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12 suspected terrorists killed in Balochistan, committed to lasting peace: CM

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has reaffirmed the state's commitment to eliminating terrorism and ensuring lasting peace, saying all available resources will be utilized to protect citizens' lives and property and counter what he described as foreign-sponsored terrorism.

He expressed satisfaction over intelligence-based operations conducted by security forces in Noshki, Sibi, Panjgur and Kech, in which 12 suspected terrorists were killed, according to the provincial government.

Bugti said the operations reflected the professionalism and effective strategy of security forces, paying tribute to the sacrifices of security personnel and law enforcement agencies in the fight against terrorism.

Balochistan Chief Minister's Adviser on Information and Political Affairs Shahid Rind also welcomed the operations, describing them as a reflection of the state's unwavering commitment to combating terrorism.

He expressed confidence in the professional capabilities of security forces and law enforcement agencies, emphasizing that national resolve and effective institutional cooperation were essential to countering foreign-sponsored terrorism.

Rind said ongoing operations under Azm-e-Istehkam were contributing to peace and public safety, adding that elements seeking to destabilize the country would not be allowed to succeed. Chief Minister's Aide on Home Affairs Babar Yousafzai also commended the security forces, saying that maintaining law and order and protecting citizens remained the provincial government's foremost priorities.

He paid tribute to the sacrifices of security personnel and law enforcement agencies, reaffirming the government's commitment to bringing those responsible for terrorism and unrest to justice.

Pakistan proud to be home to sacred religious sites: Attaullah

ISLAMABAD (INP): A delegation of Sikh Yatrees visiting Pakistan to participate in the celebrations marking the birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak called on Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar in Islamabad. The Information Minister said it is a matter of great happiness and pride for us that Pakistan is home to sacred religious sites. He said Pakistan is not only preserving these sacred sites but also considers it a privilege to welcome and serve Yatrees visiting the country. The Sikh Yatrees noted that Pakistan is home to several important religious sites associated with revered Sikh personalities. They appreciated the warm welcome and excellent hospitality extended to them in Pakistan and praised the scenic beauty of Islamabad. They particularly highlighted Nankana Sahib and Panja Sahib, describing them as highly sacred and historically significant places for the Sikh community.

The devotees also expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome and excellent hospitality extended to them during their visit to Pakistan. They said that whenever they visited Pakistan, the people always welcomed them with love, affection and sincerity.

The delegation praised the beauty of Islamabad and thanked the Pakistani authorities for facilitating their visit and providing an atmosphere of warmth and friendship.

Civil-military cooperation key to lasting peace, better governance: CM

Government stands with security forces against terrorism; 16 laws passed to improve law and order, Safe City projects accelerated and merit-based appointments ensured

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has said that civil and military institutions are pursuing a coordinated strategy to ensure lasting peace, strengthen governance and improve public service delivery across the province, reaffirming his government's support for security forces in the fight against terrorism.

He said 16 laws had been passed to improve law and order, while work on Safe City projects had been accelerated to strengthen security and surveillance through modern technology.

The chief minister expressed these views on Thursday while chairing a high-level meeting to review governance reforms across Balochistan. The Quetta Corps Commander, provincial cabinet members and administrative secretaries attended the meeting.

Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan briefed participants on the law and order situation, progress on development projects and measures to improve administrative efficiency.

Bugti emphasized that a strong and functional administrative system was essential to addressing security challenges and resolving public grievances. He said commissioners, deputy commissioners and district police officers had been appointed on merit to strengthen transparency, accountability and administrative performance. Highlighting progress in the education sector, the chief minister said 758,000 children had been brought back into the education system over the past two years, while the recruitment of approximately 17,000 teaching staff had enabled the government to reopen all previously closed schools across the province.

He said efforts were continuing to expand educational opportunities and improve access to education.

Referring to healthcare reforms, Bugti said measures were being taken to ensure the availability of essential medicines at government hospitals in remote areas, enabling residents to access basic healthcare closer to their homes.

The chief minister reaffirmed his government's commitment to improving security, governance, education, healthcare and development through coordinated institutional efforts. He stressed that lasting peace, effective governance and improved public service delivery were fundamental to Balochistan's sustainable development.



TURBAT: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti participating in the open discussion with youth. Provincial Ministers and Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan is also present.

FCCP rules

Fake land mutation does not confer ownership

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Constitutional Court of Pakistan (FCCP) has ruled that a land mutation does not by itself confer ownership but merely serves as evidence of an underlying transaction, observing that upholding a fraudulent mutation amounts to protecting fraud. A two-member bench comprising Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Muhammad Karim Khan Agha dismissed a petition filed by Maqbool Ahmad and others, upholding the Lahore High Court's decision in favour of a woman whose inherited land in Toba Tek Singh had allegedly been transferred through a fraudulent oral sale.

The court observed that a party claiming an oral sale was legally bound to prove payment of the sale consideration. It noted that the woman had neither sold the land nor received any payment, while the concerned Naib Tehsildar had testified that his signatures on the mutation were forged and the parties had never appeared before him.

Petrol price drops by Rs.1, diesel by Rs2 per litre

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government has reduced the price of petrol by Re1 per litre and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs2, according to an Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) notification issued on Thursday.

Following the revision, petrol will be available at Rs313 per litre, while diesel will cost Rs346 per litre.

According to Ogra, the revised prices will be effective from November 27.

Ogra has also begun publishing daily petroleum prices on its website to improve transparency and allow changes in international oil prices to be passed on to consumers more quickly.

Amid volatility in global oil rates on the back of renewed hostilities in the Middle East, the government decided to switch to a daily fuel price review mechanism.

Bilawal calls strengthening govt amid crises, urges political reset

MULTAN (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Thursday called for strengthening the government and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif rather than weakening them, amid mounting national challenges, while urging all political stakeholders to join a democratic and political process to restore stability, public confidence and the functioning of state institutions.

Addressing a Meet the Press programme at Multan Press Club, he said Pakistan needed an immediate political reset to prepare for economic and regional challenges. The process, he stressed, must be democratic and inclusive, involving the government, its allies and the opposition, rather than being imposed through an apolitical arrangement.

Bilawal said the government should take confidence-building measures to bridge its trust deficit with the opposition, adding that all important national decisions must be made through Parliament. Decisions taken outside the elected forum would make it difficult for the system to overcome its challenges.

He said ordinary citizens were bearing the burden of inflation and rising electricity and fuel prices, while families were struggling to meet basic needs, including food, education and healthcare.

CJP reviews plans for Women Facilitation Centres in Punjab

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Yahya Afridi, chaired a meeting at the Lahore Branch Registry of the Supreme Court of Pakistan to review plans for establishing Women Facilitation Centres in Punjab.

The meeting discussed the establishment of Women Facilitation Centres and Family Courts, initially in Faisalabad and Mianwali.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Justice Aalia Neelum, and the Registrars of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Lahore High Court. The Punjab Communication & Works Department was represented by Raja Jahangir Anwar, Secretary, Ahmed Mudassir, Chief Architect, and Mazhar Mansoor, General Manager, SPU. Architect Raza Zahid, whose design was among the three winning entries in the national design competition, also attended.

The Chief Justice said that establishing Women Facilitation Centres across Pakistan is a priority for the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan in 2026–27. The centres are intended to give women a single point of access to court-related information, legal guidance and support services.



QUETTA: Leaders of All Parties Asghar Khan Achakzai, Mir Kabeer Muhammad shahi, Naseer Shahwani and others addressing a Press Conference.

Khawaja Asif says:

Makkah pact nations to discuss Yemen in Islamabad meeting

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Makkah pact nations will discuss the conflict between Saudi Arabia and Iran-backed Houthi fighters in Yemen when officials from the mutual defence agreement meet in Islamabad on Thursday, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has told. Asif said the "continuous turmoil south of Saudi Arabia will obviously be one agenda point in the meeting and it is very important", confirming that defence and foreign ministers from the Gulf kingdom, Turkiye and Pakistan would attend.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkiye signed the pact in August, with the three Muslim nations pledging to come to each other's aid in the event of an attack.

Saudi Arabia has faced repeated barrages by the Houthis in Yemen, with the group targeting cities, oil facilities and shipping since fighting in Yemen's civil war intensified in July.

"Any threat to Saudi Arabia is a threat to Pakistan and Turkiye according to the pact, which is absolutely clear," Asif said on Wednesday, praising Riyadh's handling of the conflict with the Houthis, who hold swathes of territory in Yemen, including its capital Sanaa. He said the pact, which was formed during the expansion of the war in the Middle East following US-Israeli strikes on Iran in February, was still at a "nascent stage". "Initially we need to have frequent meetings to steer what is being formulated, in a way that in the next couple of months we have everything in place so that we can move forward," he added. The defence minister declined to comment on how the pact would react to a direct attack by Iran on Saudi Arabia, and identified Israel as a possible threat to other countries in the region.

"The possibility of some conflict, or aggression from the Israeli side exists, so we need to close our ranks, the countries of this region," he said. Pakistan brokered a June accord that led to a brief halt in fighting between the United States and Iran and set a roadmap for further agreement on reopening the crucial Strait of Hormuz and for negotiations on Tehran's nuclear programme.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif launches the Mehfooz Dawa digital application for track and trace of medicines, in Islamabad.

PM inaugurates 'Mehfooz Dawa' app to help public identify substandard medicines

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday inaugurated the 'Mehfooz Dawa' mobile application, a digital initiative aimed at enabling citizens to verify the authenticity of medicines and protect themselves against counterfeit and substandard drugs.

The prime minister inaugurated the application by scanning the barcode printed on a medicine packet, which turned green on the mobile application, confirming that the medicine was genuine. Addressing the inauguration ceremony, the prime minister termed the initiative an important step towards improving healthcare facilities and ensuring the provision of safe medicines to the people.

Recalling a tragic incident during his tenure as chief minister of Punjab in 2010/2011, he said that reports had emerged about the deaths of around 100 patients undergoing treatment at the Punjab Institute of Cardiology following the use of a particular medicine.

He said that he had immediately collected samples of the suspected medicines and dispatched them to laboratories in London, Geneva and Paris for independent verification.

At the time, he added, the federal government had maintained that the Punjab government was responsible for the incident, arguing that there was nothing wrong with the medicines.

However, the results received from laboratories abroad revealed that the medicines in question were intended for the treatment of malaria rather than heart diseases, he said, adding that malaria medicines had consequently been administered to cardiac patients at the hospital.

The prime minister said that such painful incidents underscored the importance of strengthening regulatory oversight and introducing modern technological solutions to prevent similar tragedies in the future. He said that the development of the Mehfooz Dawa application was a significant initiative to facilitate the public and help address shortcomings in the healthcare system.

The prime minister congratulated the entire team involved in developing the application and appreciated the contributions of Minister for National Health Services, Syed Mustafa Kamal, Minister for Information Technology, the ministry's secretary, the Digital Authority, SIFC, pharmaceutical industry representatives and all relevant departments.



LAHORE: Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi chairs a meeting to review proposed plans for establishing Women Facilitation Centres across Punjab at the Supreme Court of Pakistan's Lahore Branch Registry.

Pak-China space cooperation opens new era of technological partnership: Ahsan

BEIJING (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday described the successful participation of Pakistani astronaut Zeeshan Ali in China's manned space mission as a historic milestone in Pakistan-China relations, opening a new chapter of cooperation in space exploration, scientific research and advanced technologies.



Addressing a press conference following the successful launch of the Shenzhou-24 mission at Pakistan Embassy here, the minister said Pakistan had earned the distinction of becoming China's first international partner in a manned space mission and Zeeshan Ali the first international visitor to the Chinese space station.

He expressed gratitude to Chinese President Xi Jinping, the Chinese government, the China Manned Space Programme authorities and the Chinese people for extending this opportunity to Pakistan.

Calling the achievement a reflection of the deep-rooted friendship between the two countries, Iqbal said the traditional expression that Pakistan-China friendship was "higher than the Himalayas" had now acquired a new meaning, as the partnership had reached beyond the skies and into space. He recalled that bilateral cooperation had initially focused on physical infrastructure, energy projects and highways under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), followed by digital connectivity through fibre-optic networks.

The latest space collaboration, he said, represented another dimension of the relationship.

"This is not the finish line. It is the beginning of a new partnership," he remarked, emphasising that space technology had become essential for countries seeking sustainable development and economic competitiveness.

Fazlur Rehman, eight others barred from entering Sargodha for 30 days

SARGODHA (INP): The Sargodha district administration imposed a 30-day ban on the entry of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and eight others, citing concerns over public safety and the maintenance of law and order.

In a separate order, the district administration also imposed a 30-day gag order on 19 individuals, including religious scholars, over concerns that their speeches could disturb public peace.

Both orders, issued by Sargodha Deputy Commissioner Hussain Ahmad Raza Chaudhary on November 25, took immediate effect.

According to the first order, the deputy commissioner imposed the entry ban after examining a report submitted by the Sargodha district police officer (DPO).

The order alleged that the individuals were in the habit of making provocative and objectionable speeches and could threaten public safety if allowed to enter or remain within the district.

The nine individuals named in the order are Fazlur Rehman, Maulana Naseer Ahmad Abrar, Maulana Amjad Khan, Maulana Safi Ullah, Prof Ghazanfar Aziz, Maulana Muhammad Noor Khan Hans.

Karachi building collapse murder, not accident: Murad

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah termed the collapse of a newly constructed building in Karachi Administration Employees Cooperative Housing Society (KAECHS) a "murder", saying such large-scale illegal construction could not take place without the collusion of government officials.

The chief minister made these remarks during a visit to the site of the collapsed building, where officials of the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) and police briefed him on the incident.

Expressing anger over the illegal construction of the building, Murad Ali Shah questioned SBCA officials about how such structures were being erected in the area.

When officials informed him that several nearby buildings had been sealed, the chief minister asked why action had not been taken against them earlier.

The officials reportedly responded that builders had obtained stay orders from courts. However, the chief minister rejected the explanation and questioned what kind of stay orders had allowed such construction to continue.

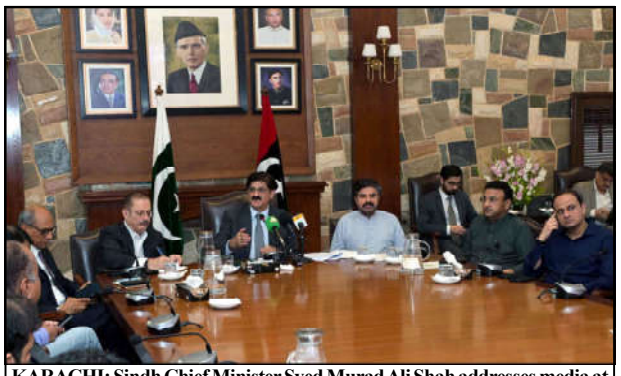
Pointing towards an official, Murad Ali Shah said, "You killed people," adding that unsafe construction was putting the lives of citizens at risk.

He said the incident was not merely an accident but an act of murder, adding that everyone responsible, regardless of their position or institution, would face punishment.

"Illegal construction on such a large scale is impossible without the involvement of government officials," the chief minister said. He held the building owner, consultant, contractor and complicit government officials equally responsible for the loss of lives, saying all those found responsible would be brought to justice.

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Murad Ali Shah questioned how six additional floors were constructed when permission had reportedly been granted for only a ground-plus-one-storey building.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah addresses media at CM House in Karachi.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, along with Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Sardar Muhammad Yousaf and Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Syed Imran Ahmad Shah, presents prizes to winners during the prize distribution ceremony of the 2nd International Qiraat Competition 2026 at the NDMA Auditorium.

Morocco's Qari wins first position in 2nd International Qirat Competition 2026

ISLAMABAD (APP): Morocco's Qari Ilyas Lamhaque secured first position, while Pakistan's Qari Abdul Quddus Al-Baz and Indonesia's Qari Daniyal Muhammad Habibullah clinched second and third positions, respectively, at the Second International Qirat Competition 2026, which concluded in Islamabad on Thursday.

The position holders were selected by a panel of judges from Iran and Egypt, headed by Chief Judge Qari Syed Sadaqat Ali.

The first, second and third position holders were awarded cash prizes of Rs5 million, Rs3 million and Rs2 million, respectively.

The three-day international competition, organised by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, was attended by distinguished Qaris from 32 countries, including Pakistan, who captivated the audience with their melodious recitation of the Holy Quran.

The successful holding of the international event highlighted the message of strengthening religious, cultural and fraternal ties between Pakistan and participating countries.

It also underscored the importance of promoting unity, harmony, mutual respect and a stronger connection with the Holy Quran among the Muslim Ummah.

IG Punjab chairs session over recovery of missing women

LAHORE (INP): IG Police Punjab, Rao Abdul Karim has directed police department to step up efforts for recovery of the missing women.

The police chief was presiding over a session over the disappeared women in Punjab.

The session was briefed that the special teams headed by the DIG-Investigation working over the issue. Various special teams have been constituted, comprising of women police officers, special branch and investigation officials.

IG Police Punjab directed officials to get help from identity cards, B-form, passports, mobile sims and travel history in investigation.

Apni Chhat Apna Ghar programme gains global recognition: CM Punjab

MULTAN (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Thursday said the 'Apni Chhat, Apna Ghar' programme had gained international recognition, with Azerbaijan, Muscat and others acknowledging it as a low-cost housing initiative. Addressing a gathering of around 25,000 beneficiaries at Multan Cricket Stadium, she said the programme was not only the largest low-cost housing initiative in Punjab but had the potential to emerge as a global model for affordable housing.

She said nearly 135,000 houses had been completed during the past two and a half years, while another 150,000 were nearing completion. The initiative had transformed the lives of thousands of families who previously spent a substantial portion of their earnings on house rents.

The chief minister said she had come to South Punjab to share the fulfilment of commitments made to the people, adding that witnessing such a large number of families becoming homeowners was a moment of immense happiness. "Congratulations to all those who spent their entire lives in rented houses and have now become owners of their own homes," she said.

Maryam Nawaz said PML-N President Muhammad Nawaz Sharif had directed her to double the five-year housing target from 500,000 to one million houses. She said families who previously struggled with increasing rents and frequent shifting were now paying even lower monthly instalments to own their houses.

Public safety top priority, no negligence in security matters: DC Barkhan

BARKHAN (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Barkhan Saeed-ur-Rehman Kakar has said that maintaining law and order and protecting citizens' lives and property remain the district administration's foremost priorities, directing relevant agencies to strengthen coordination, avoid negligence in security matters and address public concerns on a priority basis. He expressed these views while chairing separate meetings of the District Coordination Committee (DCC) and District Intelligence Coordination Committee (DICC), attended by officials of the district administration, police and other relevant agencies.

The meetings reviewed the district's overall law and order situation, security arrangements, interagency coordination and various administrative matters.

The deputy commissioner emphasized timely information sharing, mutual cooperation and effective strategies to address prevailing challenges, directing officials to discharge their responsibilities with diligence and professionalism.

Kakar said coordinated efforts by all institutions were essential to ensuring lasting peace and the district's overall development. He directed relevant officials to ensure effective implementation of the decisions and directives issued during the meetings.

Ensure equal opportunities for female students in AI, modern technology: Wali Barrech

LORALAI (6 AM Report): Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Barrech has said that artificial intelligence offers new opportunities for development and innovation, emphasizing the need to equip teachers with digital skills and provide female students with equal opportunities to excel in AI and modern technology.

He expressed these views as chief guest at the closing ceremony of a two-day training seminar organized at BUITEMS Loralai under the Balochistan AI Learning Initiative Phase II.

Teachers from government girls' schools participated in the seminar, receiving training in fundamental AI concepts, digital technology and the practical application of artificial intelligence in teaching and research.

The training program focused on AI-assisted preparation of teaching materials, understanding students' learning needs, effective lesson planning and improving educational standards.

Commissioner Wali Muhammad Barrech said artificial intelligence was transforming education, administration and economic sectors worldwide, stressing the need to embrace modern technology and prepare young people for future challenges.

He highlighted the fundamental role of teachers in social development, adding that educated women equipped with modern digital skills could make significant contributions to society.

Speaking on the occasion, BUITEMS Loralai Rector Aziz Khilji reaffirmed the institution's commitment to promoting modern education, digital literacy, teachers' professional development and technological awareness among young people.

The seminar emphasized continuous professional training for teachers, practical integration of artificial intelligence into educational institutions and the promotion of digital learning environments.

The Balochistan AI Learning Initiative Phase II aims to modernize the province's education system, strengthen teachers' technical capabilities and prepare female students for the demands of an increasingly digital world.

DIKhan achieves 82% coverage in cervical cancer prevention drive

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): District Dera Ismail Khan has achieved 82 percent coverage by vaccinating 110,945 girls during the 12-day Cervical Cancer Prevention Campaign, marking a significant milestone in efforts to protect adolescent girls against cervical cancer.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Syed Muhammad Maseed appreciated the coordinated efforts of the district health authorities, Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) teams, World Health Organization, UNICEF, education department, government and private schools, community representatives and partner organisations for making the campaign successful.

He also acknowledged the support of Deputy Commissioner Hikmatullah Khan, Additional Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners for their administrative leadership and field coordination.

The DHO particularly appreciated the role of teachers, religious scholars, healthcare professionals, media representatives, Rescue 1122 and law enforcement agencies in promoting awareness, facilitating vaccination and ensuring security during the campaign. He said the achievement reflected the collective commitment of all stakeholders.

Keep all health facilities functional, no tolerance for staff negligence: DC Kabdani

DUKKI (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Dukki Fazal-ur-Rehman Kabdani has directed authorities to ensure that all government health facilities across the district remain fully functional, warning that staff absenteeism, negligence and shortcomings in healthcare delivery will not be tolerated.

He issued these directives while chairing a meeting of the District Health Committee (DHC), attended by Health Department officials and relevant authorities.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of previous decisions, medical staff attendance, field visits, departmental affairs and the overall performance of government health facilities.

Participants also assessed the performance of the District Headquarters Hospital, rural health centers, basic health units, civil dispensaries and maternal and child health centers, along with progress and challenges concerning various specialized health programs.

The deputy commissioner directed officials to ensure regular staff attendance, availability of essential medicines, timely treatment of patients and effective monitoring of all health facilities.

Kabdani said improving the performance of government health institutions and providing quality healthcare services remained among the government's foremost priorities.

He urged relevant officials to discharge their responsibilities diligently and continuously monitor ongoing healthcare initiatives to ensure that residents have access to quality medical services closer to their homes.

Two arrested after acid attack injures sisters in Burewala

BUREWALA (INP): Two sisters sustained acid burns after two motorcycle-borne men allegedly threw acid on them in Christian Colony, police said on Thursday.

The injured women were shifted to Tehsil Headquarters Hospital, Burewala, for treatment. Police identified the suspects as Noman and Rauf and arrested both shortly after the incident. DSP Burewala Rana Muhammad Imraz Tipu confirmed their arrest. According to police, the victims and suspects belong to the Christian community and had an existing enmity.

The victims' mother also alleged that the suspects had previously harassed her daughters.

Police registered a case and launched further investigation.

Ban imposed on indiscriminate tree felling, illegal hunting: DC Shams

BARSHORE (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Barshore Flight Lieutenant (Retd.) Khalid Shams has imposed a complete ban on indiscriminate tree felling and illegal hunting of wildlife across the district to protect the environment and conserve natural resources. He warned that violators would face strict legal action under the Balochistan Forest Act 2022 and other relevant laws.

The deputy commissioner said forests and rare wildlife were valuable national assets, and their conservation was a collective responsibility essential to maintaining ecological balance and safeguarding the future of coming generations.

He clarified that the prohibition had taken immediate effect and that ignorance of the order would not be accepted as an excuse for violations.

Khalid Shams directed the Forest Department, police and other relevant agencies to ensure strict enforcement of the ban. He also urged citizens to immediately report illegal tree felling or wildlife hunting to the relevant Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) or the Assistant Commissioner Barshore's office to facilitate timely legal action against offenders.

Ensure prompt resolution of public complaints, no negligence will be tolerated: DC Barshore

BARSHORE (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Barshore Flight Lieutenant (Retd.) Khalid Shams has directed officials to ensure the prompt resolution of public complaints, making the attendance of district heads of all relevant departments at open courts mandatory and warning that negligence or delays in addressing citizens' grievances will not be tolerated.

He issued these directives while interacting with officials and citizens during an open court. The deputy commissioner said open courts would be held regularly under the Balochistan government's good governance policy to improve public service delivery, promptly address citizens' grievances and resolve local issues on a priority basis.

He made the attendance of district heads of education, health, public health engineering, irrigation, agriculture, forests, local government and law enforcement agencies mandatory to facilitate on-the-spot directives for resolving individual and collective complaints.

Khalid Shams emphasized that open courts aimed to strengthen direct communication between the district administration and citizens while ensuring departmental accountability. He directed relevant officials to submit implementation reports on public complaints within stipulated deadlines.

Appreciating the cooperation of local communities, civil society and tribal representatives, he said mutual trust between citizens and the district administration was essential to promoting sustainable development, peace and prosperity.

The deputy commissioner reaffirmed the administration's commitment to public welfare, institutional accountability and improved delivery of basic services.

Frequent traffic fines burden youth, students in Quetta; CM, CJ urged to intervene

QUETTA (ANN): Young people and students in Quetta have expressed concern over frequent traffic fines at checkpoints across the city, appealing to Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Muhammad Kamran Khan Mulakhail and SP Traffic Dostain Dashti to address their grievances.

They said limited economic activity and employment opportunities had already placed many young people under financial strain, while frequent traffic fines were adding to the financial burden on them and their families.

They complained that young motorcyclists commuting to educational institutions, attending to household needs or transporting patients to hospitals were frequently stopped and fined at various checkpoints.

They acknowledged that some underage students lacked national identity cards and driving licenses but also alleged that traffic personnel occasionally confiscated mobile phones during enforcement proceedings, further aggravating their difficulties.



PESHAWAR: Vice Chancellors of Public Sector Universities meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi.

CNIC cancellation

PHC directs applicants to approach NADRA

PESHAWAR (APP): The Peshawar High Court (PHC) has directed applicants whose Pakistani national identity cards were cancelled on the basis of holding Afghan Citizen Cards to approach the relevant forum of the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) for redressal.

During the hearing, Chief Justice SM Atiq Shah observed that some people had allegedly accepted Rs10,000 each to include Afghan nationals in their family trees. He added that thousands of cases involving fake marriage certificates and identity cards had also come before the court.

The matter came up during the hearing of a writ petition filed by six residents of Parachinar whose CNICs had been cancelled.

Counsel for the petitioners, Kifayatullah, informed the court that NADRA had restored the identity cards of three of the six applicants, while the remaining three were still awaiting restoration.

Universities must promote research, innovation among young women: Dr. Rubina

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rubina Mushtaq has said that scientific research and modern technology are fundamental to social progress and prosperity, emphasizing that universities must provide young researchers, particularly female students, with greater opportunities to demonstrate their academic, scientific and creative abilities.

She expressed these views while addressing the Second International Conference on Emerging Trends in Science and Technology (ICETST-2026), which concluded at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University, Quetta. Dr. Mushtaq said international conferences played an important role in bringing researchers from different countries together, facilitating academic exchanges and promoting collaborative research. She reaffirmed the university's commitment to advancing women's higher education, scientific research and innovation in Balochistan. National and international academics, scientists and researchers presented papers on artificial intelligence, biomedical research, genetics, brain injuries, childhood asthma, drug discovery, cancer treatment, medicinal plants, nanotechnology, nanocomposites and advanced energy storage technologies.

Research addressing Balochistan's local challenges included studies on the physicochemical properties of oil extracted from seeds of a date variety grown in Panjgur, solid waste management in Quetta, public awareness and the application of advanced chemical materials. Dr. Mahfooz Ullah, Dr. Roshan Ghaus from New Zealand, Dr. Ghulam Rasool Lashari, Prof. Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Dr. Syed Hasrat Hussain Shah and Prof. Dr. Najam Mughani delivered special lectures during online and in-person sessions.

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Other realms

It was a moment of pride for Pakistan when PAF officer Muhammad Zeeshan Ali blasted off into space yesterday morning alongside his Chinese colleagues, astronauts Tang Hongbo and Wu Yi. As the Shenzhou-24 spacecraft entered orbit soon after lift-off, Wing Commander Ali became Pakistan's first orbital astronaut, carrying with him "the hopes of 250 million Pakistanis".

Three-and-a-half hours later, the Shenzhou-24 capsule docked with China's Tiangong space station, where the crew from an earlier mission warmly greeted the arriving astronauts — especially their first foreign guest. Wing Commander Ali, who has been designated a payload specialist, will spend about a week in space working on four experiments covering radiation protection, space food security, oxygen-producing microorganisms, and self-healing carbon fibres.

With the successful launch of Shenzhou-24, Pakistan joins the ranks of around 50 countries that have sent their citizens into orbit. For years, China and Pakistan have worked closely in several sectors, ranging from defence and security to energy and infrastructure development under CPEC. As 2026 marks 75 years of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations, it is only fitting that spaceflights should be the next sphere of cooperation.

However, while a significant beginning has been made, it will be years before Pakistan can take the same strides in space technology as China. This moment of celebration must therefore give way to something more permanent — economic stability, greater investment in R&D, international collaborations in science and technology, and above all, a sound STEM education base.

With a large youth population comes a strong talent pool. But governments here have left it untapped. Instead, they have given free rein to illiteracy, poverty, and poor schooling, closing many doors to opportunity. Contrast this reality with a space flight by one man from the same country that has brought hope to millions — a fleeting triumph that could acquire permanence if the state prioritised people's welfare.

"To every child who is watching while I am in orbit, just look up at the sky and remember that I am up there with your dreams," was Zeeshan Ali's message to youngsters as he set out to explore realms beyond Earth. Pakistan should not allow its children's dreams to fade away.

Choking the provinces

Khurram Husain

Let's be very clear about one thing: this business of cutting the provinces up into "administrative units" has nothing to do with good or bad governance. It is mainly about recentralising control over the state's resources.

A paper written by three eminent Pakistani academics in 2005 made a related point that is worth revisiting in the present debate. The authors were Ali Cheema, Asim Ijaz Khwaja and Adnan Qadir and the document was published in 2005 as a working paper for Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. They took a longer view of all attempts to bring in local governments in the country's history, and came to the following conclusion: "local government empowerment has always been combined with centralisation of political power in the hands of the non-representative centre. The centralisation of political power has undermined representative institutions not only at the level of the centre but also at the level of the provinces."

Their analysis is especially relevant all over again, as the same gambit to centralise power is being rolled out for the fourth time in our history. They noted that in all such experiments in the past, "[o]ur interpretation is that these reforms have been used as a means for a non-representative centre to gain legitimacy by bypassing the political agents at the provincial and national levels".

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The seventh NFC award agreed to in 2009 and made effective in July 2010 reversed the centralisation of powers and resources that the federal authorities had grown accustomed to over the decades. It was the first time in Pakistan's history that powers and, more importantly, resources, flowed down from the federal government towards lower tiers of government in such large quantities. And almost immediately, from its very first year of operation, a thrust emerged from the federal authorities to try and undo this.

It began slowly at first. Then in the middle of the decade it achieved its first written form. Here is a brief timeline of how small, subtle changes in how fiscal resources are measured and counted turned into a full-blown programme for reversing the flow of these resources to the provincial governments.

In FY2011, the first year after the seventh NFC award, the federal government "successfully pressed" the provincial governments to run a surplus and not spend all the money being devolved down to them. Then the next year they asked for these surpluses again, but with no Fund programme in force, the provincial governments did not comply.

This changed in 2013 when the IMF made it a prior action for provinces to post a surplus, and provincial deposits with the State Bank leapt from Rs42 billion in June 2013 to Rs257bn by March 2014. This was ratified in the Council of Common Interests, and provincial finance secretaries agreed to continue the practice into 2015. By June 2015 the IMF programme called for written agreement from the provinces to raise their surpluses, as a prior action and a few months later, in September, provincial spending was capped at 6.5 per cent of GDP.

By June 2016, as the programme was winding up with only a few months left in it, the government set up the Fiscal Coordination Committee to ensure that centre and provinces coordinate their spending and surpluses. The very next year, as the Fund programme ran out, provincial governments ramped up their spending, running a deficit of Rs163bn in FY17.

In July 2019 another IMF programme was signed, after replacing finance ministers. This one again made it a prior action to get provinces to run surpluses, and raised the surplus targets from one to 2.7pc of GDP. That agreement was renewed in the two years that followed, and provincial surpluses leapt from Rs77bn in FY20 to Rs314bn in FY21 and Rs351bn in FY22. That was the most troubled programme of Pakistan's history, with more false starts than any other programme Pakistan had ever signed.

The blowout came in 2024. As part of the bailout in July 2023, the provinces now had to agree not only to post a surplus, but also submit spending plans. Provincial deposits were already netted against government borrowing in the IMF's targets for the budget deficit and SBP's net domestic assets, thereby helping the federal government meet its targets under the Fund programme. Most importantly, the targets for provincial surpluses agreed to in that programme rose to Rs1.2 trillion in the first year, rising to Rs1.9tn by FY27.

So in 2011 the provinces left unspent 13.5pc of what they received as a transfer under the NFC award. This figure fell as soon as the Fund programme lapsed, then rose again every time Pakistan entered a Fund programme. Today it stands at 19pc, skyrocketing in the last three years.

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In May 2025, for example, provinces were required to put surplus cash into T-bills. Their holdings of federal government debt rose from Rs19bn in June 2025 to Rs1.8tn as of October 2026, though this figure fluctuates a lot with maturities every few months. And then in June 2026, under Article 164 grants, the provinces were made to hand over Rs1.0tn to the federal authorities, or about 12.66pc of each province's NFC share.

What began as a plea to restrain spending in 2011 slowly grew into a codified demand to run a surplus. Then the targets for these surpluses were raised. Then came requirements to buy government debt paper followed by a reverse flow from province to centre as a "grant" under Article 164. And now they want to dismantle the whole set-up altogether, in the name of governance. The irony here is that it is the governance failures of the federal authorities themselves that have fuelled their hunger for resources from the provincial authorities.

Unchanged features

F.S. Aijazuddin

"If Cleopatra's nose had been shorter," the French philosopher Blaise Pascal once mused, "the whole face of the world would have been changed." One wonders whether Indo-Pak relations might have been different, had Mrs Indira Gandhi's nose been shorter.

She was always self-conscious about it. In a letter to her American friend Dorothy Norman, Mrs Gandhi admitted: "Ever sin-ce plastic surgery was heard of, I have been wanting to get something done to my nose." In 1967, she had the chance when, during an election rally, a projectile struck her directly in the face. Her son Rajiv recounted her concern later that "her already long nose would now be crooked too".

Perhaps the most memorable reference to her nose came from Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, who, after the 1971 war, answered her fear that he might topple her in a military coup: "You see, you have a long nose, even I have a long nose, but that doesn't mean I poke my nose in your business of running the country and you poke your long nose in my Army."

Mrs Gandhi never warmed to Pakistan. She never forgot Yahya Khan belittling her as "that woman", nor forgave Z.A. Bhutto's dismissal of her as "a mediocre woman with a mediocre intelligence [,] a diligent drudge of a schoolgirl [,] devoid of initiative and imagination".

Sonia Gandhi's attitude towards Pakistan has hardened.

She did not share her father Pandit Nehru's sentiment about northwestern India. In his day, before 1947, he had travelled and canvassed there extensively. For example, writing to her from Lahore in August 1945, he described a tour from Nathiagali to Abbottabad, Haripur and Taxila, with a stop at the Mughal garden in Wah where he wanted to bathe in "the pool of wonderfully clear water".

In an earlier letter, written from Bareilly Central Prison, he reminisced: "I like going to Lahore [.] It is like a growing child, very immature in many ways, yet with an air of sophistication [.] However, there is an atm-osphere of a fake and superficial gaiety".

If Pandit Nehru had been partly responsible for the first partition of India in Aug-ust 1947 and his daughter Indira for the subsequent partition of Pakistan in Dece-m-ber 1971, their successor Rajiv made a dete-rmined effort to bring his country and Pak-istan closer. In her memoir Belonging (2026), Sonia Gandhi describes Rajiv's conciliatory mission in 1989, the first visit by an Indian PM since his grandfather's in 1960.

Then, Nehru's host had been a general, Ayub Khan. In 1989, Sonia recalls the freer atmosphere: "The air was full of excitement and expectation [.] Thirty-five-year-old Benazir Bhutto had recently been elected prime minister in Pakistan's first democratic election since 1977, the first woman of the country to hold the post [.] Both Rajiv and Benazir had lost a cherished parent to political violence." In time, both would be assassinated.

Rajiv and Sonia, accompanied by their children Rahul and Priyanka, arrived in Islamabad on July 16, to be welcomed by Benazir and her husband Asif Zardari. The same evening, they had a private dinner with the couple. She recalled: "The atmosphere was informal, as we were young and found much in common". However, "whenever the discussion veered towards political matters, our host [Benazir] would increase the volume of the music playing in the background, thereby warning us that people were listening in to our conversation".

Sonia was struck "by how much is recognisable between our ways and theirs: food, apparel, language, customs [.] We came away feeling that if only our two countries could sink their differences, how much both could benefit! Instead of armaments and wars, how much could be done for our people on both sides".

Curtains on COP31

Aisha Khan

The 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) took place in the backdrop of geopolitical fragmentation, a rising cost-of-living crisis, tightening of national and international budgets and the imminent threat of a 1.5ºC overshoot.

Despite high stakes, the talks — instead of propelling the agenda forward — highlighted significant gaps in international cooperation and revealed critical areas where progress was stalled, resulting in an underwhelming outcome.

At its core, COP31 faced a leadership vacuum, leaving parties to navigate the negotiations with limited political direction. Turkiye's presidency for hosting and Australia's presidency of negotiations were unable to shepherd political compromises for the highest possible ambition. The result was a watered-down draft cover decision with the lowest common denominator that failed to secure consensus and was therefore not adopted.

The lack of ambition was visible across all critical workstreams. The negotiations failed to get a tangible commitment from major emitting countries to ratchet up their 2030 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in line with the Paris Agreement.

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Many nations maintained vague promises without concrete policies or mechanisms to accelerate carbon cuts. This failure underscores the persistent divide between developed and developing countries over responsibility and capacity. Financial pledges for climate adaptation and loss and damage remained grossly insufficient, especially for vulnerable countries grappling with the worst climate impacts.

COP31 did not substantially increase the promised climate finance commitment, nor did it establish clearer mechanisms for operationalising this support. This shortfall deepened the trust deficit between richer and poorer nations and hampered purposeful progress. COP31 made little headway in solidifying a comprehensive loss and damage framework that would provide timely financial assistance to countries suffering from climate-induced disasters.

Despite long-standing calls for compensatory mechanisms, negotiations were bogged down in political disagreements, reflecting the complexities and sensitivities surrounding liability and responsibility.

Although adaptation is a critical pillar of climate action, COP31 showcased a yawning gap between rhetoric and reality. Concrete and enforceable commitments for adaptation planning, funding, and technology transfers failed to materialise.

Perhaps the most glaring omission at COP31 was the absence of decisive action on phasing out fossil fuels. Despite growing scientific consensus on the need to rapidly transition to renewable energy, the conference sidestepped a clear, actionable roadmap away from fossil fuel dependency, highlighting the influence of entrenched economic interests.

While these shortcomings are disappointing, they offer a valuable opportunity for reflection and reform. The failure at COP31 should not be viewed as the collapse of the global climate effort but as an urgent signal that the status quo in multilateral climate negotiations is insufficient to meet the scale and immediacy of the crisis.

This moment calls for reenergising international cooperation, urging countries to bridge their divergent interests and work with renewed transparency and solidarity. It also brings to light that the current voluntary pledging model needs firmer accountability mechanisms for enforcing compliance and incentivising larger, more actionable and ambitious commitments.

The inability to get an overarching political consensus also demonstrates that countries are no longer willing to go along without assurance of financial, technical and policy support needed to adapt and recover. The setbacks also highlight the need to examine new approaches that include civil society, indigenous voices and private-sector leadership for fresh perspectives and urgency into a traditionally slow-moving process.

The weak outcome at COP31 should not cause despair but create a renewed sense of purpose. Sometimes a failure in negotiations is less damaging than weak agreements (like previous COPs) that create a false sense of security. COP31 has forced a reset and serves as a crucial pivot point for rejecting unfair agreements and harnessing the moment to strengthen the spirit of the Paris Agreement, keeping its promise alive and escalating its ambition. The failure of COP31 is in fact a triumph of COP21.

COP31 may have faltered but it reaffirmed the essential truth that multilateralism must endure as the backbone of climate action. The diplomatic disagreements at COP15 in Copenhagen in 2009 resulted in the milestone triumph of COP21 in 2015 in Paris. The failure of COP31 can serve the same turning-point purpose for future COPs and multilateralism.

New search trends

Usman Tauqir

Pakistan's IT and software export story is told in remittance figures, freelancer rankings and new export targets. One question gets far less attention. When a buyer in Austin, Manchester or Dubai goes looking for a software vendor, where do they look now, and are Pakistani firms anywhere in the answer?

For 20 years the answer was Google's 10 blue links. Our software houses, Software as a Service (SaaS) start-ups and agencies learned that game: rank for the right phr-ases, get the click, win the call. Many still treat a page-one ranking as the finish line.

The finish line has moved. My firm recently ran 1,500 real software-buying questions through four AI systems that buyers now use: ChatGPT, Google's Gemini, Google's AI Mode and the AI Overviews that sit at the top of ordinary Google results. We asked each question three times, from fresh sessions in the United States, and collected 18,000 answers across 20 software categories, from CRM and accounting to recruitment and e-signature tools.

Three findings should worry anyone who sells Pakistani software or services abroad.

Our IT exporters are optimising for a search page buyers no longer read.

First, the AI answer is now the first thing a buyer sees. Google showed an AI Ove-rview on 98 per cent of the software-buying searches we tested. The summary sits above the links, names a handful of products and often settles the question before anyone scrolls. A buyer can form a shortlist without visiting a single vendor website.

Second, ranking on Google no longer guarantees a place in that summary. We looked at 27,307 websites cited inside AI Overviews. Only 28.1pc also ranked in the top three organic results on the same page. More striking, 36.5pc of the cited websites did not appear in the organic results shown at all. The AI is reading, and trusting, sources well beyond the page-one list our marketing teams obsess over.

Third, the AI leans on what other people say about a product, not only on what the product says about itself. Review platforms such as G2, Capterra and TrustRadius were cited in 25.6pc of ChatGPT's answers. Google's AI Overviews cited YouTube in 80.5pc of answers and Reddit in 52.8pc. In plain terms, the machines are listening to reviews, videos and forum threads.

Put those together and the problem for Pakistani exporters becomes clear. A firm can do everything right by the old rulebook, rank well and still be invisible when a foreign buyer asks an AI assistant for options. If that firm has no reviews on the platforms AI reads, no independent coverage and no presence in the conversations where buyers compare tools, the assistant simply has nothing to say about it.

This matters more for us than for an American or European competitor. A Paki-stani vendor already starts with a trust gap: unfamiliar brand, distant time zone, questions about payments and support. Third-party proof is how that gap gets closed. AI systems now automate the hunt for that proof. A buyer who would once have found us on page one may never hear our name.

There is a fix, and none of it is exotic.

Exporters should treat reviews as infrastructure, not vanity. Every satisfied foreign client is a potential review on a platform the AI reads. Many firms have satisfied foreign clients and few or no public reviews to show for them. That gap now costs visibility as well as credibility.

They should earn mentions outside their own websites. Comparison articles, industry publications, podcasts, credible forum answers and exp-ert commentary are now inputs to the AI shortlist. A website alone is not enough.

They should measure the right thing. Ask the questions a real buyer would ask, in ChatGPT and Google, every month, and record whether your firm is named and how it is described. If you are not tracking that, you are not tracking whe-re your next client is making up their mind.

There is also a role for the industry bodies. P@SHA and the Pakistan Software Export Board already run trade delegations and export promotion. A modest programme to help member firms build verified review profiles, publish credible case studies and track their visibility in AI answers would do more for the "Brand Pakistan" tech story than another glossy brochure. The country's export targets depend on buyers who have never met us. The first impression they get is increasingly written by a machine.

None of this replaces good work. AI systems are not easily fooled for long, and what they repeat is mostly what credible people already say. But the rules of discovery have changed, and they have changed for everyone at once. That is rare, and it is an opening. Firms that adapt early can be named alongside global brands. Firms that wait will keep winning page-one rankings that fewer and fewer buyers ever see.

PM directs reforms to boost gemstone exports, develop complete value chain

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday directed authorities to accelerate reforms in Pakistan's gemstone sector, emphasizing the need to establish international-standard laboratories, introduce modern mining techniques and develop a complete value chain to boost exports.

Chairing a high-level review meeting here, the prime minister said Pakistan was blessed with vast reserves of precious gemstones but outdated mining practices and limited processing facilities were causing significant losses to the national economy.

"Pakistan has enormous potential in gemstone mining, value addition and exports," he said, adding that the government was taking comprehensive measures on priority to develop the sector.

The prime minister directed the establishment of international-standard laboratories for gemstone identification and certification to improve the quality, credibility and international competitiveness of Pakistani gemstones.

He also instructed the authorities to send Pakistani master trainers to Sri Lanka and Thailand for specialized training in gemstone processing. The Foreign Secretary was directed to ensure that Pakistani ambassadors in the relevant countries extended full support to facilitate the training programme.

During the meeting, it was told that Pakistan had an estimated 300 million carats of gemstone reserves, with more than 9,000 miners engaged in extracting over 30 varieties of precious stones. The sector is linked to more than 5,500 businesses across the country.

However, the industry continues to face major challenges, including the export of raw gemstones, wastage of more than 50 percent during mining operations, a shortage of modern technical expertise and limited value-addition facilities.

To address these shortcomings, the government has prepared a comprehensive reform strategy aimed at transforming the sector from raw material extraction to finished gemstone products.

A Rs 4.10 billion project is being implemented to establish facilitation centres in Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Islamabad. Other initiatives include the establishment of 80 banking facilitation desks, geological mapping, the revival of training centres and enhanced international cooperation.

The government has also initiated implementation of the National Gemstone Policy 2026–2030.

The proposed reforms include establishing an independent regulatory framework and a national certification and warranty system, restricting the export of raw gemstones.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on development gemstone industry in Pakistan.



Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chairing a meeting of the Steering Committee on Wheat Import for the year 2026–27, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad.

Pak-Maldives direct flights by May 2027, new investment avenues, stronger trade ties

KARACHI (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan visited the third day of FoodAg Pakistan 2026 at the Karachi Expo Centre, where he held a high-level bilateral meeting with the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation of the Republic of Maldives, Mr. Mohamed Saeed, and engaged with international delegates, exhibitors and Pakistan's Trade and Investment Officers (TIOs) to explore new avenues for trade, investment and export promotion.

During his meeting with the Maldivian Minister, both sides discussed a broad framework of economic cooperation encompassing direct air connectivity, maritime links, bilateral trade, tourism, investment, healthcare and human resource development, said a release issued here on Thursday.

The Maldivian delegation indicated that it was targeting "May 2027 for the launch of direct flights between Pakistan and the Maldives", subject to the completion of necessary arrangements. The Chief Executive of the Maldivian national airline also attended the meeting.

Welcoming the proposed initiative, Jam Kamal Khan observed that direct flights, complemented by commercially viable shipping services, could significantly strengthen business exchanges, tourism and trade between the two countries.

He emphasised that sustainable connectivity was essential for developing reliable supply chains and expanding bilateral economic engagement.

Building upon the recent visit of the Maldivian President to Pakistan, the Federal Minister reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to becoming a reliable, long-term economic partner of the Maldives.

He identified significant opportunities for Pakistani exports, particularly food and agricultural products, pharmaceuticals, textiles, leather, construction materials and other industrial goods, while emphasising the importance of meeting the quality standards and requirements of the Maldivian hospitality industry.

The discussions also explored investment opportunities in the Maldives' growing tourism sector, particularly halal tourism and Shariah-compliant resort development.

The Maldivian delegation invited Pakistani investors to explore opportunities under its tourism diversification strategy, highlighting more flexible investment arrangements for halal tourism within its island resort model.

Finance Minister, UNDP discuss climate finance cooperation under Türkiye's COP31 bridge initiative

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Thursday met a delegation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), led by Resident Representative Samuel Rizk, to discuss Pakistan's development priorities, climate finance opportunities and enhanced cooperation with development partners.

Senior Ministry of Finance officials also attended the meeting, according to a press release issued by finance ministry.

The UNDP delegation highlighted Pakistan's progress in developing a pipeline of potential investments aligned with national development and climate priorities. The portfolio brings together projects from the SDG Investment Pipeline, Climate Prosperity Plans and other climate adaptation initiatives.

It comprises a range of projects covering clean energy and infrastructure, climate resilience, water and food security, ecosystems, and circular economy initiatives.

The UNDP noted that the portfolio could serve as a starting point for identifying investment opportunities and mobilising resources. The discussion focused on prioritising technically sound, investment-ready projects capable of delivering tangible results within a shorter timeframe.

On the occasion, the Finance Minister underscored the importance of aligning the initiative with national priorities and concrete development outcomes. He emphasised that the next phase should focus on a carefully selected portfolio of projects with clear implementation pathways and the potential to demonstrate timely progress.

The Minister highlighted the importance of close coordination and stakeholder consultation to ensure that the initiative remains aligned with national priorities, drawing on relevant institutional expertise and mandates.

He observed that climate finance requires a coordinated approach to project development, financing and implementation. He emphasised the need to build on existing project pipelines, engage relevant stakeholders and identify opportunities to accelerate projects already under consideration by multilateral development partners.

The Minister also stressed the importance of making effective use of available financing opportunities, including concessional resources, climate funds and private-sector investment, while recognising the time required to mobilise international finance. He called for a focused and manageable set of priority projects.

The UNDP outlined its proposed support in refining the portfolio, undertaking a diagnostic assessment, facilitating project preparation and engaging with global climate financing mechanisms. The discussion also covered blended finance and public-private partnerships, particularly in areas such as renewable energy, waste management, recycling and climate-smart agriculture.

The meeting also considered lessons from recent climate-induced disasters and the importance of strengthening long-term resilience through institutional preparedness, disaster risk reduction and enhanced institutional capacity.

The Finance Minister welcomed UNDP's continued engagement and reaffirmed the Ministry of Finance's readiness to support a coordinated and results-oriented approach.

Maritime Minister proposes at least 5pc value addition target for seafood exporters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has proposed that seafood exporters allocate at least five per cent of their total exports to value-added products, noting that only three of 578 seafood exporters currently deal in such products.

The minister made the proposal while chairing a meeting to discuss measures for increasing seafood exports. He also constituted a committee to engage provincial fisheries departments and exporters and recommend ways to promote processed seafood products and enhance the sector's foreign exchange earnings.

The committee, headed by Fisheries Development Commissioner Dr Muhammad Hafeez-ur-Rehman of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, will coordinate with provincial authorities and exporters to identify opportunities and propose measures to expand value addition in the seafood industry.

The meeting, attended by provincial fisheries representatives through video link and senior officials of the ministries of maritime affairs and national food security, reviewed ways to diversify seafood exports beyond raw products.

Junaid Chaudhry urged exporters to start value-addition activities on a small scale in the beginning and gradually expand their operations.

He encouraged businesses to invest in processing, packaging and other activities that could help them access higher-value international markets.

He also proposed holding a workshop involving provincial fisheries departments, exporters and other stakeholders to identify barriers to value addition and formulate practical recommendations for boosting processed seafood exports.

The minister said the government needed to work with provincial administrations and the private sector to develop fisheries and aquaculture infrastructure, including shrimp hatcheries, and strengthen seafood processing facilities.

Exports up 8.24% to Rs 3.19trl in 4 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): Exports in rupee term increased by 8.24 percent during the first four months of the current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

Exports during July–October (2026-27) totaled Rs.3,193,157 million as against Rs.2,950,116 million during the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of 8.24%, according to PBS provisional data.

Meanwhile, exports from Pakistan during October, 2026 amounted to Rs.829,456 million as against Rs.829,456 million in September, 2026 and Rs.800,551 million during October, 2025 showing an increase of 0.002% over September, 2026 and of 3.61% over October, 2025.

Main commodities of exports during October, 2026 were knitwear (Rs.135,328 million), readymade garments (Rs.109,844 million), bed wear (Rs.78,395 million), cotton cloth (Rs.39,107 million), petroleum products, excluding top naphta (Rs.35,915 million), rice others (Rs.29,106 million), towels (Rs.27,588 million), cotton yarn (Rs.23,243 million), madeup articles, excluding towels and bedwear (Rs.22,453 million) and fish & fish preparations (Rs.18,653 million).

On the other hand, imports during July–October, 2026 totaled Rs.7,314,938 million as against Rs.6,516,677 million during the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of 12.25%.

Govt proposes limiting three-month fuel adjustment increase to 83 paisa per unit

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government has proposed limiting the increase in Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) to 83 paisa per unit for October-December 2026 to protect electricity consumers from an additional financial burden.

The Power Division, in a statement issued on Thursday, said the proposed three-month mechanism aims to shield consumers from uncertainty arising from fluctuations in international fuel prices.

It said when the present Government assumed office in March 2024, the national average electricity tariff (inclusive of taxes) stood at Rs. 53.04 per unit, while the industrial tariff was Rs. 62.99 per unit. Through concerted efforts and key policy and reform initiatives, the Government successfully reduced the national average tariff by Rs. 8.76 per unit to Rs. 44.28 per unit by March 2026, prior to the onset of the Iran-US war and the ensuing energy crisis in the Middle East. The reduction in industrial tariffs was even more significant, declining by Rs. 18.49 per unit from Rs. 62.99 to Rs. 44.50 per unit over the same period.

However, the Iran-US war triggered a sharp increase in international fuel prices, particularly RLNG and coal, exerting upward pressure on monthly Fuel Cost Adjustments (FCAs). The Power Division closely monitored the evolving situation and implemented a carefully planned and publicly announced load management strategy while optimizing the utilization of available fuel supplies to limit the impact of rising fuel costs on FCAs. Consequently, during April–September 2026, consumers were protected from a potential additional FCA increase of Rs. 6–7 per unit. The combined FCA and Quarterly Tariff Adjustment (QTA) increase during this period was restricted to an average of Rs. 2.38 per unit, inclusive of taxes. The onset of winter further intensifies these challenges. A seasonal decline in hydropower generation increases reliance on thermal generation, with thermal fuels accounting for over 80% of the generation mix during certain winter months.



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan meets the Minister of Tourism and Aviation of the Republic of Maldives on the sidelines of FoodAg 2026 at the Expo Centre, discussing ways to strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

Rs300 billion SME financing package to unlock industrial growth, create jobs: Javed

FAISALABAD (APP): Chairman All Pakistan Cotton Power Looms Association (APCPLA) Chaudhry Javed Sharif has welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement of a Rs300 billion concessional loan package for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), describing it as a significant breakthrough that could strengthen the national industrial base, accelerate economic activity and open up new employment opportunities for youth of the country.

In a statement here on Thursday, he said that small and medium-sized industries were backbone of national economy, playing a vital role in sustaining industrial production, generating employment and supporting business activities. Provision of affordable financing to SMEs on easy terms would enable them to overcome financial constraints, expand operations and enhance their contribution to economic growth, he added.

Chaudhry Javed Sharif said that allocation of Rs300 billion for SME sector was an encouraging step that reflected the government's recognition of the importance of small businesses, traders and industrialists in the country's economic development.

He observed that easier access to credit would provide small entrepreneurs and industrialists with opportunities to expand their businesses, invest in modern technology, improve production capacity and make their enterprises more competitive. It would also encourage new business ventures, stimulate investment and create additional employment opportunities, particularly for young people, he added.

The association chairman expressed hope that the government would ensure transparent, efficient and effective implementation of the financing package so that its benefits could reach genuinely deserving small business owners, traders and industrialists without unnecessary hurdles.

He stressed that strengthening SMEs was imperative for building sustainable and resilient economy.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment (BOI), Mr. Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, attended the closing ceremony of Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) 2026, organized by the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), as the Chief Guest.

WCCIS, Askari Bank discuss collaboration opportunities

SIALKOT (APP): The leadership of the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sialkot (WCCIS) including its President Shabnam Asif and Senior Vice President (SVP) Nadia Qaiser held a meeting with representatives of Askari Bank on Thursday to explore potential areas of cooperation and discuss banking services for the business community.

The bank's delegation included Group Head – Islamic Banking, Commercial, SME and Trade Javed Iqbal, and Senior Vice President and Regional Head, Sialkot Ehtesham-ul-Haq.

During the meeting, the Askari Bank representatives shared insights into the bank's latest products and services, highlighting its banking solutions for businesses and entrepreneurs.

Both sides also exchanged views on potential avenues for collaboration between WCCIS and Askari Bank, with a focus on strengthening institutional ties and facilitating the business community.

D-8 Secretary General calls for stronger cooperation to promote sustainable global halal economy

ISTANBUL (APP): Secretary-General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) Ambassador Sohail Mahmood has called for stronger international cooperation, investment and trade partnerships to harness the potential of the global halal economy as a driver of sustainable economic growth.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the 12th World Halal Summit and Halal Expo 2026 at the Istanbul Expo Center, he highlighted the need to strengthen halal standards, develop sustainable value chains and mobilise investment to promote a more inclusive and competitive global halal economy, said a press release issued on Thursday.

The four-day event, being held from November 25 to 28 under the auspices of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is themed "Sustainable Halal Economy: Eliminating Waste, Empowering Growth". It has brought together government officials, international organisations, halal certification authorities, business leaders, academics and industry experts.

Over the years, the Summit and Expo have served as an important platform for exchanging knowledge and expertise, strengthening institutional and commercial partnerships, exploring emerging business and investment opportunities, and advancing international cooperation towards a more sustainable, inclusive and competitive global halal economy. The opening ceremony featured addresses by high-level dignitaries, including H.E. Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, Minister of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye, as well as senior representatives of a large number of participating countries and international and regional organizations.

In his remarks, Secretary-General Sohail Mahmood commended the Government of Türkiye and the organizers for convening the Summit on a timely and forward-looking theme. He highlighted the significance of the Islamic principles of Halal and Tayyib, together with the Islamic injunction against wastefulness, in fostering an economic model that reconciles commercial prosperity with environmental stewardship and social responsibility. The Secretary-General underscored the immense potential of the global halal economy as a driver of economic growth, innovation, investment and employment generation. Referring to the magnitude of global food waste, he stressed that eliminating waste was not merely an environmental responsibility but also an economic necessity.

Hardworking youth will no longer wait months for exam results: CM Bugti

PCS examination attempts increased from three to six; three-month deadline for results, AI-based computerized testing and examination centers in remote areas approved

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti has said that hardworking young candidates will no longer have to endure prolonged delays in examination results, directing the Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSC) to complete the entire examination process, from conducting tests to announcing results, within a maximum of three months.

The chief minister also approved increasing the number of attempts for Provincial Civil Service (PCS) examinations from three to six, introducing an AI-based computerized examination system and establishing examination centers in remote areas.

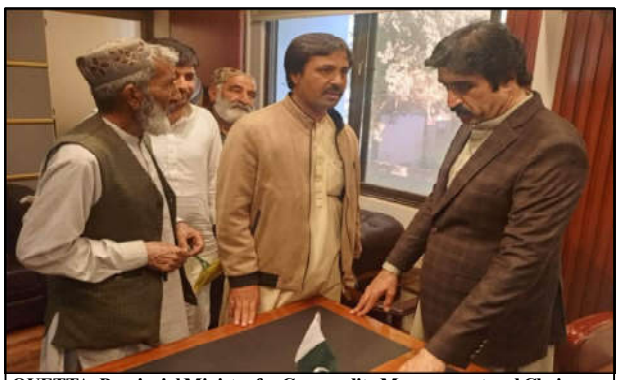
The decisions were taken at a high-level meeting chaired by CM Bugti to review reforms aimed at making the BPSC examination system more transparent, efficient and aligned with modern international standards. Bugti said unnecessary regulatory restrictions should not deprive hardworking and capable candidates of opportunities to compete for government positions.

He emphasized that officers recruited through PCS examinations formed the backbone of the provincial administration, making an effective selection process essential to attracting competent, talented and innovative individuals to the civil service. The chief minister directed officials to explore aligning PCS examinations with international testing standards such as TOEFL and GRE and introduce an AI-based, paperless and computerized examination system.

He stressed that modern technology should replace conventional handwritten examinations to improve transparency and efficiency in conducting tests, evaluating papers and compiling results.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti presides over meeting regarding reforms in Balochistan Public Service Commission.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Commodity Management and Chairman Balochistan Food Authority Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar listening the problems of the people.

Gwadar's major dev., policy issues to be raised with CM: Zahid Saleem

GWADAR (6 AM Report): Additional Chief Secretary Development Balochistan Zahid Saleem has assured residents of Gwadar that relevant departments will be mobilized to address their grievances, while major development and policy-related issues will be presented to Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

He said the provincial government was prioritizing the provision of basic facilities and development of underserved areas.

He expressed these views during an open consultation with local elders, civil society representatives and journalists at the Deputy Commissioner's Office during a high-level provincial delegation's visit to Gwadar.

Participants highlighted longstanding challenges related to healthcare, education, drinking water, irrigation, agriculture, border trade and municipal services.

Residents demanded MRI machines, dialysis facilities, ambulances and adequate medical staff at government hospitals. They also raised concerns over teacher shortages, absenteeism and declining educational standards, emphasizing the need to establish girls' middle and high schools.

Strict action against profiteering, sale of unsafe food: AC Ziarat

ZIARAT (6 AM Report): Assistant Commissioner Ziarat Habib-ur-Rehman Kakar has warned that strict legal action will be taken against traders involved in profiteering, violations of official price lists and the sale of unsafe food, emphasizing that public relief, price control and food quality remain top priorities of the district administration.

He issued these directives during a surprise inspection of Ziarat Bazaar on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Abdul Quddus Achakzai.

The assistant commissioner inspected meat shops and other commercial outlets, reviewing food prices, quality and compliance with official price lists.

He directed shopkeepers to sell essential commodities at prescribed prices and ensure the availability of safe, hygienic and quality food products.

Kakar warned that the sale of expired, unsafe and substandard food would not be tolerated, adding that regular market inspections would continue to ensure price control and compliance with food quality standards.

Meanwhile, an awareness campaign has been launched in Ziarat to highlight Pakistan's space missions and scientific achievements on the directives of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan.

Balochistan faces serious climate threats, emergency measures initiated: Mulakhail

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Balochistan Adviser on Environment and Climate Change Naseem-ur-Rehman Khan Mulakhail has said that the province faces serious climate change threats, with declining rainfall, water scarcity and agricultural land degradation emerging as major challenges, prompting the provincial government to initiate emergency measures.

He said a comprehensive strategy had been formulated under the Green Balochistan campaign to promote large-scale tree plantation, curb environmental pollution and strengthen environmental education across the province.

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti said Balochistan was particularly vulnerable to environmental challenges, emphasizing the need for immediate and effective measures to mitigate future climate risks.

He identified tree plantation, conservation of water resources and promotion of clean energy as key priorities of the provincial government.

Mulakhail said district environmental committees were being established to identify environmental challenges and develop practical solutions at the local level. Citizens, civil society organizations and the media were also being engaged in environmental protection efforts.

He emphasized that environmental conservation was not solely the government's responsibility but a collective obligation requiring active participation from all segments of society.

Meanwhile, the Balochistan government has urged the federal government to ensure the province receives its fair share of climate financing, enabling it to effectively address growing environmental threats and strengthen climate resilience.

Gwadar girls' school to get bus, computers and essential facilities: Secretary Jaffar

GWADAR (6 AM Report): Balochistan School Education Secretary Lal Jan Jaffar has assured the provision of a school bus, computers and other essential resources to Government Girls' Higher Secondary School Gwadar, emphasizing the need to ensure merit and transparency in examinations.

He urged female students to demonstrate their abilities with confidence, without fear or pressure, and refrain from cheating.

He expressed these views during a detailed inspection of the school as part of his visit to Gwadar.

The education secretary inspected classrooms, science and computer laboratories and interacted with students to assess their academic performance, learning activities and available facilities. The school administration briefed him on the institution's overall performance and challenges.

Jaffar also visited the middle-standard examination center at the school, directing the examination superintendent, staff and RTSM monitor to ensure that examinations were conducted in a transparent, orderly and peaceful environment. Interacting with students appearing in the examinations, he said the question papers had been prepared in accordance with the prescribed curriculum and encouraged them to demonstrate their knowledge and abilities confidently. The education secretary also visited UNICEF's mobile library, reviewed the available books and interacted with children.

He emphasized the importance of promoting reading habits, a love of books and knowledge sharing among children, saying engagement with books played a vital role in their intellectual and academic development.

Pakistan's scientific, space achievements a source of national pride: Wali Barrech

LORALAI (6 AM Report): Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Barrech and Deputy Commissioner Loralai Captain (Retd.) Muhammad Haseeb Shuja have said that Pakistan's scientific and technological achievements are a source of national pride, emphasizing the need to encourage young people to pursue modern sciences, engineering, artificial intelligence and space research.

On the special directives of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, a public awareness campaign has been launched across Loralai district to highlight Pakistan's space missions, scientific achievements and progress in space research.

Under the campaign, informative posters have been displayed at the Commissioner's Office, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Police Lines, Abdul Rahim Khan Club, Assistant Commissioner's Office, Tehsil Office, major roads and other public places.

The campaign aims to promote scientific awareness, technological innovation and interest in space research among young people.

The commissioner and deputy commissioner emphasized that national development, scientific self-reliance and global competitiveness depended on modern scientific knowledge, research, digital technology and human resource development.



GWADAR: Provincial Secretary Education Lal Jan Jaffar talking to students and asking about their studies.

Make Quetta a model city for cleanliness, expand door-to-door waste collection: Zeeshan Lashari

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Commissioner Quetta Division Zeeshan Lashari has directed authorities to transform the provincial capital into a model city for cleanliness, expand door-to-door waste collection services and ensure prompt clearance of garbage collection points.

He issued these directives while chairing a meeting to review the city's sanitation conditions and the performance of Safa Quetta. Safa Quetta CEO Dil Nawaz Shah, Public-Private Partnership officials and representatives of relevant departments attended the meeting.

Briefing the meeting, the CEO said Safa Quetta had been responsible for waste collection and proper disposal across the city for the past three years.

The meeting was informed that more than 40,000 tons of waste were being collected monthly from Quetta this year. The city has 137 dumping sites, six transfer stations and two landfill sites, while waste disposal operations have also commenced in Kuchlak in addition to the Eastern Bypass.

According to the briefing, Quetta has more than 200,000 residential and 95,000 commercial consumers, while door-to-door waste collection is helping improve sanitation conditions.

The Metropolitan Corporation continues to provide machinery, manpower and other resources.

No cheating or irregularities in eighth-grade exams will be tolerated: AC Kohlu

KOHLU (6 AM Report): Assistant Commissioner Kohlu Sami-ul-Haq has issued strict directives to prevent cheating in eighth-grade examinations, warning that no irregularities will be tolerated and that examination staff must ensure merit and transparency at all costs.

He issued these directives while inspecting various examination centers across the district on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Kohlu Abdul Hameed Zehri.

The assistant commissioner visited Boys High School Kohlu, Girls High School Kohlu and Government Boys High School Azad Shahar, reviewing examination arrangements, student attendance, staff performance and the overall examination environment.

JUI-F protests block national highways, security tightened across Balochistan

By Irshad Solangi

QUETTA: Several national highways across Balochistan have been blocked following a protest call by Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, prompting authorities to tighten security arrangements in Quetta and other parts of the province.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman had called for nationwide highway blockades in protest against being denied permission to address a gathering in Sargodha.

Responding to the call, JUI-F workers staged demonstrations and blocked various national highways from Gwadar to Zhob.

The administration has intensified security measures to maintain law and order, deploying security forces at government buildings to prevent any untoward incident. Security checks and vehicle inspections have also been stepped up across Quetta.

According to sources, the administration has finalized arrangements to deal with the situation arising from the protests, amid concerns over the possible arrests of JUI-F office-bearers and lawmakers.

Major police crackdown on organized crime in Killa Abdullah, illegal arms seized

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Police have seized a large quantity of illegal arms and ammunition during a five-day operation against illegal arms manufacturing, drug trafficking and organized crime in Killa Abdullah district, launched on the directives of Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

According to a progress report released by the provincial government, the operation, conducted from November 21 to 25, 2026, targeted illegal arms manufacturing facilities, suspected criminal hideouts and organized crime networks.

The report said action was also taken against individuals allegedly involved in manufacturing illegal weapons and ammunition. A substantial quantity of illegal arms, ammunition and other prohibited material was confiscated.

Cases have been registered against arrested suspects, and legal proceedings have been initiated.

The Balochistan government said indiscriminate action against illegal arms manufacturing, drug trafficking, extortion and other forms of organized crime would continue.

According to the report, operations against suspected criminal groups and individuals involved in unlawful activities are continuing across the district.

Jaffarabad vegetable market being modernized, all essentials under one roof: DC Khalid Khan

JAFFARABAD (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad Khalid Khan has said that development work to modernize the district's vegetable market is progressing rapidly, enabling citizens to purchase vegetables, fruits, meat and other daily essentials at a single location while providing improved business facilities for traders, commission agents and entrepreneurs.

He expressed these views while inspecting ongoing development projects at the vegetable market.

Market Committee Secretary Mumtaz Ali Jattak briefed the deputy commissioner on road construction, installation of sheds and provision of other essential facilities.

He informed the deputy commissioner that the allotment of shops and other commercial spaces would begin after the completion of development work.

Khalid Khan directed officials to ensure strict monitoring, construction quality and transparency, emphasizing that the project must comply with the approved PC-I design, specifications and conditions.

Cheating undermines education, its eradication essential for quality learning: Commissioner Loralai

LORALAI (6 AM Report): Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Barrech has described cheating as a destructive practice that undermines the education system, saying quality education and genuine academic progress cannot be achieved without its eradication.

He warned that cheating in examinations would not be tolerated and disciplinary action would be taken against personnel found negligent in preventing the practice.

He expressed these views during a surprise visit to the examination center at Divisional Public High School Loralai.

The commissioner inspected examination halls and classrooms, reviewed facilities provided to students and assessed examination staff performance, expressing satisfaction with the overall arrangements.

He directed relevant officials and examination staff to ensure merit, transparency and discipline while adopting effective measures to prevent cheating.

Barrech said cheating deprived students of the knowledge and skills required in practical life, undermined creativity and self-confidence, and discouraged hard work, competence and merit.

He urged students to pursue academic success through dedication, honesty and hard work, emphasizing that education was the foundation of social progress, prosperity and a brighter future.

The commissioner also stressed the importance of promoting research, creative thinking, ethical values and self-confidence among young people.

AC Basit says

Delays, substandard work in dev. projects unacceptable

RAKHNI (6 AM Report): Additional Commissioner Koh-e-Suleman Division Abdul Basit Buzdar has warned that delays and substandard construction work in public welfare projects will not be tolerated, directing relevant departments to ensure quality standards and timely completion so that development benefits directly reach local communities.

He expressed these views while inspecting ongoing development schemes under the Rakhni Project, in line with Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti's development policy and the directives of Commissioner Koh-e-Suleman Division Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Qambrani.

The additional commissioner inspected ongoing development work on Loralai Road, Main Barkhan Road, Samad Khan Street and Rakhni Model Bazaar, reviewing project progress and construction quality.

Correct employees' service records, resolve issues promptly: DC Kohlu

KOHLU (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Kohlu Abdul Hameed Zehri has directed officials to promptly rectify errors in government employees' service records, resolve discrepancies in personal information and address administrative issues to ensure accuracy, transparency and avoid unnecessary difficulties in employment-related matters.

He issued these directives while chairing a meeting convened to address government employees' data and administrative record-related grievances.

The meeting reviewed discrepancies in dates of birth, errors in service records, verification of personal information, SEB records, employee transfers and other administrative matters.



Balochistan Labour and Manpower Secretary Saleh Muhammad Nasir presides over 58th meeting of Balochistan employees' social security institution governing body.

Adopt joint strategy for law and order, public relief: DC Quetta

QUETTA (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehrullah Badini has directed assistant commissioners and relevant superintendents of police (SPs) to strengthen coordination and adopt a joint strategy to maintain law and order, improve administrative efficiency and ensure public relief.

He issued these directives while chairing a district coordination meeting attended by Deputy Commissioner West Sana Mahjabeen, SSP Operations Zia-ul-Haq Mandokhail, additional deputy commissioners and assistant commissioners.

The meeting reviewed coordination between the district administration and police, the overall law and order situation, administrative affairs and issues confronting residents in various areas.

Badini directed administrative and police officers to undertake coordinated field operations and adopt effective measures to address public grievances.

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening interagency cooperation, ensuring timely information sharing and improving the effectiveness of joint administrative and security measures.

Negligence in revenue collection will not be tolerated: DC Duki

DUKI (6 AM Report): Deputy Commissioner Duki Fazal-ur-Rehman Kabdani has warned that negligence, delays and inefficiency in government revenue collection will not be tolerated, and disciplinary action will be taken against officials failing to discharge their responsibilities.

He directed relevant officers to resolve pending revenue matters on a priority basis and achieve prescribed revenue collection targets within stipulated deadlines.

He issued these directives while chairing a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office to review revenue affairs, agricultural income tax collection and progress toward government revenue targets.

Assistant Commissioner Duki Muhammad Akram Harifal, Assistant Commissioner Luni Fateh Khan Bangulzai and relevant revenue officials attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed agricultural income tax collection, recovery of government dues, land transfers, property registration.

Shenzhou-24 mission 'living proof' of Pakistan-China ironclad friendship: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday described the historic Shenzhou-24 space mission carrying Pakistan's first astronaut to China's space station as living proof of the ironclad friendship between Pakistan and China, saying bilateral cooperation between the two brotherly nations had now truly reached the stars.

The prime minister, talking to Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, who called on him here, warmly congratulated the ambassador and the leadership and people of China on the successful launch of the Shenzhou-24 mission from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre on November 25, carrying Pakistan's first astronaut, Muhammad Zeeshan Ali, to the Tiangong Space Station.

He said that Pakistan was deeply grateful to China for providing the opportunity to become part of the landmark mission, through which a Pakistani had become the first foreign astronaut to visit China's space station.

He said that this was not merely the journey of an individual astronaut, but that of 240 million Pakistanis, embodying the dreams and aspirations of the country's youth and scientific community.

The prime minister expressed his appreciation to the relevant Chinese institutions for training both Pakistani astronauts and paid tribute to SUPARCO, academic institutions, scientists and the Armed Forces for their contributions to this historic achievement.

He said that today's achievement would inspire Pakistan's youth to aim for the Moon and beyond.

Prime Minister Shehbaz asked the ambassador to convey his warm greetings and best wishes to President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang.

He also paid rich tribute to the dynamic leadership and sagacious vision of President Xi Jinping, under which China has made remarkable strides in science, technology and space exploration and has opened its space programme to friendly countries for the benefit of humanity.

The prime minister underlined that Pakistan remained unwavering in its commitment to work hand in hand with China for the peaceful exploration and utilization of outer space.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Jiang Zaidong.



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers, Advisors to CM and MPAs meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

Canadian HC calls on Federal Minister for Law Senator Azam Nazeer

ISLAMABAD (APP): High Commissioner of Canada to Pakistan Dr Tarik Ali Khan called on Federal Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar at his office on Thursday. The meeting discussed bilateral relations, trade, investment, law and justice, cultural cooperation, film production and human rights between Pakistan and Canada.

Speaking on the occasion, the Federal Minister said that Pakistan was keen to further strengthen bilateral relations and advance cooperation in new areas of mutual interest. He underscored the need to further enhance cooperation between Pakistan and Canada in the fields of law and justice and human rights.

The meeting also reviewed ongoing trade negotiations between Pakistan and Canada. The Canadian High Commissioner noted positive progress in the negotiations, stating that approximately 65–70% of the matters had reached consensus, while the remaining issues required flexibility and further consultation from both sides.

The Federal Minister also highlighted the Ministry of Law and Justice's mediation and arbitration initiatives and discussed cooperation in the fields of law and justice, training programmes and exchange of experiences.

Both sides discussed prospects for cultural cooperation, film production and joint ventures.

The meeting also reviewed possibilities for cooperation in human rights, minority rights and women's rights.

The Canadian High Commissioner appreciated the Federal Minister's constitutional and legal efforts in the fields of law and justice and human rights and expressed commitment to further strengthening bilateral collaboration.

Both sides agreed to further expand bilateral relations and explore new avenues of cooperation between Pakistan and Canada.

Guide youth toward dialogue, knowledge rather than violence and extremism: CM

Chief minister calls for academic debate on Baloch political ideologies, encourages youth to question the state and government without hesitation

TURBAT (6 AM Report): Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti has emphasized the need to engage Baloch youth in meaningful dialogue, academic debate and constructive political activities rather than allowing them to be drawn toward violence and extremism through social media propaganda and narratives of deprivation.

He encouraged young people to openly question the state, government and Balochistan's developmental challenges, saying his government was prepared to listen to their concerns and critical opinions.

He expressed these views while addressing students and participating in an interactive question-and-answer session in Turbat.

Bugti said Baloch political history encompassed diverse ideological perspectives, including Nawab Khair Bakhsh Marri's advocacy of armed struggle, Mir Ghaus Bakhsh Bizenjo's constitutional and political struggle, and the views of those supporting federal politics.

He emphasized the importance of understanding different political ideologies through academic discourse while critically examining the consequences of violence.

The chief minister called upon university teachers, law students, researchers and intellectuals to contribute to constructive discussions on Baloch political history and the province's future.

Expressing concern over what he described as attempts to influence young people through social media and exploit their grievances, Bugti said direct and meaningful dialogue was essential to understanding and addressing their concerns.

He said the provincial government was providing higher education opportunities at comparatively lower tuition fees than other provinces.

The chief minister announced that funding would be allocated in the next fiscal year's budget to meet the requirements of the University of Turbat's Artificial Intelligence Department. He also announced the provision of 50 scooters for students, with the distribution mechanism to be determined by the vice chancellor.

Bugti announced fully funded educational tours to Murree and Abbottabad for University of Turbat students, with the provincial government covering all arrangements and expenses.

Appreciating the performance of Turbat's Green Bus Service, he announced plans to introduce additional green buses next year and launch a Pink Bus Service to provide safe and dignified transportation for women.

During the interactive session, a female law student highlighted difficulties in securing an internship and requested financial assistance. The chief minister provided financial support on the spot and assured another student of assistance in securing an internship.

Bugti said today's students would assume leadership and administrative responsibilities in the future, urging them to focus on education, research, modern sciences and constructive activities.

He reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to youth empowerment, technological advancement, practical learning opportunities and improved educational and civic facilities across Balochistan.

Ayaz Sadiq calls for stronger legislation, effective enforcement to protect women's rights

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Thursday called for stronger legislative measures and effective implementation of existing laws to safeguard women's rights, ensure their protection and promote their leadership in political and public life.

Addressing as chief guest and delivering the keynote address at the launch of the Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC), National Assembly of Pakistan's Gender KaravanWapa initiative, titled "Ghar Se Assembly Tak — Aurat Ki Qiyadat", at Parliament House, he urged parliamentarians to translate their commitments into tangible legislative action.

The initiative was launched as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence.

The event was convened under the leadership of WPC Secretary Dr. Shahida Rehmani, MNA, in collaboration with the European Union (EU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Women.

The ceremony featured the launch of the Parliamentary Expert Network (PEN), unveiling of the WPC Annual Report 2025–2026 and inauguration of the orange illumination of Parliament House as a symbol of solidarity with the campaign.

In his address, Ayaz Sadiq appreciated the contributions of Dr. Shahida Rehmani, WPC Treasurer Ms. Shahida Begum, members of the Caucus, parliamentarians, development partners and National Assembly Secretariat officials towards advancing women's empowerment.

Pak, Kenya discuss ways to strengthen cooperation in health sector

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan and Kenya have discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the health sector, focusing on medical education, research, patient care and exploring opportunities for joint healthcare initiatives.

It was discussed in a high-level Kenyan delegation, led by the country's Minister of Health met Federal Minister for Health Syed Mustafa Kamal here on Thursday.

The meeting was also attended by the Chief Executive Officer of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) and the Director General of Health.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on strengthening institutional collaboration, sharing expertise and promoting cooperation in medical education, research and healthcare delivery.

The discussions also covered opportunities for future joint initiatives aimed at improving healthcare services and benefiting people in both countries.

President's spokesperson says:

Pak, Portugal strengthen bilateral cooperation across multiple sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Portugal have completed 77 years of diplomatic relations, marking an important milestone in the longstanding friendship between the two countries, founded on mutual trust, respect and shared interests, spokesperson to the President, Murtaza Solangi said in an event organized to mark the 77 years of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Portugal.

The spokesperson stated that the enduring partnership between Pakistan and Portugal reflected their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation and exploring new avenues of collaboration across various sectors.

He added that both countries have made significant strides to enhance collaboration in education, technology, trade, tourism and cultural exchange that continues to provide a strong foundation for further strengthening bilateral ties.

The spokesperson said that people-to-people contacts between Pakistan and Portugal were also playing an important role in bringing the two nations closer and reinforcing their longstanding friendship.

Murtaza Solangi said that Portugal's recognition of the State of Palestine and its support for a two-state solution reflected its commitment to a just and peaceful resolution of the Palestinian issue.

He further added that Portugal also played an important role in promoting international peace, upholding international law and supporting diplomatic efforts for the peaceful resolution of conflicts.



ISLAMABAD: IMAC Project Director Ms. Aisha Rasool and COMSTECH Coordinator General Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary exchange documents following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in presence of Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar to promote Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), training and research.

SC bars amendment to suit that alters fundamental basis of agreemen

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court has ruled that a party cannot be allowed to amend a suit to change the fundamental facts underlying an agreement, particularly after recording of evidence and completion of cross-examination, without independent documentary evidence supporting the proposed amendment.

The court observed that the constitutional right of access to justice also encompassed the disposal of cases within a reasonable time.

A two-member bench comprising Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan and Justice Shakeel Ahmad, while dismissing two petitions filed by Rabia Tufail, upheld the Lahore High Court's decision in the matter.

The court held that under Order VI Rule 17 of the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC), a court could allow amendments to pleadings at any stage of proceedings. However, such discretion must be exercised in accordance with the principles of fairness, justice and protection of the rights of the opposing party.

It observed that a party could not be permitted to alter the fundamental basis of its case merely to overcome contradictions or weaknesses exposed during the recording of evidence.

SHO martyred, two injured in DI Khan firing

ISLAMABAD (APP): SHO of Sarwekai police station Kamran Mehsud was martyred and two others sustained injuries in a firing incident on Diyal Road in Dera Ismail Khan on Thursday, according to police sources quoted by local TV channels.

According to initial reports, the incident occurred within the jurisdiction of ShorKot police station, where unidentified assailants opened fire, resulting in the martyrdom of SHO and injuries to two others. Upon receiving information, police and rescue teams rushed to the scene and shifted the martyred SHO and the injured to the District Headquarters Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

Arrests, state pressure cannot halt JUI-F's democratic struggle: Wasey, Mahmood

QUETTA (ANN): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Balochistan President Senator Maulana Abdul Wasey and Provincial General Secretary Agha Mahmood Shah have said that arrests and state pressure cannot halt the party's political and democratic struggle, describing attempts to suppress dissent as a reflection of political weakness, intolerance and disregard for democratic values.

In a joint statement, they strongly condemned the arrests of National Assembly member Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, JUI-F Punjab chief Maulana Amjad Khan, Jamiat Talaba-e-Islam Central President Malik Awais and other party leaders and workers by Punjab police.

The provincial leaders said intimidating elected representatives and political workers through state power was unacceptable, emphasizing that political differences in a democratic society should be addressed through dialogue and adherence to constitutional principles rather than arrests, threats or force.

They warned that such actions could aggravate political unrest and widen the gulf between the government and the public.

ECP sets February 26 deadline for delimitation in 9 KP districts

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has announced a schedule for delimitation of village and neighbourhood councils in nine districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with the process set to begin on December 1 and conclude with the notification of final council boundaries by February 26, 2027, as part of preparations for local government elections.

According to the schedule issued by the commission, all preliminary administrative arrangements, including the procurement of maps and training of delimitation committees and authorities, will be completed between December 1 and December 9.

The delimitation committees will prepare initial lists of village and neighbourhood councils from December 10 to January 9, 2027.

Objections to the proposed delimitations can be submitted before the designated delimitation authorities between January 11 and January 27.

The authorities will decide on all objections by February 15, while the communication of their decisions to the delimitation committees will be completed by February 23.

Khichi emphasises role of literary gatherings in promoting literature, culture

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Aurangzeb Khan Khichi Thursday emphasised the importance of literary gatherings in promoting literature and culture and providing encouragement to writers, poets and intellectuals.

Addressing the launching ceremony of the poetry collection "Fakhtaon Ne Shehar Chhor Diya" (The Doves Have Left the City) by renowned poet, writer, senior columnist and journalist Nayyir Sarhadi, the minister said it was a pleasure and honour for him to be part of a distinguished gathering of writers, poets and literary figures.

He congratulated Nayyir Sarhadi on the publication of his latest collection and stressed that such literary events played an important role in promoting the country's literary and cultural traditions and encouraging creative expression. The ceremony was jointly organised by Qalam Qafila Pakistan and the Pakistan Academy of Letters at Sheikh Ayaz Conference Hall, Islamabad. Federal Minister for Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh attended as a special guest, while renowned poet and literary figure Professor Dr. Nasir Ali Syed presided over the event. Federal Minister Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh also congratulated the author and paid tribute to his literary contributions by reciting selected verses from the newly published collection.

Speaking on the occasion, Nayyir Sarhadi thanked Qalam Qafila Pakistan and the Pakistan Academy of Letters for organising the ceremony. He shared insights into his literary journey, the background of the book and its central themes, besides reciting selected poems and verses that received appreciation from the audience.

Several distinguished literary figures shared their views on the collection and the author's literary contributions. Nusrat Yab Nusrat, Najaf Ali Bukhari and Mubashir Saleem Mubashir paid tribute to the author through their poetry, while Saadia Kamal discussed selected excerpts from the book. Waseem Shahid, Farukhanda Shamim and Junaid Azar presented their literary assessments of the collection and the author's contributions, while Farah Hussain Shirazi and Rukhsana Nazi also recited selected verses.

Dr. Nisar Turabi described Nayyir Sarhadi's poetry as a reflection of contemporary circumstances, while Qayyum Tahir highlighted the intellectual and literary dimensions of the collection. Aziz Ejaz also appreciated the author's work.

Two suspects in TikToker Akram's murder arrested within 48 hours: DIG

QUETTA (ANN): DIG Quetta Police Imran Shaukat has said that two suspects allegedly involved in the murder of TikToker Muhammad Akram were arrested within 48 hours, with police recovering the victim's stolen mobile phone, a motorcycle and weapons allegedly used in the crime.

Addressing a press conference in Quetta, he shared details of ongoing police operations against suspected criminals and drug dealers, saying 127 suspected street criminals had been arrested in injured condition during various operations over the past month.

The DIG said a suspect allegedly involved in the killing of two brothers and their sons at Podgali Chowk had been killed in a police encounter in Punjab. His body was subsequently brought to Quetta and handed over to his family.

He said two suspects allegedly involved in a shooting that injured a police sub-inspector on Joint Road had also been arrested.

According to the DIG, police recovered 30 Kalashnikov rifles, 180 pistols, other weapons, 30 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine (ice) and a substantial quantity of cocaine during operations over the past month.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State Barrister Aqeel Malik presses the button to formally launch the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Child Protection Policy, organized by the Ministry of Human Rights in collaboration with UNICEF Pakistan at a local hotel in the Federal Capital.

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