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

Syed Ali Shah Analysis:

QUETTA: 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 J signals a hopeful departure from political victimization and partisan favoritism. With experienced lawmakers like Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Engineer Zamark Khan Achakzai, and Noor Muhammad Dumar 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 Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti chairing the meeting: Photo provided by DGPR

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's time the budget ac-

knowledge 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 and secondary 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 functional 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.

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Polio Worker Escort Killed in Noshki Attack, Balochistan Govt Vows Strong Action

Haji Tayyab Yalanzai, News Desk:

Noshki: A police officer deployed for the security of a polio vaccination team was martyred when unidentified gunmen opened fire in the Kili Muhammad Hassani area of Noshki district, Balochistan. The polio team was vaccinating children in the area at the time of the attack.

According to police officials, the assailants managed to escape the scene after the attack. A search operation has been launched to apprehend the culprits. Security forces immediately cordoned off the area and began collecting forensic evidence.

The martyred police officer was identified as Waheed Ahmed, son of Muhammad Hashim, a resident of Jamalabad, Noshki. He was assigned to protect the polio team as part of the ongoing nationwide immunization campaign.

Balochistan government spokesperson Shahid Rind strongly condemned the attack,

calling it an attempt to sabotage a vital national health campaign. "Polio eradication is a national duty, and such acts of violence are absolutely unacceptable," he stated.

He paid tribute to the martyred officer, saying, "We salute the sacrifice of the brave policeman who laid down his life while performing his duty."

Shahid Rind further added, "This attack is a conspiracy to spread fear and disrupt the polio campaign. The government will intensify operations against such terrorist elements."

He assured that the provincial government will strengthen security for all polio workers and security personnel involved in the campaign to ensure their safety.



Gwadar Officials Reinforce Ban on Wire Net Fishing to Protect Marine Life

By Staff Reporter:

The Additional Deputy Commissioner General, Dr. Abdul Shakoor and Director Fisheries Marine, Ahmad Nadeem, reiterated the government's commitment to enforcing the ban on wire net fishing in Balochistan's coastal areas.

The meeting, attended by Deputy Director Fisheries Mushiaq Baloch, Assistant Director Shah Fahad, and representatives of fishermen's organizations, focused on the ecological threats posed by wire netting and its legal implications.

Focus on Marine Ecosystem and Fishermen's Rights

Participants engaged in an extensive discussion on the environmental impact of wire net fishing, which remains prohibited under current fisheries regulations. Most representatives from the fishermen community expressed strong opposition to wire nets, labeling them as a serious threat to marine biodiversity.

A minority of voices opposed the ban, citing economic concerns. "The Department of Fisheries will make the final decision, as

they are best equipped to interpret and enforce marine SOPs," said Dr. Abdul Shakoor. "Every step will prioritize the protection of the marine ecosystem and the rights of local fishermen."

Legal Clarity and Temporary Relief

Director Ahmad Nadeem clarified that the law does not allow the use of wire nets due to their destructive effects on marine habitats.

However, he assured stakeholders that legitimate concerns of fishermen would be addressed through consultation with senior authorities and marine experts. To provide temporary relief,

he announced a conditional allowance for the traditional fishing net locally known as "Jhal", to support livelihoods of small-scale fishermen while maintaining ecological balance.

A Balanced Approach for Gwadar's Coastal Communities

The meeting highlighted the government's dual commitment to sustainable fishing practices and economic well-being of coastal communities. Authorities vowed to continue stakeholder engagement to ensure balanced and inclusive fisheries policies.



Heatwave Threatens Lives and Crops in Balochistan

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Parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) receive rainfall, strong winds

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Pakistan condemns Modi's provocative threats amid regional volatility

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Punjab set to hike traffic fines by 10 times

LAHORE (INP): The Punjab government has decided to increase fines for traffic violations by up to ten times.

The decision was taken during a special meeting chaired by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Tuesday.

Under the new plan, parents will be held accountable, and FIRs will be registered if underage children are caught driving. Heavy fines for using mobile phones while driving were also

agreed upon in principle. Additionally, a ban will be imposed on parking heavily loaded trolleys along major roads.

Strict action will be taken against vehicles operating with broken or nonfunctional headlights. Vehicles carrying dangerously hanging items such as iron rods or protruding parts will be stopped immediately. Cases will also be registered for one-wheeling or dangerous reckless driving.

The meeting also reviewed the remodelling

of 372 points across Punjab and 77 within Lahore. It was directed that video and photographic evidence must be attached to all traffic challans to ensure transparency. Traffic wardens will now issue challans "in camera" for better accountability.

CM Maryam Nawaz approved the provision of modern patrol vehicles and advanced equipment to the traffic police. She also ordered the immediate removal of

traffic bottlenecks on Bedian Road and other key routes. To help identify and manage traffic congestion in advance, roadside digital screens will be installed.

The proposal to change the traffic police uniform was reviewed, and a decision was made in principle to introduce five new categories of traffic officers: Enforcement Officer, Traffic Regulator, Education Officer, Licensing Officer, and Public Service Officer.



BEIJING: Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhel talks with Professor Teng Mengsheng and his team during his visit to Peking University in Beijing, the capital of China.

Dumper 'crushes' mother-daughter duo to death

SHEIKHUPURA (INP): In another horrific incident, a dumper crushed a mother-daughter duo to death on Lahore-Sheikhupura road.

According to rescue sources, the incident occurred in Sheikhupura where a speeding dumper hit a motorcycle and killed mother daughter duo and injured her son.

The rescue sources further said that the injured has been shifted to the nearby hospital.

Earlier, a dumper claimed life of a wheel-chair-bound man at Steel Mill Mohr in Karachi.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic Shoukat Ali Khatian stated that the hand-capped man was struck by a dumper while attempting to cross the road.

The driver attempted to flee the scene but was assaulted by citizens and traffic officials blocked the dumper with vehicles to prevent his escape. Read more: Three of family killed as dumper crashes into vehicle in Karachi. The enraged citizens smashed the dumper's windows and attacked the driver, who was subsequently taken

into custody, according to SSP Khatian.

The fatal crash adds to Karachi's grim record of traffic accidents, with nearly 500 deaths reported in 2024 due to collisions involving heavy vehicles. On May 12, three members of a family lost their lives after their vehicle was hit by a speeding dumper in Karachi.

As per details, a speeding dumper collided with a car at North-By Bypass in Karachi's Surjani Town. As a result, three people of a family, including a father and son were killed.

Schools to remain open tomorrow

LAHORE (INP): All government schools across Punjab will remain open on May 28 to commemorate Youm-e-Takbeer, according to a notification issued by the School Education Department on Tuesday.

As per the circular, special programmes will be held in schools including national songs, speeches, and tributes to the Pakistan Armed Forces to mark the significance of the day when Pakistan became a nuclear power.

The Education Department has directed that speech competitions, art displays, and national song contests be organized at the district level in government schools across Punjab. Students who win the district-level Youm-e-Takbeer competitions will be awarded cash prizes of Rs50,000, the notification added. The department further stated that summer vacations will be announced after the conclusion of Youm-e-Takbeer activities. It is to be noted that on May 20, Pakistan government announced a public holiday on May 28 (Wednesday) to mark the historic day of 'Youm-e-Takbeer', when Pakistan became an atomic power. 'Youm-e-Takbeer' is a reminder of the country's unshakable commitment to its defense and sovereignty.

As a result, Pakistan became the first nuclear power in the Muslim world and seventh in the world. In December 2024, the Pakistan government added May 28 as a public holiday in calendar of public holidays in 2025.

According to Kashmir Media Service, in a statement issued in Srinagar, the DFP spokesman Advocate Arshad Iqbal said that a deeper engagement on the part of influential world powers particularly the US could help pave the way for a

just and lasting resolution to the issue that happens to be the root cause of tensions between two nuclear armed neighbours.

Stressing a sustainable and result-oriented talks involving all stakeholders, the spokesman said, "Inclusion of genuine Kashmiri leadership in any decision making process is imperative to ensure that the interests and aspirations of the Kashmiri people are fully represented".

He said that Kashmiri leadership has always supported dialogue to find out the just and honourable settlement of the Kashmiri dispute stressing that peace and stability in the region hinges on the resolution of the long-running Kashmir dispute. Denouncing India's traditional intransigence, Iqbal said it was high time that the Indian government must shun its jingoistic policies and resume the long-stalled dialogue to resolve all issues including the core issue of Kashmir peacefully.

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QUETTA: A delegation led by Alauddin meeting with Acting Governor Balochistan Captain (R) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai.

Dozens of Kashmiri political prisoners being shifted from IIOJK to jails in India

SRINAGAR (INP): Highly communal and corrupt occupation regime led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has shifted dozens of Kashmiri political prisoners from Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir to different jails in India.

According to Kashmir Media Service, political prisoners mostly Hurriyat activists have been shifted from Kot Bhalwal Jail, Jammu,

Poonch district jail and Srinagar Central Jail to Indian jails of BJP-ruled state Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Hundreds of Kashmiri prisoners, including APHC leaders, are detained in New Delhi's Tihar jail, Agra Central Jail, UP's Naini jail, Haryana's Rohtak Jail, Karnal jail, Mumbai, Bangalore and Rajasthan's Central Jail Jodhpur of India.

Meanwhile, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference spokesmen, Advocate Abdul

Rashid Minhas, in a statement in Srinagar denounced the BJP-led regime in IIOJK for shifting illegally detained

Kashmiris from the occupied territory to the various Indian jails.

He said that the shifting Kashmiri detainees to the Indian jails hundreds and thousands of miles away from their homes was the worst display of victimization to punish the freedom and peace-loving

Kashmiris for challenging political injustice, atrocities and India's illegal occupation of their homeland.

He said such anti-Kashmiri tactics of the communal LG regime cannot subdue the Kashmiris' resolve for freedom and they will continue their struggle till complete success.

Most of these detained youth have been slapped with draconian laws, Public Safety Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) receive rainfall, strong winds

PESHAWA (INP): Parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa received rainfall accompanied by strong winds, turning the weather pleasant.

ARY News reported on Tuesday.

As per details, parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa welcomed rain with thunderstorms as predicted by the Pakistan

Meteorological Department.

In Peshawar and surrounding areas, heavy winds followed by rainfall brought relief from the heat.

In Malakand, light rain and gusty winds were reported, resulting in the tripping of several power feeders.

Lower Dir also experienced showers, with pleasant weather

prevailing across the region.

Momin, Khyber, and other areas received rain accompanied by thunder and lightning, while Chitral

was hit by heavy rain and gusty winds, resulting in the coming days, raising concerns of flooding in low-lying areas.

Read more: PMD forecasts thunderstorms, rain across

Pakistan starting today

According to the Meteorological Department, more thunderstorms, hailstorms, and heavy rainfall are forecasted across multiple parts of the province in the coming days. Citizens have been advised to take precautionary measures during dust storms and strong winds to ensure safety.



HYDERABAD: Workers of Sohni Dharti Youth Council hold a rally to celebrate Youm-e-Takbeer, at Hyder Chowk.

DFP calls for inclusive dialogue to resolve Kashmir dispute

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Hashmi Pakistan announces cricket legend 'Waseem Akram as global brand ambassador

KARACHI (INP): Hashmi Pakistan, a trusted name in health and beauty industry, proudly announced the appointment of cricketing icon Waseem Akram as the Official Global Brand Ambassador for Hashmi Ispaghool, the company's flagship natural fiber supplement.

The grand signing ceremony was held at a prestigious event in Marriott Hotel, Karachi, attended by the honored Waseem Akram, along with key members of the Hashmi Pakistan's leadership team, and national media representatives.

The event marked a significant milestone in the brand's journey to promote healthy living through trusted, natural products.

Waseem Akram, not only a sports legend but also a strong advocate for health, fitness, and an active lifestyle—values that closely align with Hashmi Ispaghool, is therefore the ideal face for the brand.

Through this collaboration, Hashmi Pakistan aims to amplify its message of digestive wellness and daily fiber intake to a wider audience, inspiring people to take proactive steps to

wards healthier living. Speaking to the press on the occasion, Amir Hashmi, Executive Director of Hashmi Pakistan, commented: "Hashmi has built a legacy of promoting health and wellness to families over the course of the last 229 years. This is why, when we were looking for a brand ambassador for Hashmi Ispaghool, we could think of no one other than the global wellness icon Waseem Akram to head our campaign."

Together, we hope to make lives better and healthier in our country and beyond!"

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UAE: Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan's Envoy to the UAE presents commemorative shield to renowned Pakistani Film Artist Mahir A Khan for her outstanding contribution to Pakistani cinema and Arts.

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In continuation to NEPRA advertisement published on May 20, 2025, in daily newspapers "The Nation" and "Express"; all stakeholders, interested/affected persons and the general public are hereby informed that the public hearing on the subject matter of the DIP, 2025 has been postponed on the request of PESCO. New date of public hearing will be published and communicated later.

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ANP Wali to drop privilege motion against Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) chairman

ISLAMABAD (INP): Awami National Party (ANP) Senator Aimal Wali Khan announced to forgive the Chairman of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), marking an end to their recent public dispute.

In his statement, ANP Senator Aimal Wali Khan mentioned, "The Chairman PTA himself came to me, now I consider him as my elder brother, and we have resolved all grudges."

He further added, "I will withdraw privilege motion against him; it was a mishap."

While talking to the media, Senator Aimal Wali Khan stressed that the Pakistan nation even forgives killers, demonstrating its tradition of forgiveness. This settlement

marks a wonderful turn from earlier events. Earlier, the Awami National Party had vocally called for the quick removal of the PTA Chairman, asserting inadequate effectiveness and a lack of understanding regarding main telecom improvements and technical awareness.

According to an ANP spokesperson at the time, the PTA Chairman could not provide reasonable answers to questions, ANP leader asked during a parliamentary committee meeting.

The party had claimed that the chairman showed a non-serious attitude and seemed ill-informed about critical issues facing the telecom sector.

The ANP had then required that all federal depart-

ments be led by capable individuals selected strictly on merit. However, in a welcome development, ANP leader has now let go of the past grievances behind him and forgiven the PTA Chairman.

This is seen as a helpful step in building better relations between them.

Senator Aimal Wali Khan was unanimously elected as the Central President of Awami National Party while party chief Asfandiyar Wali Khan as the Leader of the Party's Movement in intra-party elections.

The election was followed by the Party's Central Council meeting, presided over by Chairman Central Election Commission Mian Iftikhar Hussain.



ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Asrarullah meeting with a delegation of the All Pakistan Ceramic Tiles Manufacturers Association (APTMA) to discuss the industry's progress, challenges, and policy support for enhancing industrial competitiveness.

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) forecasts thunderstorms, rain across Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast strong winds, heavy rain, and hailstorms across various parts of the country from Tuesday until May 31.

According to the Met Office prediction, several regions—including Islamabad, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan—are likely to experience widespread showers accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds.

Citizens have been advised to take precautionary measures during dust storms and strong winds to ensure safety.

In Sindh, upper and southern districts are also ex-

pected to receive rain with thunder and lightning. Cities including Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shahdadkot, Thar, Mithi, and Islamkot may witness downpours.

Additional areas such as Dadu, Johi, Sehwan, Nawabshah, Qazi Ahmed, Hala, Matari, Hyderabad, and Jamshoro are also likely to receive rainfall during the forecast period.

The PMD continues to monitor weather developments closely and has urged local administrations to remain alert. Temperature of major cities recorded this morning:

Islamabad twenty-four degree centigrade, Lahore

twenty-nine, Karachi thirty, Peshawar twenty-seven, Quetta twenty-six, Gilgit sixteen, Murree fifteen and Muzaffarabad twenty degree centigrade.

According to the weather forecast for Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, partly cloudy weather with chances of rain and wind with thunderstorm is expected in Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian and Baramulla.

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China-Pakistan job fair held to empower Pakistani youth

ISLAMABAD (INP): The first-ever Pak-China Job Fair 2025 took place here at the Pak-China Friendship Centre to empower Pakistani youth, Govard Pro reported.

Held under the theme "Bridging Skills, Building Futures," the event marks a transformative step toward aligning education with employment, empowering Pakistan's youth through skill-based opportunities, and enhancing bilateral cooperation.

"This is more than a job fair; this is a declaration that Pakistan is no longer a nation of untapped potential but a nation unleashing it," said Wajihah Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training, in her keynote address.

"Our youth are not just job-seekers; they are future-makers... when Pakistan and China stand together, we don't merely cooperate—we transform destinies," She praised China's unwavering support for Pakistan, calling it "more than a partner—it has been family."

Jointly organized by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan (CCCPK) and the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC), the job fair has brought together

senior government officials, Chinese and Pakistani business leaders, educational institutions, and hundreds of skilled graduates from across the country.

Over 22 top Chinese companies operating in sectors such as energy, logistics, IT, construction, and manufacturing are participating in the fair, offering over 500 job placements, training opportunities, and career advancement programs. Wang Huihua, Chairman of CCCPK, highlighted the significant role of Chinese enterprises in Pakistan's industrial development. "Our members are not only implementers of CPEC but also active contributors to Pakistan's industrialisation and modernization," he said.

"We have already employed more than 30,000 Pakistani nationals, and we are committed to nurturing more through training and mentorship programs," Wang said.

Yang Guangyuan, Minister Counselor at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad, described the job fair as a "brand-new chapter" in the CPEC partnership. "Since the inauguration of CPEC in 2013, this corridor has transformed Pakistan's economic landscape,"

he said. "Now, as we enter the second phase of CPEC, which is centered on industrial and manufacturing expansion, we are working together to create thousands of new jobs for Pakistani youth."

Yang emphasized the complementary strengths of both nations: "The most valuable asset of Pakistan is its people, especially its youth. If we integrate both countries' advantages, I am confident we can create a much more magnificent future for both peoples."

Gulmina Bilal Ahmad, Chairperson of NAVTTTC, said, "If education is the key, skilled training is the master key. China's breathtaking progress has taught us this; development is driven by a skilled workforce, and we are blessed with youth in Pakistan who are ready to contribute."

She credited Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for transforming NAVTTTC's mandate into building a "work-ready workforce," with a focus not just on training, but also on creating real job linkages.

After the opening session, the dignitaries from both China and Pakistan toured the job fair where Chinese companies had set up stalls.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain, in a meeting with representatives of the Farmers Union to discuss agri-export strategies and food security measures.



TEHRAN: Iranian Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni, seeing off Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at Mehrabad Airport.

Lashkari Raisani to Challenge Mines and Minerals Act 2025

By Manan Mandokhail:

QUETTA: Senior Balochistan politician and former senator Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani has announced that he will challenge the recently passed Mines and Minerals Act 2025 in court, calling it unconstitutional and against the interests of the people of Balochistan.

Speaking at a press conference at the Quetta Press Club, Raisani criticized the Balochistan Assembly for passing what he called a

"cruel and exploitative law" that threatens the constitutional rights of the people over their natural resources.

"This law is part of a conspiracy to seize control of Balochistan's resources. We will never accept it," said Raisani. "We will raise our voice on both legal and political fronts."

Criticism of Assembly and Call for Democratic Resistance

Raisani also questioned the credibility of the opposition in the Balochistan Assembly, saying:

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