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**Controversial tweets:  
PTI leader Azam Swati  
arrested by FIA**



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'day of Imran's departure'  
from K-P: Fazl**

## No polio case reported in Balochistan for the last 21 months

Syed Ali Shah

No polio case has been reported in Balochistan for the last 21 months. However, the danger of the crippling virus still exists in the province. This information was given by Syed Zahid Shah, the Coordinator Emergency Operation Cell (EOC) while talking to journalists in Quetta on Thursday afternoon. EOC officials including Dr. Aftab Kakar, Dr. Najeem, Zafar Baloch, Shah Pur Khan, Masooma Qurban, Basit Khan and Dastagir Khilji were also present on the occasion. The EOC officials thoroughly briefed the journalists with regard to the prevailing threat of poliovirus in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. They discussed all ways and means with journalists to eradicate the crippling virus from Balochistan.

Chief of Emergency Operation Cell (EOC), Syed Zahid Shah briefing the journalists about polio in Balochistan: Photo provided by Ayub Tareen

### No polio cases since January 2021 in Balochistan

Mr. Shah mentioned that since January 2021, no polio case has been reported from any part of Balochistan. This is a good and positive sign, he said. He however warned that



cases of the poliovirus during the current year. "The presence of virus in Karachi, Peshawar and Rawalpindi pose a serious threat to Balochistan", the EOC Chief stated.

The anti-polio campaign is scheduled to be launched from October 24th across Pakistan to eradicate the crippling virus. Balochistan health department in coordination with UNICEF and others has started preparations to make sure the provision of polio drops to children.

### "Media has to sensitize parents about the crippling virus", Zahid Shah

"Media has to sensitize parents about the crippling virus", Zahid Shah said. He said the Balochistan government was trying to boost coordination with religious scholars, teachers and journalists to make the upcoming campaign a success. In Balochistan, thousands of chronic refusals in Quetta block, which comprises Quetta, Pishin, Killa Abdullah and Chaman are the cause of the presence of poliovirus. The government has formed committees comprising teachers, political leaders and religious scholars to convince parents to administer polio drops to their children.



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Pakistan has reported 20



ASTANA: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets President of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on the sidelines of the 6th CICA Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan.

### October 16 will be a 'day of Imran's departure' from K-P: Fazl

CHARSADDA: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said that the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), an alliance of ruling parties, will defeat PTI leader Imran Khan in the upcoming by-elections.

By-polls are set to take place on October 16 in various national and provincial assemblies' constituencies.

"October 16 will be the day of accountability for Imran Khan and the day of his departure from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa as the entire nation will reject him in the by-elections," he remarked.

Fazl, who also heads the PDM, said this while addressing the ruling alliance meeting held at Padang Stadium in connection with NA-24 by-elections in Charsadda.

While congratulating the PDM candidates 'in advance' on their success in the upcoming by-polls, Fazl said he had been fighting against Imran for years to foil his 'foreign-backed conspiracies' against the country.

"The fitna [mischievous] that we are fighting is stupid and delusional, backed by America and Jews. They are plotting the end of Pakistan, which we will defeat."

He said that the nation will not allow its mandate to be stolen this time.

"How can he contest the election again after he left the assembly? This person is making fun of the entire nation, democracy, economy and parliament."

The PDM chief said the ruling coalition saved the country from the PTI's foreign-backed agenda by "defeating billions of dollars" — a reference to the prohibited funding case.

He said President Arif Alvi also admitted that Imran has lost his senses. Imran hampered the growth of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on the instructions of America, Fazl alleged.

"A person who cannot even take care of his own children, how can he take care of other people's children," Web Desk

## PM Shehbaz waives off educational expenses of FATA Balochistan students

Dawood Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif waived off the educational expenses of students from Balochistan and FATA on Thursday. Official sources said the Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif waived off educational expenses for the students of former Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Balochistan.

The PM took initiative to encourage the students of Balochistan and FATA to acquire higher education. The purpose of this initiative was to promote national unity and national integrity.

According to the announcement on Thursday, the students of Balochistan and former FATA will get free education at the Islamic University Bahawalpur. The notification stated that the 50 percent fee of a student will be paid by the federal government and the remaining 50 percent fee will be paid by the Islamic University Bahawalpur.

The PM issued instructions to the university to reinstate the expelled students.



Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo welcomed the announcement made by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. He said this was a positive and good initiative taken by the Premier to encourage students of Balochistan and FATA.

## COAS Gen Bajwa to visit flood-affected areas of Naushero Feroz

RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa will visit flood-affected areas of Sindh, says ISPR statement issued on Thursday.

The ISPR said that during the visit, Army Chief General Bajwa will visit flood relief camps established by the Pakistan Army in Naushero Feroz.

The statement reads that the COAS will also conduct an aerial review of the latest situation in the flood-affected areas of the province. INP

## Dead body of Kazim Hazara recovered in Harnai Balochistan

Hanif Tareen

A bullet-riddled dead body of Muhammad Kazim Hazara was recovered in Shahrag area of Harnai Balochistan. Levies sources said Kazim Hazara had gone missing the other day.

On Thursday, levies found the dead body of Kazim Hazara in Zardala area of Shahrag Harnai. Levies shifted the dead body of the victim to district headquarters hospital Harnai. Levies reached the spot of the incident as an investigation into the incident went underway.

Motives behind the incident couldn't be ascertained, levies said.

## Power breakdown: Khurram Dastagir assures of complete restoration by Isha

ISLAMABAD: Following a major breakdown that affected large parts of the country, Energy Minister Khurram Dastagir assured the nation that the electricity transmission system will be "completely restored" between Maghrib and Isha.

"We will restore the system between Maghrib and Isha," said the minister in a press conference. He added that an inquiry team formed to investigate the matter will submit its report within five days.

The minister told reporters that due to the breakdown a shortfall of 8,000 megawatts emerged, adding that at least 4,700 megawatts have been restored.

"Faisalabad and Multan regions have been restored completely," he said, adding that Sukkur Electric Supply Company (SEPCO) has been partially restored.

Khan said that it will take a few hours to restore the plants that have tripped and is hopeful that plants providing electricity to Karachi will also be restored.

"Electricity needs to be restored in Quetta and Karachi," said Khan adding that the tripping that triggered the breakdown started from the port city and spread to the other parts of the country.

Earlier today, the Energy Ministry had said that southern parts of the country, mainly Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan, were left without power after a fault was detected in the national grid's southern transmission sys-



tem. "Due to an accidental fault in the country's southern transmission system, multiple southern power plants are tripping which is affecting the transmission of electricity in the southern part of the country," tweeted the ministry. The ministry shared that it was working to detect the fault and restoring the electricity in the southern part country at the earliest.

The KE officials appeared before the Sindh High Court (SHC) after the court issued the arrest warrants for the distributor company's chief executive officer (CEO). The officials informed the court that the KE wasn't responsible for the power outage. "The entire country's power system is down," they said. Earlier, SHC Justice Salahuddin Panhwar issued the arrest warrants for the KE CEO, directing the officials to implement the arrest orders within an hour. He expressed annoyance over the suspension of the power supply since 9:30am, as city courts and the accountability courts within Karachi were also left without power following the breakdown. He asked how the court could hold proceedings with no electricity. K-Electric spokesperson Imran Rana has confirmed that multiple areas of Karachi were out of electricity. He said that the process for restoration of the power supply has started. However, he said that complete restoration may take up to five hours. "There are reports of multiple outages from different parts of the city. We are investigating the issue and will keep this space posted," he wrote in the initial tweet after the power breakdown. INP





