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High Alert Repatriation: Over 1,450 Pakistanis Return via Taftan Border Amid Iran-Israel Conflict

Riaz Baloch: CHAGAI—JUNE 18, 2025: Amid growing geopolitical tensions between Iran and Israel, over 1,450 Pakistani citizens have been repatriated through the Taftan border crossing, highlighting urgent concerns over national security, border control, and humanitarian response.

According to Levies Force sources, a surge in emergency repatriation has been witnessed as conflict escalates in the region. Pakistani nationals—including pilgrims, migrant workers, business travelers, and international students—are being evacuated for their personal safety and public health protection.

500+ more Pakistanis arrived at the border today alone, with 250 individuals immediately transported to their hometowns using government-arranged vehicles under enhanced logistics management.

Authorities are ensuring the provision of essential services,



including temporary shelter, clean drinking water, medical assistance, and border immigration support at the Taftan border.

The Federal Government of Pakistan and relevant disaster re-

sponse agencies are monitoring the situation round-the-clock, ensuring a safe evacuation process under strict national emergency protocols.

Experts warn that the ongoing

Middle East crisis could further disrupt cross-border movement, urging authorities to implement sustainable foreign policy responses and border security measures.

'Supreme Court judges not passive interpreters of text'

NEWS DESK: Judges of the Supreme Court are not passive interpreters of text, rather they are the custodians of liberty, equality, and institutional independence.

"[The Supreme Court] is the ultimate guardian of fundamental rights and the final sentinel against executive or legislative overreach," said a 5-page judgment authored by Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and endorsed by Justice Aqeel Ahmad Abasi, who is also a member of the constitutional bench.

According to the verdict, SC judges are to act with integrity and courage, to resist all encroachments, external or internal, that threaten to erode the autonomy of the judiciary or subvert the rule of law. "The judges must not fall prey to the lure of small, short-term benefits, whether of elevation, power, or personal comfort that may accrue if they speak the language of authority rather than that of the Constitution. Such benefits are illusory and transient."

The true reward of a judge lies in preserving the dignity of the institution and the trust of the people. It is also the solemn duty of judges of this Court to call out, with moral clarity and institutional courage, those among their ranks who surrender to the power of the day at the cost of constitutional principles.

"Critique from within, when rooted in fidelity to the Constitution, is not disloyalty, it is the highest form of service to the judicial institution," the verdict added.

The division bench led by Justice Shah dismissed a petition

filed by the Federal Public Service Commission which rejected the fresh appointment of a female civil servant on the post of assistant professor (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) just because she changed her domicile after marriage.

Highlighting the "real role" of the Supreme Court and its judges in the last two pages of decision, Justice Shah noted that history is a vigilant witness which does not remember those who accommodate power, but those who stand resolute in defense of principle.

The jurisprudential legacy of a judge is not built on appeasement but on principled defiance when the soul of justice is imper-



iled. Courts must never become tools of expediency. Rather, they must be lighthouses of constitutional morality and guardians of

democratic integrity," he said.

Justice Shah stated that history will not absolve judges who abandon their constitutional duty; it will remember them not as dispensers of justice, but as collaborators in injustice.

He noted that the Supreme Court is not merely a forum for resolving disputes;

it is the constitutional conscience of the nation, tasked with producing progressive and principled jurisprudence that breathes life into the Constitution and bridges the distance between law and the lived realities of the people.

"The court must remain alive to the evolving aspirations of society and innovate new remedies

choice or agency to either adopt her husband's domicile or retain her own. In the present case, the respondent, by her own volition, opted to adopt her husband's domicile, which is legally permissible.

It is also important to note that permitting the change of domicile may affect the mechanism of transfer and seniority as well.

"Disregarding seniority undermines bureaucratic impartiality, violates constitutional guarantees of due process and equality (Article 4 and 25 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 and breeds cynicism within the service. The erosion of seniority norms weakens administrative stability."

"Allowing post-induction changes in domicile would not only undermine the quota system but also open avenues for manipulation, enabling individuals to shift provincial affiliation for personal advantage, thereby diluting the constitutional promise of provincial parity."

"The freezing of domicile thus serves the larger constitutional purpose of federal harmony and administrative fairness within the civil service structure of Pakistan," it said.

The court noted that additional attorney general's contention that permitting the respondent's change of domicile would destabilize the civil service structure would have been correct if the respondent remained in the same service structure. However, the "direct recruitment" of in-service candidates involves new pay scales, distinct terms, and a separate seniority list.

Lashari, and Shah Jehan Lashari, also appeared in the list with ages under 17 at the time of hiring.

Meanwhile, the same department recently declared three applicants ineligible for recruitment solely for exceeding the upper age limit by a few days or months.

Among them, Shehzad Khan missed eligibility by five days, Farhan Ali Ahmed by three months and 12 days, and Noor Muhammad by just one month.

The inconsistency has triggered criticism over a clear double standard in enforcing age regulations. While some were disqualified for minor overage, others with significant age shortfalls were recruited and later promoted to senior ranks.

They marginalized children with critical 21st century skills", the press release stated.

T4 said that the school, which started in an abandoned factory, now has a campus with over 500 students.

The Nordic International School, also based in Lahore, was shortlisted for the World's Best School Prize for Community Collaboration, according to the statement. T4 described the school as an "independent kindergarten, primary and secondary school

Underage hiring in Sindh Police raises legal concerns

NEWS DESK: Newly released seniority list of grade-16 police inspectors in Sindh has exposed serious irregularities in the recruitment process, including the appointment of officers below the legal minimum age of 18.

The findings have cast fresh doubt on the transparency of hiring within Sindh Police, with some officers reportedly inducted at ages as young as 16.

Under Pakistan's "Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1973", the minimum age for public service is 18.

However, according to the list issued by Inspector General of Sindh Police Ghulam Nabi Memon, several serving officers were re-



cruited well before meeting this legal age. One officer, Mehbub Ali Mithani, was reportedly hired at 16 years, 10 months, and 11

days old. Another, Babar Ali Sheikh, joined at just 16 years and 3 months. Other names, including Imtiaz Ali Thebo, Zahoor Ahmed

will be announced in October."

According to T4, Sanjan Nagar—a charity-run primary and secondary school—has made it to the final 10 for the World's Best School Prize for Overcoming Adversity.

The school, based in Lahore's Glaxo Town, has "trailblazed the adoption of the IB (International Baccalaureate) and PYP (Primary Years Programme) curriculum, an inquiry-based approach based on a sustainable and inclusive model that empow-

Trump Hosts Pakistan Army Chief in Major Diplomatic Move

Staff Reporter:

U.S. President Donald Trump is set to host Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, for a private lunch at the White House—a significant event amid rising U.S.-Pakistan military cooperation and regional tensions with India.

The meeting, seen as a diplomatic win for Islamabad, comes shortly after an Indian delegation met U.S. Vice President JD Vance. Pakistan is framing Asim Munir's White House invitation as a strong counter-narrative to the ongoing regional power dynamics.

During his five-day U.S. visit, Asim Munir addressed the Pakistani-American community in Washington, condemning India's cross-border aggression and re-

jecting its allegations over the Pahalgam attack.

"We will never accept dishonour," he declared. Asim Munir also voiced support for Iran in its conflict with Israel while aligning with U.S. efforts to de-escalate tensions in the Middle East.

A key highlight was enhanced U.S.-Pakistan counterterrorism cooperation. CENTCOM Chief Gen. Michael Kurilla praised Pakistan as a "phenomenal partner" against ISIS-K, revealing Pakistan's capture and extradition of high-profile militant Mohammad Sharifullah.

Despite domestic challenges, Asim Munir emphasised national resilience and praised overseas Pakistanis for their economic role.



Former MNA Maulvi Salahuddin Ayubi Served Notice Over Citizenship Inquiry in Chaman

Sardar Muhammad Khondak:

CHAMAN: A significant legal development has emerged in Balochistan's Chaman district, where former National Assembly member and Jamat Ulama-e-Islam (F) leader, Maulvi Salahuddin Ayubi, has been asked to provide documentary evidence of his Pakistani citizenship.

According to an official notice issued by the Assistant Commissioner Chaman, allegations have surfaced regarding Ayubi's nationality, suggesting he may hold Afghan citizenship and is allegedly residing in Pakistan without proper documentation.

The notice directs Maulvi Ayubi to appear in person on June 19, 2025, and present valid proof of his Pakistani nationality. Failure to submit the required documents may lead to legal proceedings under immigration laws, including possible deportation.

This development has stirred considerable attention within Balochistan's political landscape, as Maulvi Salahuddin Ayubi is known for his active role in religious and parliamentary affairs. The matter has also triggered discussions within party circles, with observers closely monitoring the outcome of the legal process.



Noor ul Haq Baloch Appointed as Chairman of Gwadar Port Authority to Advance CPEC and Maritime Development

NEWS DESK: Islamabad: The Federal Government of Pakistan has appointed senior bureaucrat Noor ul Haq Baloch as the new Chairman of Gwadar Port Authority (GPA)—a strategic decision aimed at strengthening Gwadar Port's role in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and boosting Pakistan's maritime economy.

According to a notification issued by the Establishment Division on June 16, 2025, Noor ul Haq Baloch will assume the position on deputant under the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, following formal approval from the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Noor ul Haq Baloch has previously held critical roles includ-

ing Chairman of the Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA), Secretary Finance, and Secretary Health Balochistan.

He is widely recognized for his expertise in public administration, fiscal governance, and economic reform.

His appointment is expected to bring renewed momentum to Gwadar Port development, attract foreign direct investment (FDI), and improve port logistics under Pakistan's broader Blue Economy and CPEC strategic vision.

The move highlights Gwadar's growing significance as a regional logistics hub, with global investors closely watching Pakistan's steps in developing this deep-sea port.



Cabinet Reshuffle in Balochistan Must Prioritize Governance, Not Power Games

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IRC reaches to 29,000 out of school girls in Balochistan

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Balochistan Health Department: Protecting Lives, Building Resilience collaboration with UNICEF



Bakht Muhammad Kakar
Minister Health



Mujeeb Ur Rehman
Secretary Health



Chief Minister Balochistan,
Mir Sarfraz Bugti

Bakht Muhammad Kakar Health Minister, Balochistan We are dedicated to upgrading healthcare services across government hospitals in Balochistan. Our focus is on improving infrastructure, ensuring availability of essential medicines, and appointing skilled medical staff. Quality healthcare is not a privilege—it's a right for every citizen of Balochistan. This initiative is a step toward a healthier and more resilient province. Together, we will transform public health for a better tomorrow.

Secretary Health Mr. Mujeeb ur Rehman Panezai is driving impactful reforms. With a focus on community-based healthcare and emergency readiness, He is ensuring health access reaches even the remotest regions. RCCE and SBC initiatives are being scaled with precision and speed. His commitment is setting new standards in public health governance.

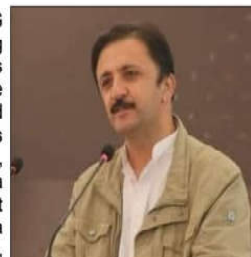
Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti Under the leadership of Balochistan's health sector is undergoing transformative change. Special focus is being placed on disease prevention and public awareness. Strategic partnerships and innovative outreach are saving lives. The CM's vision is clear: A healthier, stronger Balochistan for all.



Khalil Ahmed
Chief Health Education Officer,
Provincial Health Directorate Balochistan

Khalil Ahmed has championed people-centered health communication across Balochistan. His leadership in RCCE has bridged the gap between health systems and communities. Through timely messaging, local engagement, and media innovation, He has empowered citizens with knowledge to prevent and respond to health threats. His work is building a foundation of trust, awareness, and lasting behavior change.

Dr. Amin Khan Mandokhail, DG Health Balochistan is leading from the front. He has strengthened disease surveillance, rapid response, and awareness campaigns. Under his guidance, efforts against Dengue, CCHF, Hepatitis A & Malaria intensified. With a people-first approach, his team is building a resilient health system. Innovation, dedication, and results define his leadership in health services.



Amin Khan Mandokhail
DG Health Balochistan

Rapid RCCE Response Through timely and targeted Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), communities were empowered with life-saving information at the right time. From school-based awareness sessions to marketplace campaigns — the message reached where it mattered most.

Massive Outreach 70+ School Sessions on Dengue Prevention* 200+ Community Meetings* 900+ Branded Rickshaws & 100,000 Flyers for CCHF Awareness* Loud hailing & public engagement before Eid in high-risk areas

Behavior Change that Works Through creative Social and Behavior Change (SBC) strategies, local influencers, teachers, and students were equipped with tools to prevent disease and encourage community action.

Digital Innovation for Health With the support of the Balochistan Digital Advocacy Club (BDAC), culturally relevant videos, sketches, and social media campaigns reached over 1.5 million people, delivering trusted health messages in Pashto, Brahvi, and Urdu.

From the streets to the screens, from schools to markets — the Health Department is shaping a healthier, more resilient Balochistan.

Rising to the Challenge — One Community at a Time! In the face of rising public health threats like Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Dengue, Hepatitis A, and Malaria, the Health Department of Balochistan, with strong technical and operational support from UNICEF, is leading a people-centered fight to protect communities and save lives.



Quetta Development Project



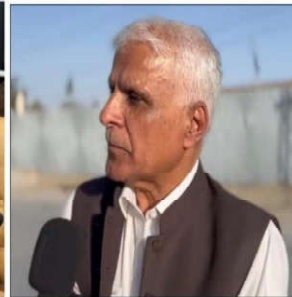
Chief Minister Balochistan,
Mir Sarfraz Bugti

Under the special directive of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, The Quetta Beautification Project is reshaping the city's identity. Public spaces, roads, and parks are being uplifted to modern standards.



Commissioner Quetta
M Hamza Shafqaat

Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat, Played a key role in coordination and on-ground implementation. His proactive oversight ensured smooth execution at every stage.



Rafiq Ahmed
PROJECT DIRECTOR CHIEF MINISTER PACKAGE
FOR QUETTA DEVELOPMENT (CM-PQD)

Engineer Muhammad Rafiq Baloch (Project Director): Led by Project Director, The beautification works have been executed with precision and dedication. Modern aesthetics, quality assurance, and timely delivery were prioritized.

Quetta is Changing Fast and Beautifully Airport Road is getting a stunning facelift, turning into the face of a modern, vibrant Quetta.

the CM Package is transforming Quetta with modern roads, sports complexes, and urban beautification.

From Sariab to Samungli the city's landscape is changing like never before. Clean, connected, and future-ready Quetta is becoming a model city for Balochistan.

15 major schemes. Bold progress.

A brighter tomorrow!

