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5 killed 16 injured in a blast in Barkhan Balochistan

Asif Kareem Khetran

At least five people were killed and 16 injured in a blast in Balochistan's Barkhan district on Sunday. The bomb went off in the Rakhni Tehsil of the district, police sources said.

Police said unknown miscreants had planted an improvised explosive device (IED) in a motorcycle parked outside a barber's shop in the Rakhni bazaar. The IED exploded with a big bang, killing four people on the spot. However, another injured succumbed to injuries on way to the hospital.

10 serious injured shifted to DG Khan

The condition of the 10 injured out of a total of 16 is stated to be serious, police informed. The seriously injured by the blast have been referred to Dera Ghazi Khan for medical treatment. Initially, all of the injured were rushed to the Rakhni hospital for medical treatment.

CM Balochistan condemns the blast

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo strongly condemned the blast and directed the administration to provide better health facilities to the injured. In a statement issued after the blast, Mr. Bizenjo said that government would



not spare the elements involved in this act of terrorism.

"The terrorists would be brought to justice", the Chief Minister said.

Rana Sanaullah condemns the attack

Federal Interior Minister, Rana Sanaullah also strongly condemned the attack and directed law enforcement agencies to arrest the culprits behind the attack. The interior minister said that stern action would be taken against the perpetrators of the blast and they would be brought to justice.

President, PM condemn Barkhan blast

President Dr Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday condemned a blast in Barkhan, Balochistan province which resulted in loss of precious lives. The president and the prime minister expressed their deep grief over the loss of lives and expressed condolences with the bereaved families.

They also prayed for the high ranks of the departed souls and for the early recovery of the injured, President Secretariat and PM Office media wings said in

their separate press releases.

The prime minister summoned a report from the chief minister and inspector general of police over the incident.

Security tightened in Barkhan

Security was tightened in and around the Rakhni bazaar in the aftermath of the blast that rocked the town of Balochistan bordering Punjab province. Levies and police personnel were deployed at all entry and exit points of the district to maintain a law and order situation. "We deployed additional levies force on all sensitive points", another senior administration official told Daily Quetta Voice. He requested anonymity since he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Govt to send PTI leaders, workers to 'far-off jails' first

ISLAMABAD: Interior

Minister Rana Sanaullah on Sunday said that the government will first direct Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and workers - who voluntarily presented themselves for arrests - to far-off jails before sending them to prisons in Lahore or Rawalpindi.

Speaking at a press conference in Islamabad, the minister said that between 100 to 150 people have thus far courted arrests as part of the PTI's 'Jail Bharo' movement -- a drive that seeks to mark a protest against the government's policies and to put pressure on the ruling coalition to announce elections.

"Eighty per cent of the arrested ones are asking to be released," said Sanaullah as he revealed that all participants of the PTI's drive have been taken into custody for 30 days.

"You wished to go to jail, so you have been sent there," he said mockingly, "we are having you visit jails so that you can acquaint yourselves with the conditions there".

It may be noted that several petitions have been filed at the Lahore High Court (LHC), expressing fears that the arrested PTI leaders and workers may be falsely



accused of involvement in unlawful activities to cause them "maximum harm", adding that they have been transported to "some unknown place" to "torture" them.

Without referring to the matter that remains subjudice, Sanaullah said "we will first fill jails in far-off areas and afterward fill the jails of Lahore and Rawalpindi".

"We hold the judiciary in utmost respect and regard," he added as he stressed that "weakening" the judiciary would be synonymous with "increasing the difficulties of the country".

However, the interior minister simultaneously stressed that "bench-fixing" allegations must be probed, hinting at a series of controversial audio leaks attributed to

former Punjab chief minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi.

Sanaullah urged the apex court to take suo motu notice over the alleged close ties that Elahi maintains with a Supreme Court judge.

Turning his attention towards former premier Imran Khan, he said that "he is a trouble-maker, and never once did something for the betterment of the country".

He noted that first Imran was bringing a sea of people to tread on the capital, then he said he was going to fill the jails, "but now the people know him for what he is". Sanaullah alleged that Imran was "spreading instability in the country" and called the 'Jail Bharo' movement a "big walk of shame". Web Desk

The Barkhan tragedy

Syed Ali Shah Analysis

The recovery of three mutilated dead bodies in Balochistan's Barkhan district pained every person. The way dead bodies were retrieved from a well in the Haji Kot area of Barkhan and brought to Quetta, put many questions about our justice system.

All Pakistan Marri Itehad staged a three-day sit-in in the Red Zone of Quetta to mount pressure on the authorities to recover hostages family members of Khan Muhammad Marrin in Barkhan. Marri's wife Granaz, her daughter, and four children were recovered by the levies force. No arrest was made and it was not officially announced that they (Khan Muhammad's family members) were in whose custody?

Marri accused Sardar Khetran of murdering his family members

Marri had accused Balochistan Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran of murdering his family members. However, the FIR was lodged by Barkhan police against the unknown accused.

The minister surrendered before the police without registration of any case against him. He is likely to get bail from court very soon since there is no evidence against the latter.

The Secretary General of the Marri Itehad, Jehangir Marri on the first day of the protest announced that the protest would continue till the arrival of the Prime Minister and the registration of an FIR against the minister. Nevertheless, the Itehad ended up the protest without the arrival of any provincial minister and registered of FIR against the minister on the third day of the protest.

This gives more questions than answers. Khan Muhammad Marri's sons were buried in Quetta and the latter preferred not to comment on the incident of killing his sons anymore.

The 'heirless' girl was laid to rest in Quetta

The unfortunate 'heirless' girl was laid to rest by the Edhi foundation in Quetta the other day. "No one came for the body of the teenage girl who had been raped and then shot dead and acid was thrown on the face so that she could not be identified," a volunteer of the Edhi foundation told Daily Quetta Voice.

To be precise, it is the responsibility of the provincial government to conduct a DNA test of the teenage girl and bring the killers of the triple murder to book. This will ensure rule of law and writ of the State and restore the confidence of the masses in State institutions.



Bilawal accuses judiciary of having double standards

KARACHI: Foreign Minister and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has accused the judiciary of having double standards.

While addressing an event in connection with the Constitution's Golden Jubilee in Karachi today, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that PPP is celebrating the golden jubilee of the 1973 Constitution. He said that the Sindh Assembly took lead in passing a resolution in favour of Pakistan.

He added that Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Shaheed is the founder of the Constitution and they are proud of it. Each Pakistani is equal in accordance with the Constitution. The PPP chief said that the Constitution is being continuously attacked since its formulation.



Bilawal said that the country is facing the consequences of religious hatred spread in the Zia era. The Constitution is an agreement between the state and the nation. The Constitution has given us the Islamic Federation and Pakistan is a country of pro-democracy people.

He said that PPP passed the 18th amendment and introduced Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). In the previous governments, the rulers used to send their opponents behind the bars. Bilawal claimed that PPP gave the chance to Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) which led to the success of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project.

Bilawal alleged that a "selected prime minister" came into power to not fix the prices of essential commodities but to benefit his own family. "We became successful in the no-trust motion against the man who was instating in violation of the system and the Constitution."

"18th amendment is not a real problem for them but the 1973 constitution. Web Desk

Coalition seeks SC full court for suo motu case

ISLAMABAD: Three parties from the ruling coalition on Saturday petitioned the Supreme Court for the formation of a full court — comprising all judges except Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan and Justice Sayeed Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi — to conduct suo motu proceedings on the delay in the announcement of a date for elections to the Punjab and KP assemblies.

The joint petition, filed by senior counsel Farooq H. Naek, Mansoor Usman Awan and Kamran Murtaza on behalf of the PPP, PML-N and JUI-F, respectively, says the prayer has been made "in the best interest of justice and to strengthen the people's confidence in the Supreme Court".

It is imperative that the full court — minus the two judges, who have already disclosed their minds in the matter — be constituted to hear the case in the interest of justice and fairness, contends the petition, which has been moved under Order 33 Rule 6 of the Supreme Court Rules 1980.

The petition argued that when the case was taken up by the nine-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of



Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial on Feb 23, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhel read out a note and raised objections to the effect that since the two-member bench consisting of Justice Ahsan and Justice Naqvi had already rendered a definite opinion on the issue as recorded in the court's Feb 16 order, it would amount to a violation of Article 10A if they remain part of the larger bench. Web Desk

Gender Responsive Budget for Balochistan urged

Razaq Sheikh

QUETTA: Parliamentarians, economists and civil society representatives of Balochistan have emphasized the need to link the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)'s Five goals to the formulation of the provincial budget based on gender equality. Gender Responsive Budget and equal distribution of resources will help achieve sustainable development goals effectively.

They expressed these views during a consultative session held on the progress of the Gender Responsive Budget (GRB) and Compliance with the Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Five under the auspices of Asghar Khan Foundation and Shirkat Gah.

Acting Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Sardar Babar Musa Khel, Provincial Minister for Sports and Culture Abdul Khaliq Hazara, Parliamentary Secretary Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Chairperson Women Parliamentary CAUCUS Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, Parliamentary Secretary Minority Affairs George Khalil, Shahina Kakar, Chairman of the Standing Committee for Local Government Qadir Nail, MPA Nasrullah Zere, Bano Khalil, Fauzia Shaheen, Chairperson Commission on Status of Women, Economist Qaiser Bengali, Executive Director of Umar Asghar Khan Foundation, Rashida Dohad and Executive



Director of Shirkat Gah Fareeda Shahid addressed the session. Farida Shaheed, Executive Director of Shirkat Gah, shed light on the progress in Pakistan related to the goals of CEDAW and SGD-5 and presented suggestions for their implementation. Whereas, the Executive Director of Omar Asghar Khan

Foundation Rashida Dohad, presented an analytical report on the budget of Balochistan for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and presented practical suggestions to align the budget allocated to various sectors with gender equality, which the participants agreed with.

She said that the gap in the public welfare projects in the provincial budget of Balochistan will be gradually eliminated by reducing the gap on the basis of gender.

She noted that the Umar Asghar Khan Foundation has presented the best analysis of Balochistan's budget. "If implemented, by linking the resources available in the provincial budget to the SDGs, not only gender-based discrimination can be eliminated, but it can also pave way for sustainable development goals," she stressed.

The other speakers including parliamentarians and members of civil society said that the problems faced by the people can be eliminated by ensuring the provision of resources at the grassroots level through the Provincial Finance Commission.

Addressing the closing ceremony, Parliamentary Secretary for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi said that the infrastructure of the forensic lab in Balochistan has almost been completed, the legislation is also in progress and we are trying to bring it to completion as soon as possible.

She recalled that a better implementation plan will be made to maintain gender equality in the projects proposed by the Department of Science and Information Technology.

