasty, ECG, a modern operation theater and ventilators, had so far treated 2, 400 patients.

Later, the CM Maryam Nawaz visited Zahida Bibi at her newly constructed four-marla house in New Abadi Islam Pura, Jhelum, built with a loan under the Apni Chhat Apna Ghar scheme. She formally inaugurated the house alongside the beneficiary and her family.

Zahida Bibi told the chief minister that her family had worked day and night to complete the house with labourers working during the day and family members taking over at night.

She became emotional while expressing gratitude, saying the scheme had enabled her family to have a roof of its own.

The CM interacted with the family and children and conveyed greetings from PML-N president Nawaz Sharif.

She was also served traditional saag, potato bhujia and homemade roti, which she appreciated.

The chief minister said providing people with their own homes brought her immense satisfaction.

She described Apni Chhat Apna Ghar as Punjab's largest low-cost housing project and said its features and impact were being recognised internationally.

Punjab Chief Minister (CM), Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday inaugurated the restoration project of the Gymnasium and Sports Complex in Jhelum.

Upon her arrival at the gymnasium, players accorded the CM a warm and enthusiastic welcome.

Young girls holding posters greeted her while she showed affection towards them and exchanged high-fives, said a handout issued here.

The CM signed autographs for young girls, posed for photographs and interacted warmly with the players.



JHELUM: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif offering Dua after inaugurating a Cath Lab at District Headquarters Hospital in Jhelum to provide modern cardiac treatment facilities to local residents.

Peace, development top priorities for KP: Governor

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday said maintaining peace in the province was the foremost priority, saying sustainable development and prosperity could only be achieved in a peaceful environment.

Addressing the concluding session of a two-day workshop on promoting tolerance, resilience and preventing violent extremism here, he urged youth from the merged districts to become ambassadors of peace and play an active role in the development of their areas.

The workshop was organized by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Centre of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism in collaboration with relevant institutions.

The Governor said people of the merged districts had rendered tremendous sacrifices for peace, while security forces and police had also made great sacrifices in the fight against terrorism.

He stressed that all segments of society, particularly young people, must play their role in promoting peace and development across the province.

He said the merged districts had remained affected by conflict and instability for a long time and had been deprived of development opportunities. Schools and basic health units in these areas had previously been used for purposes other than their intended functions, but such practices would not be allowed in future.

Kundi said bringing the merged districts into the national mainstream was a collective responsibility. He thanked the Prime Minister for announcing a Rs160 billion development package for the region.

He said the government would provide young people with technical and vocational skills alongside education to help them become self-reliant.

The Governor said local people had been given their democratic right to elect their representatives, adding that youth should make the most of available opportunities in education, sports and employment.

Three killed, 16 injured in coach-motorcycle collision in DIK

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): At least three people were killed and 16 injured, including women and a child, when a coach carrying members of a Tableeghi Jamaat collided with a motorcycle near on Dera-Draban Road here on Wednesday.

According to Rescue 1122, emergency medical teams rushed to the scene soon after receiving information about the accident, on the directions of District Emergency Officer Arif Marwat.

The rescue personnel provided first aid to the injured at the site and shifted them to Mufti Mahmood Hospital for further treatment. The bodies of the three deceased were also shifted to the hospital.

The injured were identified as Tikka Khan, Sudais, Waheed Gul, Mir Khan, Arsala Khan, Ghulam Yaseen, Fateh Muhammad, Yousaf, Nazim Shah, Musharraf, Hayat Shah, Siraj and Gul Fam, among others.

Rescue 1122 teams completed the emergency operation and ensured the timely transportation of all injured persons to the hospital.

CM vows to promote investment in Sindh's vast mineral resources

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Wednesday reaffirmed his government's commitment to promoting investment in the province's vast mineral resources, saying that the mineral sector has enormous potential to drive industrialisation, strengthen energy security, generate employment and accelerate economic growth.

Presiding over a meeting at the CM House, the Chief Minister reviewed Sindh's coal and non-coal mineral resources, ongoing mining projects and opportunities for domestic and international investment. Mines and Minerals Minister Syed Sardar Shah briefed the meeting on the province's mineral reserves, existing operations, investment potential and the government's strategy for sustainable mineral development.

The Chief Minister said his government's vision was to unlock Sindh's mineral wealth through scientific exploration, responsible extraction, modern technology and value addition, ensuring that natural resources became a source of economic prosperity and improved livelihoods for the people.

Sindh's Thar coalfield holds reserves of 175 billion tonnes, representing enormous potential for indigenous energy production and industrial development. The presentation also highlighted an estimated energy equivalent of 50 billion tonnes of oil equivalent (TOE) and coal-related gas-equivalent resources of 2, 000 trillion cubic feet (TCF).

The CM reviewed two major Thar coal mining and power generation projects developed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) early harvest programme.

The Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC), established under a public-private partnership, has a mining capacity of 11.2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) and power generation capacity of 1, 980 megawatts.

Sindh Health Secretary and MPA inspect patient services at GIMS Mehar

SUKKUR (INP): A high-level delegation of the Health Department visited Taluka Hospital GIMS Mehar on Wednesday to review medical facilities, patient care, and administrative arrangements.

The delegation comprised Secretary Health Department Sindh, Tahir Hussain Sangi, MPA Fayaz Ali Khan Butt, and Director GIMS Gambat Dr. Rahim Bakhsh Bhatti. Member Board of Directors GIMS Gambat, Dr. Khalid Mahmood Soomro was also present on the occasion.

During the visit, the delegation carried out a detailed inspection of various departments of the hospital, including the emergency ward, OPD, pharmacy, laboratories, and inpatient wards.

The officials reviewed the medical facilities being provided to patients, availability of medicines, cleanliness, emergency services, staff attendance, and other administrative matters. They also interacted with patients and their attendants to inquire about the quality of treatment and facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, the delegation stressed the need for further improvement in medical services and directed the hospital administration to ensure timely treatment, uninterrupted supply of medicines, and a clean and patient friendly environment.

The hospital administration briefed the delegation on ongoing services, available resources, and the challenges being faced.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah reviews province's mineral resources and investment opportunities at CM House meeting.

Senator Saleem hands over medical equipment to Sindh Services Hospital

KARACHI (APP): Senator Saleem Mandviwalla on Wednesday handed over essential medical equipment and supplies to Sindh Services Hospital, Karachi, to help improve healthcare facilities and patient care at the public-sector institution.

Speaking at a distribution ceremony, he said active oversight of public healthcare institutions could help address critical shortages and strengthen service delivery. He added that support from various stakeholders could supplement government resources and improve healthcare outcomes.

The Senator said this was his third visit to a public hospital, reflecting his continued efforts to identify gaps in healthcare facilities and help address them. He described the provision of medical equipment as an important step towards enhancing the capacity of public hospitals and ensuring better facilities for patients.

Referring to the shortage of beds at Jinnah Hospital, an issue previously highlighted by the media, he said the matter had been resolved and appreciated his team's efforts in this regard.

He also highlighted his team's initiative to adopt 50 schools in Saddar and Lyari, under which basic facilities, including washrooms, furniture and other essential amenities, were being improved.

The Senator urged fellow senators and members of provincial assemblies to contribute towards initiatives aimed at improving healthcare, education and other essential public services.

Earlier, Saleem Mandviwalla visited different sections of the hospital, interacted with patients and observed the duties being performed by hospital staff. He appreciated the services of doctors and healthcare professionals.

Sukkur DIG dismisses three police personnel, punishes 17 others

SUKKUR (INP): Deputy Inspector General of Police, Sukkur Range, Nasir Aftab on Wednesday issued orders for departmental action against police officers and personnel facing charges of corruption, misuse of authority and failure to control crime, in line with the directives of IG Sindh Javed Alam Odho.

Three personnel including Inspector Bakht Ali Dahani, ASI Manzoor Hussain Narejo and Constable Naveed Mumtaz Bhuttowere dismissed from service. Major punishment, including forfeiture of service ranging from one to two years, was awarded to seven officers, including Inspector Ubaidur Rehman Dharijo, who was also barred from posting as SHO for two years. Minor punishment of stoppage of two years' annual increments was awarded to 10 personnel.

Show cause notices of 12 officers were filed after ending their suspension, while re inquiries were ordered in several cases.

The DIG also decided 49 appeals of dismissed personnel for reinstatement. Four personnel, including dismissed Sub-Inspector Azam Hussain Makrani, were reinstated with forfeiture of service, Constable Kamran Ali Wassan was reinstated and transferred to Sukkur, while the appeal of Constable Gaji Khan Chachar was rejected.

DIG Aftab warned that no leniency would be shown to personnel involved in negligence, criminal activities or excess of authority, and good performance would be rewarded.

Ali Dar says:

AI tools can strengthen journalism, but professional integrity remains essential

LAHORE (APP): Adviser to Chief Minister(CM)Punjab on AI, International Cooperation and Special Initiatives Ali Dar has said that maintaining truth and public trust is the biggest challenge facing journalism in the rapidly evolving era of artificial intelligence (AI), making news verification and fact-checking more important than ever.

Addressing the Digital Journalism Impact event organized by Google and Tech Valley here on Wednesday, he said that more than 4, 000 journalists and students across Pakistan had so far received training under the Digital Journalism Program, including 846 participants from Punjab.

He said the program had equipped journalists with skills in news verification and access to modern AI tools, which could accelerate and improve research, transcription, translation and fact-checking.

However, he emphasized that training, professional skills and journalistic integrity were essential for the responsible use of technology.

Ali Dar said Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif envisioned transforming Punjab into South Asia's leading AI-enabled province by 2029.

To achieve this goal, the provincial government was extending the use of artificial intelligence across key sectors, from classrooms to newsrooms and beyond.

He said that AI was a powerful tool but the responsibility to distinguish between truth and falsehood ultimately rested with journalists, guided by their professional values and integrity. Responsible use of AI could help Pakistani journalism compete globally and take the country's stories to international audiences.

اشتہار گمشدگی

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KARACHI: Senator Saleem Mandviwalla listens to a woman with a disability about the challenges she faces during his visit to Sindh Services Hospital.

Mahdi hails completion of first phase of one million homes project for Sindh flood victims

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh General Secretary Senator Waqar Mahdi Wednesday said the completion of the first phase of construction of one million homes for flood victims in Sindh as a historic milestone, and paid tribute to Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and the Sindh government.

He said that under the vision and leadership of Bilawal Bhutto, the completion of one million homes so far, under the project to build 2.1 million homes, is a historic example for the whole world.

In his statement, Waqar Mahdi said that through this initiative, Bilawal Bhutto has given practical shape to the party's founding slogan of "Roti, Kapra aur Makan" (Food, Clothing and Shelter).

In just three years, he said, the Sindh government has built one million homes for flood victims, surpassing the global record of 700,000 homes built in Nepal.

This achievement, he added, is clear proof of the PPP's commitment to public service and to standing by affected families in their hour of need.

He said the target of building 2.1 million climate-resilient homes is an unparalleled project that will give millions of affected families dignified housing and a secure future.

Alongside the construction of one million homes, the creation of nearly one million jobs under the project is a notable success of the Sindh government's comprehensive rehabilitation policy, he said.

Waqar Mahdi said that one of the key features of the project is the transfer of land ownership, along with the houses, to women, which has given them economic independence, security and the chance to live with dignity.

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Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 21,000,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is EE11(ii) (Solar Energy). **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee,Deposit at Call of 3 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk **Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 25 November, 2026till 10:00 AM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 11:00 AM on EPPS System Address: Assistant Director local Govt office Nushki Phone no: 0825872319Fax no: 0825872453 Email: bismillahumari295@gmail.com

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PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi addressing the concluding ceremony of 2-day workshop titled "promoting tolerance, resilience and preventing violent extremism".

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Delayed projects cost Balochistan twice

When a development project stalls in Balochistan, the province pays twice. The first cost falls on communities that must wait longer for a road, a water supply scheme, a school, or a health facility. The second falls on the public budget. As the price of materials, machinery, and labor rises, the same work can cost more by the time it resumes. When funds lapse at the end of the financial year, residents lose time and the province may have to find more money to deliver the same project.

A review chaired by Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan brought the issue into focus. Officials told the meeting that 14 of the province's 34 strategic projects had been completed and that work was continuing on the remaining 20. The chief secretary directed departments to resolve bottlenecks, speed up work, and complete projects on schedule while maintaining quality and transparency.

The next review should show what changed on the ground. For each project, the responsible department should identify who is accountable for delivery, set a realistic completion date, and report both spending and physical progress. Comparing the two can show where funds have been released but work has stalled, or where work is ready to proceed but a decision is holding it up. Where allocations lapse, departments should explain the cause and what they will do before the next budget cycle. Where negligence is established, accountability should follow.

Meeting a deadline also means delivering work that lasts. A road that deteriorates soon after opening or a water scheme that breaks down for lack of maintenance can put the same community back where it started. Quality checks and maintenance funding belong in the project plan from the outset.

In a province where many communities already face gaps in basic services, timely delivery can shorten journeys, improve access to care and education, and create opportunities for local workers and businesses. The test of the chief secretary's review is whether the remaining projects reach the people they were funded to serve, on schedule and in working order.

Hidden cause of economic imbalances

Shahid Kardar

Growing inequality is a serious economic and social issue. Internally, we tend to treat poverty and inequality as separate problems. They are closely connected but not identical. Poverty is about deprivation; inequality is about how income, wealth, opportunities, and economic power are dis--tributed. An economy can grow and even red-u--ce poverty temporarily while allowing wealth and privilege to become concentrated.

Household data underlines the problem. The consumption-based Gini coefficient increased from 28.4 in 2018 –19 to 32.7 in 2024 –25. This figure does not capture the full extent of inequality in income and wealth, be--cause household surveys tend to underrepresent the assets and incomes of the richest households.

The distribution of income and wealth influences what people consume, what businesses produce, where investment flows, and how much a country imports. In Pakistan, a relatively small segment commands a disproportionately large share of purchasing power and assets, while much of the population struggles to meet basic needs.

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The benefits of economic growth have been distributed unevenly. Expanding sectors such as banking, telecommunications, IT, energy, oil and gas require capital, technology, and specialised skills, favouring those who already possess financial resources or access to quality education. The state's failure to provide decent education and healthcare has denied much of the population a fair opportunity to participate in these activities. Hence, economic disadvantages are passed from one generation to the next.

Equally damaging is the continued protection of selected businesses from competition through high import duties, subsidies, tax exemptions, and special regulatory concessions. Powerful business groups have resisted competition, sometimes forming cartels to influence prices and markets. Profits earned through state protection rather than efficiency reward influence instead of innovation, raise costs for consumers, and weaken competitiveness.

The tax system has reinforced these inequalities by treating similar incomes from different sources unequally. Salaried individuals face substantial income taxes, while earnings from property, capital gains, and certain commercial activities have historically enjoyed relatively favourable treatment.

The state itself has been a major contributor to wealth concentration. Valuable public land and plots have been given to officials and influential individuals, while discretionary powers over building permissions, zoning regulations, and public contracts have created opportunities for private enrichment. Rising property prices, reinforced by speculative investment and the use of real estate to park undeclared wealth, have further increased the fortunes of existing asset owners. Corruption, smuggling, tax evasion, and manipulation of import and export prices have provided additional avenues for accumulating wealth, often beyond the reach of effective taxation and accountability.

Together, these factors constitute a system in which public authority is used to transfer economic opportunities and resources to privileged groups. The consequences extend beyond unfair income distribution; they also distort how the economy allocates and uses its scarce resources.

When fortunes can be made through political connections, regulatory concessions, and protection from competition, capital and entrepreneurial talent are diverted towards securing favours rather than productive investment. It becomes more profitable to lobby for higher import duties or special exemptions than to invest in technology, improve quality, or develop export markets.

The concentration of purchasing power also shapes the structure of domestic demand and, therefore, what businesses choose to produce. Businesses often respond to this purchasing power by directing investment towards activities serving a narrow market.

Meanwhile, the limited purchasing power of the majority constrains demand for mass-consumption goods, discouraging investment in industries that could serve a broader domestic market, create jobs, and compete globally.

This distorted pattern of consumption and production also contributes to our recurring external imbalances. The concentration of disposable income generates demand for imported vehicles, electronics, luxury goods, foreign travel, and education abroad, adding to the foreign exchange needed for machinery, fuel, technology, and industrial inputs. Not all imports are undesirable. Many are essential for productivity and exports. However, our consumption and production structures generate substantial demand for foreign exchange without a corresponding capacity to earn it through competitive exports.

Remittances from overseas Pakistanis have helped bridge this gap. But however valuable these inflows, they cannot substitute indefinitely for an economy capable of financing its import requirements through its own export earnings.

Inequality is certainly not the sole cause of external deficits. Exchange rate policies, tariffs, energy costs, inflation, low productivity, and weak export competitiveness also matter. Still, the concentration of purchasing power helps explain why import demand remains substantial even when we face severe foreign exchange constraints. There is another damaging effect.

When influential groups secure tax exemptions, subsidies, and protected markets, government revenues suffer. The burden of financing an oversized, extractive state, with its extensive controls and perks and privileges, consequently falls disproportionately on salaried workers, compliant businesses, and ordinary consumers unable to escape taxation.

Public expenditure compounds the problem. Chronic underinvestment in quality education and healthcare has denied millions of children a fair start. Affluent households can purchase good private education and medical care, while poorer families depend on poor and overstretched public services. Their children's prospects depend on family circumstances. The failure to provide equal opportunities thereby perpetuates inequality across generations.

Addressing these disparities does not mean pe--nalising wealth creation. It means distinguishing wealth earned through enterprise, innovation, and productivity from fortunes accumulated through political connections, monopolies, and state-gra-nted privileges. This requires a fairer tax system.

Protection must give way to competition, while discretionary allocations of public land, contracts, and regulatory concessions need to be replaced by transparent, rule-based processes. Foreign aid, remittances, and favourable global developments have provided only temporary relief, enabling successive governments to shelve tough reforms, thereby sustaining an economic structure that rewards privilege over productivity.

Unless this system of privileges and unequal opportunities is dismantled, Pakistan will remain trapped in recurring internal and external imbalances, regardless of how many stabilisation programmes it negotiates with the IMF and others.

Dire straits

F.S. Aijazuddin

Recent events have given a new twist to history. A Chicago-born pontiff from Rome has publicly rebuked an American Christian crusader.

Normally, popes issue insipid encyclicals or harmless homilies. In 1968, for example, Pope Paul VI issued Of Human Life — a justification of the Catholic church's opposition to methods of birth control. (One sceptic wondered how a celibate bachelor felt qualified to guide married couples on such an intimate matter.)

Previous popes chose not to interfere even when human rights were being violated. In the 1940s, Pope Pius XII refrained from any condemnation of the Nazis or Stalin's pogroms. Hitler let Mussolini handle the Vatican. Stalin silenced the pope with the cutting question: "How many divisions has the Pope?"

This Easter, Pope Leo XIV felt impelled to speak out against a fellow countryman — the US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth — who had appealed to "Almighty God who trains our hands for war and our fingers for battle" (Psalm 144). On Palm Sunday, Pope Leo XIV, in the name of the same God and quoting from the same Holy Bible, reproached Hegseth: "When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!" (Isaiah 1:15).

Did Trump deliberately send Vance to Islamabad to fail?

It is perhaps telling that the recent negotiations between the US and Iran held in Islamabad on April 11 did not begin with a prayer from any faith. It might have given the talks a chance. Instead, the divine and Israel were both noticeably absent.

The composition of the US team revealed non-seriousness. Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner are Jewish real estate developers from New York. They had disappointed the Iranians twice earlier. They have a record of being midwives who specialise in lucrative abortions. Neverthe-less, Iran accepted them, hoping that Vice-President J.D. Vance might bring some gravitas and maturity to the table.

They were wrong. President Trump sabotaged the Islamabad talks even before they had begun by announcing: "If it doesn't happen, I'm blaming J.D. Vance. If it does happen, I'm taking full credit." With that, Trump ensured the failure of his VP, just as president Joe Biden, by delaying his withdrawal from the presidential race in 2024, scotched his VP Kamala Harris' chances.

It has been reported that, during a White House meeting on Feb 12, Vance sided with CIA director Ratcliffe who described Benjamin Netanyahu's proposal to attack Iran as "farcical". Vance told Trump: "This is a bad idea, but if you want to do it, I'll support you." He warned that such a war would cause "regional chaos".

Did Trump deliberately send Vance to Islamabad to fail? Or, subtler still, did Vance (a recent convert to Catholicism) sacrifice himself this Easter so that he could resurrect himself to succeed a damaged, declining Trump? Vance knows he is only a heartbeat away from the presidency, as were H. Truman to F.D. Roose-velt (1945), L.B. Johnson to J.F. Kennedy (1963), and G. Ford to R. Nixon (1974).

Vance disclosed in his final statement in Islamabad that the US had wanted Iran to abjure nuclear ambitions, forever. Was it lost on him that he made this demand in the capital of a country that is said to possess an estimated 170 nuclear weapons and which hasn't signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty? (Iran signed the NPT in 1968.)

Is the ongoing war really about Iran's nuclear capability? Or the hydrocarbons choking the veins of the Gulf Ara-b-s? Or the dangerous gauntlet run by traffic in the Strait of Hormuz?

What money bought

Zahid Hussain

Sleaze, bribery, and secret alliances allegedly marked Trump's Middle East policy in his first term, and set him on the road to an illegal and unwinnable war against Iran in his second. The central characters in that sordid set of machinations were his own son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner, a few Gulf rulers, and Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu — all working towards a plan to redraw the political map of West Asia. Iran was the adversary to be contained, and it was on this that they converged: a plan to "blow up Obama's Iran nuclear deal".

Billions of dollars were allegedly paid to Kushner in what may be the biggest scandal in recent history — one that best defines the link between money and Trump's conduct of his Middle East policy, and which has pushed the entire region into an intractable conflict with global consequences.

A recently published book, Princes and Thieves by investigative journalist Matthew Cole, provides startling details on how billions of dollars were allegedly transferred into accounts — managed by Kushner — by Gulf sheikhdoms, to implement a plan to break Obama's nuclear deal with Iran and change the "political map of the Middle East". The author supports his view of the transactions with details drawn from accounts hacked by a Western intelligence agency, though Kushner has called the allegations fabricated.

According to the author, the transfers began in 2017 and were well underway by the spring of 2018, during Trump's first term — when Kushner served as the president's special envoy on the Middle East. While he had very close relations with Israel, he also cultivated strong business and diplomatic connections with willing Gulf sheikhdoms to allegedly pay for influence with the Trump administration.

>A recent book details how money and corruption were leveraged to redesign the Middle East.

According to the author, "Kushner, UAE ruler Mohamed bin Zayed (MBZ), and Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) of Saudi Arabia, converged at an auspicious moment. MBS wanted to be crown prince. MBZ wanted to blow up Obama's Iran nuclear deal, and Kushner wanted both to help him force the Palestinians into a deal that Israel would accept". The convergence against Obama's nuclear deal with Iran — formally the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) — brought Saudi Arabia and the UAE together on the issue.

Agreed on July 14, 2015, between Iran and the P5+1, and endorsed by Security Council Resolution 2231, the deal came into effect in January 2016. Under it, Iran capped its enrichment at 3.67 per cent, cut its centrifuge numbers and opened its nuclear facilities to IAEA inspection. In return, nuclear-related sanctions on Iran were lifted on oil exports, banking, and SWIFT access, with frozen assets to be released in stages.

But Israel, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE had strong reservations. Each opposed the JCPOA for different reasons and with different intensity; the common ground was that the agreement was too narrow and too temporary, its restrictions written to expire under sunset clauses. Israel openly campaigned against it, and the two Gulf states lobbied against it too.

For deal sceptics, Trump's election in 2016 was good news. In May 2018, the president withdrew from the JCPOA and reimposed sanctions in phases under a "maximum pressure" campaign. The move brought the Gulf nations closer to the Trump administration. The billions alleged to have flowed into Kushner's accounts appeared to have delivered. The book maintains that early in Trump's first term, "MBZ and MBS offered to pay for a slush fund dedicated to helping the new administration with foreign policy goals". Both Arab rulers saw this as part of an effort to help Trump win a second presidency.

In the same period, Kushner conceived the so-called Abraham Accords aimed at normalisation between Israel and the Arab states. He owned the file. No State Department desk, no regional bureau, no ambassador in the chain: a son-in-law with a security clearance and a direct line to the president negotiated directly with the Gulf rulers, according to the book. One goal was to sideline the question of a separate Palestinian state. The UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan signed.

The book also reveals that during that period Kushner helped negotiate a secret warming of diplomatic relations between Israel and the UAE — the arrangement that later became public as the Abraham Accords. Cole writes that "Kushner helped negotiate an agreement by Israel to help defend the UAE against a major Iranian military attack. The UAE needed to cover the cost of that emergency defence, and its government secretly made another transfer to Israel's Central Bank. This was something like a rainy-day defence fund. Combined, the three accounts represented a secret foreign policy negotiated by Kushner with the leaders of Israel, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia.

"Although Kushner's position as senior adviser to the president was unpaid, he was an official government employee. Not only did his position require financial disclosure for ethics regulations, but each year he worked in the White House he had to file both a public and a confidential financial form, the Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, known as a 278e disclosure. Because he had access to classified government secrets, Kushner was required to disclose any bank account to which he had signatory — or beneficiary — access." But apparently, the president's son-in-law did not comply.

The writer quotes a source that Kushner "promised MBZ he'd push their agenda with Trump if they participated in a fund. He wanted normalisation with Israel so that business could take off". For the Gulf Arab governments, money was not a problem. "The Emiratis and the Saudis do this once a year.

American dilemma

Mahir Ali

"Iran militarily is effectively over," the US president declared on Monday following talks with the Qatari prime minister. "We're just keeping it the status quo … at the behest" of Iran's neighbours. The Gulf states include some of Donald Trump's biggest benefactors, and they have borne the brunt of Iranian military retaliation. Trump has also acknowledged that the domestic unpopularity of the US-Israeli war on Iran contributed to the comprehensive thrashing his Republican Party received in last week's midterm elections, yet insisted he had no regrets because the goal of preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon remained paramount. That's an absurd premise in a variety of ways; besides, Iran is unlikely to consider the conflict over as long as it is militarily menaced by a superpower or its regional proxies.

What's notable, though, is that unlike most US aggressions against faraway nations, the majority opinion opposed the assault on Iran from the outset. The co-belligerent's bloodlust presumably put the kibosh on jingoistic impulses. In a CBS interview on Sunday, Trump admitted that one reason for the midterm drubbing was that "there's a great dislike, incredibly, for Israel". There's nothing 'incredible' about popular distaste for a genocidal power, especially when your tax dollars are enabling its egregious excesses.

It's true that anti-Israel sentiment paid dividends for candidates across large parts of the US, but the infamous American Israel Public Affairs Committee and other pro-Zionist PACS also scored many successes even as their biggest bets didn't pay off. AIPAC's chief bête noire was Michigan's Abdul El-Sayed, who in his victory speech thanked the committee, which contributed nearly $40 million to his opponents, for "giving me the opportunity to beat you twice" — in the primary and on election day.

What will the Democrats do with their mandate?

On election eve, Trump announced that nearly $4 billion in annual aid would no longer flow to Israel. That's unlikely to have affected anyone's voting intentions, given that presidential pronouncements are notoriously unreliable. But even if there is a halt, far larger avenues of military assistance will remain open, including clauses in the $1.5 trillion 2027 defence budget that effectively embed the Israel Defence Forces in the Pentagon. It's hard to imagine any serious objections from the AIPAC-aligned Democratic leadership personified by Chuck Schumer in the Senate and Hakeem Jeffries in the House of Representatives.

A growing number of incoming Democratic senators and representatives are keen to dispense with the services of this discredited duo. For the moment though, that's just wishful thinking. But things could change. The realisation seems to have seeped in that unless the Democrats, with large majorities in both Houses of Congress, begin to deliver on campaign promises, there could be a backlash in 2028. The key issues are mostly domestic, from blatant corruption and the cost of living (exacerbated by the Iran conflict) to healthcare costs, unregulated AI, resource-hungry data centres, and the impunity of tech plutocrats. Elon Musk poured nearly $500m into the midterms, all in vain; he focused on Texas, which turned a bright blue. But the question is whether he can be held to account for his role as head of the now disbanded department of government efficiency, among other misdeeds.

The anti-Trump Republican Congress-man Thomas Massie has already introdu-ced articles of impeachment against Pete Hegseth, hoping that Trump will fire him be--fore the Democrats assume congressio-nal power in January. Massie's efforts won't pay off, but will the Democrats do any better? Will they hold Stephen Miller to account for his dedication to deporting 'illegal aliens' by brutal means?

Several of the Democrats freshly elected to national office — and many more at the state level — will strive to do their best by their constituents. All too many others, however, have yet to be disabused of the notion that gravitating to the centre is the safest option, even if no measurable progress is achieved. The New York Times editorialised at length on Monday about the wisdom of combining economic 'populism' with social conservatism. This is a blueprint for a bridge to nowhere. The Democrats ought to have realised this long ago, but perhaps it's not too late.

Miller took over as Trump's chief of staff, indicating a doubling down on his worst impulses, just as the president rescinded his acceptance of last week's results. It's a pity that Trump's invitation to Ultimate Fighting Championship CEO Dana White to serve as his press secretary so that the "violent Fighter and Warrior" and his employees could "defend us against the Lunatic Left" turned out to be a joke. Fleetingly, I was reminded of how the Roman emperor Commodus ultimately encountered a wrestler.

Pakistan committed to investor friendly environment: Qaiser

GENEVA (APP): Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, participated in the high-level Ministerial Roundtable titled "The Next Decade of Global Investment", at the 30th World Investment Conference (WIC 2026), organised by the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), in Geneva, Switzerland.

This brought together ministers, heads of investment promotion agencies and international stakeholders to discuss emerging trends, challenges and opportunities shaping the future of global investment.

Addressing the international gathering, the Federal Minister highlighted Pakistan's investment potential, ongoing economic reforms and commitment to establishing a transparent, competitive and investor-friendly business environment, said a release issues here on Wednesday.

He underscored that investment remains a key driver of economic growth, industrial development, employment generation and shared prosperity, emphasising Pakistan's determination to translate its economic potential into tangible investment opportunities.

The Minister highlighted Pakistan's strategic geographical location at the crossroads of South Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East and China, offering investors access to important regional markets and international trade routes.

He particularly emphasised the country's seaport infrastructure, including Karachi, Port Qasim and Gwadar, as important assets for regional connectivity, international trade, logistics and investment.

Highlighting priority investment opportunities, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh identified information technology and digital services, agriculture and food processing, textiles and value-added manufacturing, mining and minerals, renewable energy, infrastructure, logistics, pharmaceuticals and tourism as key sectors offering substantial potential for international investors.

He stressed that Pakistan particularly welcomes investment that strengthens industrial capacity, introduces modern technologies, develops local supply chains, enhances exports and generates quality employment.

The Federal Minister highlighted the government's comprehensive reform agenda under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, aimed at improving the ease of doing business and strengthening investor confidence.

He stated that more than 500 regulatory reforms had been undertaken across approximately 30 sectors in coordination with around 90 federal and provincial departments. These reforms are designed to simplify procedures, reduce compliance costs, eliminate duplication and establish a more predictable and transparent regulatory environment.



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SIALKOT: Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Md. Iqbal Hussain Khan addresses members of the business community during a meeting at the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Balochistan business leaders back SM Tanveer for FPCCI president

Trade representatives demand equal provincial representation, review of chambers' status and reopening of border trade routes

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Leading business representatives from Balochistan have announced their support for United Business Group (UBG) presidential candidate SM Tanveer in the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) elections, urging participants to avoid provincial and linguistic divisions.

Addressing a joint press conference, Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry Patron-in-Chief Haji Ghulam Farooq Khilji, former FPCCI President Engineer Daroo Khan Achakzai and Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries Patron-in-Chief Wali Khan Noorzai said the elections should focus on economic challenges and the interests of the business community.

They demanded amendments to the relevant FPCCI rules to ensure equal presidential terms for all provinces, claiming that Punjab and Sindh currently receive two-year terms while Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa receive one year each.

The leaders also expressed concern over disputes involving the recognition of certain Balochistan chambers, calling on the relevant authorities and courts to review decisions they considered unfair.

Highlighting the province's economic difficulties, they said border closures and security challenges had severely affected trade, urging the government to facilitate the reopening of trade routes with neighboring countries while addressing security concerns.

They maintained that business leadership should be judged on performance rather than provincial identity and expressed hope that SM Tanveer would address Balochistan's commercial and industrial concerns if elected.

The representatives reaffirmed their commitment to pursuing fair representation, stronger trade opportunities and protection of business interests through the FPCCI.

Content creators earning over Rs100,000 monthly must register: BRA

Balochistan Revenue Authority announces registration requirement and 15% sales tax on applicable digital services; plans awareness campaign

QUETTA (6 AM Report): The Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) has announced that content creators earning more than Rs100,000 per month through digital platforms and social media services will be required to register with the authority, while a 15% provincial sales tax will apply to relevant taxable services.

The requirements were outlined during a meeting chaired by BRA Member Operations Muhammad Younus Sarpara, attended by Assistant Commissioner Waqar Mushtaq and Assistant Director Public Relations Samiullah Umrani.

The meeting reviewed registration procedures, applicable tax laws, compliance requirements and measures to bring digital service providers into the provincial tax system.

Officials emphasized the need for an awareness campaign to inform content creators about registration, taxable services, legal obligations and tax payment procedures.

According to BRA, the initiative aims to expand the provincial tax base, improve compliance and increase revenue collection from the growing digital economy.

The authority stressed that content creators should be provided clear guidance on their obligations to facilitate registration and compliance with applicable provincial tax laws.

Pakistan earns $21.68m from onion exports in FY26

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan earned $21.68 million from exports of fresh onions, shallots and dried onions during FY2025-26, shipping nearly 109, 758 tonnes to international markets, with Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates and Sri Lanka emerging as the leading buyers of fresh produce, while Saudi Arabia, Australia and the United States drove demand for dried onions, according to official trade figures available with Wealth Pakistan on Tuesday.

Fresh onions and shallots dominated the export basket, generating $19.79 million from 108, 680 tonnes and accounting for 91.3% of total earnings from the two categories.

The figures underline Pakistan's reliance on bulk fresh produce exports, particularly to Asian and Gulf markets.

Malaysia was the largest buyer of Pakistani fresh onions and shallots, importing consignments worth $7.27 million.

The UAE followed with $4.99 million, while Sri Lanka purchased $3.67 million. Combined, the three markets generated $15.93 million, accounting for 80.5pc of fresh onion and shallot export earnings.

Other major destinations included Oman, which imported $1.56 million worth of fresh produce, Singapore at $839, 876 and Qatar at $825, 249.

The six leading markets together accounted for 96.8pc of the category's export value, highlighting the concentration of Pakistan's fresh onion trade in a handful of destinations.

Dried onions, meanwhile, generated $1.90 million from approximately 1, 077 tonnes of exports.

Russia, Pakistan to advance cooperation in energy, trade ahead of 11th IGC session

ISLAMABAD (APP): Russian, Energy Minister, Sergey Tsivilev has chaired a meeting of the Russian side of the Russia–Pakistan Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) to review preparations for the 11th session of the Commission, scheduled to be held in Moscow on November 25, 2026.

The meeting focused on strengthening bilateral economic and technical cooperation, accelerating joint projects and finalizing agreements across key sectors, including energy, trade, transport, industry, healthcare, agriculture, education and disaster management, said a released issued here on Wednesday.

The IGC is co-chaired by Russian Energy Minister Sergey Tsivilev and Pakistan's Federal Minister for Power Awais Leghari. "We expect the upcoming session to consolidate the results achieved, identify new areas for growth and provide additional momentum to the development of joint projects," Tsivilev said.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Russian federal executive authorities and companies. According to the Russian side, more than 10 bilateral cooperation agreements covering various sectors are at the final stage of preparation for signing.

Energy cooperation, featured prominently in the discussions, with both sides exploring opportunities to improve energy efficiency, deploy energy storage systems, supply Russian energy resources, construct new hydropower plants and modernize existing facilities. Cooperation in protecting energy infrastructure against cyber threats was also discussed.

In the transport sector, the two countries identified the development of maritime shipping and expanded cooperation within the International North–South Transport Corridor as promising areas for bilateral engagement.

The discussions also covered prospects for industrial cooperation, including the revival of the Karachi Steel Mills, while opportunities to expand healthcare cooperation were explored, particularly the potential localization of Russian insulin production in Pakistan. On trade, the Russian side highlighted that a research group had been established in 2026 to examine the possibility of concluding a free trade agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and Pakistan. Both countries intend to continue work on the proposed arrangement.

Agricultural cooperation is also gaining momentum, with bilateral trade in the sector registering a 17 per cent increase. Russian exports of finished agricultural products to Pakistan continue to grow.

Balochistan to produce 79% of Pakistan's mash crop in 2026-27

ISLAMABAD (APP): Balochistan is projected to produce 4, 100 tonnes, or nearly 79 per cent, of Pakistan's total mash crop of 5, 190 tonnes in 2026-27, maintaining its position as the country's leading producer despite a slight decline in output, according to official estimates released by the federal government on Wednesday.

The provincial estimates show that Balochistan will cultivate mash over 4, 800 hectares, accounting for 75pc of the national area of 6, 400 hectares during the upcoming Kharif season.

Its cultivated area is expected to increase by 3.7% from 4, 630 hectares in 2025-26, while production is projected to fall by 2.8% from 4, 220 tonnes.

Despite the decline, Balochistan's average yield is estimated at 854 kilograms per hectare, down from 911kg in the previous year but still above the national average of 810kg.

Sindh is also expected to record growth in mash cultivation and production, with its area projected to increase by 27.3% and output by 23.1%.

The province is estimated to cultivate the crop over 30 hectares and produce around 20 tonnes in 2026-27. Its average yield, however, is expected to decline to 571kg per hectare from 590kg.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is projected to produce around 790 tonnes of mash, slightly below the 800 tonnes recorded in 2025-26. Its average yield is estimated at 906kg per hectare, the highest among the four provinces. Punjab, meanwhile, is expected to witness the sharpest decline in mash production. Its output is projected to plunge by 52.5% to 280 tonnes from 590 tonnes in the previous year.

The area under cultivation is also expected to shrink to 700 hectares from 1, 300 hectares, while average yield is forecast to fall to 400kg per hectare from 453kg. At the national level, mash production is projected to decline by 7.7% to 5, 190 tonnes in 2026-27 from 5, 620 tonnes in the preceding crop year.

The area under cultivation is expected to contract to 6, 400 hectares from 6, 840 hectares, while average yield is forecast to decrease by 1.5pc to 810kg per hectare from 822kg. The estimates point to a growing concentration of mash production in Balochistan, even as declining output in Punjab and modest reductions in other major producing areas weigh on the country's overall harvest.



QUETTA: Chairman United Business Group Muhammad Farooq Khilji, Vice Chairman Wali Muhammad and Daro Khan Achakzai addressing a Press Conference.

PSX turns bearish, loses 251 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The benchmark KSE-100 Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) reversed its positive momentum on Wednesday, losing 251.44 points, a negative change of 0.14 percent, to close at 179, 083.80 points against 179, 335.24 points recorded in the previous trading session. The ready market witnessed a trading volume of 1, 248.208 million shares, compared to 972.432 million shares traded in the previous session. However, the traded value of the ready market decreased to Rs41.812 billion, down from Rs50.665 billion a day earlier.

Meanwhile, total market capitalisation fell to Rs19.376 trillion from Rs19.397 trillion recorded in the previous session.

Out of 498 companies that traded in the ready market, 255 posted gains, 215 suffered losses, while 28 remained unchanged, reflecting a bearish trend across the overall market.

WorldCall Telecom led the volume chart with 231.751 million shares, followed by Tasdeeq Information with 219.678 million shares, and Cnergyico PK with 56.728 million shares.

Among the top gainers in the ready market, Unilever Pakistan Foods Limited surged by Rs415.42 to close at Rs26, 460.00.

AI to become $4.8tr global economy by 2033: Shaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Wednesday said artificial intelligence (AI) would become a $4.8 trillion global economy by 2033, stressing the need for Pakistan to prepare its workforce with emerging digital skills.

Addressing the Margalla Dialogue, she said AI would not necessarily eliminate jobs but would change their nature, making new skills essential for employment. People equipped with AI-related skills would enjoy a significant productivity advantage over those without them.

The minister said a person using AI could be up to 100 times more productive than another individual with similar skills who did not use the technology.

Highlighting Pakistan's progress in digital infrastructure, she said internet speeds had increased by 60 per cent over the past two and a half years.

Internet data capacity had also increased by two terabits per second, while the country's total live internet capacity currently stood at around seven terabits, she added.

She said Pakistan had added three international submarine cables, while a spectrum auction of 480 megahertz had increased the country's spectrum capacity from 274 to more than 750 megahertz.

She added that nearly 1.8 million people had subscribed to 5G services, while fibre-optic coverage had expanded from fewer than three million to more than six million household connections.

Shaza Fatima said Pakistan had made significant progress in expanding its digital infrastructure over the past two years.

Bilal Kayani chairs 5th meeting on export facilitation scheme

ISLAMABAD (INP): The fifth meeting of the Prime Minister's Committee to Review the Export Facilitation Scheme was held in Islamabad today, with Minister of State for Finance and Railways Bilal Azhar Kayani in the chair.

During the meeting, the Committee reviewed proposed amendments to make EFS simpler, more predictable, and responsive to exporters' operational requirements, while strengthening risk-based oversight.

The review seeks to reduce compliance costs and export-related overheads, facilitate new investment and local value addition, and ensure that concessions are linked to genuine export performance. The Minister of State emphasized that eligibility requirements and prescribed procedures must be applied uniformly, with no exemptions.

The Committee further reviewed the proposed amendments to the EFS, with particular emphasis on simplifying exporter categorization, rationalizing authorization periods, and improving access to the scheme for new and existing exporters.

The discussions also focused on facilitating compliant exporters, introducing a transparent mechanism, and streamlining security requirements while maintaining appropriate safeguards against misuse. The proposed revisions aim to reduce compliance costs, encourage new investment, promote export growth, and ensure that the scheme remains responsive to the needs of the exporting community.

The Minister of State stressed the need to simplify the relevant procedures without compromising revenue safeguards and reiterated the Government's commitment to sustained consultations with exporters and trade bodies.



LAHORE: Iranian Consul General in Lahore is Mehran Movahedfar shaking hand with Punjab Minister for Commerce and Industries Chaudhary Shafay Hussain.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Five ships, BSG Bimini, Right Ocean, Corona, Belmoira and Nord Copper scheduled to load/offload Container, Rice, Palm oil and Coal, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminal, Liquid Cargo Terminal, Pakistan International Bulk Terminal and Port Qasim Electric Power Terminal on during last 24 hours.

Meanwhile another ship 'Epic Bolivar' carrying Chemicals also arrived at outer anchorage on Wednesday.

Ten ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three ships, Vosco Star Light, Yuan Xing Ri Zhao and Evangalia-D left the port on today morning, while three more ships, BSG Bimini, United ID and Spruce-II expected to sail on today afternoon.

Cargo volume of 132, 577 tones comprising 99, 427 tones imports cargo and 33, 150 export cargo carried in 2, 900 Containers (1, 600 TEUs Imports & 1, 300 TEUs Export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours.

Sixteen ships at Outer Anchorage of the Port Qasim, out of them four ships, Franbo Bravo, Sea Unity, Epic Bolivar and Stoja carrying Steel Coil, Canola Seed, Chemicals and Coal are expected to take berths MW-2, FAP, EVTL and MW-4 respectively on Wednesday.

Karachi's development essential to achieve one trillion rupees economy target: Senator Afnan

KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Muslim (N) Senator Dr Afnan Ullah Khanon Wednesday said that achieving the target of a PKR 1 trillion economy is not possible without improving Karachi. He said the city possesses immense economic potential and some of the country's finest human resources. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is committed to improving Karachi's infrastructure, while the PML-N government was making concerted efforts to promote the city's development.

He expressed these views during a meeting with industrialists and business community representatives at the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI). KATI President Sheikh Umer Rehan, Deputy Patron-in-Chief Zubair Chhaya, Senior Vice President Farrukh Qandhari, Vice President Nasir Sheikh, Sardar Ismail Gabol, Khawaja Tariq Nazir, Daniyal Munaf Kherani, Sardar Rehan, and a large number of industrialists and KATI members were also present.

He said the business community could play a bridging role and contribute to Karachi's improvement and economic growth. Federal government attention was essential to resolving the city's longstanding problems, adding that he would raise issues concerning electricity and water supply at the federal level.

Senator Afnan Ullah Khan said the PML-N government had played a significant role in completing major development projects and addressing security challenges in Karachi in the past. He said developing Karachi was a responsibility because of the city's substantial contribution to national revenue. If the PML-N received greater public support in Karachi, the scope of development projects in the city could be further expanded.

Commenting on the privatisation of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), he said it had been a major challenge. An attempt in 2017 had failed, followed by another effort in 2022, while success was finally achieved in the fourth attempt. He said the government had determined PIA's value after conducting a comprehensive assessment and obtaining an independent third-party valuation. The privatisation process had been kept fully transparent, and it was encouraging that the airline remained under Pakistani ownership.

He added that the model for the privatisation of electricity distribution companies (DISCOs) had been adopted from Türkiye, while Islamabad International Airport was also included in the government's privatisation list.

Abdul Wasey

Govt must address public issues, not target opponents

JUI-F Balochistan chief alleges political pressure, demands restoration of border trade, economic relief and respect for constitutional principles

QUETTA (ANN): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Balochistan chief Senator Maulana Abdul Wasey has urged the government to focus on resolving public grievances rather than allegedly targeting political opponents, warning that political confrontation could deepen instability.

Speaking after arriving in Quetta from Islamabad, Abdul Wasey accused the government of attempting to obstruct JUI-F's political activities through pressure and intimidation instead of engaging in democratic competition.

He said his party would not abandon its political position or peaceful democratic struggle despite what he described as attempts to weaken it.

Criticizing the government's economic policies, Abdul Wasey said rising inflation, unemployment and financial hardship had increased public frustration, while meaningful economic relief remained inadequate.

He expressed particular concern over restrictions on border trade in Balochistan, claiming they had disrupted the livelihoods of thousands of families dependent on cross-border commerce, transportation and daily-wage employment.

The JUI-F leader urged the federal government to restore border trade through a clear and sustainable policy that protects local livelihoods and addresses the economic needs of border communities.

He also called for greater transparency in decisions affecting trade and demanded respect for constitutional supremacy, parliamentary authority and democratic rights.

Abdul Wasey maintained that JUI-F would continue its peaceful political struggle for public rights, economic opportunities and constitutional governance, insisting that political differences should be resolved through democratic means rather than confrontation.



QUETTA: Additional Chief Secretary Planning and Development Zahid Saleem meeting with Provincial Minister for Commodity and Management Department & Chairman Balochistan Food Authority Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail poses for a group photograph with graduating students during the University of Balochistan's convocation 2026.

Commandant Ashfaq Ahmed

No compromise on merit in A-1 exams

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Additional Inspector General of Police and Balochistan Constabulary Commandant Ashfaq Ahmed has said merit, transparency and impartiality will be strictly maintained in the A-1 examinations scheduled for November 13, 2026, warning that negligence or irregularities will not be tolerated.

Chairing a meeting at Balochistan Constabulary Headquarters, Badar Lines, he reviewed examination arrangements and directed officials to ensure a fair, secure and orderly process.

SSP Headquarters Kamal Khan Kibzai and all zonal commanders attended the meeting.

Ashfaq Ahmed stressed that every eligible candidate must receive fair treatment based on merit, with strict security and discipline maintained at examination centers.

He announced that personnel currently serving outside their original zones would be permitted to take the examination in their present duty zones, directing officials to provide the necessary arrangements and facilities. The commandant also instructed officers to consider weather conditions and ensure suitable facilities for candidates and examination staff.

He directed all zonal commanders to complete preparations on time, maintain uniform examination standards and strengthen coordination to ensure the examinations are conducted fairly, peacefully and without disruption.

No child should miss vaccination in UM: DC Palal

USTA MUHAMMAD (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Usta Muhammad Muhammad Ramzan Palal has directed health officials to ensure that no child remains deprived of routine immunization, warning that negligence in achieving vaccination targets will not be tolerated.

Chairing a review meeting of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI), he stressed improved coordination, effective monitoring and targeted field activities to increase vaccination coverage across the district.

District Health Officer Dr. Ameer Ali Jamali, Deputy District Health Officer Dr. Karar, Dr. Khurram of N-STOP and vaccinators from across the district attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed immunization performance, progress under the November 2026 Sub-National Immunization Days (SNID) campaign, identification of zero-dose and dropout children, and follow-up vaccination of children missed during the campaign.

Alleged extortion in Basima must be stopped: MPA Reki

QUETTA (Naseer Shahwani): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Member of the Balochistan Assembly Haji Mir Zabid Ali Reki has expressed serious concern over alleged extortion from vehicles in Basima, Washuk district, demanding an immediate investigation and legal action against those found responsible.

In a statement, Reki alleged that Farooq Marri, Murtaza Sasoli and Matiullah Soor were involved in forcibly collecting money from vehicles at several locations in Basima, including Kanu, Laddi, roadside hotels and other areas.

He claimed that both local vehicles and those arriving from other areas were being targeted, causing difficulties for transporters and ordinary citizens.

The lawmaker further alleged that approximately Rs200 million was being collected every month through these activities. However, the allegation and the amount claimed could not be independently verified.

Reki urged Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, the Corps Commander Balochistan and the Inspector General of Frontier Corps (FC) South to take immediate notice of the complaints and order a transparent investigation.

He demanded that anyone found responsible be prosecuted in accordance with the law, emphasizing that citizens and transporters must be protected from harassment and unlawful demands for money.

The MPA said maintaining law and order, protecting public property and ensuring the safe movement of vehicles were fundamental responsibilities of the relevant authorities.

He stressed that effective measures were needed to address complaints of illegal collections and restore public confidence in law enforcement institutions.

Reki announced that he would raise the alleged extortion issue during the next session of the Balochistan Assembly and continue advocating for the protection of citizens' rights.

The allegations against the named individuals remain unverified, and their responses were not available at the time of reporting.

Scientific research key to Balochistan's water crisis: Experts

TURBAT (6 AM Report): Experts at a University of Turbat seminar have called for scientific research, equitable water distribution and sustainable resource management to address Balochistan's growing water crisis.

Organized by the university's Faculty of Science, Engineering and IT in collaboration with Science Club Turbat to mark World Science Day, the seminar focused on water scarcity and the hydrological, environmental and socioeconomic impacts of Mirani Dam.

Speakers expressed concern over excessive groundwater extraction, climate change and limited water resources, particularly in Turbat and Gwadar.

Dean Dr. Hanif-ur-Rehman emphasized interdisciplinary research to develop practical solutions to the region's environmental and agricultural challenges.

Water and environmental experts Pazeer Baloch, Engineer Raza Samad, Dr. Shabbir Ahmed and Dr. Abdul Qayyum discussed groundwater depletion, sustainable water use and the need to incorporate scientific findings into water management policies.

The participants also examined Mirani Dam's effects on agriculture, local communities and the environment, stressing the importance of transparent and equitable water resource management.

New machinery to improve municipal services in Khuzdar: DC Sasoli

KHUZDAR (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Khuzdar Abdul Razzaq Sasoli has said the provision of modern machinery to the Municipal Corporation will improve sanitation, drainage and development work across the city.

Under a provincial government initiative led by Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, the Municipal Corporation Khuzdar received an excavator, dumper and loader, with the support of Provincial Adviser for Local Government Nawabzada Amir Hamza Zehri.

At a handover ceremony, DC Sasoli, Municipal Chief Officer Wadera Saleh Jamot, Mayor Mir Muhammad Asif Jamaldini and Deputy Mayor Jameel Qadri Zehri presented the machinery keys to municipal staff.

The deputy commissioner said the equipment would help improve garbage collection, cleaning of drains and stormwater channels, road repairs and other municipal operations.

Financial transparency key to university's growth: VC Sabir

GWADAR (6 AM Report): University of Gwadar Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir has said financial discipline, transparency and effective resource management are essential for the university's sustainable development and academic growth.

Chairing the eighth meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee at the Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute, he emphasized the need to strengthen academic standards, research facilities and institutional capacity despite limited financial resources.

The committee reviewed the revised budget estimates and actual expenditures for 2025–26, along with the proposed budget and annual procurement plan for the 2026–27 financial year.

Key agenda items included the proposed PhD fee structure, revised university fees, creation of new teaching and administrative positions, and proposed remuneration for teaching fellows and visiting lecturers.

Members also discussed financial and administrative arrangements for affiliated colleges and reviewed progress on decisions taken at the committee's previous meeting on November 12, 2025.

Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed, Registrar Dr. Daulat Khan, senior faculty members and university officials attended the meeting. Representatives of the Balochistan Finance Department, Higher Education Commission and Governor's Secretariat participated virtually. The committee considered recommendations to improve financial oversight, align budget allocations with academic and research priorities, and strengthen institutional efficiency.



GWADAR: Vice Chancellor Gwadar University Professor Dr. Abdul Razaq Sabir presides over the 8th Finance and Planning meeting of University.

Drainage, industrial wastewater issues must be addressed: AC Ormara

GWADAR/ORMARA (6 AM Report): Assistant Commissioner Ormara Dr. Mahnoor Barkat has stressed the need for effective drainage and wastewater management to protect public health and the coastal environment.

Acting on public complaints, she visited the affected coastal area alongside Chief Officer Mandost and local community representatives to inspect stagnant wastewater, inadequate drainage facilities and reported mixing of industrial effluent with sewage.

During the inspection, Dr. Barkat assessed potential health risks to residents, including skin infections and waterborne diseases, arising from contaminated water.

She emphasized three priority measures: improving drainage infrastructure, ensuring safe disposal of contaminated wastewater and strengthening coordination among relevant departments to prevent further pollution.

The assistant commissioner also called for community participation in environmental protection efforts and urged the concerned authorities to work with local representatives on practical solutions.

University of Loralai signs MoU with US Foundation

LORALAI (6 AM Report): The University of Loralai has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the US-based Feel Worldwide Foundation Inc. to explore international educational, research and professional development opportunities for students and faculty in Balochistan.

The agreement was signed on November 9, 2026, at the foundation's headquarters in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Tariq Ahmed Khan signed on behalf of University of Loralai Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ehsanullah Kakar, while the foundation was represented by its Chief Executive Officer Arbab Naseebullah Kakar. Dr. Khan will also serve as the university's initial focal person for the partnership.

Commissioner Barrech

No compromise on development quality

LORALAI (6 AM Report): Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Barrech has emphasized that transparency, quality standards and timely completion must be ensured in development projects to deliver lasting benefits to rural communities.

He made the remarks during a meeting with Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) Chief Executive Officer Naimatullah Khan and District Admin Officer Munawar Khan Jogezai.

The meeting reviewed ongoing and proposed BRSP initiatives focusing on clean drinking water, livestock support, women's employment, skills development and rural economic improvement across Loralai Division.

Naimatullah Khan briefed the commissioner on the organization's efforts to improve basic services, support low-income households and create sustainable livelihood opportunities, particularly for women and underserved communities.

Commissioner Barrech stressed that development schemes must reflect local needs, with effective monitoring to ensure proper utilization of resources and adherence to technical standards.

He also called for stronger coordination between government departments and development organizations to improve project implementation and avoid unnecessary delays.

10 shops sealed in Quetta anti-encroachment drive

QUETTA (6 AM Report): The Quetta Metropolitan Corporation has sealed 10 shops and removed illegal encroachments from roads and sidewalks during a citywide crackdown aimed at improving traffic flow and pedestrian access.

The operations were conducted on the directives of Metropolitan Corporation Administrator Bashir Ahmed Barech, under the supervision of Municipal Magistrate Amir Qaisrani, with supervisors Abdul Haq Baloch and Sarwar Zehri.

Municipal teams removed encroachments and confiscated illegally placed goods in Mini Market, Taro Chowk and Pashtoonabad.

Acting on public complaints, officials also conducted operations on Jinnah Road, Abdullah Pal Street and in Ghausabad, while a joint operation was carried out in Satellite Town with the assistance of relevant departments.

During separate operations at Mitha Khan Chowk and Quddus Road, authorities sealed a total of 10 shops.

No compromise on merit in SST recruitment: DC Kakar

GWADAR (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Gwadar Naqeebullah Kakar has said that merit, transparency and strict adherence to recruitment rules will be ensured in the contractual appointment of Secondary School Teachers (SST) for Science and General subjects.

Chairing a meeting of the District Recruitment Committee (DRC), Kakar heard complaints from 43 male and female candidates regarding the recently issued merit lists.

Candidates raised concerns over discrepancies in dates of birth, academic marks, grade point averages (GPAs), educational qualifications and other recruitment records.

The deputy commissioner reviewed the complaints and directed officials to verify the relevant documents and address legitimate objections in accordance with recruitment rules.

He emphasized that no candidate would face discrimination or unfair treatment, adding that political recommendations or external pressure would not be entertained.

According to the district administration, the recruitment process is being conducted under Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti's merit-based recruitment policy. Officials said Gwadar was the first district in the province to complete the merit-based selection process for contractual SST positions, subject to the review of candidates' objections.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner General Dr. Abdul Shakoor, District Education Officer Zahid Hussain, District Officer Education (Female) Zaratoon Baloch, District Accounts Officer Soban Baloch and other committee members.

DC Kakar reaffirmed that all legitimate complaints would be examined before the recruitment process moves forward, ensuring that qualified candidates are selected strictly on merit.

No negligence in revenue recovery: DC Naseerabad

NASEERABAD (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Naseerabad Varender Lal has warned that negligence or unnecessary delays in recovering government dues will not be tolerated, directing revenue officials to meet their collection targets or face disciplinary action.

Chairing a meeting of revenue officers, he reviewed the recovery of Ushr, Abiana (irrigation water charges) and agricultural income tax, along with outstanding dues and progress against assigned targets.

Revenue officials briefed the deputy commissioner on collections, arrears and measures taken to improve recovery.

Varender Lal directed officials to accelerate revenue collection, prepare an effective recovery strategy and prioritize areas reporting slow progress.

He instructed all tehsildars, naib tehsildars and patwaris to ensure timely recovery of government dues in their respective jurisdictions and monitor progress daily.

The deputy commissioner warned that officers and revenue staff responsible for poor performance.

Nawab Shahwani

Illegal interference in ancestral lands will not be tolerated

MASTUNG (Special Report): Nawab Masood Iqbal Khan Shahwani, Tumandar of the Shahwani tribe and Chief of Birak, has said that any illegal interference, unauthorized claims or unilateral decisions concerning his family's ancestral lands and properties in Kachhi Bolan and other areas will not be accepted.

In a statement issued through his spokesperson, Nawab Shahwani expressed serious reservations over an alleged unilateral decision concerning family lands reportedly made in Karachi on the 14th of an unspecified month.

The spokesperson said the disputed properties, including land in Khattan and other parts of Kachhi Bolan, belonged to the descendants of the late Nawab Abdul Qadir Khan Shahwani.

He claimed that the properties had long been registered in the names of the family's ancestors in official revenue records and that no decision concerning their ownership should be made without consulting the rightful owners.



QUETTA: A delegation from different walks of life meeting with Provincial Minister for Communication and Works Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa.

ADB approves $500mn in disaster financing for Pak

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved contingent disaster financing (CDF) facilities totaling $500 million under its policy-based lending to help Pakistan to withstand and respond to disasters.

The CDF will provide prompt budget support following eligible disaster events to help reduce the economic and fiscal impacts, according to press release received here Wednesday.

Floods, earthquakes, and other disasters cause Pakistan an estimated $2 billion in annual average losses. The 2022 floods alone caused $14.9 billion in direct damage and $15.2 billion in economic losses, pushing as many as 9.1 million people into poverty.

Poor and rural communities have less capacity to recover, while women and girls are disproportionately affected.

To help protect communities and reduce the impact of future disasters, the second subprogram of the Climate and Disaster Resilience Enhancement Program supports reforms to strengthen disaster preparedness and risk management and integrate resilience measures into Pakistan's development planning and investment.

The program also strengthens Pakistan's disaster risk financing framework and improves the availability of financing following disaster events.

"When disaster strikes, it is often the most vulnerable communities that are hit hardest. Investing in preparedness can help protect lives and livelihoods, reduce economic losses, and safeguard the development gains Pakistan has worked hard to achieve," said ADB Country Director for Pakistan Emma Fan.

The programme also aimed to strengthen the country's disaster risk financing framework and improve the availability of funds following disaster events.

"When disaster strikes, it is often the most vulnerable communities that are hit hardest," ADB Country Director for Pakistan Emma Fan was quoted in the statement as saying.

"Investing in preparedness can help protect lives and livelihoods, reduce economic losses, and safeguard the development gains Pakistan has worked hard to achieve," she added.

Fan said the programme would support Pakistan in implementing "critical reforms to ensure a more resilient future".

The ADB said the programme was aligned with Pakistan's priorities for managing disaster risks and with the bank's commitment to supporting resilience initiatives across Asia and the Pacific.

Pakistan's disaster preparedness efforts have faced challenges, including delays in securing funds for long-term flood protection. In August, the Fourth National Flood Protection Plan had been delayed because the government had failed to secure the required funding from domestic and international donors, including the ADB, the World Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The plan was intended to strengthen protection for agricultural land, homes and infrastructure following the 2022 floods.



ANTALYA: Turkish President Recep Tayyip ErdoÄŸan and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres receives Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif upon his arrival at the venue of the Leaders' Summit of the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Pakistan, Kuwait agree to strengthen bilateral ties, expand economic coop.

ANTALYA (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and his Kuwaiti counterpart, Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, on Wednesday reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen bilateral relations, with particular focus on trade, investment and business cooperation.

The two leaders held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) in Antalya, Turkiye, where they discussed ways to expand cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including trade, investment, energy, development cooperation and people-to-people exchanges, a Prime Minister's Office news release said.

During the meeting, the prime ministers underscored the longstanding fraternal ties between Pakistan and Kuwait and expressed their resolve to translate the excellent political and diplomatic relations into stronger economic and business partnerships. They also exchanged views on regional and international developments, particularly challenges relating to peace and security, the adverse consequences of climate change and the need for enhanced international cooperation to promote sustainable development.

Welcoming the recent ratification of the defence cooperation agreement by both countries, the two leaders expressed hope that the development would provide further impetus to bilateral cooperation.

They agreed to work together to advance mutual prosperity, promote regional stability and strengthen sustainable development, reaffirming their shared commitment to taking Pakistan-Kuwait relations to new heights. The meeting reflected the shared desire of the two brotherly countries to deepen their longstanding partnership and expand mutually beneficial cooperation across diverse sectors.

Pak, Denmark discuss cooperation to address diabetes

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for National Health Services Syed Mustafa Kamal on Wednesday held a meeting with Danish Ambassador Maja Mortensen and a delegation of Novo Nordisk to discuss Pakistan's growing challenges of diabetes and obesity and ways to improve public access to modern treatments. The meeting focused on the availability of advanced medicines, regulatory reforms, drug pricing and potential cooperation with the Ministry of National Health Services and the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP).

Both sides also discussed opportunities to promote innovation in healthcare and strengthen collaboration to address the growing burden of non-communicable diseases in Pakistan. Speaking on the occasion, Mustafa Kamal highlighted the importance of international partnerships in improving healthcare delivery and ensuring access to modern medical facilities.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting effective health policies, strengthening regulatory mechanisms and facilitating access to advanced treatment options for the public.

Ahsan proposes time-bound audits, digital tracking to strengthen parliamentary oversight

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday proposed a series of reforms to strengthen parliamentary oversight, including time-bound audits, digital tracking of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) directives, professional research support and performance-based accountability of government departments.

Addressing an event titled "Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight – Public Accounts Committee" here, he called for Parliament, the Auditor General of Pakistan and the Finance Division to agree on a clear target of presenting audited reports to the PAC within 12 months of the end of each financial year.

He proposed making real-time and risk-based audits of major development projects a regular practice rather than an exception, while ensuring that every PAC directive carried a clearly defined deadline for compliance.

The minister also proposed establishing a digital compliance-tracking mechanism linking the PAC Secretariat with the Auditor General's office, supported by a dashboard showing the status of departmental compliance with committee directives. He said Principal Accounting Officers (PAOs) repeatedly ignoring PAC directives should face consequences in their performance evaluations, with their Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) reflecting how seriously they followed the committee's recommendations.

Stressing the need to strengthen the institutional capacity of parliamentary oversight, he proposed establishing permanent professional research wings within the PAC, comprising analysts, accountants and data experts.

Gilani calls for stronger local govt system, effective parliamentary oversight

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani Wednesday strongly advocated the revival of student unions and the establishment of a robust and empowered local government system, describing them as essential for nurturing future leadership and strengthening democracy.

He observed that the nurseries of leadership at the grassroots level had become dormant and needed to be revived to address the leadership vacuum in the country.

Sharing his own political journey, he said he started his career at the local level and rose to become Prime Minister of Pakistan, serving in various constitutional capacities.

He emphasized that strong local governments at district and tehsil levels were vital for good governance, transparency, accountability and effective utilization of public funds.

He expressed these views while addressing a workshop titled "Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight of Public Expenditure Management", organized by UNICEF.

Chairman Senate emphasized that transparent, efficient and responsible utilization of public resources was a constitutional responsibility of Parliament and essential for maintaining public trust. He said Parliament's role must extend beyond budget approval to ensuring that national resources were properly utilized and their benefits reached the people.

He stressed that budgetary allocations alone could not guarantee development outcomes unless funds were released timely, institutions fulfilled their responsibilities and public expenditure translated into tangible improvements in people's lives. He underscored that every rupee spent from the public exchequer must deliver measurable results in terms of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice and Human Rights Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar addresses the National Interfaith Harmony and Peace Conference organised by the Islamabad High Court Bar Association.

BHC orders local representatives' pay proposal within six months

QUETTA (6 AM Report): The Balochistan High Court (BHC) has directed the provincial government to finalize proposed remuneration rules for elected local government representatives and submit them to the competent authority or provincial cabinet for approval within six months of receiving the judgment.

A two-member bench comprising Justice Iqbal Ahmed Kasi and Justice Mian Muhammad Rauf Atta issued the directions while disposing of a constitutional petition filed by the elected chairman of Municipal Committee Mastung. Justice Atta authored the judgment. The court ordered the Local Government Department to address objections raised by the Law and Finance Departments and complete all necessary legal, administrative and financial procedures.

The petitioner had sought payment of remuneration from July 12, 2023, and determination of the service status of elected chairmen and vice chairmen under Section 35 of the Balochistan Local Government Act, 2010.

During the hearing, the government informed the court that the proposed remuneration package could cost approximately Rs1.8 billion annually and required proper rules, budgetary provisions and financial approval.

The court ruled that elected representatives could receive remuneration only as prescribed under duly framed rules. It clarified that no automatic right to a specific payment, retrospective benefits or civil service grades existed without the necessary legal framework. Referring to Article 140-A of the Constitution, the bench observed that local governments were an essential part of democratic governance and required adequate institutional and financial support to perform their responsibilities effectively.

The court directed the relevant departments to prepare a legally sound and financially viable proposal, taking into account the responsibilities of elected local representatives.

DPM/FM Dar, Uzbek FM discuss bilateral cooperation, ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov, on Wednesday, discussed Pak-Uzbek cooperation, including within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO0 frameworks.

They also underscored the importance of close coordination to advance shared regional priorities. The DPM/FM held a telephone conversation with the Uzbek foreign minister, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

The two ministers reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations and maintaining regular contact on matters of mutual importance.

Governor's rule in KP aims to eliminate terrorism: Tariq

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Wednesday said that the imposition of governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) was aimed at eliminating terrorism and restoring lasting peace in the province.

Speaking to a private television channel, he said governor's rule was imposed due to what he described as weak policies of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) regarding terrorism.

He said the government was taking all possible measures to completely eradicate terrorism and ensure lasting peace in the KP region.

Commenting on the facilities being provided to PTI founder, the minister said that he was being provided with all required healthcare facilities.

Regarding possible relief for the PTI founder, he said the court would decide his fate based on the cases against him.

He urged PTI to change its political strategy and avoid confrontation with national institutions.

Public safety, crime prevention top priorities: IGp

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Inspector General of Police Balochistan Muhammad Tahir has said protecting citizens' lives and property, preventing crime and maintaining law and order remain the top priorities of Balochistan Police.

During a visit to Kech district (Turbat), the IG reviewed the security situation, crime prevention measures, anti-narcotics operations and police performance.

DIG Makran Range Shad Ibn Masih, DIG Counter Terrorism Department Aitzaz Ahmed Goraya and DPO Kech Zohaib Mohsin accompanied him.

The IG received detailed briefings on security challenges, policing strategies, patrol arrangements and measures taken to protect citizens across Makran Range and Kech district.

He directed police officers to intensify operations against criminal elements, strengthen patrolling and improve community policing to enhance public confidence and maintain peace.

During the visit, Muhammad Tahir met the families of fallen police personnel, paid tribute to their sacrifices and assured them of continued departmental support, welfare assistance and resolution of their grievances.

The IG also inspected City Police Station Kech, reviewing official records, administrative arrangements and public service facilities. Expressing satisfaction with its overall performance, he instructed officials to further improve service delivery and ensure respectful treatment of citizens.

He distributed appreciation certificates among police personnel for outstanding performance and dedication to duty.

Muhammad Tahir reaffirmed that Balochistan Police would continue efforts to strengthen law enforcement, prevent crime and ensure public safety across the province.



KARACHI: A delegation of Saudi-Pak Joint Business Council led by its Chairman Shahzada Mansoor bin Muhammad Al Saud meeting with Balochistan Government delegation led by Vice Chairman BBoIT Bilal Khan Kakar.

Four injured in Quetta gas explosion, woman critical

QUETTA (ANN): Four people, including a mother and her six-year-old daughter, suffered burn injuries when accumulated gas reportedly caused an explosion inside a house on Marri Street, Arbab Karam Khan Road, in Quetta on Wednesday morning.

The injured were rushed to the Burns Unit of Civil Hospital Quetta, where the woman's condition was reported to be critical.

According to initial reports, gas had accumulated inside a room after supply was allegedly restored following an outage, triggering the explosion. However, the exact cause of the incident has yet to be officially confirmed.

Sources said the woman suffered burns covering approximately 90 percent of her body, while her six-year-old daughter sustained around 60 percent burns. Two other people suffered minor injuries.

Saudi investors keen to invest in Balochistan, create jobs: Bilal Kakar

KARACHI (6 AM Report): Vice Chairman of the Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade (BBoIT), Bilal Khan Kakar, has said that Saudi investment in Balochistan could strengthen the provincial economy, accelerate industrial development and create employment opportunities for local youth.

Speaking during a meeting with a 10-member Saudi business delegation led by Prince Mansour bin Mohammad Al Saud, Chairman of the Saudi-Pakistan Joint Business Council, Kakar said Balochistan offered significant investment opportunities in minerals, energy, agriculture, livestock, industry and the coastal economy.

He said Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti envisioned transforming Balochistan into a major national and international investment and trade hub, adding that the provincial government was committed to creating a business-friendly environment and facilitating foreign investors.

The meeting, held in Karachi, was attended by Balochistan Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (BTEVTA) Managing Director Abdul Kabeer Zarkoon and Lasbela Industrial Estates Development Authority (LIEDA) Managing Director Liaqat Kashani.

During the meeting, the Saudi delegation received a detailed briefing on Balochistan's natural resources, economic potential and proposed investment projects.

The projects presented included a low-BTU gas-based urea fertilizer complex, a ferrochrome plant, industrial development opportunities through LIEDA, blue economy initiatives, olive cultivation, livestock farming and investment prospects in the minerals and energy sectors.

Prince Mansour expressed keen interest in the proposed projects and conveyed his commitment to exploring direct investment in projects ready for implementation.

He also assured the Balochistan delegation that efforts would be accelerated to provide employment opportunities for skilled workers from the province in Saudi Arabia.

Describing the employment initiative as a special gift to the Government of Balochistan, the Saudi business leader expressed his willingness to strengthen economic cooperation and investment partnerships.

Kakar welcomed the Saudi delegation's interest and said investment in the province's natural resources and industrial sectors could expand economic activity while generating employment for local communities.

Quality healthcare at people's doorsteps a priority: Kakar

Balochistan health minister and MPA Malik Naeem Khan Bazai inaugurate upgraded Rural Health Center and new ambulance service in Samali

KUCHLAK / SAMALI (ANN): Balochistan Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar has said the provincial government is committed to providing quality healthcare at people's doorsteps, particularly in remote and underserved areas.

He made the remarks while inaugurating the upgraded Rural Health Center (RHC) in Samali and a new ambulance service, alongside Member of the Provincial Assembly Malik Naeem Khan Bazai.

Speaking at the ceremony, Kakar said the upgraded facility would improve access to essential medical services for residents of Samali and surrounding areas, reducing the need to travel long distances for routine treatment.

He emphasized that the new ambulance service would strengthen emergency response and facilitate the timely transfer of critically ill patients to major hospitals in Quetta.

Following the inauguration, the health minister and MPA inspected various sections of the health center and reviewed medical facilities and administrative arrangements.

MPA Malik Naeem Khan Bazai welcomed the initiative, saying the improved healthcare infrastructure would directly benefit local communities and help address longstanding medical needs.

Kakar reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening public health facilities, improving emergency services and ensuring accessible healthcare across Balochistan.

DC Badini

Religious harmony, peace a shared responsibility

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Quetta Meharullah Badini has said maintaining peace and promoting religious harmony are shared responsibilities, urging religious leaders to strengthen tolerance, mutual respect and unity among different schools of thought.

He made the remarks during separate meetings with religious scholars, seminary representatives and officials of the Shia Ulema Conference, focusing on inter-sect harmony, public safety and cooperation with the district administration. Additional Deputy Commissioner General Muhammad Anwar Kakar and Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Hafiz Muhammad Tariq attended the meetings.

Badini emphasized that religious scholars play an important role in promoting peaceful coexistence, building mutual trust and preventing sectarian tensions.

He urged religious leaders to encourage dialogue, brotherhood and respect for differing views, stressing that effective communication between communities and the administration was essential for maintaining stability.

The deputy commissioner assured participants that the district administration would maintain regular consultations and equal engagement with all religious communities to address concerns and strengthen cooperation.

He reaffirmed that lasting peace in Quetta depends on collective efforts, mutual understanding and continued coordination between religious leaders, citizens and the district administration.



QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehrullah Badini presides over the meeting of Ulema and representative of Madaris.

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