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CM Sarfaraz Bugti Condemns Attacks in Noshki, Mangchar

Qasem Shah: QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti strongly condemned the attack on a police mobile in Noshki and the killing of four laborers in Mangchar, calling the incidents acts of brutal terrorism.

In his statement, the chief minister denounced the targeting of police personnel and innocent laborers as a cowardly and inhumane act. He vowed that those responsible would be brought to justice at all costs.

He reaffirmed that no conspiracy to destabilize Balochistan would be allowed to succeed, and strict action would be taken against anti-state elements. "We will make an example of those who challenge the peace of our province," he asserted.

Expressing heartfelt condolences to the families of the martyrs, CM Bugti assured



them that their sacrifices would not go in vain. He directed security forces to remain vigilant

and take all necessary measures to protect the lives and property of citizens.

Security operations have been intensified in the affected areas following the attacks.

Major Road Construction in Quetta Under CM Mir Sarfaraz Bugti's Supervision

Qasem Shah:

QUETTA: A significant infrastructure development is underway in Quetta, as a major road project nears completion under the supervision of Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti. The 3.7-kilometer-long road will enhance connectivity and ease traffic congestion in the city.

Key Features of the Quetta Road Project
Flyover Construction: A one-kilometer-long flyover is being built in front of the Kidney Center on Samungli Road, linking it to Sabzal Road. This will significantly reduce daily traffic congestion in the area.

Six-Lane Road: The project includes a six-lane road, service roads, 20-foot-wide footpaths, and a dedicated utility corridor.

Strategic Connectivity: This road will serve as a crucial link between the North-South Road and major city ar-

teries. Project Cost & Progress: With an estimated cost of around six billion rupees, the project has already achieved 30% completion.

Impact on Quetta's Traffic Flow

Currently, travellers from Airport Road have only one primary route passing through Kohla Phatak. Any blockage on this route leads to severe

traffic disruptions, affecting the entire city. The alternative route, the Western Bypass via Khezi Chowk, also faces heavy traffic congestion. This new road project aims to provide a seamless alternative and facilitate smoother traffic movement across Quetta.

Extended Road Network for Better Connectivity



The project's expansion will connect the Balesit Bypass beyond Airport Road and link Sarai Garagai to Kuch Road. Additionally, the southern extension will follow the drainage channel near Bolan Medical College, reaching Sariab Customs and connecting Sibi Road with Mastung Road.

The six-lane, high-speed road will significantly enhance urban mobility and transport efficiency.

CM Balochistan's Commitment to Infrastructure Development

Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti is personally overseeing the project and actively addressing any challenges to ensure timely completion. The provincial government has directed all relevant departments to expedite the construction process to deliver this critical infrastructure project as soon as possible.

Four Laborers From Punjab Province Fatally Shot in Mangochar, Balochistan

Abdullah Lehari:

In the Mangochar area of Kalat district, Balochistan, four laborers from Punjab were shot dead by unidentified motorcycle assailants during iftar. The victims—Zeeshan, Khalid, Dilawar Hussain, and Muhammad Amin—were residents of Sadiqabad, Punjab, and were engaged in drilling work for a tube well owned by local landowner Abdul Ghafoor Lango. The attackers fled the scene, and authorities have initiated an investigation into the incident.

This incident underscores the ongoing security challenges faced by laborers in Balochistan province.

Police Attacked in Noshki: Nushki, Balochistan – In a tragic incident, four police officers were martyred during a mobile patrol attack in Nushki. The fallen officers have been identified as:

1. Head Constable Nazir Ahmed
2. Constable Manzoor Ahmed
3. Constable Abdul Kareem
4. Constable Abdul Qahir



BYC Leaders Detained Amid Quetta Protests; Communication Services Disrupted

Syed Ali Shah, Manan Mandokhail, News Desk:

QUETTA: The provincial capital of Balochistan, Quetta, experienced significant disruptions as leaders of the Baloch Yakeethi Committee (BYC) were detained during protests. The city observed a shutdown following the BYC's call for a strike, with mobile services suspended and internet services down since Thursday.

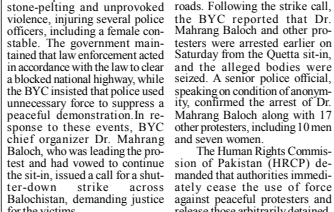
On Friday, law enforcement agencies employed tear gas, water cannons, and blank shots to disperse BYC protesters staging a sit-in on Saryab Road near the University of Balochistan. The demonstration was organized in response to multiple arrests, including those of the group's leaders. The BYC accused the police of using excessive force, claiming that officers opened fire on peaceful protesters, resulting in casualties and injuries.

However, Balochistan government spokesman Shahid Rind refuted these allegations, stating that the protesters resorted to stone-pelting and unprovoked violence, injuring several police officers, including a female constable. The government maintained that law enforcement acted in accordance with the law to clear a blocked national highway, while the BYC insisted that police used unnecessary force to suppress a peaceful demonstration. In response to these events, BYC chief organizer Dr. Mahtaram Baloch, who was leading the protest and had vowed to continue the sit-in, issued a call for a shut-down strike across Balochistan, demanding justice for the victims.

The BYC, sharing Mahtaram's statement in the Balochi language on social media platform X, quoted her as announcing the shutdown of the entire Balochistan against government violence. The statement also mentioned plans to stage another sit-in at Quetta's Saryab Road with the bodies of the alleged casualties from Friday.

On Saturday, the BYC shared purported pictures of closed shops and roads in Dalbandin, Khuzdar, Washuk, and Surab districts. It also shared footage of protesters in Mastung, Dera Murad Jamali, and Turbat, where demonstrators set tires on fire to block roads. Following the strike call, the BYC reported that Dr. Mahtaram Baloch and other protesters were arrested earlier on Saturday from the Quetta sit-in, and the alleged bodies were seized. A senior police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the arrest of Dr. Mahtaram Baloch along with 17 other protesters, including 10 men and seven women.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) demanded that authorities immediately cease the use of force against peaceful protesters and release those arbitrarily detained.



Lahore-bound train escapes accident as coach buffer breaks

NEWSDESK: Lahore-bound

Mianwali Express escaped a major accident late on Friday night after buffer of one of the passenger coaches broke on the way, leaving the railway officials with no option but to stop the train to fix the issue.

Kundian station, its one of the economy class coaches bearing No. 12353 faced breaking of the buffer – a vital part that connects the coach with next and following coaches.

The train at Kundian station was inspected thoroughly and finally, this coach was detached from other coaches. The passengers travelling in this coach were accommodated in other coaches.



JCP to finalise elevation of two LHC judges on April 8

NEWS DESK: The Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) is set to meet on April 8 to complete its unfinished agenda of elevating two judges from the Lahore High Court (LHC) to the Supreme Court.

The nominees will be selected from the five most senior judges of the LHC. Presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi, the last JCP meeting on Feb 10, 2025, had confirmed the appointment of six new Supreme Court judges and an acting judge under the 26th constitutional amendment, though it deferred the elevation of two LHC judges. Originally, the commission was set to nominate eight new Supreme Court judges, but the decision to defer two appointments came amid lawyers' protests outside the Supreme Court and a boycott by four JCP members, including senior puisne judge Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Muneb Akhtar.

At its Feb 10 meeting, the JCP, by a majority of its total membership, elevated the following judges to the Supreme Court: Balochistan High Court (BHC) Chief Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar, Sindh High Court (SHC) Chief Justice Muhammad Shahid Siddiqui, SHC Justice Salahuddin Panhwar, Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice Aamer Farooq, Peshawar High Court (PHC) Chief Justice Ishaq Ibrahim, and PHC Justice Shakeel Ahmad. The JCP also nominated IHC Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb as an acting judge of the Supreme Court under Article 181 of the Constitution. The April 8 meeting, scheduled for 2pm at the Supreme Court Building, will also discuss the appointment of new chief justices for the SHC, BHC, PHC and IHC under the provision of Article 175A(5) of the Constitution.

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RAWALPINDI (INP): The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has called upon the government to consider reviewing changes in net metering policy to help promote the renewable energy sector.

RCCI Acting President Khalid Farooq Qazi mentioned the 550 percent

higher purchase rates for solar energy consumers under the national grid. He also pointed out the imposition of an additional charge of 90 paisa per unit on non-solar consumers under the lieu of policy adjustments. The RCCI acting president urged the government to review its decision and prioritize long-term, sustain-

able energy solutions that serve the interests of all categories of consumers, rather than benefiting only a select few. "The development of the renewable energy sector is crucial for Pakistan's energy security, economic growth, and environmental stability," he added. The business community has

also called on the government to engage with relevant stakeholders, including traders and industry representatives, to devise a balanced and comprehensive energy policy. Such a policy, they emphasized, should encourage the growth of renewable energy while safeguarding the interests of all power consumers.



FRANCE: Ambassador Muntaz Zabra Baloch interacted with a cross section of Pakistani origin French businessmen at the Embassy of Pakistan. The discussions focussed on bilateral trade and investment between Pakistan and France. Ambassador encouraged them to invest in Pakistan and assured full cooperation of the Embassy.

China-Pakistan Donkey Industry Cooperation exchange meeting held

BEIJING (INP): China-Pakistan Donkey Industry Cooperation Exchange Meeting was held in Dong'e, a county in China's Shandong Province renowned for its production of Ejiao, a traditional Chinese medicinal product made from donkey hide.

The event aimed to modernize Pakistan's donkey industry and foster the high-quality development of the global donkey sector. Gwadar Pro reported on Saturday.

As a leading enterprise in the donkey and Ejiao industries, Dong'e Ejiao released a project plan for the industrialization of Pakistan's donkey sector during the

meeting. Additionally, representatives from both sides signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the Development of Pakistan's Donkey Industry. "In Pakistan, donkeys are mainly used as transportation tools rather than being developed into a specific industry."

That's why I hope China's expertise in the donkey industry can help develop it in Pakistan.

We have signed a memorandum of understanding, and we will collaborate with Dong'e Ejiao to introduce what we have seen into Pakistan. I firmly believe we will achieve this soon," said Saleem

Mandviwalla, Chairman of the Finance Committee of Pakistan's Senate. In China, there is a significant market demand for donkey meat and hides, particularly as donkey hides serve as a crucial raw material for Ejiao, a traditional Chinese medicinal product.

However, China's domestic donkey farming industry remains small, and current stock levels are insufficient to meet market demands.

As all-weather strategic partners, China and Pakistan have a strong foundation for cooperation. Pakistan is the world's third-largest donkey-owning country, has a population of approxi-

mately 5.8 million donkeys.

Through this partnership, China aims to leverage its expertise in scientific research to assist Pakistan in formulating a development plan for the donkey industry.

This includes establishing a breeding demonstration base, training livestock professionals, setting up scientific research laboratory for technological innovation, advancing donkey processing projects, and promoting the export of related products.

The initiative is expected to transform Pakistan's donkey industry into a driving force for local economic and social development.

Heather Knight steps down as England captain after nine-year reign

LONDON (INP): Heather Knight has stepped down as England Women's captain, a day after Jon Lewis left his role as head coach.

Knight, 34, captained England 199 times over her nine-year tenure, and departs as part of an on-going review of the team's 16-0 Women's Ashes defeat to Australia earlier this year. That had been preceded by a disappointing group-stage exit at the T20 World Cup in October. She will remain available for England selection.

Appointed in June 2016 following the removal of Charlotte Edwards as captain, Knight led England to a famous home World Cup victory in 2017, and two other ICC tournament finals in 2018 and 2022.

However, following recent disappointments, the ECB have decided to move in a different direction. Knight's successor will be appointed shortly. In a statement re-

leased on Saturday, Clare Connor, ECB managing director and deputy chief executive officer, said: "Heather has been an outstanding leader as England Women's Captain. She has led the team by example as a role model off the pitch, and through the runs she has scored on it - often in the toughest conditions."

"Heather has enjoyed many highlights as England captain. I particularly remember the century she scored in the Ashes Test at Canberra in 2022 where her individual brilliance nearly helped the team pull off a famous win. It was an innings of great skill and great heart."

"She led the team brilliantly to win a World Cup on home turf, creating memories we will never forget. That magical day at Lord's acted as a catalyst for so much of the growth we have seen for women's and girls' cricket in the years since. Jon Lewis and

loved the challenge of leading the team, but all good things come to an end and it's time for me to go back into the ranks and focus on being the best batter and teammate that I can be for the team."

"Winning the ICC Women's World Cup on home turf at Lord's in 2017 will always be a huge highlight, but being a part of the huge steps forward made in the women's game off the pitch brings me just as much pride."

"Thank you to all the players and staff, who have given me everything along the way - especially Mark, Lisa and Jon, three head coaches that I've loved working with. The people make the job."

"Thank you to the fans that have supported me and the team through the highs and the lows. Finally, to my friends, family and long-suffering partner Tim, you live the joy of my life and I wouldn't be here without your support."



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi Announces Special Eid Trains on the Directives of Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



LAHORE: Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and other dignitaries at the Iftar dinner hosted by Habib Rafiq Group at a private hotel

17 children die in last two months by measles infection in Sindh

KARACHI, March 22 (INP): In last two months 17 children died of measles infection in Sindh, health department said in a statement on Saturday. Ten children died in Khairpur district of Sindh by measles in two months.

Sindh Health Department has said that over 1100 cases of the infectious disease reported in Sindh from January 1st to March 08 this year. In last two months 550 children reported infected by measles in Karachi, according to

the health department. Khairpur district has maximum death toll by measles, where 10 children died of the infectious disease. Meanwhile, five children died of the infection in Karachi's East district, while one each in Sukkur and Jacobabad districts.

The main reason of children's deaths by the infection is avoiding vaccination and lack of awareness about the infection, which has been otherwise vaccine-preventable disease, doctors said.

"Daily four to six measles patients being reported at government hospitals," hospital officials earlier said.

Hospital officials said that children under five years contract measles and some children with pneumonia caused by measles have been admitted at hospitals. A measles outbreak in Khairpur district claimed lives of seven children within a span of two days.

It is a highly contagious, vaccine-preventable infectious disease caused by measles virus. The disease symptoms usually develop 10-12 days after exposure to an infected person and last 7-10 days.

The symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, and inflamed eyes. Small white spots may form inside the mouth two or three days after the start of symptoms. A red, flat rash which starts on the face and then spreads to the rest of the body begins three to five days after the start of symptoms.

HEC includes AIOU, Virtual University students in PM's laptop scheme.

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has included the students of Allama Iqbal Open University and Virtual University in the Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme. This initiative aims to integrate digital learning students with modern technology and promote digital learning, said a press release on Saturday.

Under this scheme, deserving and merit-based students will be provided with laptops to enhance and facilitate their academic activities. This step will not only improve students' educational capabilities but also offer them global-standard online learning opportunities. Students are advised to visit the official website of the Higher

Education Commission or contact their respective universities for further details and the application process. Expressing their views on this important initiative, the Vice-Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University and the Acting Rector of Virtual University, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, termed this decision a positive step toward an educa-

tional revolution and thanked the Higher Education Commission. They further stated that this scheme would serve as a milestone in ensuring the provision of modern educational facilities to students.

This laptop scheme will not only enhance the quality of education but also pave the way for a bright and successful future for students.

UN urged to act on persecution of human rights defenders in IIOJK

GENEVA (INP): General Secretary of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter.

Advocate Parvaiz Ahmed Shah, has called on the UN Human Rights Council to take urgent action to address the worsening plight of human rights defenders.

lawyers, journalists, and civil society members in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Advocate Parvaiz while speaking at the 58th session of the UN Human Rights Council under Agenda Item 5, condemned the ongoing persecution of those who have cooperated with UN mechanisms to raise awareness of hu-

man rights violations in IIOJK.

He stated, "Human rights defenders, lawyers, journalists, and civil society members in IIOJK continue to face grave challenges. Those who have previously cooperated with UN mechanisms and highlighted human rights violations are now imprisoned on fabricated

charges, denied fair trials, and left at the mercy of their oppressors."

Advocate Parvaiz sharply criticized India, which touts itself as the world's largest democracy, for failing to address the concerns raised by the UN High Commissioner regarding the rights of these defenders.



Islamabad: Federal Minister for Commerce Reviews Strategy to Boost Textile Exports as Apparel Shipments Surge 19% to \$6.2 Billion.

Ahmed Shehzad terms Hasan's ton 'tight slap' from young talent

LAHORE (INP): Pakistani cricketer Ahmed Shehzad has heaped praise on young batter Hasan Nawaz for his record-breaking century in the third PAK vs NZ T20.

The young opening batter announced his arrival on the global stage by hitting Pakistan's fastest T20 ton in just the third game of his international career.

After scoring two consecutive ducks in the first two PAK vs NZ games, Hasan Nawaz made an exceptional comeback in the series by hitting an

unbeaten century to guide Pakistan to victory in the third game of the five-match series between Pakistan and New Zealand. The young batter received acclaim from all across the cricketing world for his dominating outing in the game.

Ahmed Shehzad was among the cricketers who showered praise on the right-handed batter for his maiden century.

In a post on X, Shehzad welcomed Hasan Nawaz to the club of Pakistan batters to have scored a ton in the T20is. Read more: Hasan

Nawaz's heroic help Pakistan thrash New Zealand in 3rd T20

Haan bhai hai talent Pakistan main ??? Ahmed Shehzad, Hasan Nawaz, century, PAK vs NZ

seniors ka? (Where are those who say that there is no talent in Pakistan to replace seniors?)

the Pakistan cricketer added. Shehzad termed Hasan Nawaz's ton a 'tight slap' from young talent in Pakistan. "A tight slap from youngsters," Ahmed Shehzad wrote.

It is worth noting here that Pakistan thrashed New Zealand by nine wickets after Hasan Nawaz scored a blistering ton in the third PAK vs NZ T20 at Eden Park Auckland.

The national side have kept themselves alive in the series with a win in the third game, having faced defeats in the first two games.

ITP issue traffic management plan ahead of Pakistan Day parade

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has issued a traffic management plan related to the Pakistan Day parade in the capital on March 23. Heavy traffic will be barred from entering Islamabad from March 22 at noon until March 23 at 3:00 pm to ensure smooth traffic flow and public convenience.

An ITP official said on March 23, from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Srinagar Highway will be closed in both directions from Seventh Avenue to Kudiyana Chowk. He said that traffic heading towards Bhara Kahu should use Seventh Avenue, Pak-China Road, Rawal Dam Chowk, Kashmiri

Chowk, and Club Road. He said that due to the route plan, traffic on Srinagar Highway and Expressway is expected to face disruptions. He said that heavy traffic traveling from Peshawar to Lahore should use the Taxila Motorway or Tamol Phatak via Fateh Jang Motorway. He said that heavy traffic from Lahore via GT Road heading towards Islamabad and Rawalpindi should take Chak Beli Road and access Chakri Motorway. He said that citizens traveling from Peshawar via GT Road towards Rawat should use the

Taxila Motorway, Chakri, Chak Beli Road, and Rawat route. He said that travelers from Lahore via GT Road heading towards Peshawar should use Rawat, Chak Beli Road, Chakri, and Taxila Motorway. Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Captain Zeeshan stated that Islamabad Traffic Police personnel will be deployed at various points to guide citizens. He urged commuters to contact the ITP helpline at 1915 for any assistance during travel and to tune in to FM 92.4 for real-time traffic updates. He added that ITP's social media platforms will keep citizens informed about traffic routes in real time.



JEDDAH: Governor of Makkah H.R.H. Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Jalawi bids Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif farewell after the completion of his visit to Saudi Arabia.

AJK President, PM term March 23 as important milestone in Pakistan history

MUZAFFARABAD (INP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry and Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, while terming March 23 as an important milestone in the history of Pakistan, have said that it was in this day when the Muslims of the Indian sub-continent passed the historic Lahore Resolution. They decided to fight together under the leadership of Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to achieve their collective goal.

In their separate messages issued on the occasion of World Water Day, the duo felicitated the Pakistani nation and paid eulogizing tributes to founders whose

unwavering struggle and unprecedented sacrifices led to creation of a separate homeland for Muslims under the inspiring leadership of Mr Jinnah. The president, in his message, said, "It was on this day when the Muslims of the subcontinent pledged to fight for the establishment of a separate homeland for themselves, where they can live according to their Islamic values, traditions, principles of justice, equality and freedom."

The Kashmiri leadership, he said, also attended the historic summit in Lahore whereupon they decided to carry forward their struggle to determine political future of the state of Jammu

and Kashmir in accordance with the vision of Allama Iqbal under the dynamic leadership of M A Jinnah. Barrister Chaudhry said, "A strong and stable Pakistan is the guarantor of Kashmir's freedom, and Kashmiris consider Pakistan as sacred land". Referring to Kashmiris' love for Pakistan, he said, "Kashmiri youth express their attachment to Pakistan by raising slogans of 'Pakistan Zindabad' even in the shadow of Indian guns". He expressed the optimism that the people of Kashmir would also succeed in their struggle and achieve their cherished goal for which they offered immense sacrifices.

Earth Day celebrated across globe

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Earth Day being celebrated worldwide, including in Pakistan on Saturday. The event aims to inspire awareness and appreciation for the planet. Common ways of observing Earth Day include planting trees, picking up roadside trash, conducting various programs for recycling and conservation, and using recyclable containers for snacks and lunches. Some people also set petitions to governments, calling for stronger or immediate action to stop global warming and reverse environmental destruction.

Television stations frequently air programmes dealing with environmental issues to raise awareness about the growing problems of air, water, and soil pollution. Earth Day was first organized in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson to promote ecology and respect for life on the planet and encourage awareness of environmental problems. Some people prefer to observe Earth Day around the time of the March equinox, in 1978.

WASA organises awareness walk on World Water Day

FAISALABAD (INP): Water And Sanitation Agency (WASA) in collaboration with WWF, organised an awareness walk to highlight the importance of water conservation and mark the World Water Day. Deputy Managing Director (Engineering) WASA Saqib Raza led the awareness walk in which Director I&C Arif Siyari, Deputy Director Waseem Abbas Baloch, Assistant Director Rana Adnan Shehzad and others were also present. Speaking on the occasion, DMD Saqib Raza said that WASA was striving hard to provide quality service in addition to taking revolutionary steps for water conservation. He said that WASA has launched waste water treatment initiative with the support of Denmark and this project would help to reuse treated wastewater for agriculture. A treatment plant funded by AFD is also being set up to treat canal water for safe drinking supply to the city inhabitants, he added. He said that WASA has also launched an awareness campaign to educate and sensitize the people for water conservation. The Citizen Liaison Cell teams are conducting awareness lectures in the schools, colleges, community centers and union councils whereas informative pamphlets are also being distributed among the general public. WWF Coordinator Haroon Younus also delivered a keynote briefing on water conservation and highlighted the ways to prevent its wastage for greater interest of the coming generations.

Musadik emphasizes Pakistan's commitment to addressing global water challenges

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Climate Change & Environment Coordination Musadik Malik emphasized Pakistan's commitment to addressing global water challenges through glacier preservation and climate-resilient development. The federal minister in his message on the occasion of World Water Day with theme, "Glacier Preservation," underscores the critical role of glaciers in sustaining freshwater supplies and regulating Earth's climate, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: ensuring water and sanitation for all by 2030. World Water Day, observed annually on March 22, highlights the importance of freshwater and its role for sustainable management. Established in 1993, it raises awareness of the global water crisis, affecting 2.2 billion people without access to safe

water. "Glaciers are the lifeblood of our planet, and their preservation is not just an environmental imperative but a survival strategy for humanity," the minister stated. "Pakistan, home to the world's second-largest glacial system outside the polar regions, recognizes the urgency of safeguarding these natural water towers against climate change."

Pakistan has been at the forefront of climate resilience efforts, including initiatives like the Living Indus Basin Restoration Plan, developed in collaboration with the United Nations to restore ecological balance in the Indus Basin. The Green Pakistan Upscaling Programme, a flagship project, aims to enhance forest cover and mitigate climate risks through sustainable land management. The decisions of the

Sindh High Court, while today, Rs4 billion were recovered from the decisions of the LHC. PM Shehbaz praised the efforts of Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, Attorney General Mansoor Usman Awan, and their team. He stated that the law minister, finance minister, and attorney general's team had made a historic achievement through their hard work. PM Sharif said that only through such creative and strong measures can we hope to increase tax collection and improve the economy. "A substantial amount of 31.5 billion rupees has been deposited into the national treasury, which will be used for health, education, and other public welfare projects. God willing, with more such measures, we will soon make Pakistan self-reliant," he added.

Ser	Name of work	Estimated Cost in (M)	Completion Period
1.	The Office of Garrison Engineer (Army) Quetta-I, MA Jinnah Road, Quetta Cantt invites sealed tenders for the following works: (1) PPRARule 13(1)		
a.	Conest of Lavatory Block (1st Bath Room 3x Wash Room) at P.O.L Disp-ASC Quetta	2,50 (M)	03 Months
b.	Tilt Tiling in Front of Sitr Mess & Tiling of Washrooms (Gr-Floor 64 Men SBR); IESB Gen Qtrs	1,28 (M)	01 Month
c.	Repair Maint Works of House No 302 & H/L No 336 at Chittan Road and Repair / Maint works of House No 3-C, Zangron Road at Quetta	4,00 (M)	01 Month
d.	Repair/Maint Work at Saver & Zangron Colony Quetta Cantt	1,79 (M)	01 Month
e.	TC BSR for New/Maint/Deposit works. Re-constr or Repair/Repl other than periodical services at Zone-I in BSR-I Sub-Div under GE (A)-Qta-I	4,00 (M)	12 Months
f.	TC BSR for New/Maint/Deposit works. Re-constr or Repair/Repl other than periodical services at zone-II in BSR-I Sub-Div under GE (A)-Qta-I	4,00 (M)	12 Months
g.	TC for periodical servs drilled as in table 'F' of MES Regs and mud & plastering in BSR-I Sub-Div Zone II under GE (A)-Qta-I	4,00 (M)	12 Months
h.	TC BSR for New/Maint/Deposit Works. Re. Constr or Repair/Replacement other than Periodical Svc's in BSR-II Sub-Div Sdv under GE (A)-Qta-I	4,00 (M)	12 Months
i.	TC Est/Inst Electric / Water Supply BSR-II Sub-Div Sdv under GE (A)-Qta-I	4,00 (M)	12 Months
j.	Basic Supply Material BSR-I Sub-Division under GE (A)-Qta-I	4,00 (M)	12 Months
k.	Basic Supply Material BSR-II Sub-Division under GE (A)-Qta-I	4,00 (M)	12 Months

3. Contractors who are enlisted with MES in Category 'E' (Rs. 100,000/-) and above may only apply if the enlistment documents with their applications for issue of tenders.

4. Contractors not enlisted with MES shall deposit 5% of estimated cost as earnest money in any Sd. Bank of Pakistan in favor of GE (Army) Quetta-I and the treasury receipt Bank Quetta will be used as security.

5. Tender must be comprised on two envelopes, one contain proposal tender and other contain BQs duly seal

6. If a tender of a contractor not enlisted with MES is accepted he shall be required to deposit Rs. 150,000/- as security in the form of a bank guarantee by accepting office. Tenders shall be issued to contractor's seal on 18 Apr 2025 during office hours.

7. Copies of the conditions or contracts, sdh drawing and all other documents connected with the work can be examined/obtained from the office of GE (Army) Quetta-I.

8. Tender must be quoted on MES Schedule of Rates 2021. Tenders must reach on 19 Apr 2025 on 13:00 Hrs and will be opened at 12:00 Hrs on same date.

9. Accepting authority shall have the right to accept or reject the tender. However Rules 33, 31 will be applicable.

Govt urged to consider reviewing changes in net metering policy

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has called upon the government to consider reviewing changes in net metering policy to help promote the renewable energy sector. RCCI Acting President Khalid Farooq Qazi mentioned the 550 per cent higher purchase

rates for solar energy consumers from the national grid. He also pointed out the imposition of an additional charge of 90 paisa per unit on non-solar consumers under the lieu of policy adjustments. The RCCI acting president urged the government to review its decision and prioritize long-term.

Iranian embassy extends warm felicitations to f Pakistan on National Day

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Embassy of Iran has extended warm felicitations to the government and people of Pakistan as the nation proudly celebrates its 86th National Day. In a message of solidarity, the embassy paid tribute to Pakistan's founding father, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and renowned philosopher Allama Iqbal, acknowledging their visionary leadership in shaping the country. Reflecting on Pakistan's journey over the decades, the embassy lauded the

nation's resilience, courage, and unwavering faith in overcoming challenges and standing the test of time. Highlighting the strong bilateral ties, the embassy underscored the enduring relationship between Iran and Pakistan, built on the foundations of Islamic brotherhood, good neighborly relations, mutual respect, and shared aspirations. On this occasion, the Iranian mission expressed its heartfelt wishes for Pakistan's progress and security.

KP police thwart terrorist attack in Lakki Marwat

LAKKI MARWAT (INP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police on Saturday thwarted a terrorist attack on police station in Lakki Marwat. According to police officials, the incident occurred when the terrorist attacked Pezo police station in Lakki Marwat. However, the police personnel successfully repelled the attack, causing the terrorists to flee

the scene. No loss of life occurred during the attack. Earlier, Police foiled terrorist attack on the same Lakhm border post near the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa border. According to police, this was the second attack in 24 hours and the third major assault in a week. Around 20 to 25 heavily armed terrorists, equipped with

rocket launchers and advanced weaponry, launched the attack. Also read: Punjab police officer among three shot dead in KP's Lakki Marwat. Thermal imaging cameras detected the terrorists in time, allowing police personnel to retaliate effectively. The attackers were forced to retreat, reportedly suffering heavy casualties.

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