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Govt advises Afghan Citizen Card holders to leave by March 31

NEWS DESK: The government announced on Friday that it will repatriate Afghan Citizen Card (ACC) holders as part of its ongoing Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Programme (IFRP), which began on November 1, 2023.

In a statement, authorities advised all illegal foreign nationals, including ACC holders, to leave Pakistan voluntarily by March 31.

Deportation procedures will commence from April 1 for those who fail to comply.

The government stated that the repatriation process will be conducted in a humane manner, ensuring the dignified return of all affected individuals.

"Sufficient time has been granted for a voluntary return," the statement read, adding, "Arrangements for food and healthcare have also been made for returning foreign nationals."

Pakistan has long been a host to Afghan refugees and continues to uphold its international responsibilities.

However, officials reiterated that those wishing to remain in the country must meet legal requirements and abide by



Pakistan's constitution.

Under the IFRP, all undocumented foreigners, including Afghans, are being repatriated. Afghan nationals sponsored by European or other foreign countries will not be deported for now, but if their resettlement plans are not finalised soon, they too could face deportation, according to sources from the Ministry of Interior.

As part of the programme, 781 Afghan nationals have already been repatriated from Islamabad via the Torkham border.

Yousaf Raza Gilani acquitted in 3 cases over 2014 trade subsidy scam

NEWS DESK: A federal anti-corruption court in Karachi acquitted Senate Chairman Yousaf Raza Gilani in three cases pertaining to the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) on Friday.

Gilani and around 25 others were indicted in around two dozen identical cases over the multi-billion rupee trade subsidy scam on March 29, 2018. All the accused pleaded not guilty to the charges against them.

The Senate chairman appeared before the federal Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) court today, where Judge Dr. Shahbana Waheed heard his acquittal pleas in three of the charges against him.

Senator Farooq H. Naek, also the vice chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council (PBC), appeared as Gilani's counsel.

Speaking outside the court today, Gilani said, "There was an approver who gave a testimony against me. Today, that person has become a suspect and is an absconder." Asked why there was no end to "political cases", the ex-premier responded that there had been

legislation done to prevent those by penalising false testimonies.

According to Naek, who was pleading the case in 2018 as well, the ex-premier was charged with corruption of Rs4.9 million in 26 cases but maintained that all the allegations were untrue.

The former premier as well as some former and serving senior TDAP officials — including its former chairman Tariq Iqbal Puri and former director general Abdul Karim Daudpota — had been booked for their alleged involvement in the approval and disbursement of fraudulent trade subsidies of billion of rupees to several fake companies through fictitious claims and backdated cheques during the PPP government.

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had charged-sheeted Gilani in around 25 out of over 70 cases pertaining to the scam in 2014. At that time, the PPP leader had responded that they were false allegations.

In May 2014, the federal ACE court had issued non-bailable arrest warrants for PPP leaders Gilani and Makhdoom Amin Fahim, a

former commerce minister, in multiple cases relating to the scam.

The ex-premier had received interim pre-arrest bail from the ACE court in 12 cases in June 2014, while Fahim secured the same relief the next month.

However, the court again issued non-bailable warrants for them and others in August 2015. According to the final investigation reports, the Ministry of Commerce had announced 25 per cent freight subsidies under the trade policy for 2002-03 to promote the export of non-traditional items, which brought less than \$5m annually.

The FIA reports claimed that Faisal Siddique Khan, said to be the alleged frontman of the former premier, and M. Firdous had visited the Prime Minister's House to give Rs5m to Gilani for allegedly directing the chief executive of TDAP to approve subsidy claims filed by Siddique.

It said Zubair had received the money. The major share of funds disbursed to various firms went into the hands of Siddique through his frontman Mian Tariq, Mehr Haroon Rasheed and others, it added.



Sajid Tareen, Agha Hassan Booked for Blocking Quetta-Sibi Highway

Qasem Shah: QUETTA: A case has been registered against Balochistan National Party (BNP) leaders and workers at New Sariat Police Station for blocking the Quetta-Sibi National Highway.

The FIR was lodged by the SHO of New Sariat, naming key BNP figures, including Sajid Tareen Advocate, Agha Hassan Baloch (Central Information Secretary).

Ahmed Nawaz Baloch (Human Rights Secretary), Musa Baloch, District President Ghulam Nabi Marri, and Ghulam Rasool BNP had earlier announced protest sit-ins on Balochistan's highways.

Reacting to the FIR, BNP Senior Vice President Sajid Tareen Advocate called it political victim-



ization, accusing the establishment and the Sarfraz Bugti-led government of filing false cases against party leaders.

He further stated that BNP had faced similar cases during

martial law, but its leadership and workers never backed down. According to him, if dictators' cases failed to suppress BNP, the so-called puppet government will also not succeed.

Police take 25 Ahmadis into 'protective custody' as mob gathers at worship place in Karachi's Surjani Town

KARACHI: Over two dozen members of the Ahmadi community, including children, were taken into "protective custody" by law enforcement personnel as a mob gathered outside its place of worship in Surjani Town, according to the police.

West Zone Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Irfan Ali Baloch told Dawn.com: "Several workers of the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) gathered outside the Ahmadi place of worship in Surjani Town."

"They demanded to prevent the Ahmadis from offering Friday prayers and using symbols of Islam," the DIG said. "Anticipating a possible law and order situation, police took 25 Ahmadis into protective custody." **NEWS DESK.**

Finance department members also appeared before the investigators. Finance team submitted complete funding records to the JIT.

Later, during a telephonic conversation with Express News, Barrister Gohar said the party respects all institutions and does not want any rift with them.

In response to a question, he said he never posted anything against institutions from his account. Talking with reference to his appearance before the JIT, he said the team asked questions in a pleasant atmosphere and showed him some social media posts.



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Gas Leak Explosion Claims Lives of Mother, Daughter in Hazarganj

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: Two women, including a child, lost their lives in a gas leak explosion at a house in Hazarganj's Killi Khazanan area, police reported on Friday.

According to police, the blast occurred due to gas leakage at the residence of Humayun Khan. The explosion claimed the lives of his wife and 10-year-old daughter, Bibi Zoya, while his son, Rais Khan, sustained injuries.

The injured boy received medical treatment at the burns ward of Civil Hospital and was later discharged.

Authorities have launched

further investigations into the incident.

This is not the first time a ghastly gas-related incident has claimed precious lives in Balochistan. Every winter, gas leakage, coupled with unannounced and prolonged gas load shedding, leads to tragic deaths in the resource-rich yet neglected province. Despite repeated fatalities, the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) remains silent, showing little concern for public safety.

These deaths rarely prompt any serious investigation or accountability, and no one questions SSGC's role in the crisis.



BUIITEMS Prepares for Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2025

Education Desk:

QUETTA: An important meeting was held at the BUIITEMS Video Conferencing Hall under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez to discuss the preparation and submission of data for the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025.

Focus on Ranking Criteria and Data Submission

During the meeting, Director of Quality Enhancement & Accreditation (QE&A), Professor Dr. Bilal Sarwar, provided a detailed briefing to the forum, which included deans, the Director of ORIC, the Director of Academics, and the Controller of Examinations. He highlighted the key performance indicators (KPIs) and data requirements necessary for BUIITEMS' inclusion in the global rankings.

VC Stresses Accuracy & Timely Data Submission

Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez emphasized the importance of accurate and timely data submission, stating that BUIITEMS' global academic reputation depends on consistent participation in international ranking frameworks. He directed all relevant departments to ensure data accuracy and alignment with THE's standards to further strengthen BUIITEMS' position in the global academic landscape.

Armed Men Torch Construction Roller in Duki's Luni Tehsil

Hussain Zarkoon:

DUKI: Armed men set fire to a construction company's roller in the Killi Baghat area of Luni Tehsil, completely destroying the machine, according to Levies sources.

The company was engaged in constructing the Duki-Chamalang road when unidentified attackers targeted the roller.

Levies officials stated that the machine was parked away from the main camp site, near a house, when it was set ablaze. The fire engulfed the



roller, reducing it to ashes. Authorities have launched an investigation into the incident, but no group has claimed responsibility so far.

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Editorial:

The murder of Musarrat Aziz, a social activist and in-charge of the Touheed Technical Center near Jail Road, Zhob, underscores the growing violence, intolerance, and alarming torture faced by women in Balochistan. This heinous act, which claimed the life of a woman dedicated to empowering others through skills training, is a stark reminder of the escalating challenges women encounter daily. Disturbingly, there has been no condemnation from government high-ups, reflecting an appalling indifference toward such incidents.

According to District Police Officer (DPO) Zhob, Syed Saboor Agha, an investigation is underway, and one individual has been taken into custody for questioning. While the authorities' assurances of justice are welcome, they must translate into swift and transparent action. The tragic loss of Musarrat Aziz is not merely an isolated incident but part of a harrowing pattern of violence that targets women striving for progress and change.

As highlighted in a recent report by Quetta Voice during 2024, "Balochistan recorded an alarming rise in violence against women, with over 200 cases reported in six months." The report further emphasized that "systemic societal pressures and ineffective law enforcement mechanisms perpetuate a culture of impunity." This culture emboldens perpetrators while leaving victims and their families in despair. Musarrat Aziz is yet another addition to these grim statistics, shedding light on the state's failure to protect its most vulnerable citizens.

The ousting of outrage on social media reflects public demand for justice and stricter measures to ensure women's safety. It is imperative for the government to heed this demand, with high-ranking officials, on such a grave matter is unacceptable and sends a chilling message of apathy. Balochistan's leadership must break this silence and address the systemic issues enabling such atrocities.

The government must:
Expedite the investigation and ensure the perpetrators are brought to justice swiftly.

Implement robust policies to combat violence against women, including special task forces and monitoring mechanisms.

Launch awareness campaigns emphasizing the importance of women's empowerment and their right to safety.

Strengthen law enforcement to ensure swift action against threats to women activists and workers.

Musarrat Aziz was more than just a victim; she was a beacon of hope for women in Zhob, striving to create opportunities in a challenging environment. Her death must not be in vain. This tragedy calls for collective introspection and decisive action. Without accountability and a commitment to change, Balochistan risks alienating and endangering the very individuals who work tirelessly to uplift their communities. Justice for Musarrat Aziz must be a priority. It is time for Balochistan's leadership to demonstrate that the safety and dignity of its women are non-negotiable.

Workplace harassment

By Mohsin Saleem Ullah:

In Pakistan's public offices, harassment by bosses is an all-too-common reality. Far from being isolated incidents, these acts of intimidation and abuse are systemic, thriving in an environment that rewards power and protects the powerful. This culture of unchecked authority and impunity has created workplaces where fear and silence are the norm, and subordinates - both male and female - suffer without recourse.

Harassment in the workplace often goes beyond sexual misconduct. It encompasses verbal abuse, psychological pressure, public humiliation and excessive demands designed to exhaust and subjugate employees.

In Pakistan, specifically, male bosses frequently use these tactics to consolidate their control and silence dissent.

Unfortunately, these archaic structures of public offices, coupled with a pervasive "boss is always right" mentality, make it nearly impossible for employees to

challenge such behaviour. Female employees face gender-specific challenges, including objectification, inappropriate remarks and unwanted advances. Male employees are not exempt either; endures unwarranted criticism and threats of job loss or public ridicule. In both cases, the goal is the same: to assert dominance and ensure obedience. Adding to this toxic dynamic is the silence of bystanders. Colleagues, often witnesses to the abuse, choose self-preservation over intervention.

A significant hurdle in addressing workplace harassment is the narrow definition of what constitutes harassment. Until recently, the Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010 defined harassment solely as sexual in nature.

This limitation was highlighted in the 2021 Supreme Court case Nadra Naz v. President of Pakistan & Others, which ruled that non-sexual harassment -

based on race, religion, or ethnicity, for example - was not covered by the Act. This gap in the law was addressed in 2022, when Parliament amended the Act to expand the definition of harassment.

The revised law now includes conduct that creates a hostile or abusive work environment, offering broader protection for victims. However, while these legal advancements are commendable, their implementation remains inconsistent, particularly in the public sector.

For many employees, reporting harassment is not a viable option. Investigations, if conducted at all, are often superficial, and complainants are frequently dismissed or subjected to retaliation. The fear of losing one's livelihood outweighs the desire to seek justice.

Women, in particular, face unique challenges. They often find themselves navigating a workplace where their presence is questioned or misunderstood.

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Forests: The Unsung Guardians of Climate Resilience and Economic Prosperity

Irfan Khan Tareen:

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

They enhance natural beauty, mitigate climate change, and combat harmful greenhouse gases. Despite their significance, deforestation in Pakistan is escalating, posing severe threats to biodiversity, infrastructure, and human settlements.

Why Forests Matter

Forests play an irreplaceable role in ensuring clean air, enriched biodiversity, and fertile soils. They improve oxygen levels, retain water in the soil, and reduce land dryness. Beyond environmental benefits, forests significantly boost economic productivity, fulfill food requirements,

and reduce poverty by fostering a sustainable ecosystem.

Key Benefits of Forests:
Biodiversity Conservation: Forests provide shelter for countless species, including local and exotic birds, and help preserve ecosystems.

Natural Disaster Mitigation: Arborescent forest cover reduces risks of flash floods, landslides, and other calamities.

Climate Regulation: Forests act as carbon sinks, mitigating greenhouse gas emissions such as CO₂, NO_x, and SO₂.

Deforestation: A Growing Threat in Pakistan

Pakistan's forest cover is alarmingly low, accounting for only 5.4% of the total land area. The

country loses approximately 27,000 hectares of forest annually due to deforestation, driven by urbanization, agricultural expansion, and poverty.

This has led to increased pollution, landslides, and biodiversity loss.

Deforestation's Alarming Consequences:
Reduction in oxygen levels and increased greenhouse gases.

Soil infertility and water scarcity.
Extinction of animal species and disruption of ecosystems.

Urgent Need for Action

To address these challenges, Pakistan must adopt comprehensive policies to curb deforestation, protect biodiversity, and restore forest ecosystems.

Government initiatives, such as the National Forestry Policy, aim to increase forest cover and promote sustainable management.

However, the vanishing of the Soviet market and the oil price shock saw India barely staying off default by paying its gold reserves.

What followed saw the rise of a Frankenstein-like middle class, much of which derives its hate of its progenitors.

Worse still, Singh's policies shored up business captains who gangued up to promote Narendra Modi as prime minister.

In other words, the logic of Singh's reforms dictated the dissolution of the democracy that

enabled the tycoons to become super rich and which left the poorer masses living in hope of the bonanza trickling down into their dingy homes.

One shudders to see crisis-stricken Pakistan picking up the discredited IMF model, which has led to the destruction of democracy in India and elsewhere.

But let us begin at the beginning, or somewhere around there, to assess Dr. Singh's fraught experiment.

A major earthquake in Maharashtra in 1993 required me to cover the devastation for a Western news agency.

Several instructive lessons lay in store, one such was watching Shiv Sena cadres removing with bare hands and unimpeached dedication the rotting bodies and animal carcasses.

It was the same Shiv Sena, remember, that had violently targeted Muslims in the '92-'93 Mumbai carnage after the destruction of the Babri masjid, but it was the same with rightwing in Pakistan, where, too, the government is outpaced by the Jamaat or Jamiat cadres in rescue missions; say, in the flood-ravaged mountains? A starker lesson in the Latur visit

was unrelated to the earthquake - I had, however, Maharashtra's then chief minister Sharad Pawar meet me over several evenings after he was elected to the Lok Sabha, so it was a handy court ruling.

Defence minister when he met then Chinese premier Li Peng, Pawar said Li was worried about Singh's reforms, as his coalition government had not taken the last man into confidence.

Pawar said China hadn't taken the last man into confidence either, as it refused its reforms. Li said China's one-party system could handle any resultant turbulence with ease, while India, given its democracy, would struggle.

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Balochistan Information Secretary Distributes Motorcycles to Newspaper Hawkers in Quetta

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QUETTA: Balochistan's Secretary for Information, Imran Khan, visited the Directorate General of Public Relations (DGPR) in Quetta, where he distributed motorcycles to newspaper hawkers to support their work.

Warm Welcome at DGPR: The Information Secretary was received by DGPR Balochistan Director General Muhammad Noor Khetran and other officials.

Boost for Newspaper Industry: Imran Khan stated that providing motorcycles would motivate hawkers and enhance newspaper distribution efficiency.

Support for Newspaper Hawkers: He emphasized that this initiative is a significant step toward promoting the newspaper industry and addressing hawkers' challenges.

Better Delivery Service: DGPR Director General Muhammad Noor Khetran highlighted that the motorcycles would improve the performance of newspaper hawkers and ensure timely newspaper delivery.



Balochistan Government's Commitment: Imran Khan reaffirmed the government's dedication to the welfare of journalists and media workers.

Hawkers Appreciate the Initiative: Newspaper hawkers welcomed the move and expressed their gratitude to the Balochistan government and relevant authorities.

Motorcycles Distributed Through Lucky Draw: Under the Hawkets Welfare Fund, five motorcycles were allocated to newspaper sellers through a transparent lottery system.

Future Welfare Plans: The Information Secretary announced more welfare initiatives under the Hawkets Welfare Fund and vowed to seek increased funding from higher authorities.

Request for Housing & Employment Schemes: Newspaper hawkers urged the Balochistan government to introduce housing schemes and more job opportunities to improve their living conditions.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, and Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, chair the first meeting of the committee formed by the Prime Minister to review the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS).

Punjab Home dept issues list of banned organizations, unregistered charities

LAHORE (INP): Punjab Home Department has released a list of banned organizations and unregistered charitable institutions, urging citizens not to donate to any entity that is not registered with the Punjab Charity Commission.

According to the department, providing financial aid to banned entities involved in terrorism or anti-state activities is a punishable offense under the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997. Officials have stressed that charitable donations should only go to verified and registered organizations to ensure they reach the right beneficiaries rather than being misused. The Home Department reiterated that all charitable institutions in Punjab must be registered with the Punjab Charity Commission.

termed with the Punjab Charity Commission to operate legally. Citizens are advised to verify organizations before donating to prevent funds from reaching extremist groups. The Punjab government has identified several banned organizations, including Lashkar-e-Jhaingvi, Sipah-e-Muhammad Pakistan, Jaish-e-Muhammad, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and others.

PTI files contempt of court petition over denied meetings with Imran

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Omar Ayub has requested the Islamabad High Court (IHC), filing a contempt of court petition after authorities allegedly prevented party leaders and lawyers from meeting with PTI founder, Imran Khan, who is currently imprisoned in Adiala Jail.

The petition, filed by opposition leader Omar Ayub through PTI lawyer Shaukat Shaheen, brings the Interior Secretary, Home Secretary Punjab, and the Superintendent of Adiala Jail into the case. Ayub's petition contends that, as the opposition leader and representative of a major political party, he should have the right to consult Imran Khan on legal and party matters. However, despite court orders and a schedule set for meetings, Ayub argues that the

prison authorities have not allowed such meetings to take place.

Ayub has requested the court to initiate contempt proceedings, alleging the non-implementation of court orders. The IHC had previously issued an order on November 22, 2024, directing authorities to facilitate meetings with Imran Khan under a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Despite this, the meetings have not been allowed, according to the petition.

The case had come up earlier when the IHC addressed a similar complaint from Imran Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, regarding her inability to meet her husband. During a hearing, the Superintendent of Adiala Jail, Abdul Ghafoor Anjum, had assured the court that the previous court orders were being fully implemented and that Imran

Khan and Bushra Bibi were being allowed to meet every Tuesday.

The court, led by Acting Chief Justice Sarfraz Dagar, had asked the jail superintendent if the court's orders had been followed. The superintendent confirmed the implementation, despite a lack of specific provisions for such meetings in the jail rules. He further stated that the weekly meetings between Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi were being allowed on a special arrangement.

However, the Chief Justice expressed frustration, remarking that there seemed to be an attempt to not follow the court orders. "They have the audacity to not implement the court orders," Chief Justice Dagar said. The court disposed of the previous contempt petition, affirming that the orders would be enforced.



ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Amb. Jiang Zaidong calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Govt working to promote small, medium businesses: PM

ISLAMABAD (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said the government is working on a priority basis to promote small and medium-sized businesses.

He was chairing a steering committee meeting of the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) in Islamabad.

The Prime Minister directed SMEDA to recruit skilled personnel from the market and ensure transparency in hiring an international-standard workforce with salaries competitive with market rates.

He highlighted the importance of professional training for labour in the SME sector. He acknowledged SMEDA's significant role in boosting the rural economy

and directed the formulation of a plan to extend SMEDA's interest-free program to rural populations, including women.

The Prime Minister also instructed the merger of all vocational training institutions at the federal level into a single entity. It was told that under the Prime Minister's directive, micro-enterprises have been integrated into the SME sector and a comprehensive policy is being formulated in this regard. It was informed that private sector representation on the SMEDA board is being increased.

The meeting was further highlighted that strategies are being developed to equip SMEDA's workforce with skills training and modern technology.

It was said that the Ministry of Commerce and SMEs are collaborating to identify relevant companies for exports. A robust performance management framework will be established within SMEDA.

The briefing highlighted that SMEDA has conducted 28 seminars and training programs for the SME sector, with 953 participants. A financial literacy program for the SME sector is being launched, and recruitment of experts for this initiative has been completed. An export assistance program is also being introduced to boost SME exports. Legal framework for subcontracting in the SME sector is being prepared and recruitment of experts for this process will be starting soon.

Federal cabinet reshuffled as major portfolios announced

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government on Friday announced the portfolios of the newly inducted cabinet members, with Hamid Abbasi appointed as the Federal Minister for Railways and

Mustafa Kamal taking charge of the Ministry of Health, says in media reports. According to an official notification, Khawaja Asif will now only retain the portfolio of the Ministry of Defense, while Azam Nazir Tarar has been assigned the Ministry of Law, Justice, and Human Rights.

Abdul Aleem Khan has been appointed as the Federal Minister for Communications, while Musaddik Malik will take charge of the Ministry of Climate Change.

Khalid Maqsood Siddiqui has been entrusted with the Ministry

of Education, whereas Chaudhry Salik has been given the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis.

Furthermore, Rana Tanveer will now solely oversee the Ministry of National Food Security, while Qasim Ali Khan has been assigned the Ministry of Religious Affairs, while Shaza Fatima will oversee the Ministry of Information Technology. Meanwhile, Rana Mubashir Iqbal has been appointed as the Minister for the Public Affairs Unit.

The government has stated that the portfolios of special assistants and advisors will be announced separately. It was also confirmed that three ministers have yet to take oath due to their unavailability at the oath-taking ceremony.

Similarly, Muhammad Junaid Anwar has been entrusted with the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, and Raza Hayat Iftikhar will serve as the Minister for Defense Production. Sardar Yousaf has been assigned the Ministry of Religious Affairs, while Shaza Fatima will oversee the Ministry of Information Technology. Meanwhile, Rana Mubashir Iqbal has been appointed as the Minister for the Public Affairs Unit.

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar along with Minister of state Barrister Aqeel Malik had a meeting with different delegations of Lawyers from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Yousaf Raza Gilani acquitted in three corruption cases

KARACHI (INP): The come an accused him-Federal Anti-Corruption self," he remarked. Responding to political queries, Gilani reiterated Yousaf Raza Gilani in ated his stance on boy-three corruption cases on cotting the Senate session over the non-imple-

According to details, mention of production the hearing of the TIDAP orders for detained PTI corruption scandal was Senator Ejaz Chaudhry. "I held at the Karachi Anti- have been in the House Corruption Court, where for years and always act the former prime minister according to the law," he Yousaf Raza Gilani per- said, adding that issuing sonally appeared. The a production order for an court accepted his acquit- imprisoned senator is his tal plea, clearing him of all legal right.

He criticised the government's failure to ing, the verdict on three implement his court, say- cases against Gilani had ing that it has created an been reserved. The former atmosphere of confronta- prime minister was ac- tion in the Senate.

On January 24, 2025, of over Rs 6 billion to the Gilani had announced that national treasury in he would not preside over freight subsidies. The Senate session until

Speaking to the me- his production order for dia after the verdict, Ejaz Chaudhry was impli- Gilani termed the court- mented- tion charges against him Despite being as politically motivated present in his chamber, and declared his acquit- Gilani abstained from atal a victory of truth, tending the Senate ses- "The person who testified sions, sticking to his against me has now be- stance.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 07th day of March, 2025.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)

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