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## Punjab CM echoes son moonis remarks about Gen Bajwa

Days after his son Moonis Elahi made a similar statement, Punjab Chief Minister Parvez Elahi on Sunday said that former army chief General (retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa had nudged the PML-Q to support the PTI and former prime minister Imran Khan.

In an interview with Bol News programme Tajzia, Elahi said he had received offers from both the PTI camp and the then-opposition for the PML-Q's support. The chief minister said that his son Moonis Elahi had also expressed a desire to side with the PTI.

**"God sent Gen (retd) Bajwa to show us the path," says Punjab CM.**



"God changed our path in the last moments and sent Bajwa sahab to show us the way. When I expressed my concerns about the Sharifs and that I don't trust them then Bajwa sahab said, 'You should proceed carefully and the path going towards Imran is better for you and your friends.'" CM Elahi said without specifying if his interaction with the former COAS occurred prior to the no confidence move against Imran or at the time of the Punjab

**"Had he been bad, he wouldn't have asked us to back Imran."**

When Bokhari sought clarification on whether Gen Bajwa had asked them to support Imran, Moonis had elaborated: "When the decision was being taken on which way we have to go, we had received offers from both sides — mian sahiban [Sharif family],

the PDM (Pakistan Democratic Movement), as well as the PTI. "Obviously, as everyone knows, my inclination was towards the PTI. There's no doubt about it." Moonis had continued, "I then had a discussion with walid sahib (his father) and walid sahib had a talk with them (an apparent reference to the military establishment).

On Saturday, Imran said that he had committed a "big mistake" by granting Gen Bajwa an extension and also accused the former army chief of engaging in "double games", double speak, mixed messages and more, alleging that Gen Bajwa denied everything when asked about the establishment's contact with the then-opposition. Answering a question about Moonis's claim, Imran had explained: "Moonis was asked to support Imran Khan Web Desk

## Quetta court remands Azam Swati in police custody for 5 days in tweets case

Mir Salam Jogezei

A local court in Quetta remanded Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf (PTI) leader, Azam Swati in police custody for five days on Sunday morning. Azam Swati was arrested by Balochistan police in the federal capital after the registration of cases against him in various police stations of the province.

Swati was produced before a local court amid tight security. Judge Abdul Sattar Bugti granted five days' remand of Azam Swati to the police. Former deputy speaker national assembly, Qasam Suri and other leaders were also present outside the court. "Azam Swati is not a any foreign spy", Mr. Suri told reporters at the district court Quetta on Sunday afternoon.

Quetta police demanded of the court to grant 10 days of remand to PTI leader Azam Swati in the case of the controversial tweet.

**5 cases registered against Azam Swati in Balochistan**

Cases were also registered against Azam Swati in the Kuchlak, Zhob, Khuzdar and Gwadar districts of Balochistan. Swati is accused of using foul language against state institutions. In all cases, the applicants have demanded of the police to register FIR against Swati for using foul language against institutions.

The senator was shifted to Quetta aboard a special flight amid tight security on Friday after the judicial magistrate of Islamabad handed him over to the Balochistan police.

**Cases against Swati baseless: Qasam Suri**

Qasam Suri, the PTI leader cases registered against



Swati as baselessly. He said Swati was being punished for his democratic struggle in the country. "PTI's struggle for a truly democratic system would continue", Mr. Suri told reporters after the appearance of Azam Swati before the court in Quetta.

The administration had taken strict security measures on the eve of the production of Azam Swati before the court.

First FIR was registered against the PTI leader by the Kuchlak police station on an application submitted by a citizen Aziz ur Rehman Kakar on November 27th. Mr. Kakar had accused the PTI leader for what he claimed using derogatory language against state institutions and provoking the armed forces.

A total of five cases have been so far registered against the PTI leader in Balochistan.

## Saindak company to release Rs.2.597bs for Balochistan government

Dawood Ahmed

ISLAMABAD: Saindak Metal Limited (SML) decided to release Rs.2.597bs for the Balochistan government from its profit share. This decision was made at the finance board meeting of the SML on Sunday. The meeting endorsed the stance of Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo about the profit share of the



The meeting decided to ensure the immediate transfer of

Balochistan's profit share. This decision on behalf of the SML has come after reports of the financial crisis of the provincial government. Bashir Khan Bazai, the secretary of energy Balochistan who is also a member of the board pleaded the province's case in this regard.

The amount would be released to the Balochistan government next week, an official handout issued confirmed.



KARACHI: Women are enjoying during celebration Traditional Sindh Topi and Ajrak day outside press club in Provincial Capital.

## PM Shehbaz Sharif, Imran Khan felicitate people of Sindh on culture day

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif, PTI chairman Imran Khan, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and others have congratulated the people of Sindh on culture day.

In a tweet on Sunday, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, congratulating the Sindh brothers and sisters on celebrating the culture day, said the civilization of Sindh has been adding beauty not only to this region but also to the civilization of humanity for thousands of years.

He said, today is the day of the civilization and culture of Bab-e-Islam, Sindh and it highlights the beauty of a federal unit in Pakistan.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan also extended his felicitation on Sindh Culture Day. In his tweet he said today we celebrate the rich culture and traditions of Sindh going back to the great Indus Valley Civilization. It's the land of the Sufis & freedom.

Foreign Minister and Chairman of Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, in his message on the occasion, said Sindh Culture is a beautiful amalgamation of Sindh tradition and Islamic culture.

He said Moen Jo Daro is the mother of Sindh culture and the cultural diversity of Pakistan is the country's strength and beauty.

He said world has recognized the culture is collective heritage of humanity. It is noteworthy that every year, Sindh is all over the world celebrate Cultural Day on the first Sunday of December.

The celebrations include cultural events, music concerts, rallies, seminars and conferences to highlight the different aspects of Sindh culture and its role in developing cohesion in society. INP

## Dead bodies of all six coal miners recovered in Harnai Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah

QUETTA: Six coal miners were trapped in a mine in Balochistan's Harnai district on Saturday morning. Levies sources said the coal miners were trapped in a coal mine in the Shah Rag area of the Harnai district. Rescue operation is underway to ensure the unhurt recovery of the trapped miners.

Abdul Ghani, the Chief Inspector of Mines said four coal miners died inside the mine and two dead bodies were retrieved. "Rescue operation is underway to recover the remaining trapped miners",



Mr. Ghani stated, **Luni orders registration of FIR against responsible people** Saïdal Khan Luni, Secretary Mines and Mineral Department ordered the registration of

the first information report (FIR) against the responsible persons. In a statement issued after the incident, Mr. Luni said those responsible for the negligence would be brought to justice.

All trapped coal miners belong to the Shagla area of Khyber Pakhtoonkwa,

Levies sources informed. The incident happened in the contractor Haji Dilawar Khan mine, Commissioner Sibi Division, Shahid Saleem directed the levies and other senior administration to ensure their presence and ensure the unhurt recovery of the trapped miners. The Commissioner also directed doctors to be present outside the mine to make sure timely medical treatment to the trapped miners.

**Bizenjo directs for unhurt recovery of miners**

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus

Bizenjo and Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili have taken notice of the incident and directed the mines and mineral department to step up efforts to make sure the unhurt recovery of the trapped miners. "Investigate the cause of the incident", the CM was quoted in an official handout issued here on Saturday. Hazardous working conditions inside the coal mines of Balochistan have claimed thousands of precious human lives. Despite repeated demands, the government and mine owners are yet to improve working conditions for coal miners.

## Case registers against Shehbaz Gill in Killa Abdullah Balochistan

Sardar Muhammad Khondai

CHAMAN: Police registered a case against Shehbaz Gill, Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf (PTI) leader in Balochistan's Killa Abdullah district on Saturday. Police booked the former minister and PTI leader for using foul language against state institutions.

Maulavi Azizullah, a resident of the Killa Abdullah submitted an application at the police station demanding the registration of a case against the former minister and central leader of the former ruling party. "Gill launched a campaign against state institutions under a pre-planned conspiracy", Maulana mentioned in his application.

Gill tried to provoke armed forces through his statements: Applicant Says



The applicant claimed in his application that Mr. Gill has tried to provoke the armed forces through such irresponsible and foul statements. Subsequently, the Killa Abdullah police station lodged a first information report against Shehbaz Gill.

**Azam Swati also shifted to Balochistan**

About a week ago, the senator was taken into custody for the second time after a raid at his farmhouse in Chak Shahzad, Islamabad, by the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) Cyber Crime Wing for allegedly tweeting against senior military officials.

Registration of the case against Gill has come after the shifting of another PTI leader Azam Swati to Balochistan from Islamabad the other day. Cases were registered against Mr. Swati in Kuchlak, Zhob, Khuzdar, and Gwadar police

stations by people belonging to various walks of life.

**Swati suffering from different diseases: Counsel**

Syed Iqbal Shah, the counsel for Azam Swati complained that his client was suffering from various diseases and that his location was not clear hitherto. He said police are bound to produce him before the court of law immediately since cases have been registered against him in various police stations of the province. Azam Swati had also delivered speeches against state institutions few days back in the federal capital.

## Rule of law guarantees good governance: Naseebullah Bazai

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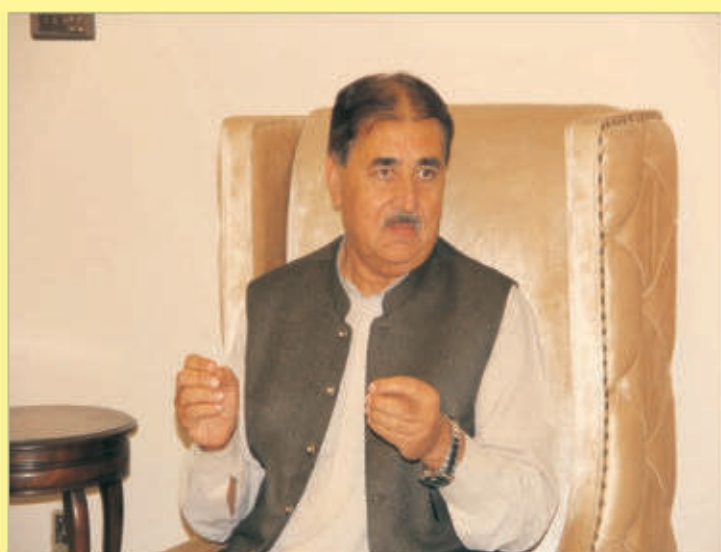
Good governance can be guaranteed through rule of law and decisions based on merit, Naseebullah Khan Bazai the former Additional Chief Secretary (Dev), Planning and Development Department Government of Balochistan stated while talking to media at his residence in Nuhsar on Sunday.

Mr. Bazai said that Balochistan is blessed with natural resources. Security, skilled workers, and a conducive environment were inevitable for persuading foreign investors to invest in minerals, fisheries, livestock, and other sectors of the province, he added.

**Natural calamities could be coped with zeal and determination**

He said natural calamities could be coped with zeal and determination besides benefiting from modern types of equipment. While serving as Deputy Commissioner of Naseerabad, more than 700,000 people were provided relief during the flood that wreaked havoc in Naseerabad in 2010, Mr. Bazai mentioned.

"Tribal enmities were impediments in the way of development in Balochistan", Naseeb Ullah Bazai said. If each member of the



society accepts his mistake, tribal disputes could amicably be resolved through Jirga (tribal council).

**Balochistan deprived of gas and electricity: Naseeb Ullah Bazai**

While expressing his views Mr. Bazai stated that article 158 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan-1973 provides, "The province in which a well-head of natural gas is situated shall have precedence over other parts of Pakistan in meeting the requirements from the well-head", but, he regretted that many areas of Balochistan were still deprived of the facilities of gas and electricity, therefore, he added that federal government and establishment ought to have found an amicable solution to the problems of Balochistan.

Electing honest leadership, posting /transferring on merit, and utilizing natural resources for the good of the people could alter the lot of Balochistan. He said that the pace of development could be expedited by providing the facilities of health, education, and pure drinking water to the people at the Tehsil and district levels of the province.





# Pakistan to get rid of poliovirus by end of 2023: UNICEF

ISLAMABAD: Expressing his satisfaction over the effective measures taken against the crippling disease, Regional Director of UNICEF for South Asia George Laryea-Adjei Sunday hoped that the polio virus would be eradicated from Pakistan by the end of 2023.

In an interview with APP, Adjei said the current data suggested that the virus is now under control in the country.

"We are using all available resources and services at our disposal to reach every girl and boy in Pakistan with lifesaving vaccines and protect them against the entirely preventable disease," he said.

Appreciating the efforts of over 350,000 health workers travelling to all parts of the country to administer doses of the vaccine to every child, he said the program is back on track to stop all wild poliovirus transmission.

Adjei said Pakistan was in a much better position today to eradicate polio than a year ago. However, there were challenges that hampered the efforts to eliminate the virus completely.

He expressed concern over the attack on polio and health workers in some parts of Pakistan and lauded the courage of polio teams.

He also appreciated efforts of polio eradication endeavours of the government and recalled that Pakistan was the first country to launch an ambitious program for training its health workers to support national immunisation programmes.

Highlighting the challenges, he said that the onslaught of back-to-back disasters — drought, heat-waves, floods, and acts of violence continued to put millions of children's lives at risk in Pakistan.

He said the recent catastrophic floods destroyed vital health facilities and exacerbated health risks for millions of children, especially those living in districts historically at the highest risk for polio.

Referring to the impact of climate change, he said: "The impact is profound throughout South Asia and in 2022 alone, climate-induced floods in Pakistan, Bangladesh, northern India, and Afghanistan left over 15 million boys and girls in need of assistance."

He pointed out that summers were getting hotter, glaciers melting, sea levels rising, and landslides sweeping away homes and schools.

The regional director said Pakistan was already a "climate hotspot" before the current emergency broke out.

According to UNICEF's Children's Climate Risk Index, children in Pakistan were at "extremely high risk" of the impacts of climate change, ranking 14th out of 163 countries and regions.

Since April, Pakistan has been hit by a series of extreme weather events. There was no spring this year, with the country going from winter directly into a scorching summer. Temperatures reached over 50 degrees Celsius in some areas of the country followed by catastrophic floods.

He said these reoccurring and escalating climate catastrophes were directly threatening children's lives and destroying infrastructure critical to their well-being.

First and foremost, global leaders must urgently limit global heating to 1.5 degrees Celsius as this was the only way to save children's lives, he suggested.

"We must prepare children to live in climate changed world through climate change education and green skills training," the UNICEF official added. Web Desk



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Culture Abdul Khaliq Hazara talking with media on the occasion of Sidhi Culture Day on behalf of Balochistan.

## Fayyaz Ahmad Dev favourite for Punjab IGP slot

LAHORE: Fayyaz Ahmad Dev is favourite among the three names that had been sent to the federal government from Punjab for the appointment of Punjab inspector general of police (IGP).

The names of Amir Zulfiqar and Ghulam Mehmood Dogar are also part of the list that had been sent to the federal government.

After Punjab IGP Faisal Shahkar refused to work with the Punjab government, Kunwar Shahrukh was given the additional charge of the Punjab IGP.

It is to be noted here that Faisal Shahkar has also been entrusted with services at the United Nations. INP

## Okara: Mentally challenged woman raped

OKARA: Okara police on Sunday registered a case against a suspect who allegedly raped a 52-year-old mentally challenged woman in the area.

As per details, the suspect barged into the house of a mentally challenged woman and raped her at gun-point.

The family members reached the crime scene and caught the alleged rapist named Majid on the spot. Following the incident, the heirs of Majid reached with sticks and axes and freed him.

The case of the incident has been registered at Okara's Sadder police station. In October, a flood-affected girl had allegedly been gang raped by two unidentified persons in Clifton area of Karachi.

According to details, a minor girl — residing at the flood relief camp — was abducted from outside a shopping mall at Karachi's Clifton Block 4.

Later, the flood-affected girl was found at the same place. She was later shifted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center (JPMC) after her health deteriorated, where the doctors confirmed she was 'gang-raped'. INP

## SC releases short written verdict in Vawda case

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has released the short written verdict in former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Faisal Vawda's disqualification case according to which he has been declared disqualified till the completion of current assembly's term.

The apex court has released a brief verdict comprising four pages which were written by Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Atta Bandial. The judgment stated that Vawda informed the court that he received the certificate of cancellation of his dual nationality on June 25, 2018, and he admitted that he misinformed the court.

The apex court ruled that Vawda was not eligible to become a member of the National Assembly in 2018. The verdict stated that since Vawda has admitted his mistake therefore Article 63 (1) applies to him.

The apex court ruled that Vawda will be considered disqualified till the completion of the tenure of the current assembly. However, he will be eligible for the next elections. The court directed Vawda to send his resignation from the Senate seat to the Senate chairman. INP

## Sindh culture day celebrated

KARACHI: Sindh Culture Day was celebrated on Sunday with zeal and zest across the province and elsewhere in the country.

The day was celebrated on the first Sunday of every December.

On this occasion, various cultural, government, and non-government organizations organized seminars, rallies and conferences to highlight the centuries-old culture of Sindh valley.

Donning cultural dresses with Sindh topi and ajrak, the traditional block printed shawls to spotlight the centuries-old rich culture of Sindh.

A large number of people including political workers, leaders, NGOs, students, laborers, villagers, associations, and workers purchased the traditional Topi and Ajrak to mark the day. INP

## German consul general celebrates Sindh culture day

KARACHI: Amid a country-wide celebration of Sindh Culture Day on Sunday, the German Consul General in Karachi Dr Rüdiger Lotz put on beautiful Sindh attire to celebrate the rich and profound heritage of the Sindh people.

The German Consulate General released a video on the occasion that showed a proper celebration was held there to mark the day.

In the video, the German Consulate General, Rüdiger Lotz said that cultural exchanges and dialogues are an integral part of international relations in the modern world.

He further said that Sindh is a land of peace, love, respect and brotherhood as it has a great culture.

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## Overcrowded jails in Sindh, KP facing worst conditions

PESHAWAR: The condition of jails in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa presents the worst picture as the number of prisoners detained in these facilities has far exceeded their capacity limit.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, there are six central, eight district and 24 sub-jails. The total number of prisoners who can be detained in these jails is 13,076. But, currently, there are 14,430 prisoners imprisoned in the jails of the province.

In Sindh, there are as many as 10,360 additional prisoners in the jails of Sindh that have crossed the capacity limit of jails. The capacity limit to keeping prisoners in the jails of Sindh is 13,538. Whereas, there are currently 23,898 prisoners inside the jails of the province.

Three new jails are being built in Sindh but despite their construction, there would still be more prisoners in the jails than the capacity limit.

These three jails are being built in Malir, Thatha and Shaheed Benazirabad.

It is worth mentioning here that more than Rs1,606 million rupees have been allocated to improve the condition of jails in the province.

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## Chinese intangible cultural heritage exhibition on 6th Dec

ISLAMABAD: As part of measures to enhance and enrich China-Pakistan cultural relations, China's intangible cultural heritage exhibition is all set to be held on 6th December (Tuesday) at Art Gallery, Alhambra Arts Council, Lahore.

According to Gwadar Pro, the intangible cultural heritage exhibition is organised under the aegis of the Chinese Consulate Lahore.

Talking to Gwadar Pro, China's Consul General Lahore Zhao Shiren said that the exhibition is an endeavour to offer an insight to the people of Lahore about the essence of Chinese intangible heritage spanning over thousands of years that consists of non-physical intellectual wealth relating to beliefs, traditions and customs.

He said that the exhibition will enlighten the people about the rich civilisation of China which is the proud history of China.

In October of the same year, Chinese Consul General Lahore also unveiled the ceremony of "China Intangible Cultural Heritage" Exhibition at the Pakistan (China) Shandong Chamber of Commerce (PCSCC) Building in Lahore.

The event was attended by Cao Ke Deputy Consul General of China, Cheng Xiaonong Vice President PCSCC, P. J. Mir Senior Media person,

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani-Secretary General Pakistan China Friendship Association (PCFA) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Usman Shahjehan General Secretary PCFA Punjab apart from Senior Members of PCSCC. INP



KARACHI: A large number of people attending the celebrations of Sindh Ajrak Topi Culture Day.

## Imran Khan has instructed PTI lawmakers to prepare for elections: Fawad

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Fawad Chaudhry shared on Sunday the party chief Imran Khan has advised all party lawmakers to go back to their constituencies and prepare for elections.

The PTI Senior Vice President said that they will not waste any more time and call for elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. The PDM would keep running from elections but they would not waste any more time, said Fawad.

The former information minister added that Khan has advised all PTI candidates to go back to their constituencies and start preparing for elections. National Assembly elections would be held afterwards if the government does not call for general polls, but PTI would opt for polls in Punjab and KP as soon as possible.

In an interview with a private channel on Saturday, the PTI chief Imran Khan shared his willingness to halt the dissolution of the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assemblies if the coalition government agrees to conduct elections by the end of March next year.

Khan said, "If they are ready for elections by the end of March, then we won't dissolve the

assemblies. Otherwise, we want to conduct polls by dissolving the KP and Punjab assemblies."

He added that his party won't agree on a date after March and assemblies will be dissolved this month [December] if the government disagrees.

"How long will they take to decide? They either have to say yes or no. We have already decided," the former premier said, underlining his conditional stance on talks with the government on the election date.

"If they [government] want, we can talk to them about what date the elections can be held. There is no way elections can take place after the budget," he said, adding that the government will take the country down this way.

"Do they want polls to take place in 66% of the country and then conduct general elections?" Khan questioned, suggesting they announce elections date soon.

Commenting on PTI's power in Punjab, the former premier said that the "game" is no longer in the hands of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Co-Chairman Asif Zardari as the Chief Minister of Punjab Chaudhry Pervez Elahi stands with the PTI. INP

## Imran to dissolve assemblies if polls not announced by Dec 30: Rashid

ISLAMABAD: Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid said on Sunday Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan would get the date for the national elections till December 30 or dissolve the assemblies.

In a statement on Twitter, the AML chief while giving an ultimatum to the incumbent government said now it has all come to the point for the ruling body to either strengthen the 'country's politics' or 'destroy it'.

Mr Rashid underlined that people don't trust the coalition government and it's only option is to call for an 'escape election' as they cannot face the public.

Targeting the Shehbaz-led government further, he said Miftah Ismail, who was the former finance minister, wasn't sparing his own government in bashing the ongoing economic policies of the government.

In another tweet, he also expressed grief on the demise of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) senior leader and Marriyum Aurangzeb's aunt Najma Hameed. He prayed for the departed soul and the bereaved family. INP

## Militant group IS-KP behind Pakistan embassy attack in Kabul, confirms FO

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday confirmed the reports that banned outfit IS-KP had claimed responsibility for an attack on Pakistan embassy in Kabul.

"We have seen reports that IS-KP (Islamic State- Khorasan Province) has accepted responsibility for the terrorist attack on the Pakistan Embassy compound on 2 December," the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

This notwithstanding, the terrorist attack was yet another reminder of the threat that terrorism posed to peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region.

"We must act resolutely with all

our collective might to defeat this menace. On its part, Pakistan remains steadfast in its commitment to combat terrorism," it was further reiterated.

The embassy came under attack on Friday with gunfire wounding a Pakistani security guard, officials said, in what Islamabad called an attempt to assassinate its head of mission, who was unhurt.

The attack injured at least one guard and caused damage to the building, the group said.

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QUETTA: Provincial President Government Teachers Association (AAEENI) Mujeebullah Gharshin addressing during a ceremony.

## 660MW unit of Shanghai Thar coal power plant connected with national grid

ISLAMABAD: The first 660-megawatt unit of Shanghai Electric 1,320 MW Thar coal-based power plant has been connected to the national grid.

This was stated by Federal Minister for Power Khurram Dastgir Khan in a tweet, according to Gwadar Pro.

The minister termed the addition of low-cost electricity from indigenous resources as a good news and added that it was the fruit of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative.

Shanghai Electric is the sponsor of 2\*660 MW ultra-supercritical coal-fired power plants in Block-I of the Thar desert in Sindh province. The project also includes an integrated coal mine of 7.8 million tons per annum capacity.

According to another tweet retweeted by the Federal Minister for Power, the other 660 MW unit will also be connected to the national grid on Monday (Dec 5) after which both units will collectively start contributing 1,320 MWs electricity to the national grid.

At this stage, the power plants will

start contributing electricity to the national grid for testing purposes before commencing commercial operations, a source said. According to the Thar Coal Block-I Generation Co. (TCB-I), the power plants are capable of providing affordable energy to four million households.

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## 'New Delhi-controlled SIA frequently raid homes of Hurriyat leaders, HR activists in IIOJK'

ISLAMABAD: Raids by the New Delhi-controlled State Investigation Agency (SIA) have become a norm in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir as it once again raided multiple locations in the territory.

A report released by Kashmir Media Service, today, said SIA sleuths along with Indian paramilitary personnel frequently raid homes of Hurriyat leaders, human rights activists, journalists and even ordinary people in IIOJK and harass the inmates during the raids.

It said the SIA is notorious for implicating and punishing the Kashmiris in fake cases and its raids in the occupied territory is a revengeful policy to silence the voice of Hurriyat leaders and activists.

The report lamented that the

Modi-led fascist Indian regime was using its dreaded probe agencies like National Investigation Agency (NIA), State Investigation Agency (SIA) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) as a weapon to muzzle and intimidate the Kashmiris.

Freedom-loving Kashmiris are being implicated in fake cases by the Indian agencies to break their resolve but would never succeed and the people of Kashmir would continue their struggle for right to self-determination, it maintained.

The report said Kashmiris are being put behind the bars for no crime other than political beliefs. It said framing fake cases against them is mere frustration of the Modi regime and urged the global human rights' bodies to take notice of unlawful detentions in the occupied territory. INP