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Terrorists still using Afghan soil: Balochistan Home Minister

By Our Reporter

QUETTA: Balochistan Home Minister, Mir Ziaullah Langove on Sunday said the terrorists were still using Afghan soil to carry out subversive activities in Pakistan. He expressed these views after inquiring about the health condition of injured policemen in Quetta's Kuchlak area.

At least two policemen were killed and one injured when the armed accused opened fire at a policeman in the Killi Spin area of Kuchlak.

Number of attacks reduced but terrorists are still using the Afghan soil", Mir Ziaullah Langove said. He said the Pakistani security forces were committed to eradicating terrorism and extremism in the country. "For this purpose, our soldiers have sacrificed their lives", Mr. Langove stated.

"Our forces successfully arrested Gulzar Imam", Minister

Mir Ziaullah Langove said security forces suc-



cessfully arrested Gulzar Imam, a key commander of an outlawed group. "Our intelligence agencies are internationally recognized for their pro-

fessionalism and commitment", he said. The Balochistan Home Minister stated that the elements involved in the attack on the police

would be brought to justice. He said the attackers would not be spared and that all out efforts would be made to improve the law and

order situation in the province. The Minister directed the police to apprehend the elements behind the Kuchlak attack.

2 policemen killed one injured in Kuchlak attack

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Armed men opened fire and killed two policemen and injured another in the Kuchlak area of the provincial capital. Police sources said

motive behind the attack could not be ascertained immediately.

Militants in the past have repeatedly attacked police and other law enforcement agencies in the Kuchlak area of Quetta, the provincial



armed men opened fire at the policemen in the Killi Spin area of Kuchlak.

Two policemen were killed on the spot, whereas, one sustained injuries. Police sources said one attacker was also killed when policemen retaliated. The dead bodies of the policemen were shifted to the Kuchlak hospital.

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Police and personnel of other law enforcement agencies reached the spot and started an investigation into the incident. The

CM Balochistan condemns the attack

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo took notice of the attack and directed the police to apprehend the culprits behind the attack. In a statement issued after the attack, the CM said the perpetrators of the attack would be brought to justice.

Balochistan Home Minister, Mir Ziaullah Langove also condemned the attack and directed the police to make sure an immediate arrest of the attackers.

Rs. 5bs allocated for health card in Balochistan: Yousafzai

Staff Reporter

QUETTA: Spokesman to the Chief Minister Balochistan, Babar Yousafzai on Saturday said that the provincial government has allocated Rs. 5 billion for the health card. The Spokesman to CM Babar Yousafzai and Coordinators to the CM, Shania Khan, and Zulekha Mandokhail visited the civil hospital Quetta and reviewed the provision of medicines to patients.

Mr. Yousafzai said the Balochistan government has allocated billions of rupees to the health sector to improve health services in the remote area of the province. He termed the health card

as a revolutionary step by the government to make sure the provision of better health services.

Question mark over governance, if medicines are not available

He, however, admitted that there would be a question mark over the governance if medicines are not available in hospitals despite the allocation of huge amounts.

The spokesman to CM and coordinators to the CM interacted with patients and attendants and inquired about their issues in the



civil hospital Quetta. The Medical Superintendent of the civil hospital Quetta, Dr. Ishaq Panezai briefed them about the issues of the hospital and the government's initiatives to provide free and quality health to the masses.

Non-redressal of the problems faced by the public will not be tolerated: Yousafzai

In such circumstances, non-redressal of the problems faced by the public will not be accepted under any circumstances, Babar Yousafzai warned. For any type of complaint, including non-supply of

medicines, the public should file a report in the CM Complaint Cell, he told the patients and attendants.

Notice public complaints and action against the responsible would be taken. Babar Yousafzai said that provincial health minister Syed Ehsan Shah is also trying to improve the health sector and he has always taken serious notice of reports based on public complaints.

The problem of shortage of staff has come to the fore. Chief Minister will convey the problems and concerns of the MS and hospital administration and solve all the problems faced in the civil hospital to make it an ideal medical institution run under the auspices of the government, Yousafzai added.

Secretary health to investigate Gynae ward video in civil hospital Quetta

Health Desk

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili, has directed the Secretary of Health to conduct an inquiry into a video regarding the absence of doctors at the civil hospital.

In the video, an attendant complains that his patient went unconscious because of the absence of doctors at the civil hospital Quetta's



Gynae ward. The video was widely shared on social media with people demanding action against the absent doctors.

This prompted the Chief Secretary Balochistan to take notice of the incident and directed the Secretary of Health to conduct an inquiry. If found absent, action should be taken against the doctors, the CS Balochistan directed the Secretary of Health.

Armed men kidnap a doctor from clinic in Killa Abdullah district

Sardar M. Khondai

Armed men kidnaped a doctor from his clinic in the Killa Abdullah district of Balochistan on Sunday evening. Levies sources said armed men entered the clinic of the doctor and kidnaped him.

The kidnaped doctor was identified as Dr. Syed Abdul Hadi. The incident happened in the Toorkhail Svedan area of the Killa Abdullah district. The motive behind the kidnapping could not



be ascertained immediately. The news of the doctor's kidnapping went viral on social media.

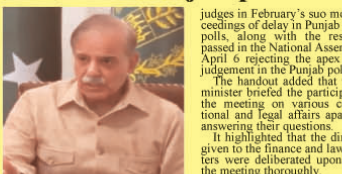
They demanded of the provincial government to make sure of the unhurt recovery of the doctor.

Govt directs finance, law ministries to prepare summary 'seeking parliamentary guidance' for release of Punjab poll funds

The federal cabinet on Sunday directed Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar to prepare a summary seeking guidance from parliament to release funds for the Punjab elections.

Last week, the Supreme Court (SC) had fixed May 14 as the date for the polls in the province and directed the federal government to release election funds worth Rs21 billion to the Election Commission of Pakistan by April 10 for elections to the assemblies of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

According to a handout issued by the Prime Minister's Office today, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, PM Shehbaz Sharif chaired a federal cabinet meeting



today in Islamabad, which lasted over two hours, via video link from Lahore. It added that participants of the meeting pondered over the "4-3" decision of Supreme Court

judges in February's suo motu proceedings of delay in Punjab and P polls, along with the resolution passed in the National Assembly on April 6 rejecting the apex court's judgement in the Punjab polls case.

The handout added that the law minister briefed the participants of the meeting on various constitutional and legal affairs apart from answering their questions. It highlighted that the directions given to the finance and law ministers were deliberated upon during the meeting thoroughly. The handout stated the federal cabinet decided to hold the next meeting on April 10 (Monday) to finalise its future strategy during which the summary from the law and finance ministries INP

Riaz Baloch

Chaghi Levies force intercepted five teenagers who were trying to sneak into Iran illegally. Hussam Jan Baloch, the Deputy Commissioner Chaghi and levies force conducted a raid in the mountains of Chaghi and intercepted five teenagers.

The teenagers were trying to sneak into Iran to reach Turkey and then reach Europe for a better future.

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Family members of the teenagers had contacted the DC Chaghi and informed him about

the teenagers' presence in Chaghi and their efforts to enter Iran illegally, Levies sources said.

The teenagers were shifted to DC's office Chaghi. The teenagers would be handed over to their family members.

PIA Madina-bound flight faces over 15-hour delay

LAHORE: A Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight which was due to take off for Madinah on Saturday night from Lahore Airport could not depart even after a delay of over 15 hours on Sunday.

The flight was halted due to a technical glitch. PIA officials have issued directive that the boarding of the passengers will start as the technical fault has been removed.

They further said after the completion of the boarding process the plane will take off for Madinah after 12:00 noon Sunday.

Berger Paints revenue, gross profit grow marginally in 6MFY23: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Berger Paints Pakistan Limited, a leading paint manufacturing company, reported marginal growth in revenue and gross profit in the first six months of the ongoing financial year 2022-23 compared to the same period of the previous year.

The company's revenue increased 4% from Rs3.53 billion in 6MFY22 to Rs3.65 billion in 6MFY23, while its gross profit increased by 1% from Rs267 million in FY22 to Rs267.7 million in FY23.

However, the company's profit-before-tax decreased by 3% from Rs166.7 million in FY22 to Rs157.1 million in FY23, which indicates the company incurred higher expenses or faced other financial challenges during the period.



RAWALPINDI: Vendors displayed schools and luggage bags in their shops to attract costumers at Iqbal road in the city.

ECP unlikely to receive funds for Punjab polls by April 10

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) is unlikely to receive the funds for holding polls in Punjab till Monday (April 10), as per the order of the Supreme Court in last week's verdict in the provincial elections delay case, sources said.

The ECP spokesperson also confirmed that the electoral body had not yet received the funds. Meanwhile, the sources within the government said that the possibility of the electoral body getting funds by April 10 was low as no meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has been scheduled, so far.

On April 4, the top court had directed the Finance Ministry to release Rs21 billion to the ECP by April 10 for polls in Punjab, as per the election commission's demand. The apex court had ordered to hold elections in Punjab on May 14 and also declared the ECP's March 23 decision to delay polls till October 28 as null and void. The decision had been announced by a three-member bench led by Chief Justice Umar Atiq Bandial. The verdict which was supposed to be a way out of the ongoing political and constitutional crisis but further deepened it as the government rejected the Supreme Court decision.

IHC to take up Imran's disqualification case on April 19

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On February 24, the ECP also de-notified the former prime minister from the six NA seats Imran later moved to the National Assembly. The decision and the court restrained the polls supervisory authority from conducting election at NA-95 Mianwali, the National Assembly seat that Imran Khan had retained after becoming prime minister in August 18, 2018.

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HYDERABAD: Assistant commissioner city and his team surprising visit of markets and seal the shops due to over charging and dumping sugar.

Nation suffering due to PTI's failed policies: Kundi

PESHAWAR: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Faisal Karim Kundi Sunday lashed out that the nation was suffering due to the PTI's failed policies and PPP is the only major political force in the country, which can steer the country out of difficult times.

ISLAMABAD: The price of sugar continues to increase in different cities of the country as the sugar price also jumps to Rs6,000 per 50kg bag in a month in wholesale market.

ISLAMABAD: PTI leader Ali Zaidi is addressing a ceremony to join PTI at a local hall in Hyderabad.

Mariyam wonders now 'foreign slave' Imran can launch Haqueeqi Azadi

ISLAMABAD: In a scathing criticism, Information Minister Mariyam Aurangzeb on Sunday accused the former premier and PTI Chairman Imran Khan of hatching a conspiracy to launch a 'foreign slave' fight for Haqueeqi Azadi (real freedom).

She said ironically that Imran had also failed to give respect to his own daughter in the society. "A man who hesitates to own his own daughter for the sake of power is regarded as the most dishonourable person," she added.

The PTI chief staged a drama of "Haqueeqi Azadi" just to ensure his return in power, she said, wondering how a person who himself was a slave of a foreign lobbying firm could fight for independence. Mariyam said Imran was such a "coward person" who did not leave his house without covering his head with a black box. He did not have courage to leave his house without protection, but ironically called Nawaz Sharif a coward, the minister remarked sarcastically.

Corporate farming can help increase food production in Pakistan: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan needs to promote corporate farming to increase its cultivation area, which will strengthen the economy, said a renowned researcher.

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"It is vital to launch an emergency agricultural programme and give farmers an immediate resolution to their problems as farmers always face a crucial part in resolving every crisis the country confronted," he said. Abdullah said the public and private sectors must contribute appropriately to enhancing the agricultural industry. He insisted that both parties should come up with strategies and invest in modern farming to ensure excellent harvests with minimal water use and other inputs.

Chinese investment in construction, housing to help drive Pakistan's economy: WealthPK

ISLAMABAD: Chinese investment can help develop the housing and construction sector in Pakistan, thus ushering in an era of economic prosperity, reports WealthPK.

CSECE and the Ministry of Housing and Works signed a memorandum understanding in September 2021. A year's validity was granted to the memorandum.

February FY 2023 as per the SBP data. In Pakistan's construction sector, the inflow of FDI from China amounted to \$2.3 million during July-February FY 2023.

China is already the largest contributor to foreign direct investment in Pakistan, with around \$2.7 billion in July-

sector along with other complementary industries. Pakistan, as the 5th largest construction sector in the world with more than 220 million people and a growing middle class, has a great potential in this sector.

ISLAMABAD: Members of the Christian Community are busy in their religious rituals early in the morning before sun rise at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on the eve of "Easter" which is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the death.

