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CM Sarfaraz Bugti: Pakistan Army Shattered Indian Arrogance with Historic Bravery

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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, has hailed the courage and professionalism of the Pakistan Armed Forces, saying they have once again made history by crushing Indian arrogance through sheer bravery and strategy.

Speaking at a massive public gathering titled "Jashn-e-Fateh" (Celebration of Victory) held in Quetta on Wednesday to mark Pakistan's successful defense against Indian aggression, the Chief Minister declared, "The Modi government assumed Pakistan was weak. But our forces have proven otherwise — they've trampled the enemy's arrogance with iron resolve."

The event saw participation from provincial ministers, lawmakers, tribal elders, and a large number of citizens.

Bugti emphasized that Balochistan remains the frontline of Pakistan's defense. "We are gathered here to pay tribute to our armed forces and leadership. Balochistan has always raised its voice for Pakistan, and it always will." He applauded the strategic and dignified response led by Pakistan's military leadership, stating that the entire nation salutes their wisdom and bravery. "Every soldier who sacrificed his life for the homeland deserves our deepest respect. Their sacrifices will never be forgotten."

The Chief Minister also addressed the internal situation in Balochistan, criticizing elements trying to drag the Baloch people



into a senseless conflict. "The people of Balochistan have decided not to allow any ideology

to be imposed through violence. Just as the separatist movement in Kurdistan ended

recently, I see a similar end for such so-called movements in Balochistan."

He invited misguided individuals to abandon the path of violence and join the national

mainstream under the Constitution of Pakistan. "What kind of 'national war' is it that targets innocent civilians, laborers, travelers, and even fellow Baloch? This is not Baloch tradition, not Pashtun values, and certainly not the spirit of Balochistan."

Bugti termed the ongoing violence a proxy war serving foreign interests, particularly India. "History is witness — when the state decides, enemies vanish. The nation saw this clearly on May 9 and 10."

He reaffirmed that Balochistan's people will never allow any narrative to be imposed at gunpoint. "No matter the sacrifices, we stand firmly with Pakistan — and we always will."

Condemning the recent attack on a rally on Sarayab Road, which claimed the life of a PPP worker, Bugti prayed for the martyr and vowed full support to the bereaved family. "The blood of our martyr will not go unaccounted for. The government will bring the killers to justice and ensure full support for the victim's family."

He concluded by stating that the people of Balochistan are not only brave and honorable, but also stand as an unbreakable wall in defense of Pakistan.

Other speakers included Parliamentary Secretary Haji Wali Muhammad Noorzai, Mir Abdul Samad Gorgij, Mir Liaquat Ali Lehri, Malik Naeem Khan Bazai, and political leader Babar Khan Yousafzai, all of whom praised the unity and resolve of the Pakistani nation in the face of aggression.

Ali Madad Jatak Survives Blast During Rally in Quetta; Several PPP Workers Injured

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QUETTA: One person was killed and at least 10 others sustained injuries in a powerful blast that struck a political rally in Quetta on Wednesday, Wissem Baig, the Spokesman civil hospital Quetta confirmed.

The explosion occurred during the convoy of senior Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and Member of the Provincial Assembly, Ali Madad Jatak.

Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA) and senior Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader, Haji Ali Madad Jatak, escaped a bomb blast during a political rally in Quetta. According to initial reports, Ali Madad was part of a convoy when the explosion occurred. While he remained unharmed, several PPP workers sustained injuries in the incident.

Ali Madad Jatak, a prominent figure in the PPP, has recently been active in leading rallies condemning Indian aggression

against Pakistan.

He participated in a public event in Quetta organized by Balochistan-based political and civil society groups to pay tribute to the martyrs of the recent cross-border hostilities.

The rally was part of a broader national campaign to denounce Indian airstrikes and express solidarity with the innocent civilians targeted in the unprovoked attacks.

Authorities have launched an investigation into the blast, and further details are awaited. Security across the city has been heightened following the incident.



May 9 riots: Lahore ATCs to hear cases 4 days a week to speed up process

NEWS DESK: The anti-terrorism courts (ATCs) in Lahore have stepped up the hearing of cases related to the May 9, 2023, riots after directives from the Supreme Court to wind them up within four months.

The cases pertain to the arrest of workers belonging to the PTI for their alleged role in attacks on army installations during the riots that followed ex-premier Imran Khan's arrest on May 9, 2023.

The Lahore High Court registrar issued the new amended schedule of the trials of the May 9 cases being conducted at Kot Lakhpat Jail.

The hearing of May 9 riot cases will now be heard in jail four days a week — Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

The jail trials were earlier being held three days a week but have been extended to speed up their disposal.

The ATCs are hearing the jail trials of 14 cases including the Jimnah House attack.

In December 2024, the Pakistan Army announced that the remaining 60 PTI activists



have been convicted by the Field General Court Martial (FGCM) for their involvement in the May 9 violent protests.

The Field General Court Martial has promulgated the punishments to the following remaining 60 culprits after examining all evidence, ensuring the provision of all legal rights to the convicts, completion of due process and the appropriate legal proceedings," the Inter-Services Public Relations, the military's media wing, said in a statement.

Those sentenced include Hassaan Khan Niazi, a nephew of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, and two

CM Bugti Condemns The Attack. Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has strongly condemned the bomb attack on the convoy of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and Member of Provincial Assembly, Ali Madad Jatak.

In a statement issued following the incident, CM Bugti expressed deep concern over the attack and praised Ali Madad Jatak's commitment to democracy and national unity. He vowed that those responsible for this cowardly act would be brought to justice.



retired armed forces officers. Days earlier, 25 others were sentenced on the same charges.

The accused were sentenced to between two and 10 years of "rigorous imprisonment", marking the conclusion of trials for those held in military custody over the attacks on army installations.

Overall, 16 individuals were sentenced to 10 years, 11 for nine years, two for eight years, six for seven years, 10 for six years, two for five years, 13 for four years, three for three years, and 22 for two years.

PM Shehbaz visits frontline Pasrur Garrison, lauds armed forces' response to India

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday visited the frontline areas of Operation Bunyanum Marsoos, part of Marka-e-Haq (Battle for Truth), expressing solidarity with armed forces and lauding their role in defending the country's sovereignty.

On May 10, Pakistan launched Operation Bunyanum Marsoos and deployed its Al-Fateh missile and targeted multiple Indian military installations. Pakistan destroyed BrahMos storage facilities at Beas and Nagrota and S-400 battery systems at Adampur and Bhuj were also attacked and effectively neutralised by Pakistan Air Force.

Read More: Pakistan Army announces conclusion of Operation Bunyanum Marsoos: ISPR

During his visit to Pasrur Cantonment near Sialkot on Wednesday, prime minister was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Siddhu, federal ministers Ahsan Iqbal and Attaullah Tarar, Corps Commander Sialkot, and senior civil and military officials. PM Shehbaz met with officers and soldiers actively engaged in the military operation.

"The nation is proud of your dedication and sacrifice," the prime minister told troops during his in-

teraction, as per a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office.

The prime minister also announced plans to visit various air and naval bases in the coming



days to meet with personnel from the Pakistan Air Force and Pakistan Navy, in a show of support for all branches of the armed forces.

According to a statement issued by the military's media wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif received a comprehensive briefing during his visit on the conduct of the battle and the current operational preparedness of the Corps.

Commending the Armed Forces on their exemplary performance in the Marka-e-Haq (Battle for Truth), the Prime Minister

stated, "The valiant Armed Forces of Pakistan, fortified by the unwavering resolve of the nation, defended the motherland in a heroic manner and dealt a decisive blow to the adversary's dastardly aggression."

"History will eternally record how, within a few hours, Pakistan's defenders extinguished India's unprovoked aggression with unmatched precision and resolve," he said.

While interacting with officers and soldiers at the frontline, the Prime Minister lauded their high morale, exceptional professionalism, and unflinching readiness, according to the ISPR statement.

The Prime Minister further affirmed, "Pakistan takes immense pride in its brave sons; they are the crown jewels of the nation."

Toll of personnel martyred in Indian aggression rises to 13: ISPR

NEWS DESK: The number of personnel martyred during India's cross-border attacks on Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Pakistan territory during the recent military confrontation has risen to 13, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Wednesday.

"Indian Armed Forces' blatant and cowardly aggression, launched on the night of May 6-7, 2025, targeted innocent civilians, including women, children, and the elderly," the ISPR stated, referring to Indian unprovoked aggression.

"While defending the motherland with exemplary courage and unwavering resolve, two more valiant sons of the soil, who had been hospitalised, embraced shahadat today. This brings the total number of martyred personnel of the Pakistan Armed Forces to 13, while 78 have sustained injuries in the line of duty," the military's media wing added. The ISPR continued, stating, "The martyred heroes are Havaldar Muhammad Naveed Shaheed of the

Pakistan Army and Senior Technician Muhammad Ayaz Shaheed of the Pakistan Air Force." While paying tribute to the brave martyrs and extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, the military concluded: "Their noble sacrifice stands as a timeless testament to their courage, devotion to duty, and unshakeable patriotism. Their



sacrifice will forever remain etched in the nation's collective memory, inspiring generations to come." Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the April 22 attack in Pahalgam, Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (ILOJK), which killed 26 people. India blamed Pakistan-based elements for the assault but provided no evidence.

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The recent episode of In the Balochistan, stating they fulfilled their responsibilities in an exemplary manner. Speaking during the Question Hour in the National Assembly in response to a query from MNA Dr. Dr. Chaudhry emphasized that the country faced sensitive circumstances during the recent terrorist attacks. He said the national media played a pivotal role in maintaining unity and disseminating accurate information. He said that PTV broadcast significant events to meet international media rights and strategic commitments, highlighting the government's contribution under challenging

Japan, JICA extend 510m Japanese yen to support smart water meters installation in Faisalabad.

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Government of Japan and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have extended a grant aid of 510 million Japanese yen to support the installation of smart water meters in Faisalabad.

The funding agreement was formalized on Wednesday through the signing of the 'Exchange of Notes' and a Grant Agreement under the 'Economic and Social Development Programme' between Japan and the Government of Pakistan during a ceremony held in the federal capital.

Faisalabad, Pakistan's third-largest city, is grappling with limited water availability, with most residents receiving water for only about six hours a day. A major challenge stems from WASA Faisalabad's flat-

rate billing system, which charges a fixed tariff regardless of actual water consumption. This has encouraged excessive use, reduced efficiency, and limited the agency's ability to invest in infrastructure upgrades.

To address these issues, the new grant will enable the installation of 8,400 smart water meters, supporting WASA's transition to a consumption-based billing model. The initiative will improve water conservation, enhance revenue generation, and establish a more efficient billing and distribution system—ultimately contributing to the digital transformation of water supply services in the city.

Japan has previously provided technical cooperation and other forms of assistance

to support WASA Faisalabad's shift toward sustainable water management practices. This latest initiative further strengthens those efforts and aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), which advocates for universal access to safe and sustainable water and sanitation.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan, AKAMATSU Shuichi, expressed hope that the aid would significantly improve water services in Faisalabad. "We hope the water supply services in Faisalabad will further improve through this grant aid, and ultimately contribute to better public health and living standards," he said. "Japan remains committed to supporting Pakistan in the water sector."



MOSCOW: Chairperson Senate, Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani in a meeting with Mr. Ruhjahn Abezov, Deputy Mufti of the Grand Mosque.

Bailout package can save dying glory of QAU: Employees Welfare Association (EWA)

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Employees Welfare Association of Quid-i-Azam University (QAU) are also facing severe hardships. The Association pointed out that 15 to 16 months of overtime dues remain unpaid, despite staff working extra hours and performing multiple duties. More over, allowances such as CMS and Evening BS are pending, compounding the frustration and discontent among staff.

In a joint statement issued on Wednesday, the Association's President Syed Hassan Shah and General Secretary Ihtikar Ahmad Khan expressed serious concerns over the prolonged delay in financial support from the federal government.

They stated that despite repeated efforts by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, including meetings with the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan and other relevant authorities, no financial relief has been provided so far.

The Association highlighted that over the past 3 to 4 years nearly 200 retired employees have not received their due pensions and gratuity payments, forcing many to take legal action. Many critically ill retired staff members have reportedly died without receiving their medical advances,

while others continue to suffer due to unpaid medical bills.

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Morale is at an all-time low, and staff are disillusioned. The statement read, adding that the delay in resolving these critical issues has triggered a sense of helplessness across the university.

QAU, regarded as one of Pakistan's premier higher education institutions has long been a national academic beacon. It has produced leading figures in parliament, bureaucracy, and scientific research.

with nearly 70% of key personnel in nuclear and research institutions being QAU alumni. However, the Association warned that decades of excellence are now at stake due to the current funding shortfall.

The government continues to announce annual increases in salaries and pensions for

public sector employees, yet QAU has not received adequate funds to implement these changes. The result is a paralyzing shortfall affecting salaries, research funding, infrastructure, and administration.

The Employees Welfare Association has called upon the President, Prime Minister, Ministry of Education, and HEC to immediately release a bailout package worth Rs 7 billion to prevent total collapse.

The statement called upon QAU's global alumni network to rise to the occasion and contribute to the university's survival. "In leading institutions around the world, alumni play a vital role in supporting their alma mater. We appeal to all QAU alumni to come forward and help safeguard the university's future," they added.

The Association further warned that if immediate action is not taken, employees will be left with no option but to protest in front of the National Assembly, press clubs, and on streets across the capital.

"We will continue to raise our voice on every forum to protect our legitimate rights and the future of this university," the statement concluded.

SC reinstates Sales Tax Amendment Act for formerly FATA, PATA

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court's constitutional bench has reinstated the Sales Tax Amendment Act for the formerly Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (PATA), suspending the Peshawar High Court's earlier verdict that had nullified the act.

The case concerning the exemption granted under the Sixth Schedule of the Sales Tax Act for residents of FATA and PATA was heard on Wednesday by the five-member Constitutional Bench, headed by Justice Amin-ud-

Din Khan. Other members of the bench included Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhtail, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan.

During the hearing, counsel for the Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturers Association (PVMA), Advocate Hafiz Ehsan Ahmed Khokhar, argued that the high court does not have the authority to legislate in place of Parliament. He maintained that the Peshawar High Court exceeded its jurisdiction by granting relief beyond what was requested in the

petition. The Supreme Court, in its order, suspended the Peshawar High Court's decision and reinstated the Sales Tax Amendment Act in the erstwhile FATA and PATA regions. The apex court also issued a stay order on the appeals filed by the association.

Notices were issued to all parties, and further proceedings on the appeals have been adjourned for an indefinite period. It is worth noting that the Peshawar High Court had previously declared the said Sales Tax Amendment Act null and void.



RAWALPINDI: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited the Holy Family Hospital to inquire about drone attack victim Tauseef Abbas.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan Mr. Khazar Farhadov calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) recovers 356kg drugs, arrests nine suspects

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), conducting nine operations across the country, recovered as many as 356 kg of drugs worth more than Rs 174 million and arrested nine suspects, including three women, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman on Wednesday.

He informed that one kg of ice was recovered from two suspects during an operation in the DHA area of Karachi.

The arrested suspects confessed to selling drugs to students of educational institutions.

In another operation, 12 kg of hashish was recovered from the possession of two women

near the Islamabad Motorway Toll Plaza.

As much as 168 kg of opium and 72 kg of hashish were recovered from the possession of two suspects near the Shamkot Motorway Toll Plaza, Khanewal.

Two capsules containing 32 grams of cocaine were recovered from the possession of a woman near Chungi No 26, Bus Stop Rawalpindi.

Similarly, 1.7 kg of opium hidden in a bed sheet parcel being sent to Canada was recovered at GPO Lahore.

As many as 3.6 kg of hashish was recovered from the secret compartments of a vehicle near Noor Khan Air

Base, Old Airport Road, Rawalpindi and two suspects were arrested.

One kilogram of hashish hidden in three cylinders sent to Haripur was recovered at the courier office located on Warsak Road, Peshawar.

As much as 480 grams of ice hidden in a shoe parcel sent from Peshawar was recovered at the courier office in Sialkot.

96 kg of heroin hidden for smuggling was recovered near the Master Plant in an uninhabited area of Chaman.

Cases have been registered against the arrested suspects under the Narcotics Control Act, and further investigations are underway.

'Measures being taken to promote sports in the country'

ISLAMABAD (INP): Parliamentary Secretary Kiran Inam Dar informed the National Assembly on Wednesday that comprehensive measures are being taken to promote sports in the country, including the revival of departmental support and steps to depoliticize sports federations.

Responding to questions from lawmakers during the Question Hour, Dar acknowledged that Pakistan's national hockey team has failed to qualify for international events since 2012 due to internal issues within the federation. She added that, following the 18th Amendment, sports have become a provincial subject, but the federal government continues to support athletes showing promise at international levels, including enhancing rewards for outstanding performances.

A model constitution for National Sports Federations has been introduced within the Paki-

stan Sports Board framework, and policy guidelines have been issued to ensure timely elections in various federations," she said.

Instructions have also been provided regarding foreign tours.

Dar noted that the Pakistan Hockey Federation received a budget of Rs. 119 million. She emphasized that efforts are being made to eliminate politics from sports organizations to improve overall performance and transparency.

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FIA carries out major crackdown against human trafficking, visa fraud

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has carried out a major crackdown against human trafficking, visa fraud, and illegal money transfer networks across multiple cities.

In Gujranwala Zone, five agents involved in human trafficking were arrested. The suspects – Rauf, Tariq Mash, Satoori Mash, Muhammad Naeem, and Christopher Asif – were nabbed from dif-

ferent areas of Islamabad, Gujranwala, and Gujrat.

They allegedly defrauded citizens of millions of rupees by promising jobs abroad in countries like Italy and Saudi Arabia and provided fake visas and tickets. Meanwhile, in the Multan Zone, two men – Muhammad Hussain and Hassan Askari – were sentenced to two years in prison for human trafficking and

corruption. A third suspect, Usman Tahir, was arrested in Khanewal for taking over Rs. 1.4 million from a citizen for a fake job offer in Spain.

Separately, in Faisalabad, FIA officials raided a location in Model City and arrested three men – Nasir Raheem, Nawas Khan, and Muhammad Suleman – linked to an international hawala-hundi network.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz, and Japan's Ambassador Akamatsu Shuichi exchange sign document. Government of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provides grant aid of 510 million yen to provide smart water meters and related equipment to Water and Sanitation Agency, Faisalabad (WASA Faisalabad).

WASA meeting focuses on ongoing development projects, future urban planning

LAHORE (INP): A key performance review meeting of Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) Lahore was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Punjab Minister for Housing and Urban Development Bilal Yaseen and WASA Vice Chairman Chaudhry Shehbaz.

The session focused on ongoing development projects and future urban planning under the Lahore Development Plan. WASA Managing Director Ghaffar Ahmed gave a detailed briefing on Phase-I of the development plan, stating that work is underway and near completion in several key zones, including Gulberg, Ravi

Zone, Data Ganj Bakhs, Samanabad, Nishtar Zone and Shalimar Zone.

According to the briefing, Phase-II is set to commence in the upcoming fiscal year, targeting developmental initiatives in Wahga Town, Aziz Bhatti Town, and Allama Iqbal Town.

The briefing also highlighted that 29 underpasses and 30 tube wells across Lahore are currently being monitored under the SCADA system.

However, the minister instructed stricter monitoring of areas not yet integrated with SCADA. Minister Bilal Yaseen emphasized that addressing pub-

lic inconvenience during ongoing development works must remain the top priority. He assured that WASA is on track to deliver large-scale infrastructure projects in record time.

"Quality must not be compromised under any circumstances," the Housing Minister stressed, while directing authorities to ensure continuous monitoring and submission of weekly reports on the progress of development work in Lahore.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the government's commitment to urban development and efficient service delivery across the provincial capital.