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A female volunteer engaged in the provision of anti-polio drops to children in Quetta: Photo Daily Quetta Voice

Asad Qaiser voices concerns over military court rulings

NEWS DESK: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) senior leader Asad Qaiser has expressed regret over the Supreme Court (SC) decision to allow civilian cases to be tried in military courts. Speaking to media representatives at the High Court, Qaiser emphasized the party's stance on an independent judiciary and the rule of law, saying, "We want an independent judiciary, we want the rule of law in this country. It is regrettable that the Supreme Court has allowed cases of civilians to be tried in military courts."

Qaiser also addressed the cases registered against PTI members by the state, calling them a matter of concern. "We are sorry for the cases registered against us by the state," he stated.

He went on to mention the discussions held by the party the previous day, highlighting three main points they had raised: the treatment of PTI workers, the release of arrested individuals, and a demand for a judicial inquiry into the incidents of May 9 and November 24.

"We are against pressure on the courts, we want decisions to be made freely in the court," Qaiser said. He stressed that the matter had been presented to the nation, adding, "There is no guarantee."

"The PTI leader further criticized the numerous cases filed against PTI chairman Imran Khan, describing them as revengeful. He pointed out that the excessive number of cases had diluted the significance of serious charges, saying,

"So many cases have been made that the importance of important cases has been lost. Cases of terrorism, murder and treason have been registered against parliamentarians." Qaiser also reaffirmed PTI's commitment to peaceful protests, stating, "Peaceful protest is the right of every citizen."



Forests: The Unsung Guardians of Climate Resilience and Economic Prosperity

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Balochistan Reports 27th Polio Case as Pakistan's WPVI Tally Reaches 65 in 2024

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Balochistan has reported its 27th polio case of 2024, bringing Pakistan's total to 65. The latest case, confirmed by the Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health on December 24, is from Killa Abdullah, which has now recorded seven cases this year. The 65 cases reported this year include 27 from Balochistan, 18 each from Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh, and one each from Punjab and Islamabad. Polio, a life-threatening disease with no cure, can only be prevented through multiple doses of the oral polio vaccine and routine immunizations.

To combat the resurgence of polio, Balochistan will launch its December sub-national vaccination campaign on December 30, targeting all 36 districts in the province.

The Pakistan Polio Program continues its door-to-door vaccination drives alongside the Expanded Programme on Immunization, which provides free vaccinations against 12 childhood diseases at health facilities. Parents are urged to vaccinate all children under five to ensure their protection against polio and help eradicate this preventable disease from Balochistan and Pakistan.

CM Bugti Vows Collaborative Solutions for Balochistan's Challenges

Manan Mandokhail:



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has pledged to address the province's pressing issues through consultation and consensus. After meeting with top political figures in the Balochistan Assembly, he assured citizens of proactive measures for public welfare and security.

In a session held on Tuesday, former Chief Minister Nawab Saanullah Khan Zehri, Senate members Mir Abdul Qudous Bizenjo and Samina Zehri, and newly elected MPA Mir Ali

Hasan Zehri joined the discussions on Balochistan's political, social, and security challenges. CM Bugti emphasized, "We will work tirelessly to meet the expectations of our people and resolve their issues through mutual cooperation."

During the assembly, Speaker Captain (R) Khaliq Achakzai administered the oath to Mir Ali Hasan Zehri as the MPA from Hub. Former CM Nawab Aslam Raisani highlighted concerns about excessive security checks, stating, "Unnecessary harassment at check posts must stop

to rebuild public trust." Addressing the issue, CM Bugti assured swift action, saying, "We are committed to resolving complaints about unnecessary check posts while maintaining security."

The session also discussed key matters, including the abduction of 10-year-old Muhammad Musawir Khan. CM Bugti reiterated the government's dedication to improving law and order, adding, "Protecting our citizens is our top priority, and we will address every challenge with a collaborative approach."

Nation Celebrates Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's Birth Anniversary

Unlocking Balochistan's Potential: A Roadmap for Sustainable Development

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Balochistan Services Tribunal Reinstates 233 Policemen

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: The Balochistan Services Tribunal reinstated 233 policemen who were previously dismissed for violating service rules and legal regulations. The decision was announced on Tuesday morning by Tribunal Judge Naseebullah Khan Tateen, following an appeal by the sacked policemen seeking justice.

The policemen had been terminated by the police department over allegations of misconduct and breaches of law. After challenging their dismissal, the tribunal reviewed the cases and ruled in favor of reinstating all 233 officers. This significant decision highlights the role of the Balochistan Services Tribunal in addressing grievances and ensuring justice for government employees. The reinstatement of these policemen is expected to have a notable impact on the Balochistan police force, reinforcing the importance of lawful and fair service rules.



PM Shehbaz rejects US sanctions, vows no compromise on nuclear programme

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has stated that there is no justification for the US sanctions imposed on Pakistan due to its missile program, asserting that there will be no compromise on the missile program. He further criticized the full benefits of our efforts for development and prosperity cannot reach the nation. We are utilizing all resources in collaboration with the provinces to eliminate terrorism. He emphasized that the country will persist in taking robust steps to safeguard its security. The prime minister also expressed strong disapproval of the sanctions imposed on the National Defense Complex and other Pakistan firms, asserting that there is no legitimate reason for such actions.

He further added that Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs had given a strong response to the matter, but one thing is clear: "This program is not mine, nor any political party's; it belongs to the 240 million people of this country, and it is dear to them. There will be no compromise on this program, and the entire nation is united on this issue."

On terrorism, PM said, "A few days ago, 17 of our personnel were martyred in an attack by the Khawarij. Prayers should be offered for them." Following his request, the participants of the meeting prayed for their souls. He further mentioned that eight of the attackers had been killed, and the army chief had personally visited Wana to encourage the forces. "Until terrorism is completely eradicated, the full benefits of our efforts for development and prosperity cannot reach the nation. We are utilizing all resources in collaboration with the provinces to eliminate terrorism. We will not rest until the terrorist threat is fully crushed," he added.

He noted that the situation regarding terrorism in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa differs slightly, expressing deep sorrow over sectarian killings in which both sides had suffered losses. "Both groups are armed in Kurram, but I do not wish to go into the details. The unfortunate part is that, at the time of this bloodshed, Islamabad was being attacked. Had the CPK government focused on it, the damage would have been less."

Pakistan, Afghanistan vow to strengthen bilateral cooperation, regional peace



NEWS DESK: Pakistan's Special Representative for Afghanistan, Ambassador Mohammad Sadiq, met Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Mutaqqi in Kabul on Tuesday to discuss enhancing bilateral cooperation.

Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan had been strained due to frequent border skirmishes and Islamabad repeatedly demanding Kabul to take action against the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which it says uses Afghan soil to launch attacks in Pakistan. Kabul denies the allegations. However, officials of the two countries have lately engaged in diplomatic interactions, with the last meeting being between Afghan chargé d'affaires Sardar Ahmad Shakceeb and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on December 9. That meeting followed close on the heels of a meeting between Pakistan's chargé d'affaires in Kabul Obaid Nizamani and Taliban Defence Minister Mullah Yaqoob.

Peshawar High Court (PHC) Arif Alvi gets 40-day transit bail

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OP-ED: Unlocking Balochistan's Potential Through Digital Connectivity

Editor: Asim Khan

Editorial: Balochistan, Pakistan's largest yet most underserved province, stands at the crossroads of a digital revolution...

Forests: The Unsung Guardians of Climate Resilience and Economic Prosperity

Iran Khan Tareen: Quetta: Forests, often regarded as Earth's forever friends, are vital for economic development, environmental sustainability, and climate resilience...

From Benazir's vision to Aseefa's voice

By Saira Samo: Great nations reach their zenith when they recognize women as invaluable assets, bestowing upon them the respect and dignity they deserve...

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...

About Zakir's drumming legacy

By Jawed Naqvi: In The Beatles' scheme the pop quartet assigned to themselves, Ringo Starr kept the rhythm on the drums...



ISLAMABAD: Former Federal Minister Sajid Hussain Turf, along with former Members of the Assembly of Tribal Districts addressing a press conference on the situation in Kurram Agency at NPC.

(US) President Bill Clinton hospitalized with fever

WASHINGTON (AFP): Bill Clinton, the former US president who has faced a series of health issues over the years, was admitted to hospital in Washington after developing a fever, his office said. "President Clinton was admitted to Georgetown University Medical Center this afternoon for testing and observation.

Should India opt for bowling depth over batting insurance at the MCG?

SYDNEY (AFP): India seem to be where they want to be with the Border-Gavaskar Trophy tied at 1-1. Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane are Australian cricket strongholds and they have managed to win one of those games and draw another. Melbourne brings happy memories - they got the better of the hosts in both 2018-19 and 2020-21 - and Sydney brings spin into play. These are just ifs and buts, which don't really win cricket matches. They do help put the people responsible for winning cricket matches in a nice state of mind. Could Prasadhi Krishna be one of those people? This is largely a hypothesis. It doesn't even have the merit of what happened in the nets, although Prasadhi was quite sharp there. On pitches that were described as more for white-ball cricket, he began Saturday's session by cutting one of India's best batters in half. KL Rahul has thrived by playing the ball nice and late but on this occasion, he was a little too late to bring his bat down to cope with the inward movement.

India have valued batting depth over bowling depth on this tour and yet they have been bowled out for less than 200 in three of their five completed innings. Is the benefit of the extra batter really coming through? Nishik Kumar Reddy is the extra batter, part of a package deal to compensate for lack of batting ability in the tail. He might be needed again in Melbourne if India go in with Washington Sundar as a lone spinner. But if they continue with Ravindra Jadeja, who has been one of their best batters in the last five years, it opens up an opportunity to bolster the seam attack. Reddy, as India's fourth bowler in this series, has contributed only 27 of their 336 wickets and giving away 4.55 runs per over. Thirteen overs is the most he has sent down in an innings and these have been helpful conditions. He is very clearly a batting allrounder and some of his shots suggest he has a really high ceiling - reverse scooping Scott Boland, cover driving Mitchell Starc and hooking Pat Cummins for sixes - but the other job he has been picked to do

Table with 3 columns: S.No, PERIOD, ORDER (RE-INSTATED NOTIFICATION). Contains dates and order numbers for various projects.

PRJ No. 2536/24-12-2024

Nation Celebrates Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's Birth Anniversary

Multiple tender notices from the Government of Punjab, including projects for water supply, filtration gallery, and furniture. Includes details on bid submission and contact information.

Large graphic for Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's 148th Birth Anniversary. Features a portrait of Jinnah and the quote: "There is no power on earth that can undo Pakistan."

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

Grid of multiple public notices and tender notices from various government departments, including Agriculture, Information and Broadcasting, and others.



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MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH
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Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti

"The 100 Dams Project is a transformative initiative to address water scarcity in Balochistan. These dams will ensure consistent water supply for irrigation and domestic use, empowering our communities." "This project will protect our people from the devastating effects of floods while boosting agricultural productivity. It's a cornerstone of sustainable development in our province." "I fully support the efforts of the Irrigation Department in executing the 100 Dams Project. Together, we are securing the future of Balochistan with innovative water solutions."

NATION CELEBRATES QUAID-E-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY
"TRANSFORMING BALOCHISTAN: THE 100 DAMS PROJECT"



Irrigation Minister, Mir Sadiq Unrani



Project Director Ibrahim Mengal



Secretary Irrigation, Hafiz Abdul Majid

"The 100 Dams Project is a lifeline for Balochistan's arid regions. It will provide reliable water storage, benefiting farmers and addressing the challenges of water scarcity." "By implementing this project, we are not just building dams—we are building resilience. This initiative will protect lives and ensure the stability of our agriculture-based economy." "The 100 Dams Project represents our commitment to sustainable water management. It's a giant leap toward economic growth and improved living

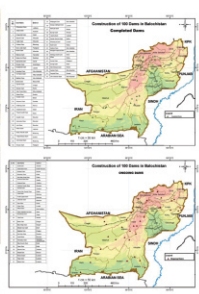
"The 100 Dams Project is a visionary step toward solving Balochistan's water crisis. These dams will not only store water but also provide a lifeline for agriculture and protect communities from floods." "Our team is working tirelessly to ensure the successful implementation of this project. It represents a commitment to sustainable water management and economic growth for the region." "The 100 Dams Project is a testament to the collective efforts of the government and the Irrigation Department. It will create a brighter and water-secure

"The 100 Dams Project is a bold and innovative approach to solving Balochistan's water challenges. These dams will create long-term solutions for water conservation and flood management." "With this project, we aim to enhance water availability across the province, ensuring farmers have the resources they need to increase crop yields and sustain livelihoods." "The Irrigation Department is dedicated to the timely completion of the 100 Dams Project. It is a milestone that will bring lasting benefits to the

Balochistan, a region long plagued by droughts and water scarcity, is undergoing a remarkable transformation through the visionary "100 Dams Project." Launched in 2008, this initiative aims to conserve floodwaters, enhance agricultural productivity, and recharge groundwater resources. With 52 dams already completed and over 100,000 acres of fertile land irrigated, the project is bringing hope and prosperity to thousands of families across the province.

"HARNESSING FLOODWATERS: SECURING BALOCHISTAN'S FUTURE"

The 100 Dams Project is conserving 37% of Balochistan's floodwaters, which would otherwise go to waste. This intervention not only ensures better water availability but also mitigates flood risks in vulnerable areas.

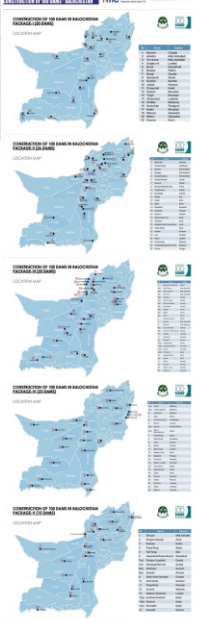


"52 DAMS COMPLETED—BUILDING A WATER-RICH TOMORROW"

With Package-I, II, and III successfully implemented, 52 dams are already operational, holding over 110,000 acre-feet of water to irrigate vast stretches of agricultural land.



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"IRRIGATING OVER 100,000 ACRES: AGRICULTURAL GROWTH REDEFINED"

The project has made over 100,000 acres of barren land cultivable, boosting agricultural output and empowering local farmers to grow high-value crops. "144,267 Acre Feet Storage Capacity Under Package-IV" The ongoing Package-IV, with 23 new dams, is set to store 144,267 acre-feet of water and irrigate 54,284 acres by 2026. "Project Director's Message: Dedication to Progress and Growth" Project Director Muhammad Ibrahim Mengal credits the success of the initiative to the vision of provincial leaders and the dedication of his team, reaffirming their commitment to Balochistan's development.





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BUGTI STREET FATIMA JINNAH ROAD PROVIDING AND FIXING OF RCC SLAB AND REPAIR OF ROAD



Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti

1. "For the first time in Balochistan's history, we are prioritizing the empowerment of local governments."
2. "Our mission is to bring decision-making closer to the people and resolve their issues effectively."
3. "By allocating substantial funds, we are ensuring sustainable development at the grassroots level."
4. "This initiative is a step toward strengthening democracy and improving public services."
5. "Together, we can build a prosperous and inclusive future for Balochistan."



MINISTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SARDAR KOHYAR KHAN DOMKI

1. "The empowerment of local bodies is key to addressing community-level challenges."
2. "We have launched transformative projects to uplift municipalities and union councils across Balochistan."
3. "Our efforts focus on enhancing infrastructure and improving the quality of life for the common man."
4. "Counselors and local leaders now have the resources they need to serve effectively."
5. "This initiative is a testament to our commitment to grassroots development."



SECRETARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT
RAUF BALOCH

1. "We are proud to support this historic initiative to strengthen Balochistan's local governance."
2. "The allocation of substantial funds marks a new era for municipal and metropolitan councils."
3. "Our role is to ensure transparency and efficiency in the execution of these projects."
4. "Every step we take is aimed at empowering communities and fostering development."
5. "This is a collective effort to bring about positive change for the people of Balochistan."

Historic Empowerment of Local Governments in Balochistan British Government Allocates Record Funds for Grassroots Development Strengthening Union Councils for the People The British Government, for the first time, has allocated substantial resources to empower local governments across Balochistan. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Local Bodies Minister Sardar Kohyar Domki, union councils are being strengthened to address issues at the grassroots level. Key Features of the Initiative

1. Substantial Funding for Local Bodies
- Metropolitan Corporations
 - Municipal Committees
 - Municipal Towns

3. Empowering Leadership
• Counselors, chairpersons, and deputy chairpersons equipped with resources to serve their communities better. A Vision for Inclusive Growth With a focus on the common man, this initiative aims to resolve longstanding issues and uplift communities through targeted development efforts. Together, Building a Stronger Balochistan! For project details and funding information, contact the Department of Local Bodies.



2. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS LAUNCHED

- Infrastructure improvement
- Public services enhancement
- Community empowerment initiatives



NATION CELEBRATES QUAID-E-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

PAT FEEDER CANAL

Transforming Water Management in Balochistan Irrigation Department's Groundbreaking Projects for a Resilient Future Boosting Dam Storage Capacity Securing Water for Future Generations: Enhanced storage ensures a consistent supply for irrigation and domestic needs. Expanding Command Areas: Addressing water scarcity with sustainable solutions. Flood Protection Walls: Safeguarding Lives and Lands Mitigating Flood Damage: Protecting communities and agricultural lands from erosion and water logging. Stabilizing the Economy: Ensuring farming sustains livelihoods during flood seasons. New Dams in Southern Balochistan: A Game-Changer Flood Control and Irrigation: Reliable water flow boosts agricultural productivity. Empowering Local Communities: Stimulating economic growth and creating jobs. Remodeling of the Pat-Feeder Canal Enhancing Water Efficiency: Supporting reliable and widespread water distribution. Empowering Farmers: Enabling effective irrigation and improving crop yields. A Vision for Sustainable Development Comprehensive Water Solutions: Addressing scarcity, flood management, and agricultural needs. Building a Resilient Future: Investments in infrastructure to uplift rural communities.



Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti

"The remodeling of the Pat-Feeder Canal is a monumental step toward sustainable water management in Balochistan. This project will empower our farmers with reliable irrigation, ensuring food security for future generations." "Investing in water infrastructure is investing in the future of our people. Projects like new dams and flood protection walls safeguard lives, protect farmland, and stimulate our economy." "I commend the Irrigation Department for its dedication to addressing water scarcity. Together, we are building a resilient and prosperous Balochistan for our citizens."



Irrigation Minister, Mir Sadiq Umrani

"The Pat-Feeder Canal remodeling is a game-changer for Balochistan's agriculture. It will ensure efficient water delivery to farmers, increasing productivity and improving livelihoods." "Our focus on expanding dam storage and building flood protection walls is vital to combating water scarcity and flood damage. These initiatives are the backbone of sustainable development." "I assure the people of Balochistan that the Irrigation Department is committed to providing long-term solutions for water management. These projects will bring stability and prosperity to our region."



SECRETARY IRRIGATION, HAFIZ ABDUL MAJID

"The Pat-Feeder Canal project reflects our vision of modernizing water infrastructure in Balochistan. It is a crucial step to meet the growing demands of our agricultural sector." "The construction of new dams and flood control measures is a testament to our commitment to safeguarding lives and enhancing agricultural output. This will create a lasting impact on the region." "Our department is working tirelessly to ensure the efficient execution of these projects. Together, we are paving the way for a water-secure Balochistan that thrives economically and socially."



SAMI BALOCH, PROJECT DIRECTOR PAT-FEEDER CANAL

"The remodeling of the Pat-Feeder Canal is a pivotal project that will revolutionize water distribution for Balochistan's agricultural sector. It will enhance irrigation efficiency and support farmers in growing more crops." "By upgrading the canal's capacity, we are ensuring a more reliable water supply, which is essential for both food security and the prosperity of local communities." "This project reflects our commitment to sustainable water management. We are confident that the remodeled Pat-Feeder Canal will play a crucial role in boosting the agricultural economy of Balochistan."

