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Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, the Balochistan Minister speaking during the Balochistan Assembly session: Photo Daily Quetta Voice

## Levies Post Attacked in Kalat: 1 Killed, 2 Injured in Nichara

Abdullah Lehr:

Kalat: A Levies post in Nichara, Kalat, was attacked by unknown assailants, leaving one Levies official dead and two others injured, according to Levies sources.

The attackers opened fire on the security personnel before fleeing the scene unhurt. The injured were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for medical treatment.

A search operation is currently underway to track down the culprits. In response to the attack, security has been tightened in the area to prevent further incidents.

Authorities are continuing their investigation into the attack while efforts to apprehend the attackers are ongoing.

## Balochistan Assembly Demands 24-Hour Uninterrupted Electricity Supply

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly unanimously passed a resolution urging the federal government to ensure 24-hour uninterrupted electricity to the province.

The resolution, presented by Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), called for the province to be declared a disaster zone and demanded a waiver on electricity dues.

"Electricity is generated from Quetta, and it's only fair that the people of Balochistan receive 24-hour uninterrupted supply," the resolution stated. It also highlighted the severe reduction in electricity supply to Makran from Iran, which has dropped from 200 MW to just 10 MW. The Assembly demanded that the elec-

tricity imported from Iran should be provided at Iranian rates. Government and opposition parties were united in their support for the resolution.

"We will not pay the bills of IPPs (Independent Power Producers)," said government member Farah Azim Shah, expressing frustration over the situation.

Several members echoed these concerns, calling for the inclusion of an end to the gas shutdown in the province. "Where has the world reached? We are still crying for basic necessities like gas and electricity in this modern era," lamented Assembly members. Chairman Khair Jan Baloch presided over the session,

where Chief Minister Balochistan was tasked with forming a committee to discuss the electricity and gas crisis with the Prime Minister. Provincial ministers Mir Asim Kurd Gallo, Mir Sadiq Umrani, and Saleem Khan Khoso also supported the resolution.

"This resolution is absolutely correct," stated Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman. "The people of Balochistan deserve uninterrupted power and relief from ever-increasing bills."

The Assembly emphasized that the province generates substantial electricity, including 930 MW from the Ochi Power Plant, 500 MW from the Habco Power Plant, and 150 MW from the Habibullah Coastal Power Plant.

## SC Reaffirms: Elections Act Amendment Cannot Undo July 12 Verdict

Dawood Ahmed:

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has reiterated that amendments made to the Elections Act cannot be applied retroactively to alter its July 12 ruling.

In a detailed clarification issued by eight judges on Friday, the court responded to applications from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), both seeking clarification on the impact of recent changes to the law governing elections.

prompting the ECP's request for clarification. In its latest response, the Supreme Court reaffirmed its original stance, making it clear that the amendments could not undermine the judgment retrospectively.

"The effect of the amendment made in the Elections Act cannot undo our judgment with retrospective effect," the judges stated in the two-page clarification. The court explained that its original



The clarification was made in light of the ECP's query regarding the legal effect of the Elections (Second Amendment) Act, 2024. The ECP argued that amendments to Sections 66 and 104, along with the addition of Section 104-A, had altered the legal landscape and sought the top court's guidance on whether its July 12 judgment—delivered before the amendments—still held force.

PTI, in a separate application, contended that the Supreme Court's judgment was based on constitutional principles and should not be overridden by legislative changes. It argued that the amendments could not retroactively affect the judgment, particularly concerning the allocation of reserved seats in parliament.

The Supreme Court had earlier ruled on a case concerning the allocation of reserved seats for women and minorities. The court's July 12 judgment emphasised proportional representation for political parties in line with the number of general seats won, under Articles 51 and 106 of the Constitution. The amendments made by parliament were seen as an attempt to adjust this allocation process,

nal ruling had provided a "window" for parties to seek clarification, should any misunderstanding arise before the release of the detailed reasons.

However, with the detailed reasons now issued, the apex court said there was no need for further clarification.

"The judgment of this court has binding effect in terms of Article 189 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, and should have been implemented," the clarification read.

It emphasised that the amendments made after the July 12 decision had "no bearing" on the ruling and that the ECP was legally bound to implement it in full.

The court granted the original relief to uphold the right of political parties to proportional representation in reserved seats, which it deemed a constitutional requirement. "The commission [ECP] is bound to implement the judgment passed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, in its letter and spirit, without seeking any further clarification."

The clarification was signed by eight of the Supreme Court's senior judges.



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## PKMAP Protests Killing Of 21 Coal Miners In Dukki

Hussain Zarkoon:

DUKKI: The Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party held a protest in Dukki Bazaar on Friday, condemning the brutal killing of 21 coal workers in a tragic incident on October 11.

Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal, General Secretary of the Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party, also condemned the killings and criticized the government's response measures for coal workers in Balochistan.

He demanded immediate action and accountability for the tragic loss of life. Ziaratwal called for new, transparent elections to address the ongoing governance issues and restore order in the province.

Talemand Khan, the Central Secretary Information lamented that despite giving policing powers to the Frontier Corps, incidents of targeted killings.

He urged contractors to ensure that workers receive their due payments without delay.





## Trump blames Ukraine's Zelenskiy for starting war with Russia

WASHINGTON (INP): Donald Trump blamed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy for helping start that nation's war with Russia, a comment that further suggests Trump is likely to radically shift U.S. policy toward Ukraine if he wins the Nov. 5 election.

The Republican former president has frequently criticized Zelenskiy on the campaign trail, repeatedly calling him "the greatest salesman on Earth" for having solicited and received billions of dol-

lars of U.S. military aid since the war broke out in 2022.

Trump has also slammed the Ukrainian leader for failing to seek peace with Moscow, and he has suggested Ukraine may have to cede some of its land to Russia to make a peace deal, a concession Kyiv considers unacceptable.

Trump's comments on the PBD Podcast on Thursday with Patrick Bet-David went a step further than his previous criticism. He said Zelenskiy would be blamed not just for failing to end the war, but for helping start it, even though the conflict broke out when Russia invaded Ukrainian sovereign territory.

"That doesn't mean I don't want to help him because I feel very badly for those people. But he should never have let that war start. The war's a loser," Trump said.

Zelenskiy presented his "victory plan" to end the war to Trump during a meeting in New York in September, an encounter both leaders described as cordial.

Trump's public comments, however,

suggest he could seek to wind down aid for Ukraine if he defeats Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, on Nov. 5. He has repeatedly said he could end the conflict before he takes office in January, but he has not said how.

Harris has pledged to continue supporting Ukraine, and she has portrayed the victory for the eastern European nation as a vital U.S. national security interest.

She has frequently rebuked Trump for being unwilling to stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin,



QUETTA: Opposition leader Mir Younis Aziz Zehri is meeting provincial finance minister Mir Shoaib Noshirwani.

## Netanyahu says war on Gaza 'not over yet' after death of Yahya Sinwar

GAZA (INP): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the killing of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar in the Gaza Strip was the "beginning of the end" of the year-long war in the Palestinian territory.

The Israeli military said that after a lengthy hunt, troops had on Wednesday "eliminated" Yahya Sinwar, in an operation in the southern Gaza Strip.

Netanyahu, who vowed to crush Hamas at the start of the war, hailed Sinwar's killing, saying: "While this is not the end of the war in Gaza, it's the beginning of the end."

He had earlier called Sinwar's death an "important landmark in the decline of the evil rule of Hamas."

The chief of Hamas in Gaza at the time of the October 7 attack that sparked the war, Sinwar

became the fighters group's overall leader after the martyrdom in July of its political chief, Ismail Haniyeh.

Israel's announcement of Sinwar's death comes weeks after it assassinated Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah in a strike in Lebanon, where the Israeli military has been at war since late September.

With Hamas already weakened more than a year into the Gaza war, Sinwar's death deals an immense blow to the organisation. US President Joe Biden, whose government is Israel's top arms provider, said: "This is a good day for Israel, for the United States, and for the world." "There is now the opportunity for a 'day after' in Gaza without Hamas in power, and for a political settlement that provides a better future for Israelis and Palestin-

ians alike." Hamas also seized 251 hostages during the October 7 attack and took them into Gaza. Ninety-seven remain there, including 34 who Israeli officials say are dead. Following the attack, Netanyahu vowed to defeat Hamas and bring home all the hostages.

Israel's retaliatory campaign has killed 42,438 people in Gaza, the majority civilians, according to data from the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory, figures which the UN considers reliable.

Israeli military chief Herzi Halevi said: "We are settling the score with Sinwar, who is responsible for that very difficult day a year ago."

The Israeli military said Sinwar was killed in a firefight in southern Gaza's Rafah, near the Egyptian border, while being tracked by a drone. It released drone footage of what it said was Sinwar's final moments, with the video showing a wounded militant throwing an object at the drone.

With the civilian toll in Gaza mounting, Israel has faced criticism over its conduct of the war, including from the United States.

In northern Gaza's Jabalia, two hospitals said Israeli air strikes on a school sheltering displaced people killed at least 14 people.

According to a UN-backed assessment, some 345,000 Gazans face "catastrophic" levels of hunger this winter.

Nearly 100 percent of Gaza's population now lives in poverty, the UN's International Labour Organization said, warning that the war's impact on Gaza "will be felt for generations to come".

## Hezbollah says it will escalate war with Israel after Hamas leader killed

JERUSALEM/CAIRO (INP): Lebanon's Hezbollah group said on Friday it was moving to a new and escalating phase in its war against Israel while Iran said "the spirit of resistance will be strengthened" after the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar.

Sinwar, a mastermind of the Oct. 7, 2023, attack that triggered the Gaza war, was killed during an operation by Israeli soldiers in the Palestinian enclave on

Wednesday, a pivotal event in the year-long conflict.

Western leaders said his death offered an opportunity for the conflict to end, but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the war would go on until the hostages seized by Hamas were returned.

"Today we have settled the score. Today evil has been dealt a blow but our task has still not been completed," Netanyahu said in a recorded video statement after the death was confirmed on Thursday.

"To the dear hostage families, I say: This is an important moment in the war. We will continue full force until all your loved ones, our loved ones, are home."

Sinwar, who was named as Hamas' overall leader following the assassination of political chief Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran in July, was believed to have been hiding in the warren of tunnels Hamas



QUETTA: Adviser Labor and Manpower Sardar Gulham Rasool Umrani speaking at the opening ceremony of Chief Minister Youth Skills Development Program



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Provincial Ministers, Provincial Advisors and Chief Secretary, Chief Minister Youth Skills Development Program stand in honor of National Anthem.

## JUI-F denies claims of forward bloc in party over 26th Constitutional Amendment

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Jamaat-e-Islami-Fazl (JUI-F) has firmly denied reports suggesting the formation of a forward bloc within the party in the backdrop of the proposed 26th Constitutional Amendment, reiterating that all their lawmakers will follow the party's direction on the matter.

The denial comes in response to reports suggesting that a faction within the JUI-F had emerged, consisting of four to five parliamentarians, with regards to the

proposed 26th Constitutional Amendment. These members are reportedly in favour of supporting judicial reforms as part of the proposed amendment.

Speaking to a private TV channel, JUI-F spokesperson and senior leader Aslam Ghauri dismissed the speculation, saying: "There is no truth to the claims. We are in regular contact with all our members."

However, he noted that out of the party's eight MNAs and five senators, only Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor

Haideri has not been reachable currently, "but we are making efforts to get in touch with him."

Ghauri categorically denied division within the party. He clarified that JUI-F Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman had given clear instructions to all members

through notices to vote according to the party's official policy under Article 63(A) of the Constitution. Following a meeting with the PML leadership last Thursday, the JUI-F chief reiterated that

## PCB chief greets team for Multan victory, hopes for series win

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, congratulated the national cricket team for their victory in the Multan Test and expressed hope that they will perform well in the final match to win the series against England.

The PCB chairman

also commended Pakistani batsman Kamran Ghulam for showcasing his talent by scoring a century in his debut match.

Mohsin Naqvi further said the team's hard work, passion, and professional approach led to the win and added that the new players have justified their se-



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor Barkat Rind is meeting with Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran.

## Noman, Sajid spin Pakistan to victory over England in Multan Test

MULTAN (INP): It had been a long time coming for Pakistan, but the conclusion was swift. Noman Ali and Sajid Khan combined for the second time in the match to bowl out England and seal Pakistan's first win in a home Test since 2021.

Eight wickets fell in less than two hours as England went down in a flurry of sweeps and reverse-sweeps.

Noman claimed seven of them himself to finish with 8 for 46 and 11 for 147 in the match.

With Sajid, who took 7 for 111 in the first innings, picking up the other two, they became the first pair to take all 20 wickets in a Test since Dennis Lillee and Bob Massie in 1972.

A crushing result, achieved within three-and-a-bit days on a re-used surface that Pakistan had hoped would help

horror run of six consecutive defeats.

This was day four of the second Test, but the ninth day of action for the Multan pitch - with three days in between for a quick sprint up - and it was by now offering consistent turn. England's not-out batters, Ollie Pope and Joe Root, had been practising their sweeps before the start of play and it quickly became clear that the plan of attack was in their attempts to score a further 261 for victory.

Pope, however, barely played a shot in anger before becoming the first wicket to fall, poking Sajid's second ball straight back into the bowler's hands.

Harry Brook attempted to sweep his ball. Root did likewise and the battle lines were drawn.

Not that such clarity of purpose did England much good. Root and Brook had amassed a record fourth-wicket stand of 454 on this pitch barely a week ago but the turnaround in control and composure was stark. Root faced eight balls.

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## Balochistan Lawyers Launch Movement Against Constitutional Amendment

Ismail Attal:

QUETTA: Senior lawyer Ali Ahmad Kurd expressed deep regret over the alleged involvement of judges from Balochistan in what he called facilitating a controversial constitutional amendment, stating that they no longer represent the interests of the province's people.

He raised concerns about the lack of transparency surrounding the amendment and its potential consequences.

Advocate Rahab Buledi announced the launch of a nationwide movement starting today to oppose the constitutional changes.

"The draft of the constitutional amendment has yet to be shared with anyone," Buledi pointed out, stressing the need for public awareness. He added that lawyers across Pakistan would join the movement in protest.

"We urge civil society, the media, and political parties to stand with us in this cause," Buledi said, while commending the current political stance of Maulana Fazir Rehman. He also demanded that Justice Mansoor Ali Shah be appointed Chief Justice within 24 hours.



Afzal Harifal, another key figure in the protest, voiced his concern over the government's plan to push through a constitutional amendment without public knowledge.

"People have the right to know about this amendment," Harifal stressed, describing the situation in the country as highly uncertain.

Harifal warned that the constitutional amendment could result in violations of basic human rights and expressed frustration with the political parties involved.

"The actions of these parties are compromising the dignity of our sisters and daughters," he said, adding that the amendment lacks legitimacy.

The lawyers' movement aims to bring these issues to light, with advocates planning to present their case to the public in the coming days.

## Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) Thanks CM Balochistan for Media Town Land Transfer

Staff Reporter:



QUETTA: The Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) has expressed its gratitude to Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, for fulfilling his promise of transferring the Media Town land, allocated for journalists, to the Journalists Cooperative Housing Society within 48 hours.

CM Balochistan handed over the land transfer documents to senior journalist Saleem Shahid, BUJ President Khalil Ahmed, Quetta

Press Club President, Abdul Khalil Rind and others.

In a statement, the BUJ highlighted that this swift action demonstrates the Chief Minister's strong support for the journalist community.

The long-standing demand for the land transfer, which faced delays from various stakeholders in the past, was finally met under his leadership.

The BUJ also thanked the

Chief Minister for approving substantial funds for the Journalists Welfare Fund, the Quetta Press Club, and the Media Academy.

The provincial government has promised journalists that the Media Town project will proceed swiftly, with efforts underway to remove any remaining obstacles.

This action solidifies Chief Minister Bugti's reputation as a committed advocate for journalists in the province.

## BNP Leader Sardar Akhtar Mengal Set to Return Amid Political Turmoil

Dawood Ahmed:

ISLAMABAD: Sardar Akhtar Mengal, head of the Balochistan National Party (BNP), plans to return to Pakistan in response to the country's shifting political dynamics, sources revealed on Thursday.

Mengal had resigned from the National Assembly in protest and left Pakistan prior to recent constitutional changes.

Mengal is scheduled to arrive in Islamabad tomorrow from Dubai and will decide his next course of action after discussions with his party. Recently, he raised concerns on social media, alleging that two BNP senators were being coerced for not supporting the amendments. "If this persists, we may ask both senators to step



down," he warned.

In a related incident, Islamabad police reportedly visited Mengal's residence at the Parliament Lodges. BNP's acting

president, Sajid Tareen, condemned the action, accusing the police of attempting to pressure the party into compliance, which he vowed would not happen.

## PMDC Stops UHS from MBBS BDS Admissions

Syed Muhammad Yaseen:

LAHORE: In a surprising turn of events, the University of Health Sciences (UHS) has abruptly halted all registration processes for MBBS and BDS admissions for the academic year 2024-25.

This decision comes just days after the university had publicly announced the commencement of the admission process.

The move follows recent allegations of irregularities in the MDCAT 2024 exams conducted by both the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (SZABMU) and the Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS). Petitioners have filed legal challenges against these allegations in the Sindh and Islamabad High Courts, respectively, claiming paper leaks in SZABMU.

The Pakistan Medical Commission (PMDC) has directed UHS to suspend its admissions process in light of a stay order issued by the Sindh High Court against the alleged irregularities



in the Sindh MDCAT 2024.

This unexpected development has brought a sense of relief to many aspiring medical and dental students who have been demanding a fair and transparent admission process. The allegations of irregularities in the MDCAT have raised concerns about the credibility of the exam and its impact on the selection of deserving candidates.

The author is founder of Students Nexus by SMY, an educational platform striving for students rights.

## Umar Ayub calls for dialogue amidst allegations of oppression

PESHAWAR (INP): In a recent statement, Umar Ayub, the Leader of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly, urged the government to engage in dialogue rather than resorting to intimidation and manipulation regarding proposed constitutional amendments.

Speaking after his appearance in the Peshawar High Court concerning a bail case, Ayub criticized Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, challenging them to clarify allegations of oppression within the political landscape. Ayub highlighted the arrest of many PTI members and alleged that offers ranging from one billion to three billion rupees have been made to assembly members to sway their allegiance.

He emphasized that any amendments to the constitution should involve discussions with opposition parties, including representatives from Bar Councils, rather than proceeding through coercive measures.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding relief efforts in Gaza and Palestine by the Government of Pakistan.

## PM Shehbaz writes letter to US president for Dr Aafia Siddiqui's release

ISLAMABAD (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has written a letter requesting the US president to pardon and release Dr Aafia Siddiqui, says media reports.

"I have always found you a friend of Pakistan and its people,"

"I remember your role in the Kerry-Lugar-Berman Bill 15 years ago," Shehbaz Sharif said and added.

"I would like to draw your attention to an important matter which should be viewed on the basis of sympathy," He wrote that Dr Aafia Siddiqui has been imprisoned in Federal Medical

Center (FMC) Carswell since September 2010.

Dr Aafia Siddiqui has been sentenced to 86 years in prison by the American District Court, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said, adding Dr Aafia Siddiqui has

served 16 years in American prison and in these years, Pakistani officials have met with Aafia Siddiqui.

The PM said all the persons who met her expressed serious concerns about Aafia Siddiqui's treatment facilities. Dr Aafia Siddiqui's poor men-

tal and physical health has been affected by treatment and the fear was also expressed that Aafia Siddiqui might take her life, text of Prime Minister's letter said.

"I am fully aware of your struggle for your citizens imprisoned abroad and you may understand that as Prime Minister it is my responsibility to intervene in this matter," text of letter further said. It is requested that you use your constitutional authority and order the release of Aafia Siddiqui on humanitarian grounds, PM's letter says.

Aafia Siddiqui's family and millions of Pakistanis are waiting for your grace with me, the text of letter concluded.

## JKLC organizes special programs to observe Oct 27 as Black Day

RAWALPINDI (INP): On the special instructions of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq, the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell has organized special programs to observe October 27 as Black Day and expose Indian atrocities to the public and show the true face of India to the international community.

Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell Mirza Wajahat Rashid Baig addressing a meeting in Kashmir Centre, Rawalpindi, regarding the preparations for observing Black Day on October 27, said that a large protest rally and public meeting will be held in Muzaffarabad on that day.

Leaders of all political parties of Azad Kashmir, leaders of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, including ministers, students, women, journalists, lawyers, representatives of politi-

cal, social, religious and commercial organizations and civil society members will participate in the rally. On this occasion, special documentaries will also be shown about the human rights violations in occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

He said a roundtable conference will be organized on October 26 with the support of National Press Club, Islamabad, in which federal ministers, Hurriyat leaders, senior media persons and university students will participate.

A signature campaign will also be organized on the occasion of October 27 Black Day. Apart from this, protests and rallies would be held in Rawalakot, Lahore, Karachi, Mirpur and other cities of Azad Kashmir.

Wajahat Rashid Baig said Azad Kashmir and the people of Pakistan are with the people of occupied Kashmir and the

time is not far when the Kashmiri people will get freedom from Indian rule.

He said the Kashmiri people do not recognize the sham elections in the occupied territory and would continue to struggle for their right to self-determination. Despite the resolutions, the Indian government has created an atmosphere of fear and terror in occupied Kashmir, he added.

Wajahat Rashid Baig said every year the Kashmiri people observe Black Day on 27th October and record their protest that on this day the Indian Army entered the Jammu and Kashmir and illegally occupied it in violation of the aspirations of the Kashmiris.

Director Raja Khan Afzar Khan, Sardar Sajid Mehmood, Sardar Najibul Ghafoor Khan, Raja Rashid Raza and Farhan Qayyum Abbasi and others participated in the meeting.



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam presiding over a 2nd meeting of the Pakistan Climate Change Authority in the Committee Room of the Mo Climate Change & Environmental Coordination.

## Four killed, two injured in Kurram clash

KURRAM (INP): Violence has erupted once again in Kurram District, with ongoing gunfire reported between rival factions in Shingak area, resulting in

four deaths and two injured.

Yesterday, motorcycle-riding assailants opened fire on people working in fields in the Shingak border area, resulting in two deaths and three injuries. Local residents chased the attackers, reportedly killing two of them.

Parachinar DHO medical superintendent Dr Syed Meer Hasan confirmed that two bodies and five injured individuals were brought to the hospital yesterday for medical treatment.

He mentioned that clashes in Kurram occur monthly, often resulting in significant casualties. However, there has been a recent trend of casualties being brought to the hospital every few days due to gunfire.

Deputy Commissioner Javedullah Mabsud labeled the incident as an act of terrorism and stated that an investigation is underway, indicating that certain groups are involved in the violence.

In the meantime, tribal elders have warned that the ongoing closure of main and link roads could result in a significant humanitarian crisis due to severe shortages of food, medicine, and fuel in Kurram District.

In light of the escalating violence, members of a Grand Jirga, including tribal leaders from Hangu, Orakzai, and Kohat, have criticized the government for its inaction.

They stated that despite repeated ceasefire agreements, no significant measures have been taken to enforce these accords.

The leaders emphasized the need for government intervention where agreements are violated, asserting that without such actions, these accords hold no value.

The tribal elders have expressed concern that the continuous closure of main and link roads is leading to a severe humanitarian crisis, with acute shortages of food, medicine, and fuel supplies in Kurram District.

Elders from the Turi and Bangash tribes have voiced their concerns about the road closures, which have led to a lack of food and fuel supplies, and heightening fears of a major humanitarian emergency.