

# QUETTA VOICE

## Bloodbath at PSX as jittery investors jettison shares over 'weakening rupee, economic uncertainty'

## PM Kakar rules out 'deviating' from agreements with multi-financial institutions

ISLAMABAD: Interim Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar said on Thursday that the government would fulfill Pakistan's agreements with multi-financial institutions "at any cost" and

to the streets against excessive power bills. So far, the government has failed to come up with any relief measures as it tries to strike a balance between avoiding drawing the line

and protesting regarding space did not permit any subsidy or relief. In an interactive session with journalists today, the premier acknowledged that he had recently found out about protests regard-

ing like this, then they must shun this thought," he said. PM Kakar recalled that in the 90s, load-shedding came forth as a chal-



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international Monetary Fund's ire and causing more citizens to blow a fuse. Yesterday, caretaker Finance Minister Shamsah Akhtar told senators and the electric-

ity bills. "We (the interim set-up) have no ulterior motive, plan or larger-than-life grand ambitions for which we are speaking here," he said. "It is not like oppres-

sive rulers have come to power and are sucking the blood of the country. NewsDesk.

## SBK teachers: Submit written oath to registrar BHC if someone has demanded bribery

## Balochistan: Ancient revenue record in deplorable condition

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Images of ancient revenue records and history shared on social media paint an abysmal picture of the Balochistan Revenue Department's performance. Ancient revenue records, judgments of historic Sibi jirga, records of the Kalat State, and old gazetteer are packed in cloth bags and kept in the revenue office Sibi.

shape and ensure the protection of the ancient record. This is the first time that someone in the government has taken notice and focused on preserving ancient records and history.

"Deplorable condition of our history and revenue record", the minister said. This prompted the caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Ali Mardaan Domki to take notice of the deplorable condition of the revenue record.



Dust-covered bags without any specific dates and numbers are lying on the ground. The newly appointed caretaker revenue minister of Balochistan, Amjad Rasheed took to social media network X and lamented about the abysmal condition of revenue record.

**"Priceless documents in deplorable condition", Amjad Rasheed**  
"Priceless documents of our history", the minister said and vowed to restore the record to its original

All revenue departments paint the same bleak picture  
This is not only the Sibi office, the revenue department's offices across Balochistan paint the same bleak picture when it comes to revenue records and history. Nevertheless, the Revenue Department officials hold the government responsible in this regard. "Who can pro-

ect these heavy bags full of ancient history, we cannot complete our routine work", a senior revenue officer told Daily Quetta Voice. He requested anonymity because he was not authorized to comment on this issue. However, citizens are critical of the revenue department and level serious allegations against them. "It is very

easy for the revenue staff to mint money right under the nose of the high-ups, but here they blame the government", Muhammad Iqbal, a young man claimed. He demanded that the government take action against the responsible revenue staff for this deplorable condition of the revenue record.

## SBK teachers: Submit written oath to registrar BHC if someone has demanded bribery

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court (BHC) has asked candidates who appeared in testing tests of Sardar Bahadur Khan (SBK) women's university to submit a written oath if someone has demanded bribery for the appointment of teachers. Around 20000 candidates participated in the tests conducted for around 9,000 posts of teachers in the education department.

A division bench of the court comprising Mr. Justice Kamran Malakhalai and Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Kasi passed this order on a constitutional petition challenging the recruitment through SBK Women's University.

While approving one of the petitions for hearing, the bench remarked that when the constitutional petition filed against the Secretary of Secondary Education Balochistan was entered for hearing, the news became public particularly that posts in government departments in general and in the education department, in particular, were filled illegally and it was talk of the town that jobs are on sale.

**Several plaintiffs appeared and leveled serious allegations against SBK tests**



Even during the hearing of the said application, several plaintiffs appeared in the court with similar applications and complained about the same issue. The Hon'ble Court remarked that it seems that the public sector's decision-making process in the departments is neither transparent nor impartial.

Even today some persons have filed affidavits that money has been demanded from their dear ones for posting on posts. The Hon'ble Court ordered that the Director of General Public Relations should issue a notice in the national and local newspapers to inform the public that any candidate who himself or his relative witnesses the demand or payment of such illegal money shall be prosecuted by the court.

**Submit affidavits to the Registrar of BHC: the bench ordered**

Submit an affidavit to the Registrar of the Balochistan High Court, the bench ordered. The Hon'ble Court directed the Registrar to prepare a list of these persons for the perusal of the Court and to receive affidavits. The honorable court ordered to send a copy of the order to DGPR for information and compliance. The Hon'ble Court extended the earlier interim order in this regard till the next hearing (September 21, 2023).

## 9 soldiers martyred, 5 injured in suicide attack in KP's Bannu: ISPR

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA: Nine soldiers were martyred while five others were injured in a suicide attack at a military convoy in the Jani Khel general area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu district, the military's media affairs wing said on Thursday.

According to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), a motorcycle-borne suicide bomber exploded himself on a military convoy.

"Resultantly, nine soldiers including Nabh Subedar Sanobar Ali embraced shahadat, while five soldiers were injured," it said.

The area has been cordoned off by security forces and sanitisation is being carried out to eliminate any terrorists found in the area, the ISPR said.

"The security forces of Pakistan are determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave soldiers further strengthen our resolve," the statement added.

Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar has condemned the attack and expressed grief over the martyrdom of the soldiers.

Talking to social media platform X, formerly Twitter, he said: "Heartbroken by the loss of 9 valiant soldiers in Bannu Division, KP, to a cowardly terrorist act that injured many."



The premier called such acts "utterly reprehensible" and said his thoughts were with the families of the martyred and injured. "Pakistan stands resolute against such terror," he added.

Pakistan has witnessed an uptick in terror activities in recent months, especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, after the outlawed TTP ended its ceasefire with the government in November last year.

On August 22, six soldiers embraced martyrdom in an exchange of fire in South Waziristan district, the military's media wing said last week. At least four terrorists were killed in the gun battle.

Last month, as many as 12 soldiers of the Pakistan Army embraced martyrdom in separate military operations in the Zhob and Sui areas of Balochistan.

This was the military's highest single-day death toll from terrorist attacks reported this year. Before this, 10 personnel were martyred in a 'fire raid' in Balochistan's Kech district in February 2022. A report released in July by the think tank Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies said the first half of the current year witnessed a steady and alarming rise in terror and suicide attacks, claiming the lives of 389 people across the country.



Pakistan to launch 5G services within 10 months

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Dr Umar Saif has decided that the 5G services will be launched in Pakistan within 10 months...

Lion on the loose: Wildlife dept arrests five in Karachi

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Wildlife Dept has arrested five people after a lion was spotted strolling on Karachi's Shaheen-Faisal on Tuesday evening...



The Long March-2D carrier rocket carrying three remote sensing satellites is launched into space from the Shichang Satellite Launch Center in China's Sichuan Province.

Swiss gov announces Excellence Scholarship for Pakistani students

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Swiss Government has announced the 'Excellence Scholarship for Pakistani students' for the academic year 2024-25...

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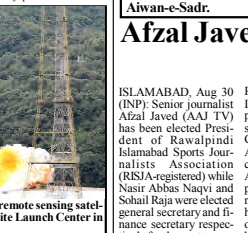
KARACHI: Activates of Jamaat-e-Islami Women wing burn electricity bill during protest against over electricity bill charges.

Pakistan exported meat and meat preparations worth \$34,866,000 in July

ISLAMABAD (INP): China has a very large consumption and is becoming a new export destination for Pakistani meat...

Saudi Crown Prince may pay hours-long visit to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman may pay a short visit to Pakistan in the second week of next month...



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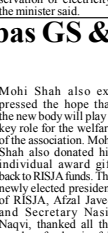
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Strategy being evolved to bring investment in energy sector

Muhammad Ali ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali has said that the government is committed to evolve a comprehensive strategy to bring investment in energy sector...

Father allegedly kills daughter for refusing to marry man of his choice

RAWALPINDI (INP): A father allegedly killed his daughter after she refused to marry the boy of his choice, police said on Wednesday...



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**Over 1,000 flights cancelled as hurricane makes land-fall in Florida**

**TAMPA (INP):** Airlines in the United States cancelled more than 1,000 flights on Wednesday as Hurricane Idalia slammed into the Big Bend region of Florida, but the storm's power ebbed as it headed toward Georgia. Southwest Airlines cancelled more than 220 flights, while Delta Air Lines cancelled 157 flights, as of 12pm ET, according to flight-tracking website Flightaware.com. About 2,000 flights were also delayed.

Airports at Tampa, Clearwater and Tallahassee shut down operations and were monitoring the status of the storm. Drawing strength from the Gulf of Mexico's warm waters, Idalia unleashed destructive winds and torrential downpours that were forecast to cause coastal flooding up to 16 feet (5m) deep along the state's Gulf Coast. Idalia grew from a tropical storm into a hurricane early on Tuesday, a day after passing west of Cuba, where it damaged homes, knocked out power, flooded villages and prompted mass evacuations. "With Tampa Airport closing at midnight on Tuesday.

**First PhD SHO in Punjab Police leaves people dumbfounded**

**PHOOLNAGAR (INP):** Despite the fact that people in Pakistan usually complain about the police's conduct and it is due to the presence of black sheep in the Force that even honest and dedicated police officers remain deprived of people's appreciation, still there are some police personnel who still manage to make a name for themselves and earn praise

not only from their family members and friends but also from the people who are hostile towards them. Dr. Zulfiqar is one such police official who completed his PhD while he was serving as an SHO at Phoolnagar's Saddar police station. He has now become the first SHO in Punjab who has done PhD. Zulfiqar has proved that if a person remains committed to his or her passion, he or she could win laurels no matter how difficult the circumstances are. And even service at police department, with which lot of negativity is associated, cannot dampen his or her spirit. Not only Zulfiqar is a highly educated police official, but he is also honest and dedicated to his duty. He treats complainants with extreme respect due to which he has won their hearts and minds. So much so that people are stunned when they meet him and wonder whether he is from police department. They have said that the Force's morale could boost if there are more such police officers, who are not only educated but also honest and committed to their job.



**HYDERABAD:** Sindh Law Minister Umer Soomro addressing to the members of Hyderabad District Bar.

**President emphasizes imparting quality training, essential skills to civil servants**

**ISLAMABAD, Aug 31 (INP):** President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday emphasized the need of imparting quality training to civil servants and equipping them with essential skills such as problem-solving, fast decision-making, and efficient management of resources to ensure good governance and improve service delivery.

He said, "Bureaucracy must be more responsive to people's needs and focus on solving problems being faced by the country in different sectors, particularly health, education, and community services." These views were expressed by the president while chairing the 23rd meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of the National School of Public Policy (NSPP) here at Awan-e-Sadr. The meeting was attended by the Secretary Establishment Division, Imamullah Khan Dharejo, Rector NSPP, Dr Ijaz Munir, and other members of the BOG.

**Water level dropped in Sutlej to low flood at Ganda Singh Wala**

**L A H O R E / BAHAWALNAGAR (INP):** Sutlej River water has dropped to low flood at Ganda Singh Wala in Kasur district on Thursday. The water flow in river has been 74,390 cusecs at Ganda Singh Wala and 77,022 cusecs at Islam Headworks, Provincial Disaster Management Authority has stated.

Sutlej River has been in medium flood at Bahawalnagar district and 86 settlements of the river belt have been affected in flood. Ferocious flow of the river water has swept away protective dykes and roads in the district. The land link with over 100 settlements has been disrupted and standing crops of thousands of acres have drowned while the water has flooded several houses. Floodwater has developed craters at link roads connecting river belt with the main highway. Rescue teams have shifted 12,236 people stranded in flood water to safer places. The administration has set up 30 flood relief camps for affected people.



**ISLAMABAD:** Caretaker Minister for Energy, Power Muhammad Ali Chaudhry on Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani.

**Three arrested for sexually assaulting boy in Arifwala**

**ARIFWALA (INP):** Arifwala police booked four accused and arrested three of them for sexually assaulting a boy and blackmailing him into paying money under the threat of making a video of him being assaulted viral, police said on Thursday. A police inspector nominated at the spot and shot a video of the act. They then blackmailed the victim into paying hundreds of thousands of rupees under the threat of making the video viral. The police registered a case against the accused under various provisions and arrested three suspects identified as Aqib, Awaiz Padihyar and Hassan Gaudhi while their one accomplice managed to escape. Awaiz Shah, son of a police inspector nominated in the case, was yet to be arrested by the police. "Police are reluctant to arrest the son of the police inspector," the family of the victim alleged.

**US approves first arms to Taiwan under foreign aid programme**

**WASHINGTON, Aug 31 (INP):** US President Joe Biden's administration has for the first time approved direct US military aid to Taiwan under an assistance programme aimed at foreign governments, officials said on Wednesday, as worries grow over China. The State Department informed Congress on Tuesday of the \$80 million package, which is small compared with recent sales to Taiwan but marks the first assistance to Taipei under the Foreign Military Financing

programme, which generally involves grants or loans to sovereign countries. Successive US administrations have done so through sales rather than direct aid to Taiwan, with formal statements speaking in the tone of business transactions with the island's de-facto embassy in Washington. The State Department insisted that the first-ever aid under the programme did not imply any recognition of Taiwan's sovereignty by Taiwan.

**Zahoor Ahmed assumes charge of Additional Secretary I&B**

**ISLAMABAD (INP):** Zahoor Ahmed of Secretariat Group has assumed the charge of Additional Secretary I&B at the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, says in media reports. On arrival at his office, Zahoor Ahmed was received by senior officers and staff of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. After taking charge of the Information Ministry, he met with the Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Muraza Solangi and took instructions from him regarding the affairs of the ministry.

**Shamshad Akhtar clarifies comment about quitting job**

**ISLAMABAD (INP):** Caretaker Finance Minister Shamshad Akhtar in her clarification statement said that comments about wondering why she took up a post in the cabinet were "misinterpreted". In the video, Shamshad Akhtar said that she had said that many people asked her why she had taken up the job of finance minister in such challenging times. However, Shamshad Akhtar added that it was an honour to be able to serve Pakistan at such a time.

The clarification was issued as a video by Information Minister Muraza Solangi on X, former Twitter. Earlier reports emerged that the minister told the Senate's Standing Committee on Finance that she sometimes wonders why she took the job. However, reports said that she added that the comment had been made on a lighter note.

**Sindh education dept bans corporal punishment in schools**

**KARACHI (INP):** Education Department, Sindh has taken a proactive stance against the growing instances of physical violence targeting students within educational institutions. As a result, a decisive ban on corporal punishment has been enforced across all private schools in the city. The initiative was spearheaded by Mr. Ahmed Khan, the Additional Director of Education Department.

Mr. Khan expressed deep concern about the rising trend of corporal punishment in schools and underscored the department's commitment to fostering a safe and conducive learning environment. The ban, now an integral part of school registration certificates, highlights the department's dedication to safeguarding the well-being of students. Mr. Khan expressed concern about the rising trend of corporal punishment in schools and underscored the department's commitment to fostering a safe and conducive learning environment. The ban, now an integral part of school registration certificates, highlights the department's dedication to safeguarding the well-being of students. Mr. Khan expressed concern about the rising trend of corporal punishment in schools and underscored the department's commitment to fostering a safe and conducive learning environment. The ban, now an integral part of school registration certificates, highlights the department's dedication to safeguarding the well-being of students.

**SC dismisses ECP plea seeking review of Punjab polls order**

**ISLAMABAD (INP):** The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday dismissed the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) asking the top court to revisit its order of holding elections to the Punjab Assembly on May 14.

A three-member bench headed by Chief Justice Umar Atta Bandial and comprising Justice Ijaz Ul Ahsan and Justice Muneer Akhtar heard the case. In a unanimous judgment on April 4, the bench had quashed the electoral body's decision to extend the date for polls in the province from May 14 to the new date. It had earlier directed the government to release Rs21 billion for the elections in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and provide a security plan to the ECP regarding the polls. Moreover, the court had instructed relevant authorities to keep it in the loop.

**Electricity bills: Lahore traders to observe shutter down strike on Sept 2**

**LAHORE (INP):** The business community of Lahore on Thursday announced to observe a shutter down strike on September 2 (Saturday) against the inflated electricity bills and rising inflation. In a statement, Mujahid Mansoor Butt, President of Traders Association - said that markets across Lahore will remain closed on Saturday (September 2) in protest against inflated electricity bills and rising inflation in the country. Traders cannot pay such heavy bills, as it is destroying our businesses, Butt said and urged the Caretaker PM Anwaarul Haq Kakar to take back the recent hike in the electricity bills.

feasible since it would incur significantly more expenses compared to holding the exercise on one day. It had further said that an already depleted security apparatus would require weeks in advance for its mobilisation. On May 3, with fewer than two weeks to the May 14 election date ordered by the court, the election commission had filed its plea seeking a review of the court's April 4 order. The court will intervene whenever there is a Constitutional violation," Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial remarked during the hearing elsewhere, as the case.



**HYDERABAD:** Deputy convener MQM Pakistan Dr. Ferooz Sattar address to a huge protest rally against inflation.

**Govt 'prepares' relief plan for electricity consumers**

**ISLAMABAD (INP):** The Caretaker government has "prepared" a relief plan for the electricity consumers after countrywide protests against inflated bills, sources said on Thursday. From Karachi to Khyber, people belonging to various walks of life are protesting against soaring electricity bills. Sources, having knowledge of the development said Pakistan has shared the plan with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in writing seeking Rs250 billion relief in electricity bills. The plan has been prepared to help the consumers who use up to 400 electricity units, monthly, the sources said. Pakistan in its recommendations has suggested taking back the recent hike of Rs7 per unit in the basic tariff of electricity and doing the same phase-wise, later. Furthermore, Pakistan has also sought the IMF's nod to give installation facilities to electricity consumers. The Finance Ministry will give a guarantee to the international lender in writing for the collection of August and September's bills in instalments, the sources said. Earlier on Wednesday, Caretaker Finance Minister Dr. Shamshad Akhtar ruled out room for additional subsidies within the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreements.

Meanwhile, Karachi traders have also announced a shutter down strike on September 1 against inflated electricity bills. The inflated power bills triggered countrywide protests from Karachi to Khyber and protests in some parts of the country are turning violent.

**IHC holds hearing in Imaan Mazari's protective bail, case details plea**

**ISLAMABAD (INP):** A hearing was held in Islamabad High Court (IHC) regarding the human rights lawyer - Imaan Mazari - plea for protective bail as well as the details of the cases registered against her on Thursday. The Islamabad High Court (IHC), Justice Mian Gul Hassan Aurangzeb presided over the hearing, where the officials from the Interior Ministry presented their arguments before the court. Interior Ministry officials said that a case has been registered against Mazari's husband. The ministry officials firmly argued that the federal government lacked the authority to order the provinces about the details of cases filed in the provinces against Imaan Mazari.

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**KARACHI:** Pakistan Navy and Royal Navy Ship HMS LANCASTER participated in bilateral exercise WHITE STAR IV in North Arabian Sea.