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## PTI could be declared ineligible for election symbol, warns ECP



## Three including Haroon Raisani killed in a firing incident on Sariab Road Quetta

**Staff Reporter**

QUETTA: At least three people including Nawabzada Haroon Raisani, the nephew of former Chief Minister Balochistan, Nawab Muhammad Aslam Raisani were killed in a firing incident on Wednesday.

Police sources said there was an armed clash between two groups that left three people dead. Mir Brahmagh Lehri is also among the dead.

The dead bodies were brought to civil hospital Quetta. A large number of people reached the hospital when the dead bodies were brought to the area in the aftermath of the armed clash.



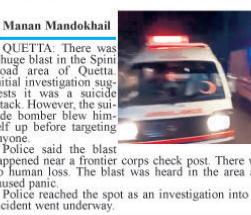
## Blast rocks Spini Road Quetta, suspected suicide bomber killed

**Manan Mandokhail**

QUETTA: There was a huge blast in the Spini Road area of Quetta. Initial investigation suggests it was a suicide attack. However, the suicide bomber blew himself up before targeting anyone.

Police said the blast happened near a frontier corps check post. There was no human loss. The blast was heard in the area and caused panic.

Police reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway.



## Gwadar Airport should not be renamed: Dr. Malik Baloch

## NHA fails to reconstruct Pinjra bridge in Bolan valley

**Syed Ali Shah Ansari**

Much has been said and written about the suspension of the Pinjra Bridge located in the rugged mountains of the Bolan Valley. The valley links Quetta and most parts of Balochistan with Sindh and Punjab provinces.

Last year, flash floods unleashed by torrential rains swept away parts of the bridge, causing the suspension of traffic between Balochistan and other parts of the country. For more than a year, the National Highway Authority (NHA) is yet to reconstruct the bridge located in the heart of the mountainous Bolan Valley. Now a fresh wave of heavy rainfall also swept away the remaining part of the bridge, which caused the suspension of traffic.

Thousands of vehicles pass through the bridge on a daily basis. Since Balochistan is dependent on Sindh and Punjab for food supplies and other commodities, therefore, hundreds of trucks loaded with food items stranded in the Bolan Valley can always be seen.

The weak district administration merely deploy a bulldozer to make a temporary way for the stranded trucks and other small vehicles to cross the bridge. However, floods and torrential rains always wash away temporary mud stones roads.



## NHA must ensure its immediate reconstruction

This situation has compounded the problems of the people of Balochistan in general and the passengers traveling on this important highway in particular. The province covers half of the country, in terms of area and the NHA has been, in charge of all highways. It is the core responsibility of the NHA to break its criminal silence and ensure immediate reconstruction of the bridge to bring an end to the miseries of people.

## MILGEM-IV launched, PM terms Pak-Turkiye enhanced strategic cooperation need of hour

**KARACHI:** Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif while appreciating the leadership role of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that it was high time for Pakistan and Turkey to enhance their bilateral strategic cooperation for the prosperity of the two nations.

Addressing the launching ceremony of the fourth MILGEM Class Corvette – PNS Tariq here on Wednesday, the prime minister said the joint venture project was an example of cooperation and support between the two brotherly countries.

Earlier, Premier Shehbaz Sharif and visiting Vice President of Turkey Cevdet Yilmaz launched the fourth MILGEM warship.

Initiated in 2018, the MILGEM project envisages the construction of four Corvettes for the Pakistan Navy – two in Pakistan and two in Turkey.

The prime minister said Recep Tayyip Erdogan was a great leader which was reflected by his "wonderful" victory in the recent poll.

Therefore, it was high time for both countries to enhance their strategic cooperation and add more joint ventures in other fields, he added.

Earlier in November 2022, PM Shehbaz Sharif attended the launching ceremony of the third Naval Corvette, PNS Khyber, in Istanbul. The first two Corvettes, PNS Babur and PNS Badar were launched in Istanbul and Karachi, in August 2021 and May 2022, respectively. The MILGEM project represents an enduring symbol of Pakistan-Turkey collaboration in the maritime domain. It is a tangible step towards self-reliance and indigenous production and would fulfill the critical security needs of the Pakistan Navy. INP



## 'China, Pakistan armies are brothers in arms', says COAS on PLA's 96th anniversary

**Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir** has said that bilateral ties between Pakistan and China are "unique" and the militaries of the two countries are "brothers in arms".

**Pakistan-China relationship is unique and robust: COAS Munir.**

He made these remarks while addressing the 96th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China, which was commemorated at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi on Wednesday, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement.

The military's media wing said the army chief was the chief guest on the occasion while Pang Chunxue, Charge d'Affaires of the embassy of the People's Republic of China, Major General Wang Zhong, Defence Attache, Chinese Embassy officials and officers from its-services of Pakistan attended the event.

**Says ties have proven its resilience in the face of all challenges**

While highlighting various facets of the deep-rooted ties between the two states, militaries, and the people, the COAS was quoted as saying, "Pakistan-China relationship is unique and robust that has proven its resilience in the face of all challenges."

"The PLA and Pakistan Army are brothers in arms and our relationship will continue to contribute towards safeguarding our collective interests", Gen Munir added.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chinese diplomat thanked the army chief for hosting the event for the 96th anniversary of the founding of the PLA.

"This all-weather strategic cooperative partnership between China and Pakistan has stood the test of the time and change of international landscapes", the Chinese diplomat remarked.

"China & Pakistan have just jointly celebrated the 10th anniversary of the launch of CPEC and in the past months, COAS and other military leaders paid successful visits to China, which has strongly promoted the relationship between the two militaries", she added. The COAS felicitated the PLA and lauded its role in China's defence security and nation-building, the ISPR statement concluded. Web Desk.



## Gwadar Airport should not be renamed: Dr. Malik Baloch

**News Desk**

QUETTA: Chief of the National Party (NP) and former Chief Minister of Balochistan, Dr. Malik Baloch on Wednesday strongly condemned the renaming of the Gwadar International Airport. The Baloch nationalist leader took to the social media network Twitter and said the name of the airport should remain Gwadar.

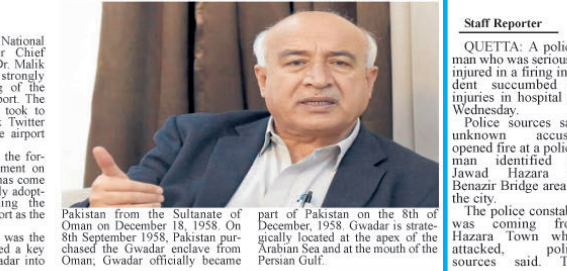
"This is unacceptable", the former CM said. This statement on behalf of the former CM has come after the National Assembly adopted a resolution renaming the Gwadar International Airport as the Feroz Khan Noon Airport.

Late Feroz Khan Noon was the Prime Minister who played a key role in including the Gwadar into part of Pakistan on the 8th of December, 1958. Gwadar is strategically located at the apex of the Arabian Sea and at the mouth of the Persian Gulf.

The police constable was coming from Hazara Town when attacked, police sources said. The attackers sped away on their motorcycle after the attack.

Police said the martyred policeman belongs to Shia Hazara community of Quetta. Police termed the attack as an act of targeted killing.

This incident has come a day after two policemen were martyred in Quetta's Nawwan Killi area.



## Quetta firing: Police man succumbed to injuries

**Staff Reporter**

QUETTA: A policeman who was seriously injured in a firing incident succumbed to injuries in hospital on Wednesday.

Police sources said unknown accused opened fire at a policeman identified as Jawad Hazara on Benazir Bridge area of the city.



## PTI could be declared ineligible for election symbol, warns ECP

**ISLAMABAD:** The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has warned the former ruling party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), that it could be declared ineligible to obtain election symbol over its failure to hold intra-party elections.

**Intra-party elections were due in June 2021 under party's constitution: ECP**

In a notice issued on Wednesday, the top electoral body summoned PTI Chairman Inman Khan to appear before it on August 4 (Friday) at 10am "failing which the Commission under Section 215(5) of the Elections Act, 2017, may declare your political party ineligible to obtain election symbol for future elections(5)".

Referring to its earlier notices, the ECP said the PTI's intra-party elections were due on June 13 in 2021 under the party's constitution.

It said the PTI was intimated/reminded to conduct intra-party elections within the timeframe provided under sections 208, 209 and 215 of the Elections Act 2017 but the party failed to "provide the requisite certificate to this effect". The polls organising authority also said it issued final notice to the PTI in May last year for ensuring the conduct of intra-party elections on or before 13.06.2022 (extended date), with the observation that no further extension shall be allowed.

**Says PTI intimated/reminded to conduct intra-party polls within timeframe**

Subsequently, the notice PTI submitted a copy of the amended party's constitution which was deemed "insufficient" by the electoral body.

The ECP referred to Section 209(1) of the Election Act saying every registered political party is bound to provide the ECP with a certificate regarding the conduct of the intra-party elections as provided by law. Web Desk.



# AI and Climate Change completely missing in Balochistan budget

By Dr Sania Nishtar

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The future is all about the Artificial Intelligence (AI). The AI has the potential to significantly impact education and transform the learning experience for students across the globe.

AI-powered tutoring systems can provide interactive and adaptive support to students. These systems can assess students' knowledge, identify areas of weakness, and offer targeted guidance and resources to help them improve.

Experts say the AI has so far taken mere baby steps. Still a lot needs to be done. The AI is going to dominate education, politics, economy etc. in the future.

**To word of AI in the Balochistan Budget**

Despite its need and importance, the Balochistan government has not allocated a single penny for the AI in its financial budget for the year 2023-24. The provincial government allocated more than Rs.100 billions for primary, middle and higher education sector. The finance minister Balochistan, Zamarak Achakzai did not utter a single word about the AI.

Besides AI, the government has not focused on the looming threat of climate change. Balochistan, the country's arid region is highly vulnerable to natural disasters because of its vulnerability to the global warming and climate change.

**Rs.71 crore allocated for Climate Change and more than Rs.73 billions for C&W department**

The government allocated Rs.71 crore rupees to tackle the climate change, whereas, more than 73 billion rupees were allocated for the construction and works department. The department is known for chronic corruption and most of the amount is likely to go into some narrow pockets.

Promotion of AI education provides an opportunity to our students to compete on national and international levels. Its promotion can open new vistas of opportunities for our students.

However, investment in the climate change department is extremely necessary in view of the province's vulnerability to the global warming. Devastating floods last year played havoc across Balochistan and life was completely paralyzed for a month.

The provincial government needs to change its priorities when it comes to AI and climate change since the former offers opportunities and the latter poses a serious threat to human life.

## World Population Growth

Earlier this month, on July 11, another world record was commemorated as the world population reached 8 billion. To mark the occasion, the Supreme Court hosted a conference to underscore the importance of population agenda. This was the second in the series, the first being held in 2019. While the Supreme Court can have an important role in advocating, it is the executive which must prioritize this agenda, and that is where the problem lies: our lack of will and capacity to implement.

We know how terrorism, corruption, earthquakes, flooding, droughts and other crises have impacted our nation. But one of the biggest threats, Pakistan's exploding population, remains unrecognized. Pakistan is the fifth most populated country in the world. From 30 million in 1950 to around 240 million today, the population is expected to rise to 403 million by 2050. This unfettered growth rate of 1.9 per cent per annum is unsustainable for our economic growth rate, which is expected to be a mere 0.29 per cent per annum.

Even today, Pakistan is severely under-resourced. Further population explosion, 36.9 per cent of the population faces food insecurity, and 44 per cent of children are stunted. While the annual demand for food production is increasing, Pakistan's water availability is scarce. A 'water-stressed' classification to Pakistan is viewed as a best practice country in family planning, after having adopted the policy goal of universal health coverage for family planning nearly six decades ago.

Our first five-year plan had a population planning focus. In other countries, the government formed a public-private partnership with the Family Planning Association of Pakistan (FPAP) to allocate to spearhead family planning nationwide. Donors (UNFPA and USAID) provided financial support and the supply chain for over 60 years of investment in family planning is equally impressive. The contraceptive prevalence rate is 66 per cent and the unmet need for family planning is 15 per cent. To a certain extent, this graphic is illustrative of the implementation challenges which are germane to every sector.

## Population demominator

In Pakistan. However, the population sector presiding over the study also, because in this case we have systematically treated systems we built earlier.

Let's look back in history to qualify this statement. There was a time when Pakistan's only 100 contraceptive centres (RHSC-A) in public hospitals and RHFS (B) centres in urban women's community centres were staffed by the mobilisers and village workers, and mobile health workers.

Information systems, warehouses (the public sector's only 100 contraceptive centres) were established in the population sector and contraceptives supply chain was established. Several important research institutes were established, the National Research Institute for Family Planning (NRFPI), Control, UNFPA, and the National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS), and the National Institute of Population Welfare (NATPOW).

This ecosystem was dismantled after the 18th Amendment. Provinces were slow to take ownership of the contraceptive supply chain, and the social franchising models were never scaled up. Provincial governments, less on procurement, not being in favour of centralized procurement and provincial-level procurement was more lucrative for private entities. Rather than serving the research needs of the sector, NIPS became a park.

Malpractices in family-planning outlets became deeply entrenched as described in my book 'Choked Pipes' - absenteeism, illegal use of contraceptives, ghost satellite clinics, outright theft of supplies, wastage, false reporting of stock, etc. to name a few. Contraceptive consignments were stored around on shelves, boxes of contraceptives are investigated in stock, and social franchising models were never scaled up. Provincial governments, less on procurement, not being in favour of centralized procurement and provincial-level procurement was more lucrative for private entities. Rather than serving the research needs of the sector, NIPS became a park.

## Pakistan's skills report card

Dr Aysha Barzaine

opportunities, neither in the business nor technology skills categories in the country.

For its global analysis, the report rated skill levels in four categories (cutting-edge, advanced, intermediate and basic) across 140 countries. Pakistan placed in the top-down, they are labeled 'cutting-edge' (100-75 per cent), 'competitive' (75-50 per cent), 'limited' (50-25 per cent) and 'lagging' (25-0 per cent). Pakistan placed in the bottom-down, they are labeled 'cutting-edge' (100-75 per cent), 'competitive' (75-50 per cent), 'limited' (50-25 per cent) and 'lagging' (25-0 per cent). Pakistan placed in the bottom-down, they are labeled 'cutting-edge' (100-75 per cent), 'competitive' (75-50 per cent), 'limited' (50-25 per cent) and 'lagging' (25-0 per cent). Pakistan placed in the bottom-down, they are labeled 'cutting-edge' (100-75 per cent), 'competitive' (75-50 per cent), 'limited' (50-25 per cent) and 'lagging' (25-0 per cent).

In addition to reporting and ranking, the report offers seven key findings. First, economic growth is critical to creating jobs. Higher skill proficiency is correlated with economic growth and average GDP per capita. Second, internet access is tied to economic opportunity.

## Going green

By Zahra Niazi

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## Financial inequality breeds contempt

By Iftekhkar A Khan

Our society essentially divides into three classes. The elite class comprises the top bureaucrats both civil and military, business tycoons and politicians. They follow two classes - the middle class and the multiplying poor class, which lives below the poverty line. Instead of finding the root cause, the graph is rapidly escalating.

The politicians - in every government that comes to power by winning the election - promise to uplift the condition of the poor. Their campaigning slogans assure the wretched living from hand to mouth that their pathetic living conditions will improve, and they will get health and education. The severe disparity between these classes proves the fact that wealth is unevenly distributed. It is not the poor who are suffering, but the suffering segments of society unhappy and angry against the system that creates hostility among them. As a nation, however, we can change our humiliating state of poverty and illiteracy if we single-mindedly follow the nations that have progressed within a few years from being poor to world countries, one of the leading ones. Let's consider Singapore as a model. Singapore was typically a third-world country like ours but without any natural resources, that we luckily have. The turnaround came in Singapore when Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping visited Singapore in 1975 for the Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew to follow to progress. Mr Lee's business tycoon and politicians. They follow two classes - the middle class and the multiplying poor class, which lives below the poverty line. Instead of finding the root cause, the graph is rapidly escalating.

## Navigating the path to progress

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Pakistan stands with Kashmir: Kaira

ISLAMABAD - Advisor to the Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Qamar Zaidi...

minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari is not shy away from raising the voice for Kashmiris rights...

Solidarity Day on August 5, he said we should pay tribute to the unparalleled commitment of the Kashmiris...



QUETTA: A view of national flag install on bazaar for selling purpose on ahead of 76th Pakistan Independence Day (1947).

12 members of three car/bike lifters gangs held with several vehicles

LAHORE: The Anti-Vehicle Lifting Staff Sadder Division arrested 12 members of three car/bike lifters gangs...

During separate actions, 12 members of three car/lifter gangs including Danish, Farukh, Aon, Izzat Khan, Rizwan, Aqib, Tariq, Saifdar, Gulam Mustafa, Sabir Altaf and Busharat were arrested...

SSP Capt (Retd) Liaqat Ali Malik lauding the AVLS team has announced appreciation certificates for them. INP

Economic downturn exposes startups to enormous challenges: WealthPk

ISLAMABAD: The current global economic conditions have seriously impacted startups, creating a host of serious obstacles and challenges to their growth...

Most startups rely on the venture capital funding, which has become increasingly scarce in recent times due to investors being more cautious with their investments...

Three months. This shortage of funding is a major challenge for startups, leading to huge exits of international companies and major shutdowns.

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Aminul Haque on Wednesday urged youth especially the students to enhance their Information Technology skills...

He added that training in different modern IT fields will be imparted to the students in the facility free of cost, enabling them to learn IT skills including data analysis, freelancing, E-commerce, Graphic Designing, Video Animation, Content Writing, online marketing, and advance data analysis, Artificial Intelligence and other modern skills and practices in the IT field.

He said that the students of 9th and 10th classes as well as those who successfully passed from the school should also learn and get training in the IT Lab.

Speakers analyse Kashmir freedom struggle from legal, political and diplomatic perspectives

ISLAMABAD: A roundtable conference jointly organized by Islamabad Policy Research Institute - IPRI and National Special Representative on Historical Analysis of Contested Sovereignty and Statehood in Northern Disputed Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The delegates analysed the struggle of Kashmir from the prism of legal, political and diplomatic angles, and took a holistic view of the prevailing situation. It was noted that Kashmir and Pakistan are inseparable to each other, and all dimensions should be explored to raise the issue for a favourable solution.

view that Pakistan should have done more on the front of International Court of Justice, and added that there are ample avenues available to tap the legal corridor.

Oil tankers association warns to stop operations if demands not met

KARACHI: The Oil Tankers Association on Wednesday threatened to close down the business operations if their due demands were not met within 72 hours.

Violation of Party Policy: PTI expels 13 leaders including Raja Riaz, Noor Alam



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Energy Engineer Khurram Dastagir, talking to media Persons after meeting with the officials of K. Electric.

LAHORE: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) over violation of party policy on Wednesday, expelled its 13 leaders including Raja Riaz and Noor Alam Khan.

Others expelled by PTI included Ramesh Kumar Yankwani, Nuzhat Pathan, Waqia Khan, Sardar Riaz Mehmood Khan, Mazari, Raja Muhammad, Oasim Noon, Nawab Shera, and Makhdoom Zada Syed Basit Ahmad, Sultan, Afzal Khan Dhandi, Muhammad Abdul

Not medics but govt responsible for plight of hospitals, admits Naqvi

LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has admitted that not doctors, it was the government, which was responsible for the pitiable condition of state-run hospitals.

While addressing the members of doctors of the Services Hospital Lahore on Wednesday, the caretaker chief minister said he had visited the services hospital and was disappointed to see the condition adding he would not have any of his relatives admitted to its operating theatre.

Restructuring of PSEs pivotal to reducing Pakistan's fiscal deficit: WealthPk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Institute of Public Sector Enterprises (PSPE) report of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the loss-making public sector enterprises (PSEs) to overcome persistent fiscal deficit, said a renewed economic expert.

Yavur supported the idea of privatisation as the last resort to restructuring the PSEs. Sale out of the loss-making public entities should not be prioritised as the first option, he said adding that cutting steps such as cost-cutting, to improvement in procurement practices, adoption of modern technology and innovation must be preferred. Each year, a significant burden on fiscal resources comes from the scale of subsidies (both explicit and implicit), concessions, financing, government-guaranteed bank borrowing INP

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT BALOCHISTAN AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-JOHAL QUETTA

Habib Bank Limited through its Manager, Harnai Branch. Versus Plaintiff Amir Muhammad Zarkoon son of akhtar Muhammad R/o P H E Colony Porana road killa Saifullah, Public Health Energy Division Office, killa Saifullah Permanent address: Killa Haji Rang Tehsil Duki District Duki. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS:729937/22- ALONG-WITH COST OF FUND US 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES ORDINANCE 2001).

Notice to: The above noted defendant. WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 729937/22; balance of principal & interest mark up/rent due to him which copy can be obtained from this court, on or hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint. Leave to appear may be obtained on application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 04-09-2023. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 2nd day of August, 2023. (SAIFULLAH KHAN) REGISTRAR Banking Court Balochistan Quetta

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Pakistan needs to focus on boosting leather exports: WealthPk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's leather industry, the world's largest, is the leading industry after textiles, has a massive potential to become one of the leading exporters in the world through viable marketing and innovation.

Member Executive Committee Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industries (SCCI) Shoab Intiaz said while talking to WealthPk that Sialkot is the leading of Pakistan's leather producer. He said Sialkot was the hub of small, medium and large-scale industries, and the business community in the city had a broad vision to earn valuable foreign exchange for Pakistan. Sialkot is acknowl-

edged internationally as a quality producer of sports goods, handbags, shoes, leather goods, sportswear and musical instruments. The production of leather products is also a source of fame for Sialkot for decades. Intiaz said. Sialkot's leather industry, which has 100 years as leather was initially used to manufacture footballs, however, in the 1970s, the production of leather gloves started, followed by leather garments. In the 1980s, artificial leather replaced natural leather in the production of footballs. Resultantly, the tanners producing leather for football manufacturers switched to production for gloves, garments and other leather INP.

Legal notices and court proceedings for Habib Bank Limited vs. Amir Muhammad Zarkoon and I. Mr. Raza Yousof. Includes details of suits for recovery of funds and court dates.

# BA'TIE GIRL, first Pak-China co-production film to hit Cinema on Friday

ISLAMABAD: While China and Pakistan are celebrating the first decade of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), BA'TIE GIRL, the first Pak-China co-production film will be released in the cinemas on August 4 (Friday).

BA'TIE GIRL is the first Sino-Pak feature film based on friendship between the people of Pakistan and China. The film is coproduced by China Film Administration & HunanKada Films of Pakistan, featuring Wang Jia Jia, Shazida Chana, Suraj Arman Khan, Yue Ye, Asif Shah and others. Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday.

BA'TIE GIRL, which means "Dost Larki" in Urdu, is a story of a young, passionate girl from a small village of Pakistan with dreams and talent for football.

It is a story of empowerment of the young girl brought on by a woman from another nation. A nation (China) Pakistan has put its trust and friendship in for decades.

Their story, much like, the "Pak Cheen Dost" is perfused with compassion and progression.

In the film, football has been used as a stimulus for social change. Sports have always brought entire cities, provinces and nations together.

BA'TIE GIRL unravels in such a way where two tribes with ancestor rivalry come together, women's rights are

recognized, and the fate of society is trusted upon the shoulders of a bunch of young girls, while all of this is happening in a small village of Pakistan.

The plot of the film follows a six-episode leads, a Pakistani teenager, Nasa, 13, with a passion for football, and Lu You, a once highly regarded Chinese female footballer now settled in Pakistan, whose experience and determination become wings for Nasa's dreams.

The film features a star-studded cast. The story is set in a community formed of two mixed races and how both contrasting cultures can not only coexist peacefully but bring flavors of happiness, excitement and amelioration in the community.

After its formal release at Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) Islamabad on August, the film will hit Islamabad Club's cinema on August 4 and Bahlria Arena on August 5. The film is coproduced by China Film Administration & HunanKada Films of Pakistan, featuring Wang Jia Jia, Shazida Chana, Suraj Arman Khan, Yue Ye, Asif Shah and others. Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday.

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KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Turkey's Vice President Cevdet Yilmaz and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammed Amjad Khan Niazi cutting a rope to launch into sea Pakistan's 4th MILGEM Class Corvette 'PNS Tariq' in Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works.

## Pakistan capable to defend itself against all national, foreign threats: FO

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office Spokesperson, Mumtaz Zahra on Wednesday said Pakistan has capability to defend itself against all national and foreign threats.

This was stated by her while responding to media queries about yesterday's remarks of Foreign Minister on the threat of terrorism emanating from Afghanistan.

The said Pakistan has always remained engaged with Afghanistan to ensure that Afghan territory does not become a launch pad for terrorist acts inside Pakistani territory.

Mumtaz Zahra said Foreign Minister's remarks are neither new nor extraordinary.

FO Spokesperson said Foreign Minister clearly reiterated our policy to engage with world to be able to abide by its commitments to the international community including Pakistan. INP

## China stands by its anti-terrorism action plan: President Xi

BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping pledged that China will continue to firmly support Pakistan in promoting its national anti-terrorism action plan and jointly safeguard peace and security in the region and the world.

In a message of condolence to President Arif Alvi over the deadly suicide bomb attack that hit a gathering in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, he said,

China was shocked to learn of the suicide bomb attack which caused heavy casualties.

On behalf of the Chinese government and people, Xi mourned

deeply for the fatal victims and conveyed sincere sympathies to the bereaved families and those injured.

Xi stressed that China opposes all forms of terrorism and strongly condemns the attack.

He also pledged that China will continue to firmly support Pakistan in promoting its national anti-terrorism action plan and jointly safeguard peace and security in the region and the world.

Premier Li Qiang also extended condolences to Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif over the attack. INP

## Govt of Iraq boosts quota of Pakistani pilgrims to 100,000

BAGHDAD: The government of Iraq has decided to increase the quota of Pakistani pilgrims during Abdul Fitr from 60,000 to 100,000.

The Interior Minister of Iraq Amir Al-Shammari made the decision on the request of his Pakistani counterpart Rana Sanaullah who is on a visit to Iraq.

The Iraqi Interior Minister also approved the issuance of individual visas to Pakistani pilgrims from the Iraqi Embassy in Pakistan in addition to group visas. He also assured to reduce the visa fee for Pakistani pilgrims.

On the occasion, Rana Sanaullah thanked his Iraqi counterpart for providing facilities to pilgrims.

Talking to his Iraqi counterpart, the Minister said Iraq respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq. He said Pakistan fully supports Iraq's efforts of rehabilitation in the country.

Rana Sanaullah said Iraq can benefit from the counter-terrorism experience of Pakistan's institutions.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah also called on Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid INP.

## Caretaker Setup: Raja Riaz consults opposition members

ISLAMABAD: Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly Raja Riaz Khan on Wednesday consulted with opposition parties to discuss the caretaker setup for the elections.

Raja Riaz said that he consulted with the GDA, Jamaat Islami and other leaders over names for caretaker prime minister.

He was optimistic, "The opposition will reach to consensus over three names for caretaker PM by August 08."

The Opposition Leader in NA said, "Another session of opposition will meet with the prime minister for consultation after consensus within the opposition over three names for caretaker PM," he added.

The opposition leader will suggest three names for the office of caretaker prime minister in talks with the prime minister.

"These names could likely to be included economist, politician and bureaucrat," Raja Riaz yesterday said.

The tenure of the National Assembly is set to expire on August 12, elections would be held within the next 90 days. If the NA completes its tenure, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) will be bound to hold polls within the next 60 days.

However, under the law the prime minister and opposition leader required consultations over a caretaker setup. INP

## Tax evaders adversely damaged the country's economy: Mian Zahid

KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and Ali Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain said that there was a perfect alliance between tax defaulters and tax evaders, which is a great threat to the survival of the state.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, he said that the non-tax-paying influential classes were divided along political, ideological, and national lines, but when their interests were threatened, they immediately unite and force the government to its knees.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the process of rent-seeking has been going on for decades, due to unwilling influential classes short of funds for development, public welfare, and debt repayment and has to take new loans to repay the previous debts while selling profitable assets.

He said that influential and wealthy people always become part of some political party, and the attempt to collect taxes from them may result in political chaos.

For this reason, no serious attempt was being made to bring the focus into the tax net, and the government has to increase the tax burden on the people, he added. These privileged people continue to thrive during civil and military regimes, and no one can even think of annoying them, the business leader noted. Mian Zahid Hussain further said that at present the focus is on the tax net, and the country was the welfare of the influential instead of the masses, which has brought the country to the threshold of bankruptcy, and news in foreign newspapers. INP

## WHO donates 15 motorbikes ambulances to enhance emergency services in KP

PESHAWAR: In a significant stride towards strengthening emergency medical services and fortifying disaster relief capabilities, the World Health Organization (WHO) has generously contributed 15 motorbike ambulances and two vehicle ambulances to the Relief Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

This benevolent donation marks a remarkable milestone in advancing healthcare accessibility and rapid response within the province.

The official handover ceremony took place on Tuesday at the Rescue 1122 headquarters in Peshawar, uniting distinguished representatives from WHO, the Relief Department, and the Health Department to mark this momentous occasion. The event underscored the spirit of collaboration and unwavering dedication to safeguarding public health and providing swift assistance during crises.

Motorbike ambulances have emerged as invaluable assets for delivering critical medical aid, particularly in areas with challenging terrains or limited accessibility.

These agile and well-equipped vehicles will empower Rescue 1122 first responders to navigate rugged landscapes and swiftly reach remote communities, drastically reducing response times in life-threatening situations.

Equipped with essential medical tools such as a backpack. INP



BAGHDAD: Federal Minister for Interior Rana Sana Ullah Khan and Interior Minister of Iraq Abdul Amir Al Shammari during an agreement signing ceremony in Baghdad.

## SC turns down plea for full court to take up military trials of civilians

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan (SC) on Wednesday rejected the plea seeking the formation of a full court bench against military trials of civilians.

In the development came in a six-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial and consisting Justice Jazal Ahsan, Justice Mumtaz Ahsan, Justice Yousaf Ali, Justice Saeeduzzaman Khan, Justice Asif Saeed, and Justice Ayesha A. Malik, resumed hearing the plea.

Delivering the reserved verdict, CJP Bandial remarked that the SC is currently in a state of progress, leading to some judgments being unavailable and others on vacation.

In light of these circumstances, the court had already established a 9-member larger bench comprising available judges to address the matter," added CJP.

Rejecting the plea for the formation of a full court, the top judge emphasised that the unavailability of a full court bench until September was a constraint.

Today's hearing

During the hearing, the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Umar Ata Bandial, turned to the Attorney General, inviting him to share his thoughts.

In response, the Attorney General highlighted that Faizal Siddiqui's request had been addressed the previous day. He assured the court that all necessary arrangements and assurances have been provided to the detainees involved in the case.

The detainees are being granted the opportunity to meet their families and have access to legal representation, ensuring a fair trial process.

Rejecting the plea for the formation of a full court to examine the issue of conducting trials of civilians in military courts, Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial emphasised that the unavailability of a full court bench until September was a constraint.

He further assured that the judiciary would continue to carry out its responsibilities diligently, irrespective of anyone's preferences, and affirmed that it is the people who ultimately determine the laws that govern the nation.

AGP presents list of 102 people under military custody.

During the last hearing, the AGP told the court that the 102 people under the military's custody were involved in attacks on military installations, alleging that seven of them were involved in the attack on the GHQ, three attacked the army institute, 27 attacked the Lahore Corps Commander House, four were involved in attacking the Multan garrison, and 10 Gujranwala garrison.

Moreover, he told the court, eight of the suspects were involved in the attack on the ISI office in Faisalabad, three for the Mianwali base, 14 the Chakdara attack, seven Punjab Regiment Center in Mardan, while three were involved in the attack on the Abbottabad garrison and 10 on the Bannu Garrison.

The AGP further told the court that the suspects were arrested on identification through CCTV cameras and other evidence. INP

## Daniyal & Talal had to pay only for speaking truth: Marriyum

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Public Relations Marriyum Aurangzeb has said that Daniyal Aziz and Talal Shah should not be punished for speaking truth as it was not their intention to cause any harm or damage to the government.

"Both of them faced extremely unfavorable conditions but did not leave the path of truth nor did they leave the people of the constituency, and stood by their position, leadership and party," she congratulated Daniyal Aziz, Talal Shah and the people of their constituency. INP

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## Saudi Arabia keen to invest in Pakistan's mining sector

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Arabia has expressed its keen desire to invest in Pakistan's mining sector, which provides vast opportunities of investment.

The desire was expressed by a Saudi Arabian delegation, led by Deputy Minister for Mining, Industries and Minerals, Khalid bin Saleh Al-Mudafar, which called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad. PM Office statement said Wednesday.

The Saudi minister appreciated the pro-investors measures of the present government, particularly the establishment of Special Investment Facilitation Council.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that Pakistan provides immense investment opportunities to investors, particularly in the mining sector. He assured the delegation that not only the upcoming inter-



ISLAMABAD: Dr. Samuel Rizk, Resident Representative UNDP called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division.

## Won't vote in CCI if reservations on census not removed: Murad Shah

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has clarified that he will not be in position to vote in Council of Common Interests (CCI) if reservations on census not removed.

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Murad Shah said that the census issue hasn't come in CCI and Sindh has concerns over it from day first.

He said that Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) was not recognized as a political party in the industry is provided with policy support and other incentives, Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PPMA) said.

"The government must recognise the pharmaceutical sector as an industry and establish a dedicated body to promote exports," PPMA Chairman Syed Farooq Bukhari said while talking to WealthPK.

He said that the pharmaceutical sector was not recognized as an industry in Pakistan like textile, leather, and engineering goods, which are considered as export growth areas.

Bukhari suggested that a dedicated government body or council should be given the task of international projection of the country's pharma products.

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The PPMA chairman said that global pharmaceutical market is worth \$1.4 trillion now, while Pakistan's share in

## Sindh govt committed to provide relief to common man: Sharjeel

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Information Sharjeel Inam Memon has said that the provincial government respite challenging situation is making all out efforts for providing relief to common man.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, he highlighted the efforts made by the Sindh government in facilitating medical facilities to citizens, including sending medical units to every household and locality. He further acknowledged the government's commitment to continue to impact the nation.

Expressing concern over the recent increase in petrol prices, Sharjeel Memon asserted that the Sindh government was consulting options to ease the burden on the public.

Referring to the recent flood situations, he applauded the relief work carried out by the provincial government during the calamity. He emphasized the government's determination to provide relief to the people under all circumstances, exemplified by the construction of 2.1 million houses across Sindh, including provisions for women's security rights.

The minister emphasized the need to empower women, stating that their efforts are not often appreciated and often criticized. He said that critics only aim to gain political mileage.

Regarding the energy crisis, he announced that coal is being extracted from Thar to resolve the power crisis. The Sindh government, under the leadership of the Pakistan Peoples Party, is extracting coal from Thar for cheap electricity production. Sharjeel urged all political parties to acknowledge any positive work undertaken for the betterment of the country. He further stressed the importance of national unity to address the country's challenges. INP

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this mega market was too low compared to its actual potential.

"By 2030, the PPMA chairman, the sector can enhance its exports to \$1 billion during the next two years, and up to \$5 billion by 2030 if it is provided with policy support and incentives. He informed that currently, Pakistani pharmaceuticals industry is fulfilling more than 95% of the domestic pharmaceutical requirements.

"Our goal is to ensure the availability of quality medicine and enhance exports by accessing more lucrative markets of Europe and the United States," Bukhari said.

He said the pharma industry, as per various researches, has been identified as an area that carries a great potential for growth.

"Currently, Pakistan's pharma industry exports only to some low stringency countries," Bukhari said.

He added that Pakistan offers small and low profitability," Bukhari pointed out. INP