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Federal Commerce Minister, Jam Kamal Khan speaking at the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Photo Muhammad Ismail

Second Phase of Green and Blue Quetta Initiative Launched

Manan Mandokhail:

QUETTA: The second phase of the Green and Blue Quetta Initiative was launched on Friday at the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUIEMS). The project, aimed at enhancing Quetta's green cover, will see the plantation of 5,000 trees in the provincial capital. Naseem Rahman Malakhail, Advisor to the Chief Minister on Environment, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Addressing the event, Malakhail emphasized the importance of collective efforts in combating environmental challenges. Other prominent speakers included Zamab Gohar, Sharjeel Baloch, Niaz Khan Kakkar,

Jhangir Bazai who highlighted the need for sustainable urban forestry and community involvement in environmental conservation. The initiative's first phase successfully planted 10,000 trees across Quetta, setting a strong foundation for the ongoing campaign. This project aligns with global efforts to address climate change by improving air quality, reducing urban heat, and increasing green spaces. The Green and Blue Quetta Initiative reflects the provincial government's commitment to making Quetta environmentally sustainable. Citizens are encouraged to actively participate in ensuring the success of this vital project.



Second phase of green and blue project launched in Quetta, signing ceremony: Photo Muhammad Ismail

PKMAP Backs PTI Candidate for NA-262 By-Election

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: The Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) has announced its support for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate in the upcoming NA-262 by-election. PKMAP President Qahar Wadan, speaking at a press conference at the Quetta Press Club, confirmed the decision, emphasizing the need for collaborative efforts to address the region's challenges and ensure development. The by-election for NA-262 was called after the disqualification of PML-N's Adil Bazai due to defection. According to the Election Commission of Pakistan, polling is

scheduled for January 16, 2025. Key election dates: *Public Notice: December 2, 2024 *Nomination Submission: December 4-6, 2024 *Initial Candidate List: December 7, 2024 *Scrutiny of Nominations: December 12, 2024 *Final Candidate List: December 22, 2024 *Symbol Allotment: December 24, 2024 With PKMAP's support, PTI's campaign in NA-262 gains significant momentum. The collaboration highlights a strategic alliance aimed at fostering political stability and development in the constituency.

Khuzdar Firing: Policeman Injured in Jhalawan Complex Area

From Our Correspondent:

KHUZDAR: Police Inspector Sheikh Ibrahim sustained injuries during a firing incident in the Jhalawan Complex area on Wednesday.

The injured officer was swiftly shifted to the trauma center, where he is undergoing treatment under the supervision of doctors. According to medical professionals, the bullet struck his leg, and his condition is reported as stable.

Law enforcement agencies have cordoned off the area and initiated an investigation to apprehend those responsible.



Such incidents highlight the rising security concerns in Khuzdar, urging authorities to enhance measures for the safety of residents and officials.

Fazlur Rehman raises Madrasah Registration Bill issue in call with PM Shehbaz Sharif

NEWS DESK: In a telephonic conversation with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has raised concerns over the Madrasah Registration Bill issue.

According to JUI spokesperson Aslam Ghauri, Rehman informed the Prime Minister of his reservations regarding the bill. During the conversation, PM Shehbaz assured the JUI leader that all concerns related to the bill would be addressed.

Rehman emphasized that the government should avoid turning the agreed-upon bill into a contentious issue.

"We stand firm on our position, and we will not allow any infringement on the freedom and independence of madrasahs," he stated.

Meanwhile, Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, another JUI-F leader, has issued a warning that the party will take further action if the Madrasah Registration Bill is not passed by the federal government by the deadline of December 8, Express News reported.

Jam Kamal Confirms PPP-PML-N 2.5-Year Power-Sharing Agreement in Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Federal Minister for Commerce and Industries Jam Kamal Khan disclosed on Friday that a 2.5-year power-sharing agreement exists between the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) for governing Balochistan. Speaking to Daily Quetta Voice in an exclusive interview, Jam Kamal revealed that the arrangement was decided before the formation of the provincial government.

"We allowed the PPP to lead dur-

ing the first half, and PML-N will take over for the remaining tenure," he stated.

Despite speculations, Jam Kamal dismissed rumors of any changes in the provincial setup, emphasizing that the government is performing well. "The provincial government is taking all coalition partners into confidence regarding key issues," he added.

Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) Distribution Jam Kamal also addressed the need for a structured approach

to allocating funds under the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP). He proposed a mechanism where no project worth less than PKR 10 million should be included. "It's better to collect two major projects instead of dividing funds into smaller, less impactful ones," he explained. This revelation comes as Balochistan faces challenges in development and governance, with coalition partners working to ensure stability in the province.

Jam Kamal Emphasizes Economic Growth in Balochistan, Highlights Challenges

Syed Kaleem Shah:

QUETTA: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan has called for urgent action to boost economic development in Balochistan, citing its strategic importance as a business gateway. During his visit to the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, he warned that failure to act seriously could lead to more challenges in the future. The minister highlighted the lack of industrial growth in the province, which has resulted in dependence on government jobs and higher costs for electricity

and gas. He stressed the need for collaborative efforts to develop small and medium enterprises and improve infrastructure in industrial zones like the Bostan Special Economic Zone. Chamber officials, including President Haji Muhammad Ayub Maryani, urged the minister to address key issues such as resolving land disputes in Bostan, building an expo center, and organizing a trilateral trade exhibition with Pakistan, Iran, and Afghanistan. They also requested tax valuation

discounts on Iranian imports and expedited clearance of delayed shipments. Jam Kamal assured that the federal government is committed to supporting economic initiatives in Balochistan. He mentioned ongoing reviews of economic zones under Prime Minister Shabbaz Sharif's directives and called for joint efforts to ensure sustainable growth. The visit concluded with chamber officials presenting a commemorative shield to the federal minister.

CJP Yahya Afridi rejects proposal for full court hearing on 26th Amendment

NEWS DESK: Chief Justice of Pakistan, Yahya Afridi, has responded to a letter from Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, rejecting his proposal for a full court hearing of petitions challenging the 26th Constitutional Amendment.

The majority of members of the Judicial Commission supported Chief Justice Afridi's position, reported Express News on Friday.

The commission, chaired by CJP Afridi, convened to discuss the nomination of judges to high courts as well as the inclusion of additional judges in constitutional benches of the Supreme Court and Sindh High Court.

During the meeting, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah suggested that the petitions against the 26th Amendment be heard by a full court. However, Chief Justice Afridi opposed the proposal, stating that the constitutional committee would determine how and



by whom the petitions would be fixed for hearing.

Sources reported that CJP Afridi stressed that the Judicial Commission did not have the jurisdiction to bring up the 26th Amendment for discussion.

He stated that following the passage of the 26th Amendment,



it was the responsibility of the constitutional bench committee to schedule hearings for constitutional cases.

The issue of creating rules for judicial appointments also arose in the meeting, with some members highlighting its significance.

Two Killed in Firing Incident in Chagai's Tehsil Area

Riaz Baloch:



CHAGAI: Two individuals were killed in a firing incident in Tehsil Chagai, according to Leves sources. The tragic event occurred around 4:30 PM, leaving the community in shock.

The victims were identified as Saeed Ahmed, son of Saifuddin Qasim Lajari, a resident of Tehsil Chagai, and Ilyas, son of Deen Muhammad, a resident of Aminabad. Saeed Ahmed, aged approximately 26-28 years, sustained



gunshot wounds to his head, chest, neck, and hands, while Ilyas, aged 28-30 years, suffered similar injuries to his chest and hands, Leves sources confirmed. Authorities are investigating the motive behind the attack. The incident has raised concerns over the increasing violence in the region.

Further updates are awaited as Leves officials continue their inquiry into this tragic case.

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Sheikh Rashid talks about emotional meeting with PTI founder Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Awami Muslim League (AML) Head Sheikh Rashid Ahmed recently shared details of an emotional meeting with PTI founder Imran Khan, describing it as a moment of reconciliation.

The two leaders chatted briefly in the courtroom, during which Imran Khan expressed optimism, saying that overseas Pakistanis would play a crucial role in saving the country from economic collapse.

He lamented that while the country's poor suffer, the rich avoid paying taxes, further exacerbating the economic crisis. The former federal minister revealed that the IMF delegation was leaving the country, and the poor would continue to suffer under the current conditions.

Rashid, who has been outspoken about his stance on political prisoners, urged the release of innocent individuals, including those associated with PTI, had not been able to secure legal representation. He highlighted that some 102-accused people had not yet hired lawyers, and the legal proceedings were dragging on due to delayed filings of legal documents.



QUETTA: Group photo of Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandukhel, All Vice Chancellors with conference participants.

Abbsi calls for political stability, accountability in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has emphasized the need for political stability and national unity to resolve Pakistan's ongoing crises.

Speaking to a private TV channel, Abbasi warned that the country's problems, including its economic challenges, cannot be solved until political chaos subsides.

He stressed that the national interest should take precedence over personal ambitions and political positions. Abbasi, commenting on the current political climate, stated that the leadership of Pakistan's political, military, and judiciary institutions is crucial in navigating the country out of its ongoing crisis.

As long as there is political chaos, the economic situation will not improve," he explained. Abbasi further criticized the government's handling of the situation, pointing out that incidents of violence such as the ones recently witnessed in Korea, were absent from countries with stable political environments. He lamented that in Pakistan, political leaders are not willing to sit together, but instead, the country suffers due to their inability to put national interests first.

Champions Trophy: Pakistan, India 'agree on neutral venue' formula for ICC tournaments

KARACHI (INP): The long-standing dispute between India and Pakistan over the 2025 Champions Trophy is finally close to being resolved as both sides agreed to play their matches at neutral venues for ICC tournaments.

The Pakistan Cricket Board had suggested a "fusion formula" for hybrid model, in which India's matches in Pakistan-hosted ICC Champions Trophy will now be held in both Pakistan and the UAE, with India's matches taking place in Dubai.

According to India's PTI news agency, the 2025 Champions Trophy will now be held in both Pakistan and the UAE, with India's matches taking place in Dubai. The agreement will reportedly apply to all ICC events through 2027.

During this time, India is set to host the Women's ODI World Cup in October 2024 and the Men's T20 World Cup in 2026 alongside Sri Lanka. Pakistan had insisted on a reciprocal hybrid arrangement for these events in India.



ISLAMABAD: Farewell party arranged by DG (Media Office), Ministry of Finance in honour of Mazhar Hussain, AFS, PID, Islamabad who has been retired from Govt service on attaining the age of 60 years.



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APHC denounces India's military approach on Kashmir dispute

SRINAGAR (INP): The All Parties Hurriyat Conference has denounced India's military approach on the Kashmir dispute, stating that Kashmir is purely a political issue, which needs to be resolved through exercise of right to self-determination, guaranteed by the United Nations.

The meeting, while expressing serious concerns, any content that targets national institutions or individuals, or spreads fear will be removed in Pakistan. A draft proposal suggests the establishment of a Digital Rights Protection Authority (DRPA), which will have the authority to block or remove social media content.

Shah, Muhammad Yasin Malik, Aayash Andriabi, Naheeda Nasreen, Fahmeeda Sufi, Naveem Ahmad Khan, Ayaz Akbar, Pir Saifullah, Merajuddin Kalwal, Shahid-ul-Islam, Farooq Ahmed Dar, Bilal Siddiqi, Molvi Bashir Irfani, Mushtaq-ul-Islam, Ameer Hamza, Dr Hameed Fayaz, Abdul Ahmadi Parra, Hayat Akhtar Butt, Zafar Akhtar Butt, Muhammad Yousufi Falahi, Rafiq Ahmed Ganai, Zahoob Ahmed Butt, Umar Adil Dar, Saleem Nanaji, Muhammad Yasin Butt, Fayaz Hussain Jafari, human rights defender Khurram Parvaiz, and journalists languishing in different jails of India and IOJK, urged their immediate release.

Antonio Gutierrez to take serious cognizance of the critical situation prevailing in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir and resolve the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the United Nations resolutions. Meanwhile, All Parties Hurriyat Conference and Kashmir chapter General Secretary Ahmad Farooq Ahmad in a statement in Islamabad welcomed the reiteration of unwavering political, diplomatic and moral support to the Kashmiri people by the Formation Commanders Conference of the Pakistan Army.

Seven more booked for 'propaganda' against state on social media

ISLAMABAD (INP): Seven more people have been booked for alleged social media propaganda and spreading false narratives via social media.

The accused, identified as Muhammad Sobhal, Muhammad Junaid, Sheikh Muhammad Ehsan, and others, were reportedly using WhatsApp and X (formerly Twitter) to disseminate propaganda. Authorities have confirmed that efforts are underway to apprehend the suspects.

As per the new amendment to PECA, the DRPA authority will have the power to issue orders to remove content targeting law enforcement agencies or individuals. It will also be responsible for removing content that spreads hatred against the state of Pakistan and its institutions.

They also paid rich tributes to the martyred youth in a fake encounter in Srinagar. The Hurriyat leaders urged the United Nations Secretary General, Secretary General, the state of Pakistan and its institutions. They deliberately spreading false information, fear, and insecurity will face fines, with penalties including up to 18 years in prison, a fine of up to Rs 1 million, or both.

Saudi Arabia family visa requirement for Pakistanis in Dec 2024

ISLAMABAD (INP): Saudi Arabia offers family sponsorship visas for expats including Pakistanis to bring their family to the Kingdom.

The country is home to a significant number of Pakistani expats, with estimates suggesting that at least 2.64 million Pakistanis live and work in Saudi Arabia.

Employers are typically responsible for renewing an expat's iqama, but employees must ensure their dependents' iqamas are renewed annually.

Failure to comply with iqama regulations can result in fines, deportation, or even jail time. Meanwhile, Pakistani workers traveling to Saudi Arabia on a work visa must secure Saudi visas from the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment by paying a prescribed fee.

Many Pakistani expats in Saudi Arabia wish to bring their families to the Kingdom to live with them. The Saudi government allows expats to bring their families, but certain conditions and requirements must be met under the family sponsorship visa.

To sponsor their families, expats must obtain a dependent or iqama visa, which is valid for one year and must be renewed annually. The conditions for obtaining an iqama visa cover various aspects, including the spouse's in-

come and profession. According to reports, expats working in fields such as engineering, technical, marketing, and medicine are eligible for family sponsorship visas. The minimum salary required for family sponsorship in Saudi Arabia is 3,500 Riyals.

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Governor distributes scholarships among merged districts students

PESHAWAR (INP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Faisal Karim Kundi visited Edgewood College on Friday, where he distributed scholarships among students from the merged districts.

The initiative was aimed to help students from the backward areas pursue higher education, ensuring they have access to resources for academic success. During his visit, the governor addressed students, assuring them, he was committed to resolving any issues they may face in their academic journey.

He emphasized his dedication to addressing the challenges faced by students and ensuring that the government would provide them with the necessary support to thrive in their studies.

Governor Kundi also spoke about the broader political con-

text, saying that he is receiving support from all political parties to restore peace and protect the rights of the province's citizens. "Our collective goal is to bring peace and stability to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and work towards the well-being of all its people," he said.

The governor urged the students to focus on obtaining modern education to prepare for the challenges of the future. "In today's world, knowledge is power, and it is vital for you to equip yourselves with the skills necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing global landscape," he remarked.

Governor Kundi extended a warm invitation to students throughout the province, offering them the opportunity to visit the Governor House and engage with

him directly through email. He highlighted his commitment to the youth of the province, saying that it is his keen desire to promote both sports and skill development among young people.

"I believe that nurturing young talent, whether in sports or vocational skills, is essential for the future of our province," he said, adding, "I am eager to support initiatives enabling our youth to grow not just academically, but also in other areas that contribute to their overall development."

Governor Kundi also reiterated his dedication to fostering an environment where students can thrive in a variety of disciplines, ensuring that sports and skill-building programs receive the attention and resources they deserve.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal chaired a progress review meeting on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Senate committee reviews missing files, connectivity issues

ISLAMABAD (INP): Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan chaired a meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Government Assurances held today at Parliament House.

The Senate Committee deliberated on the missing files of houses located in the I-10/4 and I-11/3 sectors of Islamabad. The CDA presented their stance, claiming they have initiated an internal inquiry and are re-verifying all cases. Upon verification, they found the allotment of plot in I-10/4 to be fake.

The Secretary Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs stated that this is a sensitive matter and, therefore, the issue must be revisited by analyzing the initial court orders to determine whether an appeal was filed.

However, the Chairman of the Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the CDA's handling of the matter. He further stated that if the file is not found within a specified time frame, the issue will be escalated to the Chairman Senate. Similarly, the issue of missing file of the plot in Sector I-11/3 was also discussed. The Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs remarked that this issue had not been discussed as assurance in the House and proper procedure within the mandate of the Senate Committee should be followed.

The Chairman of the Committee, in consensus with the members, stated that the case should

be routed through proper channels.

The Committee also discussed the assurance given by the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication during the Senate sitting held on 04 August 2022, regarding the non-availability of 4G data and voice call services in the Dheri Mera area, district Abbottabad.

Senator Kamran Murtaza, who raised this issue, expressed his frustration that the matter remains unresolved and that the situation has not improved. Other Committee members also lamented that areas in Balochistan and Waziristan face even worse conditions and recommended that regions with connectivity issues across Pakistan be included in the list of recommendations. An update on this matter will be reconsidered at the next meeting.

Additionally, the Committee reviewed the assurance given by the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination during the Senate sitting held on 04 January 2022, regarding the provision of an MRI machine at the Federal Government Polytechnic Hospital and the repair of the MRI machine at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad. It was reported that the MRI machine at PIMS has been in working condition since September 2023.

The MRI machine for the Polytechnic Hospital, however, will

be installed in February 2025, as per negotiations with the Government of Japan. It was noted that the machine has already arrived at the hospital, but due to the current circumstances in the country, the installation was delayed by the Government of Japan. The installation is now scheduled for February next year.

Furthermore, the issue regarding the cumbersome and difficult claims process provided by Jubilee Insurance for the employees of Bahria University, Islamabad, was also discussed.

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) reported that out of 5,706 cases, 5,693 have been approved, with only 13 cases remaining, which are expected to be resolved within 10 working days. Similarly, the issue of a road constructed by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) on Quaid-e-Azam University's land was addressed. It was reported that the compensatory land has now been allocated.

In attendance were Senators Gurdeep Singh, Kamran Murtaza, Dost Muhammad Khan, Kamal Ali Agha, Haji Hidayatullah Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Special Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Special Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and senior officials from the concerned departments.

Serena Chowk Interchange project will now be completed in three months: Naqvi

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Friday visited the Serena Chowk Interchange project.

He highlighted that the Serena Chowk Interchange project will now be completed in 3 months instead of 10 months. He tasked the CDA to complete the project ahead of schedule.

He reviewed the construction work and inspected the ongoing construction activities on the project. He gave directions for the timely completion of the project.

The Interior Minister said that the completion of this mega

project will resolve the problem of traffic in the capital for years. He assured that people from other cities coming to Islamabad would also get convenience in transportation. He added that Serena Chowk Interchange will now be built in just 3 months instead of 10 months and the task has been assigned in this regard.

Mohsin Naqvi said that under the Serena Chowk Interchange project, 2 underpasses and connecting roads are being built. He stated that he was personally monitoring the project to ensure its completion within the stipulated period. He instructed

that the project should be completed within the stipulated period by continuing 24/7 construction work. The Interior Minister stressed that during the construction work, the alternative traffic plan should be strictly implemented. He emphasized that the best management must be made to ensure the flow of the traffic.

The Interior Minister was given a detailed briefing regarding the construction of Serena Chowk Interchange.

The CDA Chairman, Deputy Commissioner Islamabad and other senior officers were also present on the occasion.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi visiting the site of Serena Chowk interchange project.



LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presents certificates of completion to the participants of the 7th Maritime Security Workshop in Pakistan Navy War College Lahore.

Law firm awarded Polish prize in recognition of protecting human rights

ISLAMABAD (INP): The AGHS Legal Aid Cell has been awarded the Sergio Vieira de Mello Polish Prize, at a ceremony held at the Embassy of Poland.

Established by the Villa Decius institution in Krakow, Poland, this tribute recognised exceptional efforts in protecting human rights and fostering peaceful coexistence among societies, religions, and cultures.

The award, created in 2003 in memory of Sergio Vieira de Mello, a renowned UN diplomat and advocate for human rights, was supported by the Embassies of

Brazil and Sweden, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Poland.

The ceremony was graced by the Brazilian Ambassador Olyntho Vieira, Swedish Ambassador Alex Berg von Linde, and UNHCR Deputy Repre-

sentative Fumiko Kashiwa as well as the French envoy Nicolas Galey. The host, ambassador of Poland Maciej Psarski, informed his guests that Sergio Vieira de Mello dedicated his life to championing freedom, intercultural dialogue, and human dignity, holding key roles such as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and UN Envoy for Iraq.

"Tragically, he was killed in a 2003 bombing in Baghdad. His legacy continues to inspire global efforts in human rights advocacy," he said.

He informed guests that AGHS, founded by the late human rights icon Asma Jahangir, was recognised for its unwavering commitment to serving the underprivileged, particularly women, through free legal aid. Predominantly led by women, AGHS was a beacon of empowerment, blending advocacy with prac-

tical solutions for vulnerable communities.

"AGHS Legal Aid Cell recognition of its outstanding, free of charge, service to the underprivileged, weak and vulnerable, among them especially women. This group of highly trained and dedicated lawyers skillfully combines rising-awareness activities, promotion of human rights with their practical application.

The prize also highlighted the universal value of AGHS's work in addressing human rights challenges. Asma Jahangir's legacy and Sergio Vieira de Mello's vision underscored the fight for justice and dignity across borders. The ambassador of France Nicolas Galey acknowledged that in a world grappling with threats to democratic values, AGHS served as a reminder of the enduring importance of human rights advocacy.

Omar Ayub accuses top political figures responsible of his unlawful arrest

RAWALPINDI (INP) Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Omar Ayub has accused Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, PML-N leader Maryam Nawaz, IG Punjab, and DPO Attock of being responsible for his unlawful arrest, which he claims took place at an Adiala Jail checkpoint on Wednesday. The arrest occurred despite

Ayub having secured a protective bail from the Peshawar High Court.

Speaking to the media after the Rawalpindi Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) approved his bail and ordered his release, Ayub described the ordeal as a blatant violation of his legal rights. He emphasized that the court questioned the police's authority to arrest him, given his existing bail. According to Ayub, the

police could not provide an answer when the court inquired about their actions.

"I was arrested in a false case yesterday, and despite having bail from the Peshawar High Court, I was illegally detained

at Adiala Jail and later transferred to Police Lines. The court has now ruled that my detention was unlawful," Ayub said.

The PTI leader's statement follows a series of dramatic developments. Earlier, the Rawalpindi ATC had declared the arrests of Ayub and four other PTI leaders, including Raja Basharat, illegal. The court issued contempt notices to five police officers for their role in the arrests and reprimanded them for disregarding the bail orders.

The ATC, under Judge Amjad Ali Shah, expressed strong disapproval of the arrests during a hearing that included PTI's legal team led by Babar Awan. "Why were these leaders arrested despite being granted bail by the Peshawar High Court?" the court reportedly asked.

The court also ordered the police not to arrest any accused individuals within a 500-yard radius of Adiala Jail, citing the illegal nature of the arrests made

there.

In addition to Omar Ayub and Raja Basharat, other PTI leaders including Ahmed Chatha were also detained at Adiala Jail on similar grounds. In response to the illegal detention, the court issued contempt of court notices to five senior police officers, including President Baroni Circle Nabeel Khokhar and SHO President Baroni Aizaz Azeem Saqib Tayyab.

The controversy has intensified tensions between the PTI and the government, with Ayub accusing high-ranking officials of orchestrating the unlawful actions.

The case is likely to have further legal and political repercussions, as the PTI demands accountability for what it sees as an abuse of power.

The Rawalpindi ATC's ruling in favor of the PTI leaders has marked a significant moment in the ongoing political battle, with both sides bracing for what may come next in the legal and political arenas.



ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Law and Justice, in collaboration with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), successfully concluded a transformative three-day training program for customs prosecutors.

PMD forecast rain-wind/thunderstorm with snowfall over hills in country's upper parts

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast rain-wind/thunderstorm with snowfall over the hills in upper parts of the country due to the cold wave conditions affecting most parts of the country from December 08-14 which would help provide relief to those residing in the smog affected areas.

A westerly wave was likely to affect upper parts of the country from December 07.

The PMD has forecast a significant drop in day and night

temperatures due to the cold wave conditions.

Day temperatures are likely to drop (04-06) degree Celsius below normal in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Balistan and Kashmir while 05-07 C below normal temperatures in Balochistan and Sindh.

Cold with gusty winds are likely in Sindh, Balochistan and parts of Punjab. Frost is also likely to develop over parts of the country from December 07.

Moderate rain-wind/thunderstorm with snowfall over the hills is expected in Chitral, Dir, Swat, Malakand, Buner,

Manshera, Abbottabad, Kohistan, Astore, Gilizer, Gilgit, Hunza, Skardu, Neelum Valley, Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot, Kotli, Haveli and Bagh from December 07th (night) to December 11 with occasional gaps.

Light to moderate rain-wind/thunderstorm with snowfall over the hills is expected in Murree, Galliyat, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Jhelum, Chakwal, Sialkot, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sargodha, Khushab, Faisalabad and Jhang from December 07th (night) to December 08 (afternoon).