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Pakistan, Kuwait agree to expand economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan and Kuwait have agreed to further expand economic cooperation and strengthen bilateral partnership.

The understanding was reached during a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah.

The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and discussed matters of mutual interest, including trade, investment, energy projects and people-to-people contacts.

Meanwhile, Pakistan State Oil and Kuwait Petroleum Corporation agreed to further expand their five-decade-long partnership in the energy sector.

Under the agreement, the two sides will explore new opportunities for fuel supplies, refining and investment to support the development of Pakistan's energy sector.

President firmly supports Palestinian statehood

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has extended warm felicitations to President of the State of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas and the people of Palestine on the occasion of the 38th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the State of Palestine, reaffirming Pakistan's unwavering support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, particularly their right to self-determination.

In a letter addressed to President Mahmoud Abbas, the President said Pakistan and Palestine enjoy close fraternal relations rooted in shared history.

, mutual trust, solidarity and common aspirations. He said the people of Pakistan hold the Palestinian people in the highest esteem and remain deeply committed to further strengthening the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between the two countries.

President Zardari reiterated Pakistan's firm and principled support for the establishment of an independent, sovereign, viable and contiguous State of Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions.

He also reaffirmed Pakistan's solidarity with the Palestinian people in the face of their continued suffering and expressed support for their aspirations for lasting peace, freedom and dignity.

Police foil terrorist attack on Bannu checkpoint, kill four militants

PESHAWAR (APP): Police foiled a terrorist attack on Kanger Bridge checkpoint in Bannu during the night, killing four militants in an effective retaliatory action. According to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Director of Public Relations, terrorists launched the attack at the checkpoint at night, but police personnel responded promptly and repulsed the assault.

Police recovered four Kalashnikovs, hand grenades and a large quantity of ammunition from the possession of the slain militants. Following reports of the attack, Quick Response Force, Rapid Response Force and additional police personnel rushed to the site.

from Bannu Police Lines. They cordoned off the area and launched a search operation. A clearance and search operation was subsequently conducted, during which the bodies of four terrorists were recovered, along with four Kalashnikov rifles.

President, PM reaffirm commitment to economic stability and development

LAHORE (PPI): President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday visited the residence of Prime Minister (PM) Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Model Town, where the prime minister warmly received him.

During the meeting,the two leaders held detailed discussions on the overall political, economic and security situation in the country. The PM briefed the president on his recent visit to Türkiye and participation in the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31). The meeting also discussed cooperation between coalition partners,continuation of the consultation process and progress on public welfare initiatives.

Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to working together for economic stability and accelerating the pace of development in the country.

National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq,former prime minister Raja Pervez Ashraf,Senator Saleem Mandviwalla,Federal Minister for Law Azam Nazeer Tarar,Adviser to the Prime Minister Rana Sanaullah and Member of the National Assembly Mian Hamza Shehbaz Sharif were also present at the meeting. The prime minister also briefed the president on his recent visit to Turkiye and his participation in the 31st Conference of the Parties.

The two leaders discussed cooperation between coalition partners, continuity of consultations and progress on public welfare initiatives. They reaffirmed their commitment to working together to strengthen economic stability and accelerate the country's development process. National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, former prime minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, Prime Minister's Adviser Rana Sanaullah and MNA Hamza Shehbaz were also present at the meeting. The proposal for a referendum has found support within sections of the PML-N, with Punjab Assembly Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan recently raising the constitutional question of whether elected representatives could override the people's verdict in a referendum.

The debate has also drawn attention to the PPP's position, particularly its opposition to any move to divide Sindh.

Zardari's recent meeting with Naqvi in Nawabshah had also attracted attention in the context of the discussion on new provinces, although the President's House said the meeting had focused on national security and the regional situation.



LAHORE: President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at his Model Town residence.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chairing an inter-ministerial meeting to review preparations for the upcoming Pakistan-Turkmenistan Joint Intergovernmental Commission (JIC) session, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

28th constitutional amendment draft yet to reach my office: Ayaz

LAHORE (INP): National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said the draft of the 28th Constitutional Amendment had not yet reached his office, and that his constitutional role would begin only after the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs sent him the draft.

Speaking in detail to the media in Lahore, he discussed various political matters, the constitutional amendment and the government's performance. In response to a question about the draft, Sadiq said he would not form a prior opinion on whether the amendment was good or bad until its draft was formally presented and he knew its contents.

Speaking about the responsibilities of government figures and ministers, the National Assembly speaker said everyone in the government was fulfilling their respective constitutional and administrative responsibilities. Each minister was running their ministry and had a role of their own, he said. His role in the process was of a specific nature, and he would perform his duties in accordance with the rules and procedures only after receiving the draft from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Asked about Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Sadiq said Naqvi worked hard and actively on any government assignment given to him. "I don't ask whether an amendment is coming or not; we will know when it comes. I will not call the amendment good or bad. My job is to facilitate, and my work will begin when the government says the 28th Amendment is coming," he said.

On Federal Minister Chaudhry Salik Hussain's remarks and political allegations, Sadiq said such accusations were routinely made in politics. Continuing his point, he said no one objected if a doctor's son became a doctor, yet politicians were always taunted over dynastic politics.

No safe haven for terrorists in Balochistan: CM Bugti

Eight suspected militants killed in Kolpur operation; chief minister and advisers pay tribute to martyred soldiers, vow continued counterterrorism operations and stronger highway security

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has vowed that no safe haven will be allowed for terrorists and their facilitators in the province, reaffirming that security operations will continue until terrorism is eliminated and the safety of citizens is ensured.

The chief minister praised intelligence-based operations in Kolpur, Kurdgap and Nushki, describing the reported killing of eight suspected militants, including a suicide bomber, in Kolpur as a significant achievement by security forces.

Bugti said attempts to disrupt peace, spread fear and make national highways unsafe would not be tolerated. He emphasized that protecting citizens and maintaining law and order remained the provincial government's foremost responsibilities.

Expressing deep sorrow over the martyrdom of Major Umar Nasir Minhas and Havildar Muhammad Adnan Khan in a militant attack, the chief minister paid tribute to their sacrifices and extended condolences to their families.

He said the provincial government would continue extending full cooperation to security forces and law enforcement agencies in their efforts to eliminate terrorism.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister's Adviser on Information and Political Affairs Shahid Rind commended security operations in Kolpur, Kurdgap and Nushki, saying the reported recovery of substantial quantities of arms and ammunition demonstrated the professionalism and operational effectiveness of security forces. Rind alleged that Indian-backed militant elements were using advanced drone technology, explosives and other methods to target security personnel and civilians.

He expressed grief over the deaths of the two soldiers in an attack involving armed quadcopters and stressed the need for continued patrols, clearance operations and enhanced security arrangements along the Quetta-Taftan Highway and other sensitive routes.

Chief Minister's Adviser on Home Affairs Babar Yousafzai also praised security forces for the Kolpur operation, describing the reported killing of eight militants allegedly linked to the group referred to by officials as Fitna al-Hindustan as an important counterterrorism success.



NORTH DERA BUGTI: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti offering Fateha on the sad demise of his aunt and mother of Mir Tariq Hussain Bugti.

Thousands attend funeral of CM Bugti's aunt in Dera Bugti

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, tribal elders, government officials and citizens offer funeral prayers and express condolences to bereaved family

DERA BUGTI (6 AM Report): The funeral prayers of Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti's aunt, mother of former provincial assembly member Mir Tariq Bugti, were offered in North Dera Bugti on Saturday, with thousands of people in attendance.

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti joined tribal elders, government officials, political and social figures, and citizens from various walks of life in the funeral prayers.

Participants offered Fateha for the departed soul and expressed their heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved family.

Following the funeral, tribal elders and local residents met Chief Minister Bugti to convey their condolences over his aunt's death. They prayed for the departed soul's eternal peace and a high place in Paradise, and for strength and patience for the grieving family. Tribal elders, citizens and representatives of different communities continued visiting the bereaved family to offer condolences.

Governor Mandokhail

Joint efforts essential to eliminate terrorism

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has said that eliminating terrorism requires joint efforts by the government, law enforcement agencies and citizens, stressing that terrorism is not merely an act of violence but an ideology rooted in fear and intimidation.

In a statement condemning militant attacks near Kurdgap and Kolpur, the governor expressed deep sorrow over the martyrdom of Major Umar Nasir Minhas and Havildar Muhammad Adnan Khan, paying tribute to their sacrifices in defending the country and protecting citizens.

Mandokhail urged law enforcement agencies to adopt concrete and effective measures against terrorism and subversive activities, emphasizing that security operations must be supported by active public cooperation to achieve lasting peace.

He said the sacrifices of security personnel would not go in vain and called for collective responsibility in countering extremist violence.

Pakistan, 16 other countries slam Israeli airstrike on Gaza hospital, warn against undermining ceasefire

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Foreign Ministers of Pakistan, Egypt, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, Jordan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Palestine, Algeria, Mauritania, Sudan, Libya, Djibouti, Somalia, Lebanon and Oman condemned in the strongest terms the Israeli airstrike on the Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis, which caused casualties among patients and medical personnel, in violation of international humanitarian law, which affords special protection to medical facilities and healthcare workers.

In a statement, they also condemned continued Israeli attacks on Palestinian civilians, including strikes on tents and other sites sheltering displaced persons. These attacks undermine the ceasefire and efforts to restore security and stability in Gaza and are inconsistent with President Trump's Comprehensive Plan.

The ministers expressed grave concern that continued Israeli restrictions on humanitarian aid, shelter materials including tents, caravans and mobile homes.

Pakistan, Uzbekistan reaffirm commitment to expanding defence cooperation

Lt General Bahromovich lauds professionalism, operational prowess, combat capabilities of Pak Air Force

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, NI (M), HJ, during his official visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan, held high-level meetings with Lieutenant General Botir Qudrathodjayev Bahromovich, Defence Minister, and Major General Burkhanov Akhmad Jamolovich, Deputy Defence Minister and Commander of Air Defence and Air Force of Uzbekistan.

During the meeting with the Defence Minister of Uzbekistan, the discussions focused on regional security, existing defence ties and prospects for institutional collaboration, said a news release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR). The Uzbek Defence Minister lauded the professionalism, operational prowess and combat capabilities of the Pakistan Air Force. In the subsequent meeting with Deputy Defence Minister and Commander of Air Defence & Air Force of Uzbekistan, the discussion focused on enhancing bilateral defence cooperation through joint military exercises, structured professional exchanges and capacity building. The Air Chief highlighted the deep-rooted brotherly ties between Pakistan and Uzbekistan. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing operational readiness and collaboration in emerging technologies by leveraging their respective expertise and capabilities.



Detention of dysfunctional KP CM Afridi, other MPs challenged in FCC

ISLAMABAD (INP): National Assembly Opposition Leader Mehmood Khan Achakzai and Senate Opposition Leader Raja Nasir Abbas on Saturday jointly filed a petition before the Federal Constitutional Court (FCC), seeking the immediate release of the dysfunctional Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister Sohail Afridi and eight other parliamentarians. The PTI-backed chief minister and other lawmakers had been taken into preventive custody hours before the federal government imposed governor's rule and emergency in KP on October 11.

In their petition, the opposition leaders argued that keeping elected representatives in custody amounts to rendering the public mandate ineffective. "Targeting them on the basis of political affiliation violates Articles 4, 14, 17 and 25 of the Constitution," read the petition. The plea also demands that the government disclose their "legal status and place of detention".

It argues that extraordinary powers under Articles 232, 234 and 245 do not override fundamental rights. The imposition of governor's rule, it says, does not end fundamental rights, and government actions remain subject to judicial review by the FCC.

Major among 4 army soldiers martyred, 24 terrorists killed in Balochistan, KP IBOs

RAWALPINDI: A Pakistan Army major among four personnel were martyred and 24 terrorists belonging to "Fitna al-Hindustan" and "Fitna al-Khawarij" (FAH) were killed in separate intelligence-based operations (IBOs) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Balochistan, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Saturday.

In Balochistan, the armed forces, since November 13, have been conducting multiple IBOs around Kolpur, Kardagap and Nushki, including area domination and patrolling of the Quetta-Taftan National Highway (N-40) to keep it secure for local traffic and sustain operations.

According to the military's media wing, "On night 13/14 November, in the area of Kolpur, the security forces successfully neutralised eight Indian-sponsored terrorists, including a suicide bomber and recovered a large cache of weapons and ammunition."



(From left to right) Pakistan Army's Major Omer Minhas Nasir, Havildar Muhammad Adnan Khan, Naik Aftab Ali and Havildar Asmat Ali.

The India-backed terrorists targeted military vehicles on patrol using armed quadcopters on November 14, resulting in the martyrdom of Major Omer Minhas Nasir, a resident of Chakwal District, and Havildar Muhammad Adnan Khan, a resident of Kotli Sattian.

"This cowardly act has not shaken the resolve of the security forces. The tempo of operations will be maintained and IBOs will continue with the same vigour to secure the local population and eliminate the menace of terrorism. Clearance operations in these areas will continue until the threat is completely neutralised," said the ISPR.

Governor announces suspension of gold mining activities across KP after Kohat incident

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi announced the suspension of all gold mining activities and related leases across the province following a deadly security incident in Kohat, while ordering a comprehensive investigation into alleged illegal mining and its links with terrorism.

Addressing a press conference here alongside Adviser to the Governor on Minerals Dr Sarfaraz Ali, Chief Secretary Dr Muhammad Fakhre Alam Irfan and Inspector General of Police Zulfiqar Hamid, the Governor said that all gold mining activities in the province would remain suspended with immediate effect.

He warned that no individual or company would be allowed to continue gold mining after the announcement and that machinery of those violating the ban would be confiscated.

Faisal Karim Kundi said a special task force, being established in the name of martyred DSP Haider Zaman, would comprise personnel from various relevant departments and institutions. The force would formulate a permanent regulatory mechanism for mining activities within three weeks.

He also announced the formation of a judicial commission, headed by a retired former judge of the Peshawar High Court, to investigate illegal mining and identify those providing patronage to the unlawful activity.

The Governor said the commission would examine all aspects of illegal mining, adding that no one would be subjected to political victimisation, but anyone found involved in illegal activities would face accountability without discrimination.

Referring to the tragic Kohat incident, Kundi said 10 security personnel had embraced martyrdom following an attack by Fitna al-Khawarij after an operation against illegal gold mining.

He paid tribute to the security personnel who sacrificed their lives in defence of the country and said that 18 terrorists belonging to Fitna al-Khawarij were also killed during the operation.

"The series of sacrifices must come to an end now, and this situation will no longer be tolerated."



LAHORE: Governor of Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in a group photo with Faryal Talpur President PPP Women Wing, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, Nayyar Bukhari, and Hassan Murtaza during visit to the PPP Central Punjab Secretariat.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi addressing a Press Conference on Kohat incident.

Punjab Governor says:
Public trust is essential for the creation of new provinces

LAHORE (Handout) : Governor of Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, stated that public trust is essential for the creation of new provinces. The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) is fully prepared for the local government elections.

The devolution of power to the grassroots level will ensure that the public's issues are resolved locally. PPP workers are our true asset.

He expressed these views during meeting with senior party leaders.including Faryal Talpur President PPP Women Wing, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, Nayyar Bukhari, and Hassan Murtaza as well as other office-bearers and party workers during his visit to the PPP Central Punjab Secretariat.

Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan remarked that PPP Women Wing Faryal Talpur's visit to Lahore will inspire party workers to carry the party's message to every street and neighborhood with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. He noted that the visit of the party leadership to Lahore serves to breathe new life into the workers. The Governor added that the PPP is becoming popular and stronger among the public in Lahore.

He affirmed that the party's workers and office-bearers are thoroughly prepared for the local government elections.

Furthermore, the Governor emphasized that holding local government elections is crucial for for resolving their problems at their door steps.

Speaking to the media on this occasion, Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan stated that new provinces can only be created when the local residents themselves desire their formation.

He noted that a resolution for the creation of a province has already been passed twice by the Punjab Assembly; he suggested that this should be tested by proceeding with the creation of such a province. The Governor emphasized that once a province is established, it cannot subsequently be abolished. He further remarked that the creation of new provinces requires both mutual consultation and the consent of the public.

Central Muslim League sends legal notice to Punjab CM

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Markazi Muslim League has sent a legal notice to Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz over what it describes as allegedly baseless, fabricated and defamatory accusations against the party. The notice was issued on the instructions of party president Khalid Masood Sandhu by lawyers Muhammad Amir Habib, Rana Muhammad Abdul Hafeez and Sheikh Muhammad Naeem Mazhar, Advocate High Court, of Pak Law Firm.

It demands an unconditional apology and deletion of social media posts within seven days.

The notice states that Maryam Safdar, resident of Jati Umra, Raiwind Road, and currently residing at 7 Club, Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore, called Pakistan Markazi Muslim League a terrorist, illegal and banned organization on her personal Twitter (X) account and during public addresses carried by electronic media.

It says the remarks were repeatedly broadcast on television channels and published in print media, and describes them as baseless and false attempts to damage the reputation of a legally registered political party.

The notice says Pakistan Markazi Muslim League is registered with the Election Commission and has participated in the democratic process under the country's Constitution and laws since 2022. It says the party established welfare camps for poor people, widows and others in need during floods and other natural disasters, and runs several projects in education, health and the provision of clean drinking water.

The party contested the 2024 general election with the chair as its electoral symbol and, the notice says, recently emerged as the second-largest political party in the November 8, 2026 by-election in NA-77 Gujranwala.

The notice states that every citizen has the right to freedom of expression under the Constitution, but that this right is subject to limits set by law and does not permit anyone to accuse a recognized political party of serious offences such as terrorism without legal evidence. It says such irresponsible statements are creating public misunderstandings, violating party workers' democratic rights and damaging the leadership's reputation, and may constitute actionable defamation.

CM approves Rs.23.85b 'Khushhal Dehat Program' for development of villages

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister(CM) Maryam Nawaz Sharif has approved the allocation of Rs.23.85 billion for the first phase of the 'Khushhal Dehat Program', under which 475 villages across the province will be developed, with each village receiving Rs.50 million for development projects.

The program envisages paved streets and a proper sewerage system in every village to improve rural infrastructure and living conditions.

A Khushhal Dehat Committee will oversee the completion of development projects in each village.

The committee will be headed by the respective Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) (Social Services) and comprise five government and four private members.

The Chairman of the Union Council and the relevant Sub-Engineer will also be included in the committee.

The CM directed the authorities concerned to release the first installment of the grant to the Khushhal Dehat Committees by November to ensure timely commencement of development work.

She also sought a development plan for another 2,000 villages under the second phase of the program.

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif said providing paved streets and an organized sewerage system in every village of Punjab was her commitment.

"Whether urban or rural, development will now be ensured across every part of Punjab. Everyone will be included in the journey of development and political affiliations will not be allowed to become a hurdle," she said.

Sindh Governor administers oath to Justice Iqbal as Acting SHC CJ

KARACHI (APP): Governor of Sindh Syed Muhammad Nehal Hashmi on Saturday administered the oath of office to Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro as Acting Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court (SHC).

The oath was administered in a simple yet dignified ceremony at the Governor House.

A large number of judges and members of the legal fraternity attended the ceremony.



KARACHI: Governor of Sindh Syed Muhammad Nehal Hashmi administering the oath of office to Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro as Acting Chief Justice of Sindh High Court (SHC) at Governor House.

Adviser urges youth to promote positive image of KP

PESHAWAR (APP): Adviser to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government on Auqaf, Religious and Minority Affairs, Maulana Tayyab Qureshi has said that the youth of the province possess immense talent and potential which must be utilized effectively for development of province and promotion of its positive image.

He was addressing a ceremony of Pakhtunkhwa Youth Assembly as chief guest here on Saturday. He also administered oath newly elected members and congratulated them.

He emphasized that adopting modern technology was essential for progress urging young people to play an active role in promoting peace, tolerance, brotherhood and national unity.

Maulana Tayyab Qureshi said the provincial government was taking various initiatives to enhance the educational and technical skills of students belonging to religious seminaries and minority communities. These initiatives include educational scholarships, laptop schemes, digital skills development programs and other capacity-building measures to ensure equal opportunities and equip students with modern-day skills.

He appreciated the efforts of KP Youth Assembly by saying it provided an effective platform for young people to demonstrate their abilities and participate in constructive activities. He assured the assembly of his full cooperation and pledged to help convey the voices and concerns of young people to the relevant forums.

Chinese delegation visits HSA to explore research collaboration

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of Chinese representatives associated with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) on Saturday visited the Health Services Academy (HSA) to explore opportunities for joint collaboration, academic exchange and research partnerships in the healthcare sector.

During the visit, the delegation discussed potential areas of mutual cooperation, with a particular focus on strengthening institutional linkages, promoting collaborative research and sharing scientific knowledge between Pakistan and China. The engagement provided an opportunity to explore new avenues for bilateral cooperation in public health, healthcare research and capacity building under the framework .



MUREE: Former Vice Chancellor Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU), Prof. Dr.Muhammad Umar, distributing certificates to the participants of the World Diabetes Day 2026 event under the global theme "Early Action on Diabetes" organized by The Diabetes Centre (TDC).

Petition seeks hospital transfer for Dr Yasmin

LAHORE (INP): A petition has been filed in the special anti-terrorism court seeking the transfer of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Dr Yasmin Rashid from Kot Lakhpat Jail to a hospital. Her lawyer, Rana Mudasir, submitted the petition.

The petition states that Dr Yasmin Rashid has been in custody in various cases since May 10, 2023, and suffers from cancer and asthma. It says her health has deteriorated severely because of smog and alleges that her basic rights are being denied in jail.

According to the petition, doctors have recommended hydrotherapy and physiotherapy, but she has been unable to receive proper treatment in jail. Her latest MRI report reportedly showed serious problems with her spine, and doctors have also advised surgery.

The petition says her surgery cannot be carried out while she remains in jail and that prison authorities have not transferred her to a hospital despite a court order. The petitioner has asked for her immediate transfer from Kot Lakhpat Jail to a hospital and access to appropriate medical facilities.

Three assistant commissioners transferred in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI (INP): Announcing important administrative changes in district administration Rawalpindi, three assistant commissioners (ACs) have been transferred.

In this connection, the government of Punjab issued a notification on Saturday.

Assistant commissioner Rawalpindi city, assistant commissioner Rawalpindi Sadar and assistant commissioner Kahuta have been changed, and new officers have been appointed in their place instead whose names have not been disclosed as yet.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health and Emergency Services Khawaja Salman Rafique addressing the passing out parade at Rescue Headquarters. Advisor to CM Punjab Ali Mustafa Dar, Parliamentary Secretaries Ziaullah Shah and Secretary Emergency Services Dr. Rizwan Naseer are also present.

Bangladeshi delegation laud Punjab's heritage preservation efforts

LAHORE (APP): A 34-member high-level delegation of Bangladeshi civil officers, currently participating in a training programme at the National School of Public Policy (NSPP) Lahore, has lauded the Punjab government's efforts for the preservation of religious heritage, restoration of historical sites, renovation of shrines, and promotion of Sufi traditions.

The delegation expressed these views during its visit to the historic Badshahi Mosque here on Saturday. The members also visited the mausoleum of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, offered Fateha, and offered Asr prayers at the mosque.

The visiting officers toured the Sacred Relics Gallery and Iqbal Hall at the Badshahi Mosque, where they were given a detailed briefing on the preservation of religious and historical heritage, documentation of antiquities, and the establishment of modern heritage and picture galleries at various shrines and historical sites across Punjab.

The delegation was also shown documentaries highlighting the galleries established at different shrines, the preservation of historical artefacts and sacred relics, and the spiritual and social contributions of Sufi saints. Taking keen interest in the displayed artefacts, the members recorded their impressions in the visitors' comments register.

The delegation particularly appreciated the efforts of the Auqaf Department, under the leadership of Secretary and Chief Administrator Auqaf Punjab Dr Ehsan Bhutta, for the preservation, restoration, and renovation of shrines, mosques, and other religious and historical sites across the province.

They remarked that religious and historical heritage was an invaluable asset reflecting the civilizational, spiritual, and cultural identity of a nation.



PESHAWAR: Doctors and paramedical staff participate in an awareness walk organized in connection with World Diabetes Day at Lady Reading Hospital (LRH).

Nine suspects arrested in D.I. Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (INP): Cantt Police arrested nine suspects during a crackdown against illegal arms possession, aerial firing, drug trafficking and illegal residence, recovering five pistols, 27 rounds of ammunition and 155 grams of ice (crystal methamphetamine).

According to a police spokesman, the operation was conducted on the directives of District Police Officer Ziauddin Ahmad, under the supervision of SP City Division Muhammad Noman and the leadership of DSP City Muhammad Adnan, with SHO Cantt Cadet Zafar Abbas heading the police team.



Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab attends advertising exhibition by All Pakistan Newspapers Society at Frere Hall.

Zeeshan Malik reviews restoration, beautification plan for Lakshmi Chowk

LAHORE (APP): On the directions of Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif,the provincial government on Saturday decided to restore and beautify historic buildings, monuments and archaeological sites around Lakshmi Chowk while preserving their original architectural features.

In this regard,an important meeting was held at Town Hall under the chairmanship of Adviser to Chief Minister Punjab Zeeshan Malik, followed by a visit to Lakshmi Chowk to review the proposed restoration and beautification work. Deputy Commissioner(DC) Lahore Muhammad Ali Ejaz, Director General(DG) Lahore Development Authority (LDA) Tahir Farooq, Special Secretary Local Government Syed Moosa Raza, Chief Officer Metropolitan Corporation Lahore Kaleem Yousaf and other officials attended the meeting and accompanied the adviser during the visit.

The meeting reviewed the proposed facade uplift of historic buildings on both sides of the road, restoration of archaeological structures and beautification of the Orange Line Metro Train bridge.

Zeeshan Malik directed the authorities concerned to ensure that the original architectural features of historic buildings were preserved during restoration work.

He also directed them to maintain uniformity in facade uplift and ensure high standards of beautification.

Minister Rana Iqbal says:
Punjab govt committed to making province hub of modern technology, digital governance

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Minister for Law Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan on Saturday said the Punjab government was committed to transforming the province into a leading hub of modern technology, digital governance and information technology (IT) development. He was addressing a seminar organized by UNV and HOPETEK to showcase their latest technological solutions, innovative products and advancements in the IT sector.

The seminar provided participants with an opportunity to explore modern technologies,emerging trends, innovative products and new business opportunities in the IT industry.

The provincial minister appreciated the efforts of BMC Chief Executive Officer(CEO),Usman Asghar and termed the organization of such events in Lahore's IT market a commendable initiative. He said bringing business leaders, dealers and IT professionals together on a common platform reflected a strong commitment to collaboration, partnership and keeping pace with modern technological requirements. Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan said that under the leadership of Chief Minister(CM) Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the Punjab government was focusing on expanding digital services, modernizing public sector systems, equipping young people with advanced technological skills and creating a business-friendly environment. He said the growth of the IT industry was not merely an achievement for individual businesses or organizations but also an important contributor to the country's overall economic development. The minister observed that the sector offered immense potential for generating employment opportunities for young people.

Ensure timely completion of judicial projects: Babar Khan

Communications and Works secretary reviews development schemes, directs officials to accelerate construction, maintain quality and remove obstacles

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Secretary for Communications and Works Babar Khan has directed officials to ensure the timely completion of ongoing judicial development projects across the province without compromising construction quality. Chairing a review meeting on the progress of judicial development schemes, the secretary emphasized the need to accelerate construction activities, strengthen monitoring and promptly resolve obstacles affecting project completion.

The meeting was attended by chief engineers, superintending engineers and executive engineers of the Building Division.

During the meeting, executive engineers presented detailed briefings on their respective projects, highlighting construction progress, the pace of work and current implementation status.

Babar Khan said judicial infrastructure projects required special attention because of their institutional importance, stressing that construction activities must be expedited to achieve targets within the prescribed timelines.

He directed relevant engineers and officials to maintain continuous supervision, ensure compliance with construction standards and address issues causing unnecessary delays.

The secretary also emphasized effective coordination among engineering teams and concerned departments to improve efficiency and ensure smooth project execution.

He instructed all responsible officers to fulfill their duties diligently, maintaining a balance between construction speed and quality to ensure the timely completion of judicial development schemes across Balochistan.



QUETTA: Vice Chairman BBoIT Bilal Khan Kakar and President QCCI Ahmed Gul Kakar and others witnessing the signing MoU regarding Board of Investment and Trade BITE.



QUETTA: Regional Head Federal Ombudsman Ghulam Sarwar Barohi meeting with Chief Executive Officer QESCO Engineer Mirza Aizaz Baig at QESCO Headquarters.

Balochistan to become investment hub: Bilal Kakar

BBoIT signs MoUs with leading chambers of commerce to boost trade and investment ahead of BITE 2026 in Quetta on November 18–19

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade (BBoIT) Vice Chairman Bilal Khan Kakar has said that efforts are underway to transform Balochistan into a hub for domestic and international investment by promoting business opportunities and strengthening private-sector cooperation.

Speaking at ceremonies marking the signing of memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with various business organizations, Kakar said the initiatives were aligned with Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti's vision for economic development.

The MoUs were signed with the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Quetta Chamber of Small Industries, Women Chamber of Commerce and Pakistan-Iran Joint Chamber of Commerce to strengthen business ties, expand cooperation and promote investment.

Kakar said the Balochistan Investment and Trade Expo (BITE 2026), scheduled for November 18–19 in Quetta, would provide an important platform to showcase the province's investment potential and commercial opportunities.

He said the chambers had been engaged as partners to ensure active participation by the business community.

Highlighting opportunities in minerals, agriculture, livestock, fisheries, energy and tourism, Kakar said BBoIT was working with private investors and relevant institutions to convert the province's economic potential into practical investments. He added that the agreements would help strengthen links among local industrialists, traders and investors while facilitating access for Balochistan's products to national and international markets.

Rising flour prices hit Quetta residents hard

QUETTA (ANN): Rising flour prices in Quetta have added to the financial difficulties of residents, particularly low-income and middle-class families, prompting calls for immediate government intervention to control prices and ensure the availability of affordable flour. Residents across the provincial capital said increasing electricity, gas and essential commodity costs, coupled with higher flour prices, had made it increasingly difficult to manage household budgets.

They said daily wage earners, laborers and low-income families were among the worst affected, with many struggling to meet basic food requirements. Citizens expressed concern that the prices of essential commodities continued to rise while household incomes remained largely unchanged, placing additional pressure on families already facing financial hardship.

Residents urged the Balochistan government, district administration and Food Department to strengthen market monitoring, ensure compliance with officially prescribed prices and take legal action against hoarding and profiteering.

They also demanded an effective subsidized flour distribution system to provide immediate relief to vulnerable households.

Citizens emphasized that affordable access to flour, a basic food necessity, must be ensured to protect families from the growing burden of inflation.

Strict action against environmental polluters: Mullakhail

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Adviser on Environment and Climate Change Naseemur-Rehman Khan Mullakhail has said that environmental protection laws will be strictly enforced across the province, with legal action against violators and effective implementation of the ban on single-use plastics and shopping bags.

Speaking to various delegations at his office, Mullakhail described environmental pollution as a serious and growing threat to present and future generations, stressing the need for urgent and comprehensive measures.

He said the provincial government was prioritizing environmental protection and would launch a province-wide tree plantation campaign to mitigate pollution and the effects of climate change, encouraging active participation by citizens, particularly young people. The adviser said industrial units and factories would be required to adopt environmentally friendly technologies to prevent the unsafe discharge of toxic emissions and industrial waste. He warned that those responsible for polluting air, water and land would face legal action under environmental protection laws, adding that negligence would not be tolerated.

Mullakhail emphasized that maintaining a clean and green environment was a shared responsibility of the government and citizens. He urged the public to reduce unnecessary plastic use and participate in environmental conservation activities.

During the meetings, delegation members highlighted problems affecting their respective areas, and the adviser assured them that efforts would be made to resolve their concerns promptly.

Malik Sikandar

Political pressure cannot silence JUI-F

QUETTA (ANN): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Central Joint Secretary and former Balochistan Assembly Speaker Malik Sikandar Khan Advocate has said that political pressure, alleged victimization and undemocratic tactics cannot force his party to abandon its principled political stance.

Speaking to party leaders, he alleged that the government was using various measures to pressure JUI-F leaders and workers, including reopening cases dating back five to ten years and issuing fresh notices.

He described these actions as politically motivated and condemned what he termed attempts to intimidate political opponents through administrative proceedings.

Malik Sikandar said JUI-F was closely monitoring the changing political situation and remained prepared to respond through constitutional, democratic and political means. He announced that, on the instructions of the party's central leadership, organizational visits to various districts of Balochistan would begin on November 17. The visits will include meetings with party workers, reviews of organizational affairs and consultations on the prevailing political situation to strengthen party structures and formulate future strategies.

The former speaker said JUI-F remained committed to constitutional supremacy, parliamentary democracy and the protection of public rights. He added that consultations between the party's central and provincial leadership were continuing, reaffirming that JUI-F would maintain its political position through organizational discipline, democratic engagement and public support.

Modern dairy farming can boost Pakistan's economy: Mohiuddin

Dairy farm executive urges government to provide easy loans, technical training and modern facilities to small farmers

QUETTA (ANN): Chief Executive of Mohiuddin Dairy Farm House and businessman Chaudhry Raza Mohiuddin has said that modern dairy farming can increase milk production, improve farmers' incomes and contribute significantly to Pakistan's economic growth.

Speaking to journalists, he urged the government to introduce affordable financing schemes, technical training programs and essential support facilities for small dairy farmers to help modernize the sector.

Mohiuddin said Pakistan had considerable potential for dairy development, but greater investment in modern technology, improved livestock breeds, balanced animal nutrition and scientific farming practices was essential to increase productivity.

He expressed concern over rising costs of animal feed, veterinary medicines, healthcare and other farming inputs, saying small dairy operators were struggling to sustain and expand their businesses.

He called for a comprehensive government policy to support dairy farmers through technical guidance, improved breeding practices and access to modern farming equipment.

Mohiuddin said better livestock management, quality feed and proper animal care could reduce production costs, improve profitability and help meet the country's growing demand for milk. He emphasized that easy loans and government-backed training initiatives would enable small farmers to adopt modern techniques and improve their financial stability.



Increased demand for gas heater repairs in Quetta's Suraj Ganj Bazar amid winter season.

No deductions from BISP payments will be tolerated: Maria

USTA MUHAMMAD (6 AM Report): Assistant Commissioner Usta Muhammad Maria Shamoon has warned that illegal deductions, unauthorized fees or corruption in payments under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) will not be tolerated, directing officials to ensure transparent disbursement of financial assistance to deserving women.

On the special instructions of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ramzan Palal, the assistant commissioner visited various BISP payment centers to inspect disbursement procedures, transparency and arrangements for beneficiaries.

During the inspections, she interacted directly with women receiving financial assistance and inquired whether they were being paid the full Rs14,200 without deductions. She also sought information about unnecessary delays, long waiting periods and other difficulties faced by beneficiaries.

Maria Shamoon directed payment agents and relevant staff to ensure that every eligible woman received her full entitlement without unauthorized charges.

She warned that complaints of illegal deductions or additional fee collection would be taken seriously, and those found responsible would face strict legal and departmental action.

The assistant commissioner also instructed officials to resolve beneficiaries' complaints promptly and remove unnecessary obstacles in the payment process.

She said the district administration would continue monitoring BISP payment centers to ensure transparency, protect beneficiaries' rights and facilitate the smooth delivery of financial assistance to deserving women.

Sibi residents demand action against fuel adulteration, short measures

SIBI (ANN): Residents of Sibi have expressed serious concern over alleged short measurements and the sale of adulterated petrol and diesel at Iranian mini petrol pumps, demanding immediate inspections and strict legal action against those found responsible.

According to residents, some mini petrol pumps operating in the city and surrounding areas are allegedly supplying less fuel than the quantity paid for, while complaints have also emerged regarding the quality of petroleum products being sold.

They said consumers were already struggling with fluctuating fuel prices, and alleged irregularities in fuel measurements and quality were adding to their financial burden.

Citizens claimed that inadequate inspections and weak regulatory oversight had allowed such practices to continue, affecting consumer rights and causing financial losses.

They further alleged that occasional inspections and minor fines had failed to prevent repeated violations.

Residents urged Deputy Commissioner Sibi, the assistant commissioner and other relevant authorities to conduct regular inspections of mini petrol pumps, verify dispensing measurements and test the quality of petrol and diesel being sold.

They demanded strict action under the law against operators found involved in short measurements, fuel adulteration or other violations. Citizens also called for a permanent monitoring mechanism to ensure fair fuel sales, protect consumers and prevent further irregularities across Sibi district.

Financial assistance begins for persons with disabilities in Lasbela

UTHAL (6 AM Report): The Balochistan government has started providing financial assistance to persons with disabilities in Lasbela district under the Kumak Program, with 20 eligible beneficiaries receiving their first installments and arrangements underway to distribute motorized tricycles to approximately 11 individuals.

According to the Social Welfare Department, the program provides financial assistance of Rs8,000 to eligible adults with disabilities and Rs6,000 to children to help meet their daily needs and ease financial difficulties.

Officials said approximately 180 applications had been received from across Lasbela, of which 20 beneficiaries were selected for assistance in the first phase. Other eligible applicants are expected to benefit in subsequent phases.

The provision of motorized tricycles to 11 persons with disabilities is also underway to improve mobility and reduce dependence on others for daily activities.

Social Welfare Officer Lasbela Abdul Samad Roonjho, Muhammad Ismail, Aqeel Qamar, Social Welfare Officer Bela Khalid Pervez, Pervez Sheikh and Shabbir Roonjho assisted with registration, documentation and application processing.

Kumak Program Director Munir Ahmed Qambrani and Additional Deputy Commissioner General Siraj Ahmed Baloch also supported the program's implementation and coordination in the district.

UoG approves academic calendars for 2026 and 2027

GWADAR (UNA): The University of Gwadar's 12th Academic Council has approved the academic calendars for 2026 and 2027, endorsed decisions of various Boards of Studies and approved the Graduate Studies Office logo as part of efforts to strengthen academic planning and institutional development.

The meeting, chaired by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir at the Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute, reviewed key academic, research and administrative matters. Addressing the council, Dr. Sabir said improving educational standards, promoting research and modernizing teaching practices remained the university's top priorities. He emphasized the importance of collective efforts by faculty members and academic bodies to achieve these objectives.

The council ratified the minutes of its 11th meeting held on May 11, 2026, and reviewed progress on previous decisions. It also considered the nomination of qualified faculty members to the Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) and approved faculty nominations for the third Boards of Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology, and Management Sciences, Commerce and Social Sciences.

The council endorsed minutes of the Boards of Studies meetings of the Education, Computer Science, Zoology and Economics departments, covering curriculum development and academic improvements. Dr. Sabir appreciated ongoing efforts to strengthen higher education and research, urging department heads and faculty members to maintain academic standards and contribute to institutional progress.



QUETTA: Provincial President Pashtoonkhawa National Awami Party Nasarullah Zeeray addressing party workers regarding 19th November Shutter down strike.



QUETTA: Nasir Khan, Latif Muhammadhassni and Dr. Shazia addressing during seminar organized by Population Welfare Department and UNFPA regarding home based family planning.

Dry weather forecast across Balochistan

QUETTA (ANN): The Pakistan Meteorological Department has forecast dry weather across most districts of Balochistan over the next 24 hours, while cold and strong winds are expected in the province's northern areas.

According to the Met Office, the maximum temperature was recorded at 20 degrees Celsius in Quetta and Kalat, while Ziarat registered 19 degrees Celsius.

In the coastal areas, Gwadar and Jiwani recorded maximum temperatures of 31 degrees Celsius each.

Meanwhile, Turbat recorded a maximum temperature of 33 degrees Celsius, followed by Sibi at 32 degrees Celsius and Nokundi at 30 degrees Celsius.

The Meteorological Department said dry conditions would prevail across most parts of the province, with colder and windy weather expected in northern districts.

Political parties back journalists' protest against layoffs, bureau closures

Parliamentary leaders pledge support for PFUJ-BUJ demands, confirm participation in November 17 roundtable and two-day protest camp in Quetta

QUETTA (ANN): Parliamentary leaders of various political parties in Balochistan have expressed support for the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) and Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) over alleged forced layoffs, closure of television bureau offices and cases registered against journalists under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA).

The leaders also assured their participation in a roundtable conference scheduled for November 17 at the Quetta Press Club, followed by a two-day protest camp.

As part of an awareness campaign, a joint delegation of BUJ and the Quetta Press Club met parliamentary leaders at the Balochistan Assembly on Friday to highlight journalists' employment concerns, professional challenges and demands for press freedom.

The delegation was led by BUJ President Manzoor Ahmed Rind and Quetta Press Club President Irfan Saeed. PFUJ Senior Vice President Noor Elahi Bugti, BUJ General Secretary Shah Hussain Tareen, Saleem Shahid, Jalaluddin Noorzai and Finance Secretary Ismat Aman Sumalani also participated.

The delegation held separate meetings with National Party chief and former chief minister Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, BNP-Awami chief Mir Asadullah Baloch, Deputy Speaker Ghazala Gola, Jamaat-e-Islami Balochistan chief Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch, PML-N parliamentary leader and Provincial Minister Mir Saleem Khosa, and PPP leader and Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar.

Journalists' representatives expressed concern over job insecurity, alleged forced dismissals and the closure of television bureau offices in Balochistan, saying these developments were affecting media operations and journalists' livelihoods.

They also raised objections to cases filed against journalists under PECA and urged political parties to support press freedom, employment protection and professional rights.

The delegation presented the PFUJ-BUJ charter of demands and invited parliamentary leaders to the November 17 roundtable to discuss media closures, job security and challenges facing the journalism profession.

According to the journalists' representatives, the parliamentary leaders endorsed their demands and assured participation in the roundtable conference and subsequent two-day protest camp outside the Quetta Press Club.

New provinces not anyone's wish but Pakistan's need: Kamal

KARACHI (INP): Federal Health Minister Mustafa Kamal on Friday said that the creation of new, smaller provinces wasn't anyone's wish but "Pakistan's need," adding that the creation of new provinces had "become indispensable to save and run the state."

The remarks came a day after Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Tariq Fazal Chaudhry said that Parliament and the provincial assemblies could not be "bypassed or negated" on the question of making new provinces through a referendum to determine the public will.

Chaudhry made the remarks in the wake of Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi's renewed call for a referendum on the creation of new provinces, saying the people should have the final say on the matter, while making it clear that no such initiative would move forward without the consent of all allied parties in the ruling coalition.

Speaking at the inauguration of a regional office of the Allied Health Professionals Council in Karachi, Kamal noted that Punjab was a bigger province than 180 countries of the world, Sindh was bigger than 175 countries, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) bigger than 162 and Balochistan bigger than 185.

"In a divisible pool, 57.5% of the money gets parked with the provinces," the minister added, saying that this year, Rs8.84 trillion had been received by the four provinces "but the money is not reaching down to the village level."

The biggest problem, Kamal said, was that the provinces had not devolved downwards.

The minister further argued that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) "cannot pull Pakistan out of this economic quagmire, Karachi can," stating that the city was "Pakistan's revenue engine" but that not even 10% of its potential had yet been tapped. "When a family grows, a new room has to be built; that does not break up the home," Kamal stated. Earlier this month, Kamal had reiterated his support for the creation of new provinces, saying Pakistan couldn't be governed under the existing administrative model and that the creation of new administrative units had become inevitable.

The minister had stated that he had reached the conclusion, after years of struggle, that raising complaints about Karachi had become futile as nobody seemed to care.

"The people of Karachi earn and contribute, yet they still have to beg the federal government for their rights," he said, adding that the federal bureaucracy in Islamabad was displeased with the presence of Karachiites.

"I honestly believe the existing government system cannot work. The longer we delay the creation of new administrative units, the greater the damage will be," he said, adding that the issue was now being taken seriously, which was why opponents had adopted a harsher tone. The remarks followed those by Kamal in August, calling for the creation of new administrative units in the country.



BAHAWALPUR: Chairman of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee and Khatib of Baadshahi Masjid, Maulana Abdul Khabeer Azad addressing the Paigham-e-Pakistan Peace Conference.



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Dr. Faryal Leghari, calling on the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dialogue Essential for Balochistan's Peace: Kakar

Former caretaker PM urges youth to pursue education and reject violence; Fawad Chaudhry calls for political solutions, Zahid Mahmood stresses dialogue at book launch

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Former caretaker Prime Minister and Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said that resolving Balochistan's challenges requires stronger relations between the state and its citizens, mutual respect and recognition of rights and responsibilities.

Addressing the launch of Babar Yousafzai's book Chiragh-e-Rah, Kakar urged young political activists to pursue knowledge, develop their abilities and create opportunities for themselves. He said the state was responsible for citizens' economic well-being and security, while citizens must also fulfill their responsibilities.

He emphasized strengthening national unity beyond ethnic identities and encouraged young people to set ambitious goals. Criticizing the violent narratives of the BLA and TTP, he condemned the glorification of suicide attacks and called for responsible political discourse.

Former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry said Balochistan's problems could not be resolved through military measures alone and required meaningful political engagement. Acknowledging past mistakes at the federal level, he stressed the need for dialogue, political leadership and an understanding of the province's historical and regional circumstances.

Chaudhry also appreciated the book's discussion of artificial intelligence and its ethical implications, suggesting that it be introduced in schools across Balochistan.

Retired Major General Zahid Mahmood said politicians, the military and bureaucracy had made mistakes in the past, but the focus should now be on solutions rather than blame. He maintained that sustainable peace required negotiations and meaningful participation by Balochistan's people, including ordinary citizens.

He urged greater investment in youth education, guidance and constructive opportunities to counter frustration and violent influences, describing the 95-page book as a useful initiative.

Author Babar Yousafzai said Chiragh-e-Rah aimed to inspire young people through education, positive thinking and guidance drawn from Islamic teachings and traditional wisdom. He encouraged youth to reject negativity and contribute to Pakistan's development.

DPM/FM reviews preparations for Pakistan, Turkmenistan JIC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, on Saturday, chaired an inter-ministerial meeting to review preparations for the upcoming session of the Pakistan–Turkmenistan Joint Intergovernmental Commission (JIC).

The DPM/FM would co-chair JIC with the Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan.

The meeting reviewed the proposed agenda, bilateral agreements and administrative arrangements, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release. The meeting was attended by the Foreign Secretary, Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, Pakistan's Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Peace, public prosperity, dev. in KP top agenda of PML-N: Amir Muqam

SWABI (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa President Engineer Amir Muqam here Saturday said that the sole agenda of his party in the province is to establish peace, ensure public prosperity and accelerate development.

He maintained that the time has come for accountability of elements involved in alleged financial irregularities during the previous 13 years of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rule.

Addressing a large public gathering at Aman Chowk here, he said the people of Swabi had demonstrated remarkable affection and confidence by turning out in large numbers despite the short notice, which was a matter of pride for him.

He said the massive public participation was a clear expression of people's reaction against the previous 13-year PTI government. Amir Muqam said the government's priority in KP was to restore peace, promote public welfare and ensure provincial development.

President commends security forces for eliminating Khawarij

PM reiterates resolve to eliminate externally sponsored terrorism

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Asif Ali Zardari, on Saturday, commended the security forces for eliminating 16 Khawarij during a successful security operation in North Waziristan. The president said the nation saluted its brave sons and that the sacrifices of Havaldar Asmat Ali and Naik Aftab Ali, who embraced martyrdom in North Waziristan, would always be remembered.

He reiterated that successful operations under 'Azm-e-Istehkam' against terrorists, backed by foreign sponsorship, will continue with full force till the elimination of last terrorist, the President's Secretariat Media Wing said in a press release. The Indian-sponsored network of 'Fitna al-Hindustan' terrorists was handed an exemplary defeat in North Waziristan, he added.



Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Emir Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman addresses Khadija-tul-Kubra Exhibition in Lahore.

Pak urges UN action to secure Gulf waterways & shield vulnerable economies

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Warning of severe economic fallout for vulnerable nations, Pakistan has called on the UN Security Council to end all military provocations in the Gulf and safeguard commercial navigation through the region's vital waterways.

"Disruption of commercial shipping and attacks on merchant vessels both in Bab-Al-Mandab and the Strait of Hormuz have underscored that crises at sea have grave implications for the continent and countries," Ambassador Syed Haider Shah, permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, told the 15-member Council.

Bahrain convened the Council meeting to discuss escalating tensions in the Gulf region and growing threats to maritime security.

The Pakistani envoy warned that volatility in these waterways has driven up energy prices and heightened the risk of global food insecurity, disproportionately hurting developing economies. He stressed that commercial shipping must be protected and humanitarian supplies allowed to reach those in need.

Akhtar Mengal, Raja Nasir seek to join KP 3-MPO detention case

ISLAMABAD (INP): Sardar Akhtar Mengal and Senator Raja Nasir Abbas have separately filed miscellaneous applications in the Federal Constitutional Court seeking to become parties to a case challenging detentions under Section 3 of the Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They have asked the court to amend and recall its November 5, 2026 order.

The applicants have requested permission to join the case, present arguments and submit written submissions. According to the applications, the president imposed an emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on October 11, 2026, under Articles 232 and 234 of the Constitution. The measures have been challenged in the Peshawar High Court.

The applicants say district administrations conducted raids against PTI's political leaders and workers under Section 3 of the MPO, following which arrested and affected individuals approached the Peshawar High Court.

Mir Saleem Khosa

No compromise on development quality

Balochistan communications minister stresses transparency, timely completion and improved road infrastructure to benefit remote areas

QUETTA (ANN): Balochistan Minister for Communications and Works Mir Saleem Khosa has said that no compromise will be made on the quality, transparency or timely completion of development projects, directing officials to ensure effective monitoring and accountability for negligence.

Speaking on development priorities, the minister said improving basic infrastructure, addressing public grievances and ensuring sustainable development remained key priorities of the provincial government.

Khosa emphasized that the Communications and Works Department played a vital role in Balochistan's development, as better roads and quality infrastructure would improve transportation, trade, education, healthcare access and economic opportunities.

He said development schemes must be planned according to public needs, particularly in remote districts, to ensure that available resources deliver maximum benefits to communities.

The minister directed relevant officials to regularly inspect construction work, maintain technical standards and prevent unnecessary delays. He warned that negligence or failure to fulfill responsibilities would lead to accountability.

Khosa said improved road networks would strengthen connectivity between remote communities and urban centers, facilitate agricultural transportation to markets and encourage business activities.



HUNZA: Following the first snowfall of the winter season in the earthquake affected Chipursan Valley of Hunza, local families in the valley are living in tents and continuing their daily lives despite the harsh and freezing weather conditions.

Noor Dummar

Accelerate road construction in Ziarat

Provincial minister directs speedy construction and rehabilitation of roads under Ziarat Development Project to improve transportation facilities

ZIARAT (6 AM Report): Balochistan Provincial Minister for CMD and Chairman of the Balochistan Food Authority Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummar has emphasized the need to accelerate road construction and rehabilitation projects in Ziarat district to improve transportation facilities and strengthen local infrastructure.

The minister said the provincial government was giving special attention to development schemes aimed at improving road connectivity and providing essential facilities to residents.

On his instructions, construction, repair and rehabilitation work on various roads is underway under the Ziarat Development Project, with efforts focused on improving transportation networks and reducing difficulties faced by commuters.

Dummar said better road infrastructure would not only facilitate travel for local communities but also strengthen connectivity between different areas, promoting economic and social activities.

He reaffirmed his commitment to improving basic facilities across Ziarat district, emphasizing that development initiatives must address public needs and deliver tangible benefits to residents.

DPM/FM Dar to chair 30th ECO-CFMs in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar will chair the 30th meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Council of Ministers to be held in Islamabad on 15-16 November.

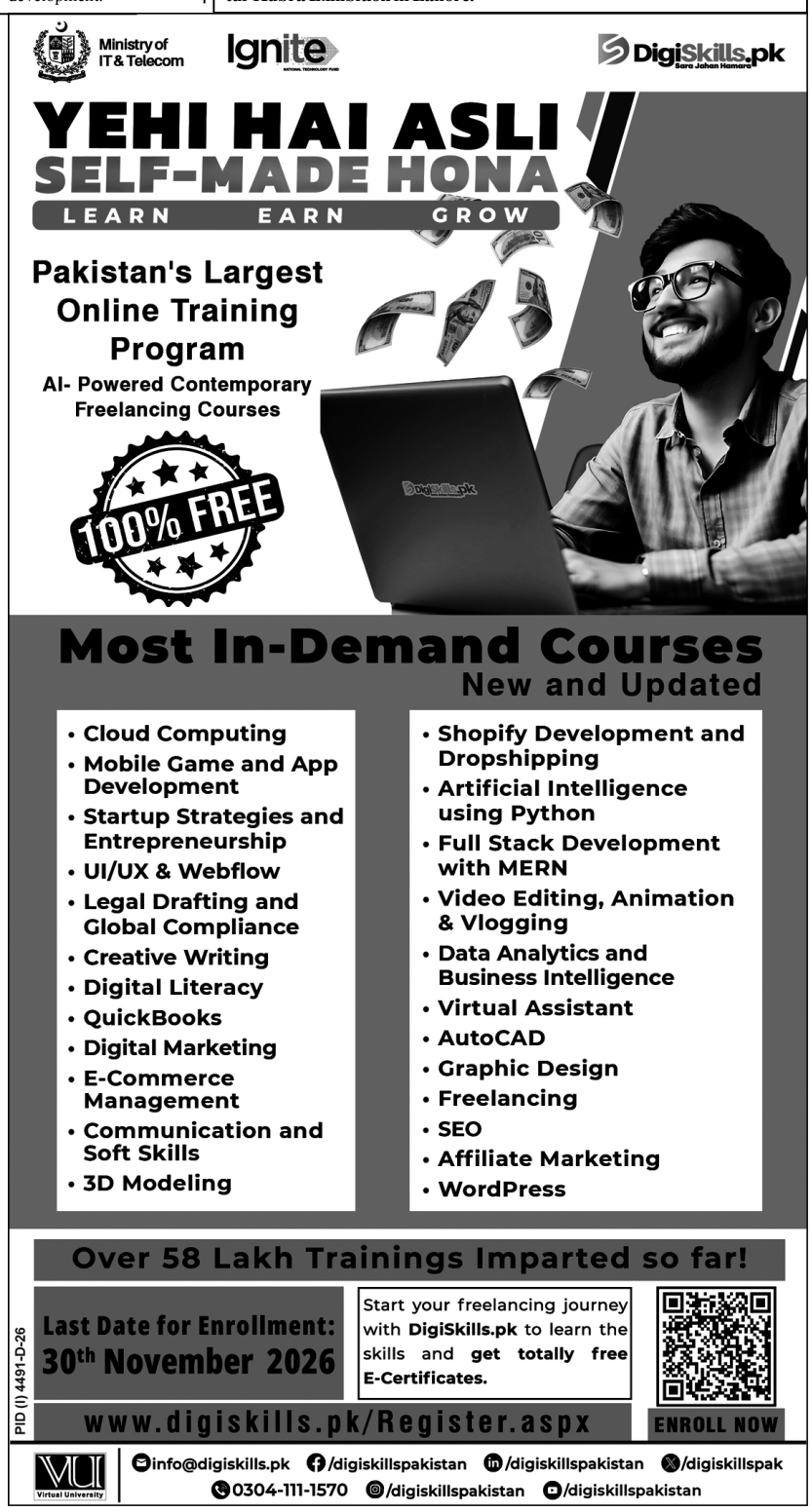
The meeting will be attended by the foreign ministers and heads of delegations of ECO Member States, along with representatives of the ECO Secretariat and its subsidiary bodies, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

The Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Meeting of Senior Officials (SOM) of ECO Member States, which will review the activities and programmes of the Organization, assess the work of its subsidiary bodies, and finalize the agenda and draft outcome documents for consideration by the ministers during COM. "As Chair of the ECO for 2026-2027, Pakistan will seek to advance the Organization's objectives under the theme 'Reviving Regionalism for a Resilient ECO'.

Pakistan to participate in SCO Civilisational Dialogue in New Delhi

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Government of Pakistan has decided to take part in the SCO Civilisational Dialogue to be held in New Delhi from 20 to 22 November 2026. Whereas the government has nominated Dr Musadik Masood Malik, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, to represent Pakistan at the SCO Civilisational Dialogue. The event will bring together representatives from SCO member states to exchange views on issues related to civilisational dialogue and cultural understanding.

The Government of Pakistan remains committed to promoting dialogue among civilisations and fostering people-to-people contacts within the SCO framework in a spirit of mutual respect.



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