

# QUETTA VOICE

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File Photo: Anti polio drops being administered to a child in Balochistan

## Security Forces Repel Attack in Noshki, Killing One Attacker

From Our Correspondent:

**Noshki, Balochistan:** A security forces vehicle came under attack in Noshki district as armed assailants opened fire.

The incident happened in the Qadirabad area of Noshki. In a swift response, security forces retaliated, resulting in the death of one attacker on the spot. The timely intervention by the forces prevented further escalation.



Following the incident, additional security personnel arrived at the scene to secure the area and initiate an investigation. Authorities are working to gather more information, and a detailed report is expected soon. This incident underscores the ongoing security challenges in Balochistan and the vigilance of security forces in maintaining stability in the region.

## Driver Succumbs to Injuries After Coal Truck Attack in Balochistan's Dukk

Hussain Zarkoon:

**DUKK:** A driver wounded in a militant attack on coal-laden trucks in Balochistan's Dukk district has tragically succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. The attack, which targeted multiple coal trucks, occurred on Sunday as the driver, injured amid rising security concerns in the district.



The ambush took place along a key route in Dukk, an area known for its coal mining operations, where militants opened fire on trucks transporting coal. Local law enforcement immediately responded, but the attackers fled the scene. This incident is part of an escalating trend of attacks aimed at disrupting coal transport, which is vital to Balochistan's economy.

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## Balochistan CM Orders Rapid Increase in Polio Immunization Rate to 60%

Health Desk:

**QUETTA:** In a high-level meeting on Monday, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti directed health officials to raise the province's polio immunization rate from 38% to 60%, addressing recent cases that have alarmed provincial and national leadership.

Chief Minister Bugti emphasized the need for a structured, efficient strategy to eliminate polio and directed all Lady Health Visitors (LHVs) and Lady Health Workers (LHWs) to actively engage in the campaign. Health officials, including Provincial Health Minister Bakht

Muhammad Kakar, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, and Director General Health Services Dr. Amin Khan Mandukhel, reviewed current anti-polio measures.

### Polio Cases On A Constant Rise

Health Secretary Mujeeb-ur-Rehman presented a briefing, underscoring gaps in routine immunization. The Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of community-friendly, coordinated efforts that minimize public inconvenience. Bugti instructed the divisional

commissioners to facilitate the National Electronic Immunization Registry app's rollout and proposed the integration of community policing to secure campaign workers.

Balochistan has so far reported 22 polio cases during the current year. The virus continues to spread across the province despite repeated anti-polio campaigns. The provincial government has already declared an emergency to eradicate the crippling virus. Nevertheless, cases are on a constant rise despite claims and announcements by the officials.

## NA approves five-year tenures for all armed services chiefs



**NEWS DESK:** The National Assembly on Monday approved a legislative amendment to extend the tenures of all armed services chiefs from three to five years. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif presented amendments to the Pakistan Army, Navy, and Air Force Acts, which were passed by majority vote amidst intense protests from opposition members. This amendment will extend the tenure of the Chief of Army Staff and heads of other military branches to five years, standardising service durations across all branches. Earlier, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar also presented proposals to increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court and Islamabad High Court, which were subsequently approved by the House.

Tarar presented the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Ordinance for parliamentary approval, proposing an increase in the number of Supreme Court judges to 34.

As the bill was introduced, the opposition erupted into chaos, raising slogans and protesting. Despite the disruption, the minister briefed the assembly on the provisions of the bill, highlighting the backlog of thousands of pending cases at the Supreme Court's registry, which necessitates the increase in judicial capacity. Additionally, the law minister introduced the Islamabad High Court Amendment Bill 2024, explaining that the number of judges in the High Court would be raised from nine to 12. The amendment bill proposes changes, including a provision allowing appeals against decisions made by constitutional benches under Article 184(3) to be heard by a larger constitutional bench within 30 days, if possible. This amendment applies retroactively to cases before the 26th Constitutional Amendment.

Further additions, including Sections 7-A and 7-B, mandate that cases will follow a "first-in, first-out" basis for hearings.

## Govt rushes bills in NA on strength of Supreme Court judges, 5-year term of armed forces'

**NEWS DESK:** The first bill, related to the increase in the number of top court judges, was presented by Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, who said that the government had proposed increasing the number of judges from 17 to 34.

"This amendment will increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court up to 34, so that the backlog of cases can be cleared, and that after the 26th Amendment, we can have judges to form the constitutional benches," Tarar said.

"Our bar lobbies and the SCBA (Supreme Court Bar Association) have been recommending this for a while now so that the four-bar court registries in Karachi, Quetta, Peshawar, and Lahore can relieve their thousands of pending cases. This number has been left open for the judicial commission," the minister went on to say. Soon after the law minister presented the bill in the assembly and finished his speech, voting on the bill was carried out despite the opposition fiercely protesting.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif also tabled the amendment bills, aiming to extend the tenure of the chief of army staff, chief of naval staff, and chief of air staff from three to five years.

The government brought all the bills in the NA session through a supplementary agenda. According to the Army Act Amendment Bill, 1952, the rules of retirement of a general in the Pakistan Army will not apply to the army chief, who will continue to work as a general in case of appointment, re-appointment or extension.

## Quetta Police Scandal: Ex-Officer Ran Private Jail, Linked to Extortion Network

Investigative Reporter By Manan Mandokhail:

**QUETTA:** Fresh investigations have unearthed further shocking details about former police officer Sanaullah, the main accused in the Quetta private jail scandal. Previously reported for operating a clandestine detention cell in Hazara Town within Quetta Brewery Police Station, new information now reveals that Sanaullah was allegedly involved in a broader network of criminal activities, including extortion, impersonation, and child abuse, with links to other accomplices.

### Criminal History and Impersonation

According to recent police sources, Sanaullah, who managed to join the police force despite having a criminal background, was previously arrested twice for theft before his police service. This revelation raises serious questions about the recruitment and screening processes within Quetta's police department. Police sources indicate that Sanaullah used his position to create an intimidating persona, donning a commando vest and police-issued wireless set to pose as an on-duty officer, which he exploited to target vulnerable young individuals on the streets.

### Child Abuse Allegations and Prior Cases

Further revelations indicate that Sanaullah was already implicated in a child abuse case earlier this year under Section 377 at Amir Mohammad Dasthi Police Station. The ongoing investigation suggests that he may have leveraged his position in the police force to avoid strict scrutiny and accountability for previous allegations.

### Network of Private Jails

The scope of the scandal widened as investigations revealed that Sanaullah was not acting alone. His private cell operation reportedly involved other police colleagues and individuals outside the force. His primary accomplices—Ali Hazara, Wajahat Kandhari, and Barari Police Station's Muharar Syed Ahmed—allegedly helped him detain individuals without formal charges and extort money for their release. This group is now believed to have managed multiple secretive cells across



Quetta, with a one-room 'jail' allegedly set up by Sanaullah on Spiny Road as an alternative site.

### Extortion and Abuse of Power

Witness statements collected during the investigation indicate that Sanaullah and his associates frequently targeted young individuals, detaining them on dubious grounds and demanding large sums of money for their release. Sources close to the case revealed that several victims have come forward, describing the harrowing ordeal of being held in these private jails, enduring intimidation tactics, and facing extortion threats.

### Current Status and Further Action

While Sanaullah is in custody, police sources confirm that the lead accomplice, Ali Hazara, remains at large despite intensified efforts to apprehend him. DIG Atizz Groya has ordered disciplinary action, including the transfer of key officials at Barari Police Station, amid concerns over systemic lapses that may have allowed such operations to continue unchecked. The Balochistan police department is now facing calls for comprehensive reforms to prevent similar incidents and to ensure that those involved are brought to justice. This scandal has sparked public outrage, with demands for a transparent investigation to uncover the full extent of the criminal network allegedly embedded within Quetta's police ranks. The inquiry is ongoing, with authorities pursuing additional leads on other potential accomplices involved in this covert detention and extortion racket.

## Saudi crown prince seeks millions of Pakistani IT workers: PM Shehbaz

**NEWS DESK:** Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif revealed on Monday that Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has requested millions of skilled workers from Pakistan's Information Technology sector to support the kingdom's expanding technological infrastructure. Speaking to his cabinet, PM Shehbaz shared outcomes from his recent diplomatic trips to Saudi Arabia and Qatar, where both nations expressed interest in collaborating with Pakistan on workforce and IT development.

opportunities in solar energy, mining, agriculture, and IT, with a Pakistani team scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia soon for further discussions. In Qatar, PM Shehbaz said productive talks were held with Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, who reiterated Qatar's commitment to economic cooperation. Qatar plans to fast-track a previously pledged \$3 billion investment, with the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) preparing to send a team to Pakistan this



During talks with the Saudi crown prince, PM Shehbaz reported that Saudi Arabia anticipates an annual need for IT professionals in the near future. Express News reported. Saudi delegations also explored

month to explore projects in IT and mineral sectors. The Qatari emir also announced plans for an IT park in Pakistan, further cementing bilateral tech ties. PM secures \$3b Qatari investment pledges

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### A Vital Move to Protect Marine Ecosystems Amid Global Challenges

Editorial:

The Government of Balochistan's decision to designate Chara Island as Pakistan's second Marine Protected Area (MPA) marks a critical milestone in the country's efforts to safeguard marine biodiversity. This proactive step, approved by the provincial cabinet, has been met with praise from environmentalists, conservationists, and the global community. It's a reminder of the vital need to protect our oceans as we grapple with the increasingly dire impacts of global warming and climate change.

Chara Island, a coral reef habitat rich in biodiversity, will now receive the protection it urgently needs. This area is home to various species of fish, marine plants, and coral that play an essential role in maintaining the ecological balance of the province. By declaring this zone an MPA, Balochistan is sending a strong message that marine conservation is not just a regional priority but a national one, considering the growing threats to marine life from rising ocean temperatures and pollution.

This move follows the earlier designation of Astola Island as Pakistan's first MPA in 2017, creating a legacy of marine protection. Together, Astola and Chara form key conservation sites off the Balochistan coast. These islands also serve as a lifeline for local communities, especially those involved in fishing. Overfishing and overgrazing had placed a strain on local livelihoods, and MPAs can help sustain fish stocks and ensure long-term economic viability for the people who rely on these waters.

Afa Salam, a prominent environmentalist, commended the government's decision, highlighting the urgency of protecting fragile marine ecosystems, particularly in the face of global environmental challenges. "Chara Island's protection is a step in the right direction," Salam said. "The significance of this decision cannot be overstated, as it sets the tone for future conservation efforts."

As Pakistan continues to confront the impacts of climate change—rising sea levels, extreme weather patterns, and increasing ocean acidification—protecting marine ecosystems like Chara Island becomes even more crucial. MPAs offer refuge for bioecosystems to recover and adapt to changing conditions brought on by global warming.

However, the designation of MPAs alone is not enough. It is vital that the Balochistan government, local communities, and conservation groups collaborate to ensure the protection of these zones. Enforcement mechanisms, regulations, community involvement, and continued funding for research and conservation initiatives are essential to the success of these efforts.

Chara Island's protection stands as a beacon of hope in Pakistan's broader conservation landscape, a necessary move in the global fight to preserve our planet's ecosystems amidst an ever-worsening climate crisis.

### How demographic change will likely affect the global order

By Shahid Javed Burki:

**S**ignificant demographic changes are occurring across the globe that are likely to affect relations among nations. Immigration has become a major political issue in the United States and Western Europe. As the Democrats and Republicans in the United States prepared their electoral programmes for the presidential poll of November 2024, controlling immigration climbed to the top of the agenda. Using immigration, the political right has done well in several elections in recent months in various parts of Europe.

Demographers define 2.1 children per woman as the replacement level. With this as the rate of human fertility, population will remain steady. Above that rate, populations will increase, below it they will decline in size. In the developed world - the United States and Europe - the rate of fertility has fallen well below the replacement level. The result is that the populations of these countries are declining and rapidly ageing. This has some obvious economic and social consequences. Economies need the youth to empower them; with aging, they don't have the type of labour they need to grow.

Africa, on the other hand, is at the other end of the demographic spectrum. Most African women have far more children than other continents do. For instance, women in Nigeria have an average of over five children, while American and European women have about 1.5 children and Chinese women have even fewer. The continent of Africa has been at the centre of global population growth in recent times. The continent's population has increased from 283 million in 1960 to more than 1.5 billion in 2024. This is a five-fold increase. African population is projected to increase by 950 million and reach 2.5 billion by 2050. By that time, it will be close to the population of Asia which at this time has the world's two most populous states - India and China. One consequence of the population growth is that African populations are the African populations that they are trying to escape. Newcomers have gone to Germany is an outstanding example of the political change immigration is bringing to the country.

### Incomplete Polio Vaccinations in Balochistan Linked to Frontline Worker-Parent Nexus

Syed Ali Shah:

**A** disturbing trend has emerged in Balochistan, where a nexus between some frontline health workers and parents is leading to the incomplete vaccination of children, leaving them vulnerable to the poliovirus. This issue is contributing to the rising number of polio cases in the province, with Balochistan reporting 12 out of the 15 cases recorded across Pakistan this year.

According to sources within the provincial health department, some frontline workers are reportedly colluding with

parents, agreeing to vaccinate only a portion of the children in a household. In some instances, out of four children, only two receive the polio vaccine, significantly weakening the overall effectiveness of the vaccination campaigns, the sources mentioned. This negligent practice is seen as a major factor in the recent surge in polio cases, raising alarm among health officials and the broader community, they noted.

The resurgence of polio in Balochistan is particularly troubling given the extensive resources and efforts in-

vested in eradicating the disease.

Despite these efforts, the province has become a hotspot for new polio cases, with the virus continuing to circulate in communities where vaccination rates are compromised.

**Background:** Pakistan is one of the few countries in the world where polio remains endemic, and Balochistan has been a focal point in the battle against the virus. In recent years, the government, in collaboration with international organizations such as UNICEF and the World Health Organi-

zation (WHO), has launched numerous polio vaccination drives across the province.

However, these efforts have often been met with challenges, including resistance from certain communities, logistical difficulties, and now the reported collusion between health workers and parents.

The increasing number of polio cases in Balochistan is a stark reminder of the challenges that remain in the fight against the disease.

Health officials are calling for stricter oversight of vaccina-

tion campaigns and stronger accountability measures for frontline workers. T

hey emphasize that every child must be vaccinated to break the chain of transmission and finally eradicate polio from the region.

The situation in Balochistan underscores the critical need for renewed vigilance and commitment to ensure that all children are protected from this crippling disease.

Without urgent action, the gains made in the fight against po-

lio could be undone, endangering the health of future generations.

### Unlocking Balochistan's Potential: A Roadmap for Sustainable Development

Dr. Faiz Kakar:

Balochistan, even as a resource-rich province, grapples with alarming rates of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, and infant and maternal mortality, indicative of severe underdevelopment. The unmatched policies and irrelevant development strategies, along with poor governance, have resulted in extreme underdevelopment of the province. Though the bleak picture of the province is noticeable to all decision-makers, as highlighted by maps depicting critical poverty levels in red, Balochistan's political and intellectual spheres remain sharply divided.

#### Balochistan's Political And Intellectual Spheres Divided

Amidst the current devastating scenario in the province, Balochistan's political and intellectual spheres are sharply divided. Supporters of the latter viewpoint draw upon global examples of successful development strategies, particularly the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in various nations.

Learning from global case studies, the potential of Balochistan as a resource-rich province with vast ecological and topographic diversity, coupled with its strategic location, warrants a paradigm shift towards infrastructure development and economic growth. It is evident that uplifting the economic status of the populace will pave the way for the

provision of social services through self-help approaches. Failure to adapt to this evolving development approach over the past 70 years suggests a stark reminder of the need for change.

#### Potentials of the Province Ensure the Success of SEZ

Balochistan, often referred to as the "fruit basket" of Pakistan, stands out as a resource-rich province boasting the largest landscape and the longest coastline spanning 770 kilometers. Despite its untapped wealth in various minerals, Balochistan remains underdeveloped. Its diverse ecological and topographic features allow for the experience of different seasons simultaneously, with inhabitable environments in the province's coldest and hottest regions in the province under one division.

Beng Xiaoping was impressed by the unbelievable emergence of development in Singapore and once that when visited Lee Kuan and asked how I can make China as successful as Singapore and his response was to establish the SEZs and affirmed the establishment of one thousand SEZs in China.

The province's strategic location grants it access to two international borders with Iran and Afghanistan. Its rich resources, including minerals, natural gas, agricultural products, forests, and fisheries, offer a solid foundation for intensifying the emphasis on Special Eco-

nomc Zones (SEZs). These potentials not only justify the focus on SEZs but also serve as a guarantee of their success.

#### SEZs The Only Option

Ensuring the full operationalization of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) already identified commenced in Balochistan stands out as the foremost priority area for intervention. The establishment of small and medium-scale industries within these zones will not only create employment opportunities but also incentivize rural-to-urban migration, thus fostering urbanization. This industrial growth at the grassroots level will facilitate the multi-dimensional development of the largest landscape and the longest coastline, addressing the pressing needs of the populace.

The momentum for expediting the establishment of industries is being further strengthened through the real estate development of private housing schemes announced and currently under construction by the real estate dealers. These initiatives will compel the working class to seek employment in the SEZs, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life in Balochistan.

#### Urbanization promotion and establishment of new cities

Addressing the challenge of scattered population in Balochistan is paramount to ensure effective social and infrastruc-

ture development. The dispersed nature of the population significantly increases the unit costs of development and maintenance of services.

Moreover, it contributes to the prevailing law and order issues and hampers efforts to combat political insurgencies and religious terrorism.

To address this challenge, the establishment of new cities and towns across the province is a viable solution. The development of these zones will not only create employment opportunities but also incentivize rural-to-urban migration, thus fostering urbanization. This industrial growth at the grassroots level will facilitate the multi-dimensional development of the largest landscape and the longest coastline, addressing the pressing needs of the populace.

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#### Appointment of heads of authorities from private sectors

The Government of Balochistan has indeed taken steps to establish authorities focusing on thematic areas such as Economic Zones and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP). However, the effectiveness of these authorities is quietly dwindling by the appointment of heads from junior officials who lack the influence to navigate bureaucratic hurdles or garner support from higher officials. Additionally, the prevailing bureaucratic culture poses further challenges by not providing an enabling environment for these officials.

To address these issues, it is imperative to appoint heads of these authorities from the private sector. These individuals should possess local knowledge, familiarity with public sector practices, and established connections with politicians and higher authorities within the government. This approach will ensure that the heads of these authorities have the necessary clout and influence to drive meaningful progress and overcome bureaucratic obstacles effectively.

Based on the aforementioned discussion, it is strongly believed that the effective operation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) could play a crucial role in the mainstreaming of Balochistan at the national level.

## Lammy's 'progressive realism' begins from China

By Azhar Azam:

**B**ritain's Foreign Secretary David Lammy wrapped up an official trip to China as part of a new Labour government's effort to take a "pragmatic" approach to engage Beijing, recognising the relations with world's second largest from scratch. Under Conservatives, the China-UK relations with world's second largest from scratch. Under Conservatives, the China-UK relations with world's second largest from scratch. Under Conservatives, the China-UK relations with world's second largest from scratch.

He paved the way for "golden era", which lasted for more than a decade before collapsing over the US edginess of China's remarkable economic and technological advancement. Those heydays may be over, but it's not all that bleak. He also argued that London is coying up to China. For example, UK Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds recently slammed previous government for doing little to invest in UK-UK relationship, including with China, and sought "more engagement with China", ruling out the idea of "China-made electric vehicles".

Labour's approach is being on "progressive realism", a fusion of policies adopted by Britain's two former secretaries, Robert Cook and Ernest Benn, who respectively

brought climate action and human rights to the diplomatic fore and helped create NATO and country's accession to military alliance.

Setting out his vision of "progressive realism" which American author Robert Wright claimed to have coined in 2006, Lammy in April reiterated that UK's China policy has "oscillated wildly over the past 14 years" of Tory rule, urging Britain to "adopt a more consistent strategy, one that simultaneously challenges, competes against, and cooperates with China".

This strategy pursues a realist approach to advance progressive goals rather than confining to disagreements. Lammy's doctrine is being widely vilified, it could enable Britain to explore realistic means of cooperation with the world's largest producer of green energy, solar panels and electric cars that without engagement

isn't possible. The "broad consensus" that economic globalization would inevitably breed liberal democratic values proved false.

Instead, democracies have become more authoritarian states. China provides a particularly stark case. "Lammy wrote. "In today's world, Western governments must partner with the Global South," he added, "ensuring that the most powerful 'undermined' sovereignty of weaker states. While this co-opting of China by Beijing's exports also relying on foreign demand, has been reciprocal, it has been a loss of ground for the decline in the share of world trade between democracies from 1997 to 2022. As West squandered trillions of dollars in wars and operations to change regime in Iraq, Libya, Syria, and other places incompatible with its liberal values, China spent

those years in producing and flooding world market with cheap goods. As West retreated over economic fallout of wars after killing hundreds of thousands of people, triggering anti-party for it in China, China became aggressive and channelled trillions of dollars in infrastructure development across developing world.

The West has only itself to blame for China ending the era of the US "hegemony".

Both Britain and Europe are cautious. Over the US sea-change, EU is being urged to "less Europe with 'lead priorities' 'NATO First' and limits its engagement in Indo-Pacific to 'no blanketing' (and) developing military capabilities".

China's role in net-zero and world trade is driving Labour into maintaining a "constructive" relationship with China even in areas where both countries' viewpoints diverge.

British government's readout - "accelerating significance of 'working together' on global challenges and commitment to promote "secure and resilient growth through increased trade and investment" - suggests Lammy's realism has come into play in London's foreign policy. How his vision will meet needs to be realistic about what remains to be seen.

Turkey sacks 3 mayors in Kurdish majority southeast: ministry

ISTANBUL (INP) Turkey on Monday sacked three mayors facing terrorism charges in the Kurdish-majority southeast and replaced them with trustees, the interior ministry said. The mayors in the cities of Mardin and Batman as well as Halfefti — a district in the Sanliurfa province — were removed from their positions, the ministry said. The three from the pro-Kurdish DEM party were elected in the March local elections when opposition candidates won in numerous towns and cities across Turkey, including Istanbul. Ahmet Turk won the vote in Mardin, while Gulistan Sonmez was mayor of Batman and Mehmet Karayilan represented Halfefti. Their dismissal comes days after another mayor from the main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) was arrested for alleged links to the PKK in a political coup — protested against what they said was the politically-motivated detention of the mayor. The dismissals come after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan expressed full support for one of his political ally's attempts to reach out to Turkey's Kurds, describing it as a "window of opportunity". The Turkish government has removed dozens of elected Kurdish mayors in the southeast and replaced them with its own trustees.

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ISLAMABAD: Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani addressing the inaugural plenary of the 27th Sustainable Development Conference at Pak-China Friendship Centre.

APHC says 1947 Jammu massacre worst tragedy in human history

SRINAGAR (INP) The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir has stated that the Jammu carnage was one of the biggest massacres and the worst tragedy in human history. According to Kashmir Media Service, APHC spokesman Abdul Rashid Minhas, in a statement in Srinagar while paying rich tributes to the Jammu martyrs of 1947, said that the Jammu carnage was one of the biggest massacres and the worst tragedy in human history. Hundreds of thousands of Kashmiri Muslims were massacred by the forces of Dogra Maharaja Han Singh, the Indian Army, and Hindutva communal forces, including the RSS and Jansang, in various parts of the Jammu region while they were migrating to Pakistan during the first week of November 1947. He urged the people to observe November 6 as Martyrs' Day and renew the pledge that the mission of the Kashmiri martyrs would be accomplished at all costs. The APHC stated that the RSS-backed Hindutva BJP government of India took the decision to abrogate the special status of IOKK in August 2019 on communal lines, and since then, the Kashmiris have faced gradual disempowerment. The statement noted that Modi, Shah, and the RSS chief are following the British policy of divide-and-rule politics to create a wedge between Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, and others. He maintained that the people of the occupied territory have rejected New Delhi's illegal demand and stand in solidarity with the people of IOKK. The APHC leader appealed to the Kashmiris to commemorate the historic Jammu Martyrs' Day on both sides of the Line of Control and in the rest of the world to pay tributes to the martyrs of the freedom movement. He also urged the public to organize anti-India demonstrations, seminars, and symposiums on that day. He stated that the

non-Kashmiri RSS-BJP graveyards, for which Hindutva authorities in the territory are intent on happy troops have been deployed. Killing, torture, arson, arrests, and atrocities have become the order of the day, he added.



QUETTA: Lawyers Action Committee Member President Munir Kakar addressing a press conference.

Neymar, Messi reunion hopes dashed as Brazil reveals unexpected plans

PARIS (INP) Neymar's potential future with Saudi Pro League club Al Hilal sparked rumours recently, particularly about a potential reunion with his former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) teammate Lionel Messi at Major League Soccer club Inter Miami. However, recent report from Brazil indicate a surprising alternative for the Brazilian forward, hinting that his next destination may not be the expected collaboration with the Argentine football legend, according to Bolavip. During an interview with TV show Panico, Osvaldo Nico, the vice-president of the Board of Directors for Neymar's former club Santos, said: "Neymar arrives at Santos in June. That is the conversation we are having." This revelation is surprising given the other rumored alternatives. Since transferring to Al Hilal from PSG in mid-2023, the 32-year-old Brazilian footballer's time at the Saudi club has been marred by injury, limiting his appearances to the sidelines. He currently holds one of the highest-paying contracts in global football, reportedly earning over \$100 million annually in Santos Arabia — a sum no other club, especially Santos, could realistically match. However, the emotional connection Neymar has with his former club may prove to be a decisive factor. Neymar debuted for Santos in 2009, at the age of 17, quickly rising as the team's star player. He spent five years with the club, including a Copa Libertadores. Across 22 appearances, he tallied 136 goals and 69 assists, catching the eye of Barcelona, who reportedly paid up to \$90 million for his transfer in 2013 — though the exact fee remains unconfirmed. A decade after Neymar's departure, Santos find themselves in a vastly different position. The once-dominant Brazilian club is grappling with a historic low, having faced relegation for the first time in 2023. Neymar's potential return could be a lifeline, sparking a resurgence and laying the groundwork for the club's return to elite status. Reflecting on Neymar's potential influence, Nico shared: "Everyone played well with Neymar at Santos; even (Zé) Love and André scored goals. He is going to

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Six dead after volcano erupts in eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA (INP) At least six people died after a volcano in eastern Indonesia erupted several times overnight, officials said Monday, raising the alert level to the highest of a four-tiered system. Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki, located on the popular tourist island of Flores, spewed ash and lava that peppered the surrounding area with fireballs, forcing authorities to evacuate several villages. "Six fatalities have been confirmed," Abdul Muhari, spokesman of the country's disaster management agency, told Kompas TV. Footage received showed villages near the volcano covered by thick ash, with some areas on fire. Journalist near the volcano said five villages evacuated. Some wooden houses caught fire, and the ground was pockmarked with holes caused by molten rocks. The crater erupted just before midnight and then again at 1:27 am (17:27 GMT Sunday) and 2:48 am, the agency said. The country's volcanology agency raised the alert level to the highest and told locals and tourists not to carry out activities within a seven-kilometre (4.3-mile) radius of the crater. "There has been a significant increase in showed villages near the volcano covered by thick ash, with some areas on fire. Journalist near the volcano said five villages evacuated. Some wooden houses caught fire, and the ground was pockmarked with holes caused by molten rocks. The crater erupted just before midnight and then again at 1:27 am (17:27 GMT Sunday) and 2:48 am, the agency said. The country's volcanology agency raised the alert level to the highest and told locals and tourists not to carry out activities within a seven-kilometre (4.3-mile) radius of the crater. "There has been a significant increase in

volcanic and seismic activity. In December last year, an eruption at one of the country's most active volcanoes, Mount Marapi in West Sumatra, killed at least 24 climbers, most of them university students. And in May, more than 60 people died after heavy rains washed volcanic material from Marapi into residential areas, sweeping away homes. That month Mount Ruang in North Sulawesi erupted more than half a dozen times, forcing thousands of residents of nearby islands to evacuate.

Acting President calls for relentless efforts to achieve SDGs

ISLAMABAD (INP) Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani has stressed the need for relentless efforts and unwavering resolve to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Addressing the 27th Sustainable Development Conference as Chief Guest in Islamabad on Monday, he said Pakistan is facing a challenge of climate change, which is becoming an obstacle to achieve the sustainable development. He said the path from fragility to resilience requires us to embrace innovative solutions. The Acting President said there is a dire need to further strengthen governance frameworks to ensure transparency, accountability and inclusivity. To address the issue of food insecurity, Yousaf Raza Gillani said it is imperative to develop resilient food system that withstands climate shocks and ensure food for all. Addressing the ceremony, Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam said the government, under the guidance of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, remains steadfast in pursuing a future where resilience underpins every face of our national development.

Public notices and advertisements in Urdu, including sections for 'PUBLIC NOTICE' and 'PUBLIC NOTICE' with various legal and administrative details.

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## Aleema Khan strongly rejects rumours of any deal

ISLAMABAD (INP): Aleema Khan, the sister of PTI Founder and former Prime Minister Imran Khan, claimed that her brother's life is in danger in her view.

Aleema Khan also rejected the rumours of any deal between her brother Imran Khan and those in power. She expressed these words while talking to the reporters in Islamabad on Monday.

Aleema Khan said that the founder of PTI is now firmly committed to bringing about a revolution for justice. "We know they will imprison us, we receive threats."

There are 10 FIRs against us, and one FIR dated the 5th was registered, but we were taken on the 4th."

She mentioned that children

as young as ten are being dragged from their homes, appealing to the new Chief Justice to take notice of these matters.

"If lawlessness does not stop in the country, people might take the law into their own hands. In our view, the founder of PTI's life is in danger." Aleema Khan further stated that Imran Khan has said he is not making any deals and no one has approached him.

"These are just speculations that Imran Khan is negotiating, the founder of PTI is not ready to compromise on anything," She added, "Every day we hear good news that the founder of PTI will be released soon. We know there is no intention to release him

from jail; peaceful protest is our right, and we will get the founder of PTI out of jail."

On this occasion, PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja said, "This is the moment when we can truly gain our freedom. If we do not stand up today, we will die in despair."

There is no sanctity of home and privacy. The founder of PTI has made an appeal to the entire nation today," Salman Akram Raja also stated that there will be a rally in Swabi on the 9th, marking a new beginning.

"This is not a political game; it is about survival. We all must come out for our freedom, and our movement will end with the release of the founder of PTI."



TASHKENT: Pakistan's Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, engages in discussions with Uzbekistan's Minister for Investment Industry and Trade Laziz Kudratov.

## Intizar Panjtoha case a matter of shame for institution, people: IHC

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed the Kohsar police station to investigate the case involving the recovery of Pakistan.

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawyer and party founder Imran Khan's focal person Intizar Panjtoha, whose recent disappearance sparked concern.

IHC Chief Justice Amir Farooq disposed of the petition regarding the recovery of Panjtoha, and emphasized the need for accountability and action in such cases of disappearance.

The CJ told the Kohsar station house officer to record the statement of Intizar Panjtoha and take action as per law. "I saw [news] related to Panjtoha on TV and I felt re-

ally bad," he remarked, calling it a matter of shame for the institution and all the people.

During the hearing, Chief Justice Farooq also expressed disappointment over the rising incidents of missing persons and street crimes in Islamabad, likening the security situation in the capital to that of Karachi.

PTI lawyer Shoaib Shaheen taunted that robberies and crimes will increase when law enforcement will be pre-occupied with "terrorists" like himself.

"The attorney general made an effort, he is a law officer, there should be no negative campaign against him," he added.

Chief Justice Farooq then instructed the Kohsar police

station's station house officer (SHO) to meet with Panjtoha within the next two days to record his statement and proceed with further investigation in accordance with the law.

The SHO was also advised to consider Panjtoha's mental and physical well-being following his recovery, as reported by his counsel, who noted that Panjtoha was in poor condition upon release. The police was advised to investigate the matter fully after a few days.

"These things should be seen at this level. This should not have happened," CJ Farooq remarked. Panjtoha's lawyer Ali Bukhari told the court that such incidents can happen to anyone tomorrow, so it should be looked into.

## Court reserves verdict on bail pleas of Imran

ISLAMABAD (INP): Islamabad's district and session court has reserved verdict on bail pleas of Imran Khan in six cases while Bushra Bibi's in one case. The reserved verdict on the bail pleas in various cases would be pronounced together on November 18. The court also sought arguments on November 18.

Additional session judge Muhammad Afzal Majoka heard the bail pleas of Imran Khan and his spouse Bushra Bibi in various cases. Bushra Bibi and lawyers including Salman Safdar appeared before the court. During the hearing, the judge inquired about the appearance of Imran Khan through video link.

Safdar told the court to direct

jail administration to make sure the appearance of Imran Khan then only Imran Khan could be presented.

Lawyer informed the court that five accused including Imran Khan, Farah and Shehzad were nominated in this case but bail pleas of only two accused were filed, not others.

Salman Safdar added that his clients were accused of fraud and presenting fake receipts.

The court inquired from the prosecutor what the progress on the investigation of this case was going on and a half and presented the evidence of receipts.

Judge added that the police allegations were not satisfactory and what was the

response to the letter written to the Election Commission.

Imran Khan's lawyer stated that Imran Khan couldn't appear through video link as video link was not working and he requested court to decide on Bushra Bibi as she was present in the court.

Bushra Bibi stated that she was ready to go to jail and she had brought her essentials like blankets.

"All lawyers including ours only waste time. Why doesn't any judge see that an imprisoned person is also a human.

I would never appear in the court as it only serves injustice," Bushra Bibi broke down in tears in the courtroom.



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Jacob Limulf, Ambassador of Denmark, calls on Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh.



Islamabad: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of the PML-N Parliamentary Party Parliament House.

## Court grants bail to PTI leader Azam Swati in eight cases

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a significant ruling, the Islamabad High Court has granted bail to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Azam Swati in eight separate cases, ordering his immediate release.

The court session was presided over by Judge Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi, where both the prosecution, represented by Raja Naveed, and Swati's defense lawyer,

Sohail Advocate, presented their arguments regarding the bail applications linked to financial support for the D Chowk protest.

Despite opposition from the

prosecutor, the court accepted Swati's post-arrest bail request, setting the bail amount at PKR 20,000 for each case.

Simultaneously, the Islamabad High Court addressed the matter of Swati's physical remand. Justices Mian Gul Hassan Aurangzeb and Arbab Muhammad Fahim examined the case, during which the court was informed that the records for all 13 cases had been requested.

The defense emphasized that the procedural timeline justified the duration of the remand. During the proceedings, the

Registrar's Office submitted a report concerning the issuance of notices to involved parties. Justice Aurangzeb raised concerns with the Prosecutor General about the office's efficiency, to which the Prosecutor General responded that no notices had been received despite regular checks.

The court subsequently ordered an inquiry into the notice issuance process, mandating that the Registrar High Court clarify the situation.

This ruling marks a critical moment for Azam Swati as he navigates multiple legal challenges.

## 8th International Model Islamic Union Congress concludes in Istanbul

ISTANBUL (INP): The 8th International Model Islamic Union Congress, hosted by the Justice Defenders Strategic Studies Center (ASSAM), concluded in Istanbul, Turkey, with discussions on critical global issues, including the Kashmir conflict.

According to Kashmir Media Service, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chairman of the World Forum for Peace & Justice, presented a paper on "US Policy Towards Kashmir: Help or Hindrance" and emphasized that resolving the Kashmir dispute would enhance respect for international law and foster stability in the region.

Ustaz Mehdi Tahirvi, Chairman of SADAT International Defense Consultancy, opened the Congress by underscoring ASSAM's role as a think tank dedicated to proposing solutions for international and regional crises. He highlighted that this year's Congress featured 26 papers from 14 countries, reflecting a broad spectrum of perspectives on pressing issues.

Dr. Fai's presentation centered on the right to self-determination for the 23 million Kashmiris who, he argued, have been denied this fundamental right for over 77 years. Dr. Fai articulated that the Kashmiri American community

does not seek military intervention but hopes for diplomatic support from the United States. "The goal is to educate the U.S. on the moral and legal urgency of Kashmir self-determination, emphasizing how a peaceful resolution would benefit democracy, human rights, and regional security," he said.

Dr. Fai recalled that the United States once championed Kashmir self-determination at the United Nations and helped draft Security Council Resolution 47, adopted in 1948, which called for a plebiscite in Kashmir. However, he lamented that the current U.S. stance views the conflict as a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan, a shift he attributed to India's successful lobbying efforts and the country's growing economic alliance.

Addressing the broader implications of resolving the Kashmir issue, Dr. Fai outlined three key benefits: Nuclear Stability: A resolution would alleviate the nuclear tension between India and Pakistan, both nuclear-armed states that have clashed multiple times over Kashmir. International Law: Respect for international resolutions and human rights would be strengthened.

Human Rights: Ending the conflict would halt widespread human rights abuses, including extrajudicial killings, torture, and custodial disappearances reported in Kashmir.

Dr. Fai also criticized the Biden administration's favorable tilt toward India, highlighting how India's restrictions on foreign journalists and international NGOs in Kashmir prevent global awareness of the humanitarian situation. "This pro-India stance reflects not a break from the past, but a shift in U.S. foreign policy priorities, with economic and strategic interests overshadowing human rights concerns," he noted.

Despite these challenges, Dr. Fai urged the international community to remain steadfast in advocating for a peaceful solution. He proposed the appointment of an internationally respected figure, such as Norway's former Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik, as a special envoy to mediate the conflict.

Dr. Fai concluded with a call for sincerity and transparency in the peace process, underscoring that a fair resolution would foster stability in South Asia, home to a fifth of the global population.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, held a meeting with a TPG delegation led by Mr. Jide Olanrewaju at the Finance Division.

## PTI founder's bail plea: FIA served notice in Toshakhana-II case

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On July 13, Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi were arrested in a fresh National Accountability Bureau (NAB) reference related to Toshakhana, hours after their acquittal in the Iddat case.

The NAB team headed by Deputy Director Mohsin Haroon arrested Imran Khan and his wife from the Adiala Jail. The development came after the Islamabad district and sessions court accepted the appeals filed by former prime minister Imran Khan and his spouse against their conviction in the Iddat case.

The couple was sentenced to seven years in prison and awarded a fine of Rs500,000 each, in February earlier this year after a trial court found their nikah to be fraudulent.