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 Quettavoice**Bani Gala was headquarters for corrupt practices during PTI govt's term: Maryam Nawaz****Imran sold national interests for 5-carat diamond rings: Marriyum Aurangzeb**

## Balochistan districts: Hub, Karezat and Usta Muhammad made new districts

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QUETTA: Balochistan government has given the approval for the establishment of three new districts in the province. The districts include Hub, Karezat and Usta Muhammad, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, the provincial minister told a news conference on Monday.

He said Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo led the provincial cabinet meeting, which approved the establishment of three new districts. With the approval of three new districts, the number of districts reached 37 throughout Balochistan.

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The Balochistan cabinet also announced to cut expenditures by 50 percent as a part of an austerity drive across the country to overcome the financial crisis. "Not only fuel, but we have also decreased expenditures by 50 percent", Sardar Khetran mentioned. He said the present government was trying hard to reduce non-development expenditures to improve the financial position of the province. 100 BHUs upgraded to the status of



RHCsThe provincial ministers addressed a press conference about the Balochistan cabinet and briefed the media about the decisions made by the cabinet. The provincial cabinet approved the up-gradation of 100 basic health units to the status of rural health centers across Balochistan.

Sardar Khetran informed that the cabinet has also approved the reinstatement of 361

sacked employees of the communication and works department. "Very soon, the Chief Minister would distribute orders among the employees", the provincial minister mentioned.

CM to handover orders to 361 sacked employees C&W

The minister stated that the cabinet approved the permanent appointment of the Balochistan Development Authority (BDA) employees who were working on a contractual basis. "This government wants to support the government employees", he added.

The Balochistan government also decided to hand over 177 community water supply schemes in Quetta to the Water and Sanitation Authority (WASA). "This will improve the provision of clean drinking water to citizens", Sardar Khetran stated.

The cabinet adopted the Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) bill 2022. The cabinet approved the establishment of the judicial complex in Sariab to address the grievances of the masses. The mines and mineral department bill was amended and amendments were also made to the inheritance certificate. "We have decided to increase the pension by 10 percent", he mentioned.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Japanese investors and representatives of Japanese companies operating in Pakistan called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

## Three died, six injured in a traffic accident in Khuzdar district

From Our Correspondent

At least three people died and six were injured in a traffic accident in Balochistan's Khuzdar district on Monday. Levies sources said a passenger van collided with a truck loaded with stones in the district.

Three people died on the spot and six people suffered injuries. The injured were evacuated by the medical emergency response center for medical treatment to its nearby center. The condition of the two injured people is stated to be serious. The passenger was severely damaged in the traffic accident.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division, Shazia Marri chairs meeting with world bank's implementation support mission for Crisis-Resilient Social Protection (crisp) and National Social Protection Programme (NSSP) at BISP headquarters.

## Bani Gala was headquarters for corrupt practices during PTI govt's term: Maryam Nawaz

LAHORE: PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Monday criticised PTI Chairman Imran Khan and said that his residence of Bani Gala had been the "headquarters for corrupt practices" during the PTI's government's tenure.

Addressing the PML-N's social media team here, Maryam talked about the alleged audio recording between real-estate tycoon Malik Riaz and his daughter that had emerged one day prior, according to which former first lady Bushra Bibi had refused to accept a three-carat diamond ring and had instead demanded a five-carat one from the Riaz clan.

Shedding light on the allegations of corruption levelled against Farah Khan aka Farah Gogi — a close aide of Bushra Bibi who flew to Dubai back in April — Maryam said that she acted as Imran Khan's frontwoman to carry out corrupt activities.

"This is a small case which is enough to open the eyes of the nation and the world. Everyone should know the extent of bribery that took place [under Imran Khan's nose] for each job placement, appointment, or transfer in Punjab," she added.

Talking about the previous government's performance, the PML-N leader said that Khan not only failed to deliver in the last four years but could not present an account of his performance during his tenure either.

She added that the country was about to default and the foreign exchange reserves were empty because of Khan's ineffective economic policies.

"The previous government wreaked havoc on every sector and incidents involving terrorism witnessed a rise," she said, adding that Pakistan was at a stage where PML-N was not concerned with politics but was worried about saving the country.

Commenting on the rising inflation in the country and the increased prices of petrol, the PML-N vice president added that the coalition government had to make hard decisions due to the agreement between Khan and

## A woman killed during exchange of fire between 2 groups in Harnai

Hanif Tareen

A woman was killed during an exchange of fire between two armed groups in Balochistan's



Harnai district on Monday. Levies sources said armed took a place in the Pir Shair area of Harnai district.

Intense firing was reported between the two groups over an old tribal dispute in the area, Levies said. The firing left a woman dead on the spot. The dead body of the woman was shifted to district headquarters hospital Harnai. Tribal elders and religious scholars reached the area and convinced the two warring groups to end the exchange of fire. A huge contingent of levies also reached the spot to avert another untoward incident in the aftermath of the killing of a woman. The situation was tense in the aftermath of the killing of a woman in the Harnai district.

## German FM due in Islamabad today

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister of Germany Annalena Baerbock is arriving in Pakistan on Tuesday on a two-day official visit, at the invitation of Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

This will be FM Baerbock's maiden visit to Pakistan, the Foreign Office said Monday.

During the visit, the two foreign ministers will hold delegation-level talks on the entire range of bilateral matters and exchange views on regional and global issues.

Foreign Minister Baerbock will also call on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Germany is a valued partner of Pakistan, both bilaterally and in the context of the European Union. The two countries have long-standing, cordial relations marked by mutual respect and close cooperation. The two sides attach special importance to strengthening bilateral cooperation in diverse fields, including trade and investment, energy, defence, and people-to-people contacts.

Pakistan and Germany completed 70 years of diplomatic ties in 2021. This milestone was celebrated by the two sides in a befitting manner, with a series of events held in Pakistan and Germany.

The visit of the FM Baerbock is part of regular high-level exchanges between the two countries and is expected to impart further boost to the multi-faceted Pakistan-Germany relationship. INP

## Landslide kills two coal miners in Dukki Balochistan

Hussain Zarkoon

A landslide killed two coal miners in Balochistan's Dukki district on Monday evening. Police sources said the coal miners were working deep inside the mine when the landslide hit them. Both the miners were dead on the spot.

Rescue workers and fellow miners reached the affected mine and retrieved the dead bodies of the victims. The coal miners were identified as Murtaza and Salahuddin, the



president of district Killa Abdullah. The dead bodies were shifted to district headquarters hospital Dukki. The hospital administration handed over the dead bodies to the heirs after the completion of necessary official procedures. Landsliding and other incidents inside coal mines of Dukki and other parts of Balochistan have claimed thousands of precious human lives. Especially, such incidents have become the order of the day in Balochistan's Dukki district, which has rich coal reserves.

## JUI PKMAP form an alliance for second, third phase of LBs in Balochistan

Manan Mandokhail

QUETTA: Jamiat ul Ulema e Islam (JUI) and Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) formed an alliance for the second and third phases of the local bodies elections in the province. Addressing a joint press conference, JUI F Amir Balochistan and federal minister, Maulana Abdul Wasey and Senior Deputy Chairman of the PKMAP, Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal announced the formation of the alliance.

"We will bring joint candidates for union councils, tehsil, and



districts of Balochistan", Maulana Abdul Wasey told reporters. Other leaders of the two parties were also present on the occasion.

The two parties have also formed committees to discuss modalities and the method to make the alliance a success, Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal stated.

The two parties have won majority seats in

## Govt to raise salaries only after getting nod from IMF

ISLAMABAD: The government is contemplating on a suggestion to give a 5% to 15% raise in the salaries of its employees and pensioners but the decision will be subject to the IMF approval.

Sources say that the government has got ready three proposals regarding federal budget and government employees' salaries and pensions.

According to the proposals put forward by the finance division, a 5% to 15% raise in salaries and pensions has been suggested.

A 5pc to 10pc increase is suggested for employees working in grades up to BS 19 under the head of ad hoc allowance, while 10% to 15% increase has been suggested for government officials working in BS 20-22.

Similarly, the government mulls raising pension of its retired employees by 5% to 10%.

But sources informed that the government would implement these proposals if the International Monetary Fund approves them.

The Pay and Pension Commission would forward its report to the government. Increase in tax on annual income exceeding Rs1 million

On the other hand, the government is fully kowtowing to the IMF and is willing to accept all of its harsh conditions.

According to FBR sources, in the forthcoming budget, the government is going to withdraw all concessions in the income tax. It is considering to raise tax on an annual income exceeding Rs1 million.

The government is also mulling to increase taxes on the online gaming, TikTok and other social media sources.

The FBR sources further revealed that there is suggestion to raise taxes on YouTube payments made inside the country. INP

## Loadshedding to be reduced to 3.5 hours from Today: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi

PML-N leader and former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said on Monday that the duration of loadshedding would be reduced to three-and-a-half hours from tomorrow (Tuesday).

He made the announcement while addressing a press conference alongside State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik, Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan and Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb.

Abbasi began the press conference by presenting the reasons for the energy shortfall, holding the former government responsible. The country's electricity demand has exceeded 25,000MW during the summer, he said.

He highlighted that when the current government assumed charge, the electricity generation capacity was at 17,000MW which was increased to more than 21,000MW over the past three weeks.

He went on to say that the government and cabinet were sorry for the current loadshedding but asked for time to resolve the existing issues.

"Today, we are producing 21,000MW which means we have a shortfall of 4,000MW," he said, adding that this translated into a little more than four hours of loadshedding to fill the supply and demand gap.

We have decided that from tomorrow (Tuesday) we will reduce loadshedding to three-and-a-half hours, he said, adding that additional money had been paid while oil had also been arranged to ensure this. "We are hopeful that by tomorrow loadshedding will be reduced to 3.5 hours."



In the next phase when coal is imported, the duration of loadshedding will further reduce by June 16, he said. "By June 30, the duration will be less than two hours, close to an hour-and-a-half."

He expressed the hope that the government would be able to reduce this further during the month of July.

The PML-N leader further said that the government was not interested in making excuses and was focused on fixing the issues plaguing the country.

He lashed out at the former government for the lies it told regarding establishing power plants, saying that Pakistan was unable to fulfil its electricity demand for the summer. The press conference comes days after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif directed authorities to come up with an "emergency plan" within 24 hours that was aimed at reducing electricity loadshedding. He had issued the directives while presiding over a meeting on Saturday. The meeting came amid reports about hours-long loadshedding in various parts of the country, leaving the people to suffer in high temperatures. The meeting which lasted five hours reviewed the loadshedding situation in the country and discussed measures to reduce the electricity shortfall. Over the weekend, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif had suggested the nation take advantage of "365 days of sunshine" and operate markets in the daytime as opposed to the convention of "opening markets at 1pm and closing them at 1am". Web Desk



NAB initiates inquiry into Rs2 bn corruption allegations in KP covid fund

PESHAWAR: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Monday commenced the investigation after alleged corruption of Rs 2 billion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa covid fund.

CJCSC Gen Raza says 'unnecessary views' on Pakistan's nuclear programme should be avoided

RAWALPINDI: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (JCSC) General Nadeem Raza on Monday said "unnecessary and unfounded views" on Pakistan's nuclear programme should be avoided.



ISLAMABAD: People busy in evening walk at trail 5 in Federal Capital.

PTI MPs kept speaker waiting; didn't turn up to confirm resignations

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's members of National Assembly on Monday did not turn up at the Speaker's chamber to personally confirm their resignations.

Pre-budget conference in Islamabad today

ISLAMABAD: A pre-budget conference on Business, Agriculture and IT will be held in Islamabad on Tuesday to sensitize the private business sector and incorporate their valuable suggestions.

Man shoots dead pregnant sister-in-law in Kamonki

KAMOKI: A man shot dead his pregnant sister-in-law over a domestic row in Aimanabad area of Kamonki on Monday.

Four coaches of Karachi Express derail near Kala Pul

KARACHI: Four coaches of Karachi Express on Monday derailed near Kala Pul however no casualty has been reported.

Mentally challenged person breaks SHC's security layer

KARACHI: The security arrangements on the premises of the Sindh High Court (SHC) were called into question after a mentally retarded person broke the security layer and went deep into the court premises on Monday.



KARACHI: Supporters of Pakistan's religious party, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), shout slogans during a rally against Nupur Sharma's controversial remarks against Prophet Mohammed (SAW) made.

Pakistan to follow China for positive role of women: Minister

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Industries and Production Syed Murtaza Mahmood said that Pakistan, like China, will encourage women to play a positive role in society.

No funds suggested for Covid-19, natural disasters in next budget

ISLAMABAD: No allocations have been suggested for the Covid-19 response and natural calamities in the upcoming financial plan for the fiscal year 2022-23.

China SCLF "Junior Cultural Ambassadors" event launched

ISLAMABAD: In order to promote cultural exchanges and mutual learning, and tighten people-to-people bonds between different countries, China Soong Ching Ling Foundation launched here the 2022 "Junior Cultural Ambassadors" Event.

Pak-China coop in Biohealth Agriculture to promote wheat production

BEIJING: Pakistan and China have further enhanced their cooperation in Biohealth Agriculture to promote wheat production, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Monday.



KARACHI: Husband of 14-year-old girl who had mysteriously gone missing from provincial Capital Dua Zahra, leaving from High Court (SHC) in Police Custody after hearing, as Sindh High Court ordered the authorities to conduct a test on Dua Zahra, to determine her actual age, and present her again.

Poultry industry growing fast in Pakistan: PPA

ISLAMABAD: Poultry is one of the fastest-growing industries in Pakistan with investments of about Rs1.1 trillion.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Notice Inviting Tender for construction of District Residential Complexes in GOR. Includes table with S.No, Name of Work, and Estimated Cost.

