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## Info minister, DG ISPR to brief all political parties on Pakistan-India situation: state media

**NEWS DESK:** The federal information minister and the military's spokesperson are set to brief the top leadership of all political parties today on the prevailing national security situation amid sky-high tensions with India, state media reported.

An attack on April 22 in occupied Kashmir's Pahalgalam killed 26 people, mostly tourists, in one of the deadliest assaults since 2000. India has implied cross-border links without evidence, while Pakistan has rejected the claim and called for a neutral probe.

Tensions have since spiked, with Pakistan reinforcing its forces as it expected an incursion and India's premier granting "operational freedom" to his military. As temperatures remain high, with the military warning of a "swift" response to any misadventure by New Delhi, diplomatic channels have remained engaged to prevent conflict.

State-run Radio Pakistan and PTV News reported that Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General Lt General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry and Federal Information Minister Attaullah Tarar would jointly brief the top leaders of "all political parties" on the situation with India today.

The reports did not specify a time or venue for the briefing.

According to Radio Pakistan, the high-level background briefing will focus on national security



in the context of Pakistan-India relations and the "implications of recent developments".

"Participants will be briefed on the defensive preparedness of Pakistan's armed forces, ongoing diplomatic efforts, and the official stance of the state on key issues," the report read.

PTV News highlighted that in the current circumstances, the briefing was a "great example of national unity, solidarity and consensus".

Without investigation, India had accused "cross-border linkages" of the attack—escalated tensions with India and diplomatic actions.

India cancelled visas of Pakistani travellers, held the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance, initiated ski-rm-shes along the Line of Control (LoC) and hinted at potential airstrikes.

Pakistan denied involvement and issued retaliatory steps. The standoff, marked by exchange of fire on the LoC and tit-for-tat actions, has raised fears of broader conflict, prompting international calls for restraint and renewed dialogue.

In the latest show of strength, Pakistan yesterday successfully tested an improved version of its nuclear-capable Abdali missile, significantly increasing its range to 450 kilometres.

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir on Thursday asserted that any "misadventure" by India would be met with a "swift, resolute and notch-up response".

The next day, the army's top brass also warned India of a "sure and decisive" response should it attempt to impose war.

Five terrorists, including a high-value target, were killed and two others wanted by post-11C, were arrested in separate operations carried out by security forces in KP on April 30 and May 1, according to a statement issued by Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the military's media wing.

The ISPR said during an intelligence-based operation (IBO), troops effectively engaged militants' hideout in Bajaur. In an intense exchange of fire between security forces and terrorists, a high-value target, Fareedullah, and two other terrorists were neutralised.

In the Dossali area of North Waziristan district, security forces killed two terrorists during an IBO.

A heavy gunfire panicked locals as some of them came out of their houses to assist the police.

**NEWS DESK:** Afghanistan officials on Sunday expressed their concern that the ongoing tensions between Pakistan and India would have a "direct negative impact" on Kabul and the region.

After an attack on April 22 in occupied Kashmir's Pahalgalam killed 26 people, India, without investigation or evidence, implied "cross-border linkages" of the attack—cross-border linkages, Pakistan has firmly rejected the claim and called for a neutral probe.

In response to India's aggressive moves against the country, Pakistan had announced retaliatory measures that have included halting all border trade, closing its airspace and ports to Indian carriers and expelling Indian diplomats.

Addressing a press conference on Sunday, Hekmatullah Zaland, the deputy director of the Afghan foreign ministry's Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS), said: "Since Pakistan and India are located in our neighbourhood, if this tension spreads, it will have a direct negative impact on the region and Afghanistan."

The CSS deputy director added, "We are currently interacting with both countries in the light of our balanced policy." Zaland was speaking during a roundtable discussion at an academic conference titled "Tensions in Pakistan-India relations and their impact on the region". The conference was organised by the CSS, according to a foreign ministry statement posted online.

During the discussion, officials pointed out the closure of the Attari-Wagah border, emphasising that the decision would affect Afghan traders.

On April 23, India had announced the closure of the Attari checkpoint, alongside other measures. The next day, Pakistan responded by shutting the Wagah Border for any trade with India, including to or from a third country. However, despite Pakistan allowing 150 stranded Afghan trucks carrying goods for India to

cross the Wagah Border, India has not permitted them to cross into its territory, leaving truckers from Afghanistan in a mess.

According to the central leader of the Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PAJCCI), Pakistan has also not permitted vehicles carrying items imported from India to enter Afghanistan. Afghan traders said up to 2,000 containers carrying goods have arrived at Karachi ports from India under the transit agreement with Pakistan. But these vehicles are stranded in Pakistan, with some waiting at Torkham and Chaman to enter Afghanistan. CSS Director Walullah Shahen discussed the historical background of the tense relations between Pakistan and India, stating that the two nuclear-armed countries would not enter into war and would find a solution to the problem.

Muht Nour Ahmad Noor, the first political director of the Afghan foreign ministry, delivered a keynote speech at the roundtable discussions, the ministry said.

Discussing the factors behind the recent escalation of the conflict between Pakistan and India, he noted that the Pahalgalam attack had exacerbated the long-standing tension. As a result, he added, both countries took measures, such as the closure of the Wagah-Attari border, that have affected the region, especially Afghanistan.

According to Noor, due to the border's closure, Afghanistan's commercial goods were practically stuck, causing significant damage to the Afghan trade sector. "Therefore, the Islamic Emirate [of Afghanistan] needs to prepare for potential incidents in advance," the official stressed.

Noting that Afghanistan had "commonalities and positive interactions" with both Pakistan and India, Noor stated his country did not want a war between the two arch-rivals.

## Federal ministers' monthly salaries hiked to Rs519,000 to match those of MNAs

**NEWS DESK:** President Asif Ali Zardari promulgated four ordinances on Friday to increase the salaries of federal ministers and ministers of state to match those of National Assembly members (MNAs).

In February, the lower house of the parliament passed the Members of Parliament Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill 2025 — already approved by the Senate — with a majority vote, increasing the salary of the parliament members.

The National Assembly's Finance Committee, headed by NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq, approved the proposed increase of the monthly salary of each MNA and senator to Rs519,000. Previously, lawmakers received a monthly salary of Rs180,000.

"The federal ministers and ministers of state shall receive a monthly salary equivalent to the salary of a member of the National

Assembly," read the ordinance. The changes were made to the Federal Ministers and Ministers of State (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975.

The ministers' salaries will now be Rs519,000 per month and equivalent to the MNAs. Federal ministers were receiving a salary of Rs200,000 per month, and state ministers received Rs180,000 per month, before the change.

In an expansion on February 27, 12 federal ministers and nine ministers of state were sworn in by President Zardari. In addition, three advisers and four special

assistants to the prime minister were also inducted.

The size of the federal cabinet doubled, increasing its members from 21 to 43, including 30 federal ministers, nine ministers of state and four advisers. Most of the newly inducted members belong to the ruling PML-N, but leaders from allied parties also secured positions in the cabinet.

The president also promulgated an ordinance to establish the National Agri-trade and Food Safety Authority (NAFTA). It will take steps to ensure sanitary and phytosanitary measures in relation to imports and exports.

Another ordinance titled the Tax Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 was also promulgated to recover pending tax amounts tied up in litigation.

The president further promulgated an ordinance titled the Capital Development Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi will undertake a one-day visit to Pakistan on Monday, sources confirmed.

The Iranian foreign minister will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, with meetings scheduled in Islamabad, including a key session with Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

According to diplomatic sources, the discussions will focus on bilateral ties between Pakistan and Iran as well as the current regional situation, particularly in the context of recent Pakistan-India tensions.

Following the conclusion of meetings in Islamabad, the Iranian delegation is expected to depart for India on Tuesday as part of a regional diplomatic outreach.

**Pakistan, Oman agree to cooperate in fight against drug trafficking**

**NEWS DESK:** Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi arrived in Muscat on a one-day official visit to discuss enhanced cooperation with Oman in combating drug trafficking and human smuggling.

Upon arrival at the airport, Naqvi was welcomed by senior officials from Oman's Ministry of Interior, including Secretary Khalid bin Hilal bin



in ILOK on April 22, which left 26 people dead. India has accused Pakistan of involvement in the incident — an allegation Islamabad firmly denies.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has already held separate phone calls with Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressing condolences over the recent terrorist attack and stressing the need for a collective stance against terrorism.

During his call with Sharif, he voiced concern over rising tensions and reaffirmed Iran's commitment to regional stability.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi also spoke with Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, conveying Tehran's readiness to help facilitate dialogue between India and Pakistan to ease tensions.

Al-Busaidi welcomed Naqvi warmly and acknowledged the importance of bilateral coordination.

Mohsin Naqvi is scheduled to meet other senior officials in Oman during his stay. The meetings are expected to address the regional situation, with Naqvi briefing Omani authorities on Pakistan's position on current developments.

**Former Speaker of the National Assembly, Asad Qaiser vows unwavering loyalty to Imran Khan**

**NEWS DESK:** Former Speaker of the National Assembly, Asad Qaiser, has vowed unwavering loyalty to Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Qaiser, who served as the Speaker from 2013 to 2018, made the statement during a public appearance in Islamabad.

He expressed his confidence in Khan's leadership and his commitment to the national interest of Pakistan.

Qaiser also mentioned his plans to continue contributing to the development of the country through various initiatives.

He concluded by reaffirming his loyalty to the Prime Minister and the government.

Qaiser's statement is seen as a show of support for Khan's government during a period of regional tensions.

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### Balochistan Budget 2025: A People-Centric Vision or Just Another Promise?

Editorial:

As the Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, leads a high-level parliamentary committee to prepare the FY2025 budget and Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), the province stands at a critical crossroads. Promising a shift from the past, Bugti vows this budget will prioritize transparency, merit, and good governance, with a strong focus on public welfare. But the key question remains—will these promises translate into real change for the people of Balochistan?

#### Breaking from the Past: A Collective Effort

For the first time in years, the formation of a cross-party parliamentary committee involving leaders from PPP, PML, BAP, ANP, and JI signals a hopeful departure from political victimhood and partisan favoritism. With experienced lawmakers like Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Engineer Zamrak Khan Kakazai, and Noor Muhammad Durrani at the table, there is a genuine opportunity to craft a budget that reflects collective interest rather than individual gains.

#### End of Individual Projects, Focus on Equal Development

Chief Minister Bugti has made it clear: "No room for corruption or nepotism." Only approved, people-centric development projects will be included—no pet schemes, no personal agendas. This approach must ensure that neglected and far-flung areas like Awaran, Washuk, Sherani, and Dera Bugti receive their fair share. For decades, these regions have remained on the margins of development; it is time the budget acknowledged their right to progress.

#### Health and Education: More Than Just Buzzwords

The CM's commitment to education and healthcare as priority sectors is commendable—but mere statements are not enough. What Balochistan needs is a real boost in primary school enrollment, teachers' training, rural health infrastructure, and medicine availability. If the province is to improve its Human Development Index (HDI), practical steps—not policy platitudes—must lead the way.

#### A Budget of Trust, Not Just Numbers

Bugti's declaration that this budget is "a roadmap to uplift every resident of Balochistan" is powerful. But the success of this budget will be judged not by spreadsheets, but by the smiles of students in rural classrooms, the relief of patients in primary clinics, and the roads that connect remote villages to opportunity. The people of Balochistan are watching closely. This budget must not be another missed opportunity—it must become a blueprint of hope, equity, and real development.

## Climate change and women

By Saira Samo:

Climate change has

disrupted seasonal events, altered rainfall patterns, increased sea levels and caused droughts and floods, all of which have affected both flora and fauna for a long time. In particular, humans have been faced with natural disasters on a large scale. Heatstroke, one of the effects, results in a body temperature exceeding 40°C and includes symptoms such as dizziness, red skin and headaches.

According to scientists, climate change is mainly caused by human activities such as burning fossil fuels and the release of carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere—resulting in the greenhouse effect and warming. Deforestation also contributes significantly to global warming due to the excessive amounts of carbon left in the atmosphere.

The implications of climate change are severe, covering the entire planet in a blanket of heat. Women, particularly in developing countries, are among the most affected. Agriculture, which occupies 32% of the world's land area and is used for

cultivating crops, raising livestock and growing plants and trees.

Women make up approximately 43% of the agricultural labor force—about two out of every five workers in the sector. In rural areas, these women sustain their families alongside their partners. They lead flocks, work in the fields and provide food, water and fuel—often traveling long distances to fetch water.

In rural regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America, women are responsible for 60-80% of food production. When agricultural systems fail, these women and their families suffer the most. Facing hunger and seeking alternative sources of sustenance. Historically, women have been more vulnerable to climate-related disasters than men.

For instance, during the climate crisis, women often remain in marginalised and heat. Women, particularly in developing countries, are among the most affected. Agriculture, which occupies 32% of the world's land area and is used for

experienced higher female casualties.

Women bear the brunt of climate change. They are disproportionately affected by heatwaves in summer and heavy rains in winter, due to the responsibilities placed upon them. Sadly, this leads to both physical and mental health repercussions—particularly in reproductive health.

Pregnant women working in fields such extreme conditions that give birth on cultivated land. Furthermore, in the face of climate disruption, gender-based violence increases, and women are often left at the mercy of men. Overall, resource scarcity caused by climate change places a heavier burden on women.

Despite their crucial role in agriculture and their contribution to economic development during the climate crisis, women often remain in marginalised and heat. Women, particularly in developing countries, are among the most affected. Agriculture, which occupies 32% of the world's land area and is used for

By Asif Durrani:

AFTER conducting

three rounds of talks, which began on April 12, a fourth round between Saudi and Iranian officials today (May 3) in Rome has been postponed, presumably by Tehran because of the fresh US sanctions on its oil exports. Separately, US Defence Secretary Pete Haggens said in the Red Sea in solidarity with the Palestinians. It is becoming clear that Iran would be reluctant to continue talks if the US side continues to put pressure on Iran and hurt threats of further punitive actions from the US—something the Iranian clergy is loath to accept.

The recent diplomatic engagements between Iran and the US sparked cautious optimism about breaking the decades-long stalemate that has characterised their relationship since the 1979 Iranian Revolution. Both sides spoke positively about the conduct of negotiations, even though there were speculations about the outcome of the talks until tangible progress was achieved. President Donald Trump's threat of bombing Iran cast a long shadow over the process, underlining the high stakes involved.

How soon the two countries resume talks is a matter of speculation. Suspicious of Iranian intentions, they are expected to engage in a series of back-and-forth negotiations. In the meantime, the US has continued to assert control over Syrian territory in the Golan Heights and Iraq, despite a Shia-majority population, a resurgence of Arab nationalism—encouraged by Saudi Arabia and the UAE—has gradually eroded Iranian influence.

Against this backdrop of re-gime change, a recurring theme in the American foreign policy discourse regarding Iran. Mean-while, exiled opposition figures such as

## AI-led technologies: replacing the human commander?

By Dr Zafar Khan:

Given the return

of great power politics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the world falls further into strategic flux where each state struggles for its survival and territorial integrity.

As this happens, the emerging technologies such as AI, quantum computing, integrated circuits, and autonomous weapon systems, swarms of drones, and autonomous vehicles are being developed to be the "game changer" for winning battles and wars quickly and efficiently. The evolution of AI-led technologies is called "the global third nuclear age."

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By Shahzad Chaudhry:

Many moons ago,

strategists from both India and Pakistan had concluded that war of the type that the two countries fought in 1965 or 1971 was not an option any longer. Nuclear parity and its deterrence value had forced this reality into military thinking on both sides.

Unresolved issues between the two pushed them into finding alternative means of war. General Musharraf, the army chief in 1998, made his surreptitious move in Kargil, unknown to the political government. If ever there was the need to determine the space for a limited conflict, Musharraf's ill-thought adventurism helped define the domain.

Regardless of whatever other positive attributes of the late General one might list, this one fact of puncturing the deterrence regime, even if ever so slightly, will counteract all else that he exhibited in his leadership. It was poor judgment, plain and simple.

It goes to the credit

of Vajpayee that recognising the risk inherent in the new paradigm of conflict he kept Kargil restricted and limited. Another major event that inflated risk in 2008 Mumbai attack—nuclear jury is out on its genesis and enactment, but it furt prospects of anything positive between the two is to its irreparable and insurmountable breaking point.

Since then, the small number of incidents can raise the spectre of a war to its ultimate finality. The reality of the nuclear overhang, however, establishes the limits to how the two nations may fight their civilisational battles. Why they choose the futile is driven by the civilisational hate that triggers such a primordial resort.

All the development and progression that mankind has seen in the last half century has failed to catch through the base instinct that drives emotion and sentiment in this part of the world. When mankind will only survive through cooperation in the face of challenges and the challenges that beckon the future, South Asia continues to truck the trend.

Consider the geopolitics of war and the challenges that beckon the two militaries. India has an active northern front with China. The line of actual control is the line of actual control.

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Wars in these two sectors will consume armies for their impassability. There is no strategic end to these sectors can deliver because of operational and tactical restraints. Also, the two sectors are contiguous where the heat of one easily reaches the other. These are not inherent disadvantages; these are real war sectors with pervasive deployments by the three nuclear neighbours. Only a few will venture into anything beyond showing eyes and lathis and verbal abuse.

India and its western borders and the terror en-

nating out of Afghanistan in its western provinces continue to absorb Pakistan military's attention and focus. It also is an imminent threat that cannot be let to persist for a stabler and a quieter inner front - Pakistan's economic and social imperative.

Line of actual control in public utterings. The 1971 secession of what became Bangladesh when served Pakistan in bilateralism as the resort to resolve all issues. That in a way duffed the exactitude of the UNSC Resolution which had ordained both sides to a plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir. What could be discussed remained bound to the whims of India.

When the incumbent BJP government under Narendra Modi began actively encouraging and supporting an insurgency and terror it forced Pakistan's liberty of action in a very limited and contained manner - keeping itself safe from terrorism from Afghanistan, slowly imposed on Pakistan its western borders and the terror en-

counter hurdles once decisions move from broad diplomatic niceties to the finer, more contentious details. Right now, Iran's strategic vulnerability due to setbacks in Syria, Lebanon and Gaza has been underlined, and the US is likely to prioritise Israel's security interests.

America's "maximum pressure" strategy towards Iran seems to be an effort to achieve several aims. On the military front, opinions are divided over Iran's capabilities. The recent exchange of missiles between Iran and Israel exposed Iran's missile defence systems, which failed to neutralise Israeli strikes effectively. Furthermore, maintaining an extensive network of proxies across the Middle East has proven financially and strategically burdensome for Iran.

In addition to ongoing military operations in Gaza, Israel has continued to assert control over Syrian territory in the Golan Heights and Iraq, despite a Shia-majority population, a resurgence of Arab nationalism—encouraged by Saudi Arabia and the UAE—has gradually eroded Iranian influence. Against this backdrop of re-gime change, a recurring theme in the American foreign policy discourse regarding Iran.

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reflects the government's commitment to the health and well-being of its citizens, particularly its most vulnerable. "Pakistan has not abandoned its ailing children," said a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health. "We have fulfilled our promise to ensure they receive the care they need."



PESHAWAR: Activists of Khush Union of Journalists hold protest on occasion of World Press Freedom Day at Peshawar Press Club (PPC).

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NEW YORK (INP): Pakistan is on alert and is monitoring the situation stemming from India's aggressive moves that followed last week's Pahalgam attack in Indian-occupied Kashmir, and will seek a UN Security Council meeting when "appropriate" so, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad said.

On Thursday, Greece, which is the President of the UN Security Council for May, said that the Security Council was expected to meet "sooner rather than later" to discuss the situation between India and Pakistan, and this would be an opportunity to express views and to help diffuse tensions between the nuclear-armed South Asian neighbours.

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PESHAWAR (INP): Breaking all records of systematic state terrorism and war crimes at IIOJK, the Indian Occupied Forces continued unleashing terror by staging fake encounters and extra judicial killings to suppress the legitimate freedom movement of Kashmiris in the held valley but failed.

Mushtaq Ahmed Shah, Vice Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Peoples League (JKPL) has claimed that over 96,000 cases of extra judicial killings and fake encounters were reported in IIOJK since 1989 by the Indian army and its intelligence agencies especially RAW.



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to defend its land, and we are not afraid of threats," he added. He also reiterated his previous statement regarding the Indus Waters Treaty, accusing India of "water terrorism" and asserting that the suspension of the treaty would be seen as a declaration of war.

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NAROWAL (INP): As contacts of all kinds between Pakistan and India are cut amid escalating tensions between the two countries, Indian Sikhs continue to visit Kartarpur.

trying to control the number of visitors crossing the border to visit Kartarpur. They said Sikh pilgrims were given respect in Pakistan that's why they continue to visit this country. Sardar Vir Singh, another pilgrim, said he had come to Kartarpur. However, there are growing complaints about the Indian government making it harder for them to visit the Kartarpur corridor.

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## KP Governor for collective efforts to address modern world's pressing challenges

KARACHI (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, on Saturday emphasized the importance of compassion, solidarity, and collective efforts in addressing the pressing challenges of the modern world, saying that serving humanity is the highest purpose.

He made these remarks while addressing the Rotary International District Conference 2025 at Karachi.

"Rotary International is not just an organization, but a global spirit dedicated to service, humanity, and the promotion of peace," said Governor Kundi.

The conference brought together a host of prominent personalities, including Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza

Gillani, Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori, MNA Dr Farooq Sattar, Planning and Development Committee Chairman Syed Abdul Qadir Gillani, Rotary Club officials and members, as well as experts and figures from various sectors of society.

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MUZAFFARABAD (INP): President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Barrister Sultan Mehmoood Chaudhry, has strongly condemned the Pahalgam incident, expressing grave concern over the false flag operation orchestrated by India.

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He called on the Chief Justice of Pakistan to uphold the dignity of the judiciary. "People's trust in the courts is eroding. If I know I will be kidnapped for speaking out, who will dare speak?" he asked, urging the legal community to stand up for justice.

Highlighting the security crisis, Qaiser claimed that the state's writ has collapsed in regions like Balochistan and parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, while criminal elements dominate Punjab and Sindh. "We are not militants who can pick up guns. We can only raise our voices. But justice is the foundation of any functioning society," he said.

Despite political suppression and alleged abductions of PTI members, he vowed to continue the struggle. "Our people were kidnapped, our privacy violated, but we are standing firm."

Concluding his speech with a direct message to his supporters, Qaiser reiterated, "Imran Khan is in trouble. I will go with him till the end."

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