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**QUETTA: Burning plastic, woods to brave chilly weather in Quetta: Photo Manan Mandokhail**

## Supreme Court Suspends Election Commission's Decision to De-Seat Adil Bazzi

**Dawood Ahmed:**

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court's regular bench has temporarily set aside the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) decision of November 21, which had declared Adil Bazzi de-seated.

The three-member bench, led by Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and comprising Justice Aqeel Abbasi and Justice Ayesha Malik, reviewed the matter during a hearing on Monday. Adil Bazzi's legal counsel, Taimoor Aslam, referenced the ruling regarding reserved seats as part of his argument.



Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, in a lighter moment, questioned the counsel, "Are you seriously relying on the reserved seats ruling?" Justice Aqeel Abbasi further observed, "Now they claim amendments have already been introduced."

Justice Ayesha Malik sought clarification, asking, "Can the decision on reserved seats be applied in this instance? Was Adil Bazzi included in the list of 81 members for reserved seats?" The bench was informed that the ECP did not have the authority.

## PM Shehbaz orders swift action against Islamabad rioters

**NEWS DESK:** Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has called for swift action against those involved in recent riots in Islamabad, warning that anyone attempting to destabilize the country's economy will face strict measures.

In a high-level meeting on security, attended by senior government officials including Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, Sharif emphasized that no innocent civilians should be arrested during the crackdown. "We will not allow anyone to create chaos and sabotage our rapidly stabilising economy," Sharif said, addressing the meeting. "Immediate actions should be taken against those responsible for the recent violence, vandalism, and damage to both public and private properties in Islamabad."

## Balochistan Faces Severe Cold Weather; Residents Demand Gas and Power Supply

**Manan Mandokhail:**

QUETTA: A severe cold wave has gripped Quetta and other parts of Balochistan for the past two days, forcing residents to remain indoors as temperatures plummet. The dry, chilly air has compounded challenges for the people, with roads appearing deserted and traffic thinning significantly.

In Quetta, the biting cold has exposed the lack of essential facilities, as residents complain of inadequate gas, power supply, and drinking water. Many have voiced their grievances against the Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) and Sun Southern Gas Company (SSGC) for failing to ensure uninterrupted services during this harsh weather. Aslam Khan, a resident of the

Saryab area, expressed his frustration, saying, "We cannot keep our homes warm without gas. The supply is so irregular that it's impossible to cook or heat water. The government must take immediate action to provide relief in this freezing weather." Mohammad Deen from Eastern Bypass lamented the electricity shortages, stating, "QESCO has been playing hide and seek with us. Power cuts last for hours, making it impossible to use electric heaters. We are suffering, and no one seems to care." Noor Bibi, a housewife in the outskirts of Quetta, highlighted the struggle of fetching water in these conditions. "With no water supply and freezing temperatures, we have to buy water, which is expensive.

The authorities should understand how difficult it is for people like us to survive," she said. The meteorological department has predicted that the cold weather will persist and intensify on December 9, affecting Quetta and various parts of Balochistan. This forecast has heightened concerns among residents, who are already grappling with limited resources and essential supplies. The lack of consistent gas and electricity supply has left many families struggling to stay warm. Local authorities are urged to address these issues promptly to alleviate the hardships faced by the people of Quetta and surrounding areas during this harsh winter.

## BHC Directs Immediate End to GHA Strike, Orders Release of Pending Stipends

**Syed Ali Shah:**



QUETTA: Advison bench of the Balochistan High Court (BHC), comprising Justice Muhammad Kaman Khan Munkhail and Justice Shaikat Rakhshani, has ordered the immediate cessation of strikes and lockdowns initiated by the Grand Health Alliance (GHA), which have paralyzed healthcare services in Quetta.

During a hearing regarding the delayed stipends of Post Graduate Medical Institute (PGMI) trainees and house officers, the court directed the Health Department to release over Rs. 633 million in pending dues and arrears. The Finance Department confirmed the allocation of funds, while PGMI officials were instructed to ensure prompt dis-

bursement. However, the court expressed concern that the GHA strike, which has locked down major healthcare facilities, including Civil Hospital and Bolan Medical Complex (BMC), was obstructing essential services. Terming the strike a violation of the Hippocratic Oath and professional ethics, the court stated, "Medical professionals are bound to perform their duties without interruptions, especially in essential services."

The court criticized associations like the Young Doctors Association (YDA) for using their positions to push political agendas at the expense of public welfare. It highlighted that healthcare, education, and other public ser-

VICES are classified as essential, and strikes within these sectors are illegal. The bench directed the Secretary of Health, Director General Health, and police authorities to take disciplinary action against violators and ensure the immediate restoration of healthcare services.

It also urged the GHA to address grievances legally rather than resorting to disruptive measures. The court's orders reflect a firm stance on maintaining uninterrupted healthcare services and addressing administrative delays while safeguarding patients' rights. Copies of the judgment have been forwarded to relevant authorities for strict compliance.

## Balochistan CM Approves New Girls' School in Ooch After Young Girl's Viral Appeal

**Education Desk:**

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has approved the establishment of a new girls' school in Ooch, a remote area of the province, after a heartfelt video appeal from a young girl went viral on social media. The girl, identified as Meer Zadi, shared an emotional video message requesting the Chief Minister to address the lack of educational facilities in her area. Her video gained widespread attention, prompting swift action from the provincial government. Responding to the overwhelming public reaction, Chief Minister instructed the Education Department to begin work on the project

immediately. A government spokesperson, Shahid Rind, confirmed the development, stating, "The Education Department has initiated procedures to establish a girls' school in Ooch." This decision marks a significant step forward for girls in Ooch, who have long faced limited access to formal education due to inadequate infrastructure. The new school is expected to provide much-needed educational opportunities and contribute to the development of the region. Ooch, which has struggled with underdevelopment, is now set to benefit from its first girls' school, showcasing the power of social media in driving positive change.



## Protest Erupts in Mustang Over Contract Teachers Recruitment, Highway Blocked

**Unir Shahwani:**

MASTUNG: Candidates protesting alleged irregularities in the recruitment of contract teachers by the Education Department staged a sit-in on Monday, blocking the Quetta-Karachi National Highway. The demonstration, held outside the Deputy Commissioner's House, brought traffic to a standstill, affecting hundreds of commuters. Protesters accused the department of violating merit in the selection process, claiming favoritism and lack of transparency in hiring. "We demand a fair recruitment process based on merit, as this directly impacts the future

of education in our region," stated one protester. The blockade caused significant delays for travelers, with some stranded for hours. Affected individuals called on authorities to address the protest promptly and restore normalcy on the vital transportation route. Despite appeals for resolution, the demonstrators pledged to continue their sit-in until their demands are met. The district administration has yet to respond publicly to the situation. This protest underscores ongoing concerns over transparency and fairness in public sector hiring in Balochistan.



## Women and Children Hospitalized After Consuming Poisonous Tea in Barkhan

**From Our Correspondent:**

**BARKHAN:** The health of multiple women and children deteriorated after consuming allegedly poisonous tea in Barkhan, prompting an immediate response from the Balochistan Food Authority (BFA). Buy vitamins and supplements. The incident, which occurred four days ago, has raised concerns about food safety in the district. Director General BFA, Attiqullah Khan, has directed swift action, including dispatching a special mobile inspection team and zonal inspection teams from Quetta. The mobile team, in collaboration with the zonal inspection team, will conduct a thorough investigation into the incident's cause and prepare a comprehensive report. In a telephonic conversation with Deputy Commissioner Barkhan,



Attiqullah Khan discussed the alarming situation and emphasized the need for stringent measures to prevent such incidents. "Mobile and zonal inspection teams have been assigned special tasks, and a campaign for quality checks of edible items will begin this week in Barkhan," Khan stated. The BFA has also announced plans for inspecting food centers and launching a region-wide campaign to ensure the quality and safety of consumables. This unfortunate incident highlights the urgent need for heightened food safety standards to protect public health.

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Opinion VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Polio Crisis in Balochistan: A Failure of Campaigns, Vaccine Refusals, and Poor Management

The alarming surge in polio cases in Balochistan continues to expose the failures of the ongoing eradication campaigns. With three new cases, the provincial total has now reached 20, and the national tally stands at 37, underscoring the dire need for urgent action.

Despite millions poured into vaccination efforts, the virus remains a persistent threat, especially in remote and underserved areas.

The failure to contain the virus highlights a deep-rooted issue: chronic vaccine refusals and ineffective management of the polio campaigns.

For years, health officials and organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF have launched numerous drives, but their impact remains minimal.

One major hurdle is the lack of access to high-risk areas, where families refuse the vaccine due to misinformation, mistrust, or cultural resistance.

Beyond logistical challenges, the absence of political and social ownership further weakens the campaign.

Without the backing of influential leaders, community buy-in is minimal, leaving the burden on health workers who often face resistance.

The failure of local authorities to engage and mobilize communities is a critical factor contributing to the rising cases.

To truly overcome this crisis, a shift toward indigenous solutions is essential. The authorities must trust and empower local staff members who understand the cultural and social dynamics of their communities.

Policies imposed from Islamabad often fail to address the specific challenges faced in Balochistan.

Instead, local leaders—political, religious, and social—should be brought on board to help reshape the strategy, build trust, and engage communities in the fight against polio.

By embracing an approach rooted in local ownership and tailored to the province's needs, Balochistan can make meaningful progress in eradicating the virus.

Without swift action, Balochistan's battle against polio will continue to stall, putting more young lives at risk. The virus is not just a health issue but a reflection of systemic failures that need to be addressed to protect future generations.

Charting the path for a progressive and equitable society

By Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri:

In a diverse and dynamic society like Pakistan, it is not an easy proposition to frame the hallmarks of governance.

With the writ of the 1973 Constitution becoming questionable, as hybrid and pseudo-civil-military dispensations continue to torpedo the true essence of electable governance, it remains an uphill task to carve a path of civility and equitable distribution of resources.

This newly-crept phenomenon has given way to parochialism and an utter sense of disenfranchisement, leading to brain drain and a lack of confidence in the affairs of the state.

Perhaps that has led to the necessity of a grand dialogue for quite some time, as episodes of characters of democracy and economy were repeatedly thrown to the wind by opportunist elements in our midst.

Pakistan's premier think tank, IPRI, took a leap forward as it conducted a chorographic discourse on 11 national issues by pooling together the synergies of other think tanks, universities and stakeholders from private and public sectors to catalogue a five-point print of recommendations and the way forward.

The two-year long proceedings have culminated in the form of a book, which

constitutes a great repository of factual analysis, critical conversation and the logical outcome on issues such as governance system, national identity and cohesion, economic security, extremism, population control, food security, and health, apart from education, climate change and de-weaponisation of society.

A quip from Dr Khalid Rehman, Chairman IPS, made an interesting point to an "inherent dilemma between politics and governance in Pakistan." He remarked that politics is ingrained in Urdu, whereas governance is conducted in English. This smart comment goes on to show the institutional disconnect between society and the ruling strata. This is where Pakistan has suffered as the inverted pyramid of governance has bred discontent, and the people and the state could not relate to this day.

As an outcome of a flawed and ad hoc module, poverty simmers at other think tanks, 50% of the population lack potable water, 25 million children aged 5-16 are out-of-school, 186 deaths per 1000 pregnancies, 40% of children under-five are stunted, literacy rate lingers at 58% (lowest in the region), and 42% people have no health

coverage. On the flipside, there is an elite capture wherein \$17 billion per annum is spent to retain the holy cows in the system, and the country sizzles with an international debt of \$135 billion at the premise of low GDP per capita and the debt-to-GDP ratio at an all-time high of 87%.

This necessitates some deep introspection to put the house in order, which luckily is blessed with mineral resources, human entrepreneurship, strategic location and an agrarian economy. Yet it has not been able to harness the political instability, economic chaos and regional fissures only due to failure to articulate sustainable governance.

Some of the great takeaways of the Grand National Dialogue are: increasing the size of budget allocations in health and education up to 5% of GDP; realising the National Action Plan in toto; restructuring tax machinery; moving for export-led productivity; fostering investment; and embracing proportional representation for inclusivity in governance. Likewise, empowering political parties for electoral genuine success and economic reforms is a must.

Sara Sadiq:

Quetta: Shabana Habib Tareen, the trailblazing Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) in Quetta, is reshaping societal norms and advocating for gender equality in a male-dominated field.

Her journey, from humble beginnings to becoming a symbol of women's empowerment, highlights her commitment to justice, road safety, and women's rights in Balochistan.

Early Life and Inspiration

Born in a traditional family in Quetta, Shabana took it upon herself to fulfil this dream. Today, her two daughters are also inspired to follow in her footsteps.

Despite societal expectations, Shabana joined the police force in 1994 as one of the first female officers trained at Sihala Police Academy. Her journey into law enforcement was not only a personal triumph but also a bold challenge to gender stereotypes in

Balochistan.

Career Achievements

Breaking Gender Barriers: Shabana faced skepticism from colleagues and the public but proved her competence through action. Her leadership as one of the few female officers shattered stereotypes and established her authority.

Promoting Road Safety: As DSP (Traffic), she implemented stringent traffic laws in Quetta, improving road discipline and public safety.

Advocating Women's Rights: Beyond her professional duties, Shabana has championed women's empowerment, raising awareness on issues like domestic violence and honor killings. Her efforts include establishing schools for girls in her community, enabling access to education for countless young



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Personal Triumphs

Balancing family responsibilities and professional challenges, Shabana excelled in the 2012 Central Superior Services (CSS) examination, securing the top rank in Balochistan and ranking 21st nationally.

Her success inspired women across Pakistan to pursue civil service careers.

Impact on Society

Shabana's leadership role challenges societal norms, inspiring a cultural shift toward recognizing women's contributions in all sectors. As a role model for young women, she underscores the potential for change when individuals defy limitations.

Shabana's story is more than a personal success; it symbolizes progress for women's rights in Pakistan. Her work calls for policy reforms to ensure women's voices are heard and protected, paving the way for a more equitable future.

She is tuned for more inspiring stories from Balochistan and beyond.

Middle East edging towards sustainable peace

By Shahid Javed Burki:

Recent events in the Middle East may mean that the region, after years of conflict, could be heading towards sustainable peace. This has become possible because of the conclusions reached by the region's two major powers, Iran and Israel. The Jewish state agreed to cease operations aimed at destroying the capability of the Iran-assisted militia to inflict pain and damage on its side of the border with Lebanon.

Israel's response to the October 7, 2023 attack on its territory was a vicious campaign against what it maintained were Hamas strongholds in the narrow Gaza Strip. Tens of thousands of people were killed by the Israeli operations, most of them women and children.

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his defence minister, Yoel Herson, for crimes committed in Gaza by their military.

In September 2023, the United Nations envoy for the Middle East peace process, left a message for Hamas leaders in Gaza thinking that he had helped avert a major escalation of the conflict by Hezbollah, Israel and the Palestinian militia. But, according to Patrick Kingsley reporting for The New York Times, "Hamas had bluffing Mr. Wenceslaw along with the senior Israeli leadership and much of the international community. Days later, on October 7, 2023, the groups fighters entered Israel, setting off a war plan that killed thousands of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

The assault on Israel was carried out by Hamas, one of several Iran-assisted militia in the region of Middle East. The Lebanese militia decided to go after the militias that were planning to attack the Jewish state. A war plan that Israel to withdraw its military from Lebanon, while Hezbollah is to pull back to the area north of the Litani River, leaving a buffer in southern Lebanon between Hezbollah and Israel's northern border. The Lebanese Army, which is not part of the conflict, is expected to oversee and enforce security there.

The Israeli withdrawal is expected to happen in phases. The phased withdrawal is expected to happen over a period lasting 60 days. The details are to be negotiated with the Lebanese Army and overseen by an international committee headed by the United States.

But as is the case in the Middle East, anticipated events may turn on their head and the region may not proceed along the route planned by those who are involved. The big question remains: how will Iran and Israel deal with one another? About a month ago, Israel sent more than 100 jets and 180 ballistic missiles to strike Iranian military bases. This was Israel's response to Iran's launching of over 300 ballistic missiles, most of which were shot down on October 1, Tehran was avenging the agreement which killed thousands of Hezbollah and Hamas leaders.

These tit for tat reactions by Tehran and Jerusalem put on alert nations around the globe for a broader regional war that would engulf most countries of the Middle East. General Hossien Salami, commander in chief of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard, said that his country had decided to create a new equation in dealing with the developing situation. Initially the conflict was carried out by both Israel and Iran solely with deep precision missile strikes, mainly targeting military bases in each other's country. However, there were fears that this exchange of fire could spread to more sensitive areas such as Iran's nuclear facilities.

The initial claims of infractions by both sides to the agreement are indication of the fragility of the deal and difficulty of enforcing it under international law more broadly. This was the assessment of Jennifer Kavanagh, a senior fellow and director of military analysis at Defense Priorities, a foreign policy institute based in Washington. She said she expected violations and failures but was not entirely pessimistic, because all sides "have incurred a cost to make it work."

The question now is whether the peace agreement signed by Israel and Hezbollah would survive and bring peace to at least one part of the troubled Middle East. Despite the agreement, Hezbollah and Israel have continued to fire on each other. On December 2, Hezbollah said that it fired munitions into a border area known as Shebaa Farms in response to a series of Israeli ceasefire violations, including airstrikes and artillery fire. Israel and Lebanon claim Shebaa Farms as their property.

"I have been around Lebanon cease-fire agreements for decades, and there is no ceasefire agreement that wasn't initially broken," said Aaron Miller.

Are regional languages slowly becoming extinct?

By Sahibzada Riaz Noor:

Pashto and other regional languages may appear to be thriving with millions speaking it as their mother tongue, but there is another more important aspect to its language: its place in education; its political support; its role in business, administration and state policy; and its internal corpus in grammar, literature and history.

A language consists of not only the mother tongue which, by all accounts in so far as Pashto is concerned, is alive, but also the written canon, the grammar, the literature, the idiom, syntax and idiosyncrasy, which by all accounts, is languishing under threat of other predominant languages like Urdu and English.

David Crystal in his classic, Language & Literature (Cambridge 2000), observes that the gradual

extinction of many minority (regional) languages across the world is a matter of widespread concern in terms of cultural identity and regional national existence. According to the Encyclopaedia of Linguistics, there are 6,000 to 6,300 languages in the world.

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place in job market and community support is critical.

Pashto and other regional languages in Pakistan can be aptly called 'deprived' languages because of their declining or transfer of language to the written, grammatical, literary levels.

In most countries like Pakistan, census data is not recorded on a language basis. A safe position for being adopted is that 50 per cent of all languages will be lost in the next 100 years while means 1,000 languages lost in 100 years or one language may be lost in every two weeks or so.

Michael Krauss makes the following classifications of danger to indigenous languages: a) safe; b) endangered; c) extinct; and d) moribund.

Moribund languages are no longer being learned as a

mother tongue; there is no intergenerational transfer of mother tongue. The intergenerational transfer may occur at the colloquial, speech level but lacks from being brought to the written, grammatical, literary levels.

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## Govt has last chance to initiate dialogue with PTI: Fawad

ISLAMABAD, Dec 09 (INP): Former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry on Sunday said that the government has last chance to initiate dialogue with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Talking to a private TV Channel, he said that the PTI should first focus on forming a larger alliance and added that the government has left the party with no other option but to protest.

He said that PTI has no option left except launching protest movement. He said

that the PTI negotiation committee includes political people and there is every hope that the PTI negotiation committee will move matters forward. He was of the view that the PTI founder is not in favour of confrontation.

Fawad said that Bushra Bibi, the wife of incarcerated PTI founder, is trying to get her husband's release from the prison. But the government is not interested in bringing political stability in the country, he concluded.



QUETTA: Fazal Muhammad foundation head Fazal Muhammad Noorzi along with drugs addict children addressing a conference.

## Pak-China hospital in Gwadar serves 21,000 patients in 7 months

ISLAMABAD (INP): More than 21,000 patients, especially women and children, have received free medical services at the Pak-China Friendship Hospital (PCFH) in Gwadar since its launch and operation over the last seven months. The number of patients has surged due to the high-quality, low-cost healthcare services provided.

"If Pak-China Friendship Hospital (PCFH) Gwadar had not been operational, I could have lost my second child during the final stages of labor," said Aaman Tasleem Baloch, who came to the hospital for a routine check-up on December 7.

In an interview with Gwadar Pro, she explained, "The free medical care provided during my second pregnancy at PCFH ensured a safe delivery, and I was blessed with a healthy daughter who is now three months old."

Aaman Tasleem Baloch is just one of many patients who have benefited from the hospital's free services. The PCFH provides seamless medical care not only to Gwadar's local population but also to those in surrounding areas, offering state-of-the-art medical equipment, a conducive environment, and hassle-free amenities.

In addition to gynecology, PCFH is dedicated to treating patients in orthopedics, neurology, gastroenterology, cancer, dentistry, pediatrics, neonatal medicine, and family medicine.

Built at a cost of \$100 million, with financing from the Chinese government under the framework of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the hospital is equipped with 150 beds and a fully functional Outpatient Department (OPD), winning the hearts of the local people.

Spanning over 68 acres of land, the hospital was established under the Gwadar Development Authority's (GDA) Business Plan. It consists of six blocks: a medical block, a residential block, a nursing block, a paramedical institute block, a medical college block, and a central laboratory block, along with other allied facilities, medical equipment, and machinery.

After completion, the hospital was handed over to the Gwadar Development Authority and is now managed and operated by the Indus Hospital & Health Network (IHNN), a non-profit organization that serves the ailing community.

Nadir Ali Baloch, Deputy Manager of Administration at PCFH, said the hospital's "Help Desk Initiative,"

launched on September 16, has been providing health services to communities throughout the coastal area and other localities such as Turbat, Jiwani, Surbandar, and Catcheh, as well as distant districts.

"The Help Desk Initiative operates as a 'One Window Facility' where patients can get information on doctor appointments, medical tests, and emergency aid, all free of cost," he added.

In response to a query, Baloch explained that the hospital had already made significant strides in providing health services to the local community with the opening of the Outpatient Department (OPD), marking a milestone in offering state-of-the-art, no-cost medical care to Gwadar's impoverished residents.

The hospital's mammography service, aimed at creating cancer patients, is progressing at full speed.

The service includes screening mammography, diagnostic mammography, ductography, and needle localization, all provided by dedicated female technologists under the supervision of a radiologist, he added.

## SC rejects plea to delay military trials appeals hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): The constitutional bench of the Supreme Court (SC) on Monday dismissed a petition seeking the postponement of hearings in the intra-court appeals related to the trial of civilians in military courts.

A seven-member constitutional bench, led by Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan, heard several petitions challenging the trial of civilians in military courts and seeking their annulment.

Former Chief Justice of Pakistan Jawad S. Khawaja had filed a petition challenging the trial of civilians in military courts. Meanwhile, senior lawyer Atraz Ahsan had requested to suspend hearings until a decision on the 26th Constitutional Amendment petitions is reached, Express News reported.

The court dismissed the plea and imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 on former chief Justice Jawad S. Khawaja.

During Monday's hearing, the Supreme Court questioned the counsel of Khawaja regarding the jurisdiction of the constitutional bench. When asked if he recognised the bench, the counsel responded, "I do not accept the jurisdiction of the constitutional bench." In response, Justice Mandokhail directed the

counsel to leave the courtroom by clarifying that the current bench had been nominated by the Judicial Commission. This prompted Justice Mandokhail to inquire whether the 26th Constitutional Amendment had been invalidated.

Justice Mazhar, joining the convener, criticised the counsel for what he perceived as delaying tactics, remarking, "At every hearing, there seems to be a new request."

Justice Mazhar added that if the 26th Amendment were to be annulled, judicial decisions would remain protected, emphasizing that even those held under military courts would likely support this outcome.

The bench then called Hafizullah Niazi to the rostrum. Justice Mandokhail asked Niazi if he wished to proceed with the case, to which he affirmed his intent.

However, Justice Musarrat Hilali questioned Niazi's legal standing in the case, suggesting he lacked the necessary standing to pursue it.

Justice Mandokhail also pointed out that Niazi's actions appeared to be prolonging the proceedings, noting that he was not personally affected by any loved ones being held in custody.

Justice Mandokhail concluded by clarifying that the Supreme Court was operating in line with the constitutional amendment, reinforcing that the court's actions were within the scope of the law.

On the other hand, Chief Justice of Pakistan Yahya Afidri has referred the matter of forming a full court to hear multiple petitions against the 26th Constitutional Amendment to the constitutional benches committee.

**BEFORE THE JUDGE BENKING COURT  
QUETTA OFFICE AT DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY  
SHARA-E-IQBOL QUETTA**

SUIT NO.40/2024

Bank Alfalah Limited,  
M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

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**SUIT FOR RECOVERY RS. 496,852.02/- US/9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCE) ORDINANCE 2001.**

**NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908**

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS. 496,852.02/-** balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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(SAIFULLAH KHAN)  
Registrar  
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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti is presented with a souvenir by Chairman Municipal Committee Sui Izatullah Bugti.

## South Korea President Yoon banned from foreign travel as leadership crisis deepens

SEOUL (INP): South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol has been banned from leaving the country over a failed attempt at imposing martial law, a justice ministry official said on Monday, amid growing calls for him to step down and a deepening leadership crisis.

Yoon has apologized for the botched attempt and said he was leaving his political and legal fate to his ruling People Power Party (PPP) but has not resigned.

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Oh Dong-woon, the head of the Corruption Investigation Office for High-ranking Officials, said he has ordered a ban on foreign travel for Yoon, when asked at a parliament hearing what actions have been taken against the embattled president.

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Yoon gave the Military sweeping emergency powers on Dec 3 to root out what he called "anti-state forces" and obstructionist political opponents. He rescinded the order six hours later, after parliament defied military and police orders to vote unanimously against the decree.

Amid the backlash, multiple military officials, including the acting defence minister, have said they would not follow any new order to impose martial law again.

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## Wafa-ul-Madaris chief assures Mohsin Naqvi of positive role on Bill

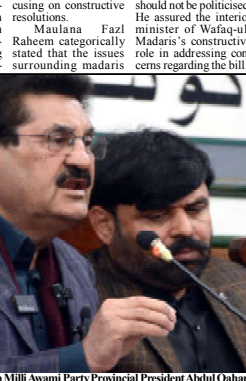
LAHORE (INP): Maulana Fazl Raheem Ashrafi, the Patron-in-Chief of Wafa-ul-Madaris, assured Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi of his positive role in addressing concerns related to the proposed Madaris Bill (laws for religious schools).

According to media reports, the assurance came during a meeting held at Jamia Ashrafia in Lahore on Monday.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited Jamia Ashrafia and held an exclusive meeting with Maulana Fazl Raheem, assured Interior Minister inquired after the health of Maulana Fazl Raheem and expressed his best wishes for him.

The two leaders engaged in detailed discussions about the proposed Madaris Bill, with Maulana Fazl Raheem emphasising the importance of depoliticising Madaris issues and focusing on constructive resolutions.

Maulana Fazl Raheem categorically stated that the issues surrounding madaris should not be politicised. He assured the interior minister of Wafa-ul-Madaris's constructive role in addressing concerns regarding the bill.



QUETTA: Pashunkhwa Milli Awami Party Provincial President Abdul Qahar Khan along with PTI leaders conducting a press conference.

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## Balochistan CM Pledges Increased Funds for Local Bodies Based on Performance

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti announced plans to enhance funding for local bodies contingent on their performance during his one-day visit to Sui on Monday.

The announcement came as he inaugurated the new office of the Sui Municipal Committee.

Addressing attendees, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of functional local governance. "We want to empower local bodies."

By increasing funds based on performance, we aim to ensure that people no longer need to face the difficulties of traveling to the provincial capital for basic needs," Bugti stated.

Highlighting the significance of local governance, he remarked that most of the population's challenges arise at the grassroots level. Strengthening local bodies, he noted, would alleviate undue



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ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi in meeting with Maulana Fazl Rahim Ashrafi, Patron-in-Chief of the Wafaq ul Madaris.

## Ji announces million march towards Islamabad on December 29

KARACHI (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) has announced a million march in Islamabad on December 29 to protest against the economic and political conditions in Pakistan.

Addressing a press conference, Hafiz Naeem-ul-Rehman, the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, expressed concerns over the dire state of the nation's economy and the political system.

Rehman compared Pakistan's situation to that of Syria, highlighting how the Syrian government, under Bashar al-Assad, suppressed the people and denied them their rights.

He pointed out that in Pakistan, a few influential families control the country's resources, leading to economic inequality.

He criticized the current rise in the stock market, labeling it as a "fake rally," with big players manipulating the market by directing investments into the stock exchange and benefiting from the reduction in interest rates. He emphasized that this practice has been seen before, contributing to a distortion of the economy.

He also raised concerns about the dire situation in Sindh, particularly Karachi, where he

claimed that the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) has been ruling for 17 years but has failed to deliver basic services. He cited the ongoing water crisis in Karachi, which has seen no water supply for 11 days, and alleged that PPP's rule has led to the occupation of people's lands. Rehman argued that those who benefit from the PPP's policies continue to support the party, despite widespread discontent among the people of Sindh.

Regarding Pakistan's economic situation, Rehman stressed that real improvements could only be achieved by addressing the core issues of taxation, resource distribution, and providing relief to the public.

He criticized the elite class, particularly the top 7% of billionaires in the government, for not understanding the everyday struggles of ordinary citizens. Rehman asserted that Pakistan's economy would not improve through mere statements but through concrete actions and reforms.

The JI leader also spoke out against the country's privatization process, accusing the government

of selling off state-owned enterprises under fraudulent agreements.

He particularly mentioned the case of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), accusing the government of destroying its fleet and setting up a "tooting cell" under the guise of privatization. Rehman also criticized the privatization of K-Electric, saying that line losses and energy inefficiency had increased since its privatization 19 years ago, and that energy prices remained high despite talks with Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

Rehman concluded by reiterating that the economy could only improve if structural reforms were implemented, particularly in the energy sector, which he believes would help reduce electricity bills, stimulate exports, and address the broader economic crisis facing the nation.

The Million March planned for December 29 aims to mobilize the public in protest against the current government's policies, with Jamaat-e-Islami vowing to demand accountability and action on behalf of the people of Pakistan.

## SC rejects govt plea seeking to allow military courts to announce verdicts

ISLAMABAD (INP): A seven-member constitutional bench of the Supreme Court on Monday rejected the government's petition seeking permission for military courts to announce case verdicts.

"Giving permission to announce verdicts would mean recognizing the authority of military courts," remarked Justice Musarat Hilali during the hearing. Headed by Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan, the bench also includes Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan, and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan.

During the hearing, the court questioned Khawaja's counsel, asking: "Do you recognise the constitutional bench?" In response, the counsel said: "I do

not accept the jurisdiction of the constitutional bench."

Justice Mandokhail, addressing this remark, said: "Then you may leave the courtroom."

The counsel further asserted that the current constitutional bench was nominated by the Judicial Commission.

At this, Justice Mandokhail inquired whether the 26th Constitutional Amendment had been invalidated? He was joined by Justice Mazhar, who observed: "You are employing delaying tactics. At every hearing, some new request emerges." "If the 26th Amendment is annulled, judicial decisions will be safeguarded. Even those detained under military courts desire this outcome," added Justice Mazhar.

The bench then called Hafezullah Niazi to the rostrum. Justice Mandokhail asked him: "Do you wish to proceed with this case?" Niazi affirmed: "Yes, I want to proceed." Addressing him further, Justice Musarat Hilali asked him to consider those languishing in jails; you lack the legal standing to pursue this case. Justice Mandokhail added: "You are delaying proceedings because no loved one of yours is in custody."

Justice Mandokhail clarified that the SC was functioning under the constitutional amendment. He explained: "All benches are being formed under the new amendment, and even in cases concerning the amendment will be heard by a bench constituted under it."



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairing a meeting held here to review the current situation of Syria and safe evacuation of Pakistanis present in the country.

## New Gwadar International Airport, epitome of innovative craftsmanship: Report

GWADAR (INP): New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA) is a symbol of bewitching splendour that features bird-shaped building structure, high-tech

interior & exterior, awesome arrival & departure areas, eye-catching lounges, airy and lit-up refreshment areas, boarding spaces and seating arrangements.

Clean and shiny flooring set the mood cheerful prompting to fill eyes with state-of-the-art beauty that testifies craftsmanship of designers and engineers.

As seeing is believing, NGIA's construction craftsmanship gave a serendipitous experience prioritized by mindfulness, diversity and inclusion, and convenience.

Airport spaces were up to include the highly directional flow of visitors (the drive to the gates or the exit), the cyclic nature of the occupancy peaks, the heterogeneity of the user group (business travel, vacation travel, family groups, diverse ethnic and demographic groups).

The major stressors at airports are typically the inability to control ones' environment or understand what's expected at the airport, the stress of meeting the time, and the generic stress of the crowds and noise. NGIA design can ameliorate all these issues," CA A official told Gwadar Pro.

"Inclusivity, respect for cultures and specific seating environment appear catered well at the airport considering the 24 hours

operating schedule," he added. "Hopefully we see bustling lounges, lively bars, restful nooks, interesting shopping, active play areas and comfortable areas to gather soon," another official said.

The system inside the airport allows travelers to navigate with convenience using clear signage, and intuitive layouts to simplify the travel experience.

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and Pakistan in driving regional development.

One of the most notable features setting Gwadar International Airport apart is its state-of-the-art landing system, representing a pinnacle of modern aviation technology.

Engineered to accommodate large aircraft like the Airbus A320 and Boeing 737, this advanced system ensures the smooth and secure landing of flights, reinforcing Gwadar's position as a hub of innovation and progress in the aviation realm.

"China-aided New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA) is going to serve a dynamic precursor for spin-off effects on development horizons of Gwadar as well as Balochistan," Khalid Ahmed Baloch, local trader doing hotel business in Gwadar told Gwadar Pro.

Owing to its geostrategic and geo-economic position, NGIA is also set to furnish a positive role in boosting international trade. It will create a crucial link between businesses and various global markets, greatly expanding their potential customer base.

Meanwhile, the economic impact of NGIA also goes beyond its immediate boundary. Local businesses like hotels, restaurants, vehicle rental agencies, and taxi services will benefit significantly from NGIA's presence, resulting in more job opportunities and higher wages in these sectors.

## 52 uplift schemes in KP stalled as Centre delay development budget

PESHAWAR (INP): The federal government slashed the development budget, leaving 52 projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) without funds.

According to media reports the current financial year has seen no release of funds for 52 projects in the province.

The 94 development projects currently underway in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been delayed due to the lack of timely funds. The total cost of these projects is estimated to be around Rs. 91.5 billion. For the current financial year, a development budget of Rs. 49.74 billion was allocated for these 94 projects. However, only Rs. 6.29 billion has been released for 42 projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

15 development projects of

the NAH have been left without funds. Similarly, two uplift projects of Communication Division, three schemes of Establishment Division and nine development projects of Housing and Works Division have been affected.

A project to search for uranium reserves in Bannu and Kohat has been left without funds, despite an allocation of Rs. 300 million.

Meanwhile, several projects of Information and Interior Division, Power Division, Railways, Revenue, Science and Technology, and Water Resources Divisions have been affected. Earlier, Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) made 'significant' progress in their negotiations as no mini-budget would be introduced by the fed-

eral government

"Pakistan's tax collection target of Rs 12.97 trillion will remain unchanged, and no mini-budget is expected," the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) sources said. They added that the IMF expressed satisfaction with tax reforms being taken by the Pakistani government. According to sources, the FBR will not impose the general sales tax (GST) on petroleum products.

Meanwhile, the FBR sources said that Tax-to-GDP ratio has been improved from 8.8 percent to 10.3 percent while Rs 12 billion taxes are collected from retailers in three months. They added that 400,000 new traders have filed tax returns and the number of registered traders is increased from 200,000 to 600,000.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chairing the meeting of Prime Minister's Committee on Social Impact Financing.

## ATC grants 3-day physical remand for 19 accused in D-Chowk protest case

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) has granted a 3-day physical remand for 19 individuals arrested in connection with the D-Chowk protest in Islamabad.

The accused were presented before Judge Abul Hasanat Zulqarnain, where the court rejected a police request for a 20-day remand.

Prosecutor Raja Naveed argued that the accused had provided valuable information leading to further arrests, and that additional recoveries were expected.

He requested an extended remand to facilitate ongoing investigations. However, the court

approved only a 3-day remand, bringing the total physical remand period to 11 days for the accused, during which several key revelations had been made.

In a separate development, the ATC had earlier dismissed a similar request for further remand of 17 protesters arrested at D-Chowk.

Prosecutor Atif Ranjha had sought a 22-day physical remand for the accused, but their lawyer, Anwar Kayani, opposed the request. After hearing both sides, the court ordered the protesters to be sent to jail on judicial remand, rejecting the prosecutor's request.

In another case, the ATC had

earlier handed over 146 individuals arrested during the same protest to the police on a five-day physical remand.

The police had initially sought a 20-day remand for the group. Prosecutor Raja Naveed stated that a five-day remand had already been granted, and several seizures had been made. The court also approved a further five-day remand for these accused, as investigations continue.

The cases are part of ongoing legal proceedings following the protests in Islamabad, where authorities have intensified efforts to investigate and gather evidence linked to the unrest at D-Chowk.



GWADAR: Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi chairing the meeting of Jail Reforms at Gwadar Balochistan.