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Balochistan CM Chairs Security Meeting on Sardhaka Incident; Bodies of Victims Sent to Punjab with Tight Security



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QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti chaired a high-level meeting on Thursday to review the province's law and order situation, with a special focus on the recent tragic incident in the Sardhaka area.

During the meeting the Inspector General of Police, Balochistan, gave a detailed briefing on the Sardhaka tragedy, where nine passengers were brutally kidnapped and murdered.

Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti issued strict instructions to law enforcement agencies, directing them to ensure that the terrorists involved are brought to justice. He stated firmly that those responsible for the loss of innocent lives in Balochistan deserve no leniency.

"The pursuit of these terrorists will continue until the very end. Decisive and immediate ac-

tion will be taken without delay. No compromise will be made on law enforcement in Balochistan," CM Bugti said.

He made it clear that security agencies must act beyond the usual limits of Levies and Police jurisdictions if required.

He also instructed officials to improve the response mechanism for dealing with such terrorist incidents effectively.

Meanwhile, the dead bodies

of the nine passengers murdered in the Sardhaka incident were dispatched to their hometowns in Punjab province early Friday morning.

The bodies were transported in ambulances under strict security arrangements made by the Balochistan administration to maintain peace and order.

The meeting concluded with a special prayer for the martyrs of the Sardhaka tragedy.

Bodies of Sardhaka Kidnap Victims Sent to Punjab: President, PM Condemn Killings

Asif Kareem Khetran, News Desk:

The bodies of nine passengers, who were abducted and killed in Balochistan's Sardhaka area, were recovered on Friday morning and sent to their native towns in Punjab, according to local officials.

Assistant Commissioner Naveed Alam stated that late Thursday night, unidentified armed men intercepted two passenger coaches bound for Punjab and forcibly took at least nine people with them in the Sur-Dakai. They stressed that those involved in these heinous crimes would be tracked down and punished ac-

The banned organisation Balochistan Liberation Front later claimed responsibility for the killings.

A representative of the group stated that their members had blocked the highway between Musakhail-Makhtar and Khajuri and killed the nine abducted passengers.

In response to the tragic event, President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti issued strong condemnations of the brutal killings. They stressed that those involved in these heinous crimes would be tracked down and punished ac-



Provincial government spokesperson Shahid Rind confirmed the incident, saying that elements linked to "Fitna-al-Hindustan"—a term the provincial government uses for militant groups—operating in Balochistan—were behind attacks at three different locations: Kakat, Mastung, and Sur-Dakai.

Following the attack, security measures have been intensified across all highways connecting Balochistan with other parts of the country. Authorities have ordered strict vehicle checks on routes linking Balochistan to Punjab and other provinces to prevent any further incidents.

Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch Challenges Mines and Minerals Act in Court, Opposition Raises Provincial Rights Concerns

Ouseen Shah:

QUETTA: Former Balochistan Chief Minister and National Party President Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch has formally challenged the recently passed Mines and Minerals Act in court, citing serious concerns regarding provincial rights and control over natural resources.

Dr. Baloch was accompanied by National Party Balochistan President Aslam Baloch, Senior Vice President Mir Shawas Bizenji, Central Information Secretary Ali Ahmed Langove, Advocate Changez Hayee Baloch, Mashkoor Baloch, Dr. Ramzan Hazara, Riaz Zehri, Haji Farooq Shahwani, Agha Zain Shah, Younas Baloch, Hafeez Ali Bakhs, Anil Ghori, and other party leaders during the legal move.

It is worth mentioning that the Mines and Minerals Act was unanimously passed by the Balochistan Assembly in March this year, with both treasury and opposition benches supporting it at the time.

However, following its passage, several opposition parties, including the National Party, ex-



pressed reservations over its clauses.

They accused the government of overlooking provincial interests and later announced their intention to challenge the bill in court.

In addition, prominent political figure Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani had already filed a separate petition against the Mines and Minerals Act in the Balochistan High Court, calling for its review on similar grounds.

National Party leaders have reiterated that the bill, in its current form, undermines the constitutional rights of Balochistan over its mineral resources, emphasizing that legal action is necessary to protect the province's interests.

Ceasefire intact but India struggling to accept defeat: Dar

NEWS DESK: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said on Friday that the ceasefire between Pakistan and India remains intact but claimed India's political leadership is struggling to accept the outcome of the recent conflict.

"Pakistan-India military-to-military ceasefire is working fine, but India's political leadership is unable to digest it," Dar said while speaking at an event hosted by the Pakistan High Commission in Kuala Lumpur on sidelines of ASEAN forum.

"India started the war and ended it by asking for a ceasefire," Dar said. "At 8:15 in the morning, US secretary of state called and said India wants a ceasefire."

Tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbors escalated into a four-day conflict in April this year, involving missiles, drones, and artillery—the most



intense fighting between the rivals in decades. A ceasefire was later agreed, following diplomatic efforts by the United States. However, India has disputed

Washington's claims that the truce came as a result of US mediation or threats to suspend trade talks. Dar said Pakistan responded to Indian aggression with a large-

scale military operation, dubbed Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos, targeting multiple Indian military positions. Recalling the conflict, Dar claimed the Pakistan Air Force had downed six Indian warplanes, including four Rafale jets.

Dar, currently attending the 32nd ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting, also criticised India's decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty, calling it a provocative move.

"India cannot stop or divert Pakistan's water... New Delhi is facing growing isolation globally," he said. "India is becoming isolated on the international stage due to its aggressive policies."

Turning to economic matters, Dar said Pakistan had made progress despite harsh conditions. "Pakistan has made an economic take-off and now our goal is to get the country included in the G20," he told the audience.

Decoding defeat: Five times Indian military officials admitted losses against Pakistan

NEWS DESK: The conflict between Pakistan and India in May 2025 marked a major military escalation between the two nuclear powers. Following the April 22 Balaghat attack in Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK), which killed 26 tourists, New Delhi immediately blamed Islamabad without providing any evidence. It also took a raft of major diplomatic measures to downgrade its ties with Pakistan.

also shows that the political and military leadership are not on the same page and are at a loss on how to form a new narrative.

The first official hint came on May 11, when Air Marshal AK Bharti, Director General of Air Operations, responded to a journalist's question at a press briefing on Operation Sindoor. He said, "Losses are a part of combat... All our pilots are back home." Though he did not con-



Islamabad denied the allegations and offered an impartial probe into the incident.

On the night of May 7, the Indian Air Force launched an unprovoked attack on civilian targets in Pakistan. The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) immediately retaliated and shot down at least six IAF jets, including three French-built Rafales.

On the night of 9-10 May, India launched another round of strikes against Pakistan, but this time targeted military sites. In retaliation, Pakistan launched Operation Bunyanum Marsoos, striking back at Indian military installations, including missile storage sites, airbases and other strategic targets. On May 10, US President Donald Trump announced that a ceasefire had been reached following intense diplomatic efforts overnight.

While the Indian political leadership has consistently denied losses, a series of remarks from senior Indian defence officials over recent weeks suggest that the Indian Air Force (IAF) did suffer losses, and potentially more than previously acknowledged. It

firm the number or type of aircraft lost, it marked the first public admission of any kind regarding IAF losses. On May 31, General Anil Chauhan, India's Chief of Defence Staff, made a more pointed remark during an interview with Bloomberg Television at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

Dismissing reports that six Indian jets had been downed, he remarked, "What is important is not the jet being down, but why they were being down... That is more important for us. And what did we do after that." General Chauhan also acknowledged that the IAF was "handicapped" in its flying operations for the next two days—a significant revelation from India's top military official.

A third and particularly candid admission came on June 10 from Captain (IN) Shiv Kumar, India's Defence Attaché to Indonesia, while speaking at a university seminar titled 'Analysis of the Pakistan-India Air Battle and Indonesia's Anticipatory Strategies from the Perspective of Air Power', hosted by Universitas Dirgantara Marsekal Suryadarma in Jakarta.

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Development linked to modernizing outdated system, says PM

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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 victimization and partisan favoritism.

With experienced lawmakers like Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Engineer Zamarak Khan Achakzai, and Noor Muhammad Dummer 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 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.

Quetta: Contaminated water posing a serious threat to human health

Abdul Razzaq Khilji:

Fresh and clean water is an essential part of human life. It stands second to the air for the existence of all human beings and it is now a commonly known fact that groundwater quality is as important as its quantity. Balochistan is becoming the fast water-scarce province of the country particularly in urban areas including the Quetta sub-basin where 90% of the drinking water is utilized from groundwater. Groundwater quality has a direct impact on the health and welfare of the inhabitants therefore fresh and clean water supply need to be prioritized.

Drinking water must be free from pathogenic organisms

Water from any source must suit the purpose for which it is intended whereas drinking water must be free from pathogenic organisms and its chemical and physical qualities must also be suitable for human consumption. Accordingly, groundwater contamination is approximately constantly the consequence of human activities.

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Water quality contamination is an extensive phenomenon

As such gastrointestinal, vomiting, cramps, diarrhoea, muscle aches, and headache. How-

ever, anyone can get sick from drinking contaminated water but children, the elderly, and people with weak immune systems are at a higher risk of the harmful effects.

Contaminated water in Quetta affecting human health

On the basis of analyzed water quality data the areas of Mariabad, Shaldara Kasi Road, Pashtoonabad, Germalmandi, Sirki Road satellite town, Taktani Bypass, airport road, Western bypass, Barwary road Mosa Colony, Spini road, Joint Road, Raisani Road, Sariab road DG WAPDA office, Gahi Khan Chowk, Sariab Railway Station where the water Quality is declared unsafe due to high concentration of Coliform and E. coli as such the analyzed values are high than the permissible limits of the WHO.

The drinking water in these areas is found objectionable and unsafe for drinking purposes on the basis of bacteriological contamination. Accordingly, the current analysis of water quality discloses that water in most of the areas of the Quetta is exclusively microbiologically contaminated.

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Moreover, the change in water quality pattern in Quetta follows largely the pattern of microbiological contaminations.

The analysis indicates that water quality contamination is an extensive phenomenon in the drinking water supply system.

It is of great concern that the average concentrations of contaminations have been observed mostly in thickly populated areas of the Quetta.

The situation follows the growing rate of contaminations over the Quetta whereas the extension in the water supply system has increased in

the last two decades and the density of population is also increasing with time.

The report points out that due to lack of proper water supply pipeline designing the cross-contamination is not in control and the flow of pollutants into the main supply line is a major cause of contaminations.

The study further reports that the old age leaking pipes in the main water supply system are also the main cause of bacterial contamination in the main supply lines.

The inhabitants of Quetta may be at risk of drinking contaminated water and may suffer from various water-borne diseases. The report also specifies the high rate of Nitrate concentrations in water in some areas which may cause Blue Baby Syndrome diseases in Children. Non-availability of regular water quality monitoring of the critical areas and issues cannot be identified.

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Ajmal khan:

Poverty is not a static or fixed phenomenon. It is a multi-dimensional idea that encompasses quality in almost every sphere of life, ranging from calorie intake, life expectancy, living standards, literacy, and access to modern energy services.

This type of poverty is always expressed from an income perspective. Sticking with the non-income dimensions of poverty, such as health, education and living standards, are as important as employment.

The two energy indicators of non-income dimensions of poverty (no access to electricity) and cooking fuels (wood, dung and charcoal), constitute poverty.

Goal no. 7 of SDGs contains universal access to modern energy services, increasing energy efficiency, and increasing renewable energy share.

As we know, energy plays a vital role in the development process of a country, but in case of Pakistan, energy poverty is the largest single drain on Pakistan's economy.

When we talk about Balochistan, it is the direct and major victim of energy crisis, and has slowed down the growth of the province.

Balochistan is the largest province in Pakistan, having an area of 347,190 km square and a population of 12,344,408 people. The major portion of the population live in rural areas, constituting 72.45%.

Multivariate Aspects of Climate Change in Pakistan

Syed Mansoor Ahmed:

Climate change stems unbearable challenges in the future. According to the World Bank report, Pakistan stands 6th in affect of climate change. The awful and deadly floods of 2010, and 2011, extremely increased in a rainy season, and fluctuation in actual climate pattern is alarming and despairing signs among all the dwellers of the town.

Climate Change and Agriculture in Pakistan

In addition, Pakistan is a semi-arid country. The focal and dependent source of water is from the snow-covered Himalayan and the Karakoram in the Northern Areas. Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, and the Sutlej rivers flow through this area. Within the water balance, the country's entire agriculture is dependant on water flow from the Indus

river. Glacial flood outburst also poses a serious threat to the country's climate in the Karakoram range.

The sole aim was reaching and understanding the possible nodes of surge-type glaciers, which are characterized by unsteady movements and frequent frontal advances

of ice masses. As result, it causes natural hazards by obstructing river channels, forming ice-dammed lakes, which ultimately cause GLOFs and pose threats downstream of the water.

After meaningful analysis, it revealed that a surge between 1998 and 2002 generated 6 GLOFs.

Damages by Climate Change:

Meanwhile, rigorous critical exploration of the Attabade Lake of Hunza Valley in Gilgit-Baltistan is the distinctive event to justify the future threats of climate change in the center of

hancing the level of physical comfort and peace of mind. The Book of Genesis states that Cain killed Abel to satiate his vengeance.

Ever since vengeance, confrontation and belligerence have remained more pervasive than cooperation and amiability in human relations.

The design must include appropriate levels of human judgment while resorting to technology. This line of thought gains more credence when the present degree of global polarization is taken into view.

The international order is tilting towards autocracy and the likelihood of employment of these weapons is becoming a reality. The norms and values of world politics were subjected to heavy Trumpian Strain in the recent past when the competition of naked power showed its ugliness in international relations.

The Genesis of war-

Only 36 Percent of Balochistan has access to energy:

Balochistan is facing an acute energy shortage that has stopped the development not only in the economic and agriculture sector, but also in every walk of life. According to a document submitted to the National Assembly of Pakistan, only 36% of Balochistan is electrified, while the remaining 64% of Balochistan still doesn't have access to energy. Due to the scattered population living in rural areas, it is impossible to electrify them. In 2018, the total demand of Balochistan was 1650 MW, but supply was limited to 600 MW, and in 2019 the demand was 2500 MW.

Energy Projects in CPEC:

Energy is the prominent component of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Almost 70% of the CPEC projects were related to the energy sector, which comprises thermal, hydel, coal and wind.

Unfortunately, Balochistan is being left out of these projects. Out of 13 mega projects related to energy, six projects are being located in Punjab, six in Sindh and one in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Once again, the energy-starved and downtrodden province has been neglected and not given due share to fulfill its energy demands. The energy generated by these projects will not give any

relief to the consumers in Balochistan.

The already installed transmission lines are inadequate, and the province does not have the capability and capacity to absorb energy beyond 500 MW. The two transmission lines worth \$4 billion will run from Matiani to Faisalabad and Lahore, respectively. These transmission lines are providing 4000 MW to Punjab. Looking at this picture, the overall situation in rural Balochistan is worse, where 85% of the population lives and some areas in Balochistan are not even linked with the national grid systems. This is an alarming situation where a major portion of the population still doesn't have access to electricity, and it will further deteriorate the growth of the province.

Energy Production in Balochistan:

Balochistan is producing about 2422 MW of electricity using gas-based thermal. Almost all the power generated in the province is being transmitted to other provinces. Electricity has been purchased by QESCO from two autonomous power producers include the Uch power plant and Habibullah Coastal Power plant. The province also receives electricity from Iran and provides it to the area along the border. The federal government initiative to reduce load-shedding will not positively impact the province because the existing transmission lines are not that much capable of

supplying any load beyond 600 MW. There is not a single 500 kV grid station in the province.

No doubt, it is impossible to provide and extend transmission lines to the far-flung areas because it will cost too much. The electricity demand in rural areas of Balochistan is very low and the houses in rural areas need only lighting for roomed houses built of mud. Furthermore, investors feel hesitant to invest in the province due to lack of infrastructure, revenue generation and security.

Considering all these factors, solar energy remains the best source because Balochistan receives the largest solar radiance in its area. According to a World Bank assessment, Balochistan receives the highest average sunlight in the world, which makes it rich in solar energy. Keeping in view these factors and in spite of extending the transmission lines to the far-flung and remote areas, the government should provide a solar panel to each house that is more economical and cost efficient. It will empower the socio-economic conditions of the population living in rural areas.

The Wind Corridor of Balochistan and Government's efforts:

Besides solar energy, the wind energy is another essential source and Balochistan has been blessed with a high rate of wind speeds. The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), in

their shared data, suggested that the wind speed in the coastal area of the province is enough to generate electricity. In this line, Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET) has electrified 1600 villages along the coastal side of Sindh and Balochistan. A study suggested that the coastal belt of Pakistan can produce 50,000 MW through wind resources. To minimize the cost of these projects, the government should encourage local manufacturers of wind turbines. In this regard, to overcome the energy poverty in Balochistan, the federal government can play a vital role in alleviating energy poverty by using renewable energy resources in electrifying the rural areas of Balochistan keeping in view the solar radiance and wind speed, there is a huge potential for renewable energy in the province.

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the running rivers due to frontal advance, near to the densely populated areas of the Karakoram region.

By constant observation of the prevailing climate change, it is airing the endless future threat only due to the GLOFs.

For instance, the Indus River System (IRS) is the jugular vein of irrigation in Pakistan. It is providing water for almost 90% of the food product in Pakistan.

The ice-dam formation due to the GLOFs will slow down the water flowing pace downstream. And could raise a deep impassance among the units for water distribution formula. In the end, it will ultimately surface the challenge of food insecurity in Pakistan.

Glaciers in Pakistan:

It is also noted, historically, in the Karakoram Range 39 glaciers are responsible for ice and snow melt. On the other hand, 36 glaciers build ice barriers in

the Karakoram Range, more importantly, is the home of the anti-climate Policy Analyst, Lecturer at BUET, Khuzdar.

Measures ECCM. When the lethality of weapons created a situation of mutually assured destruction (MAD) the situation became unacceptable. Various treaties like Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (SALT), and many more were signed to avert the unacceptable destruction.

Exercising restraint was never so important. Exercising restraint was never so important before the development of autonomous weapons; chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear.

The Perils and Promises of Artificial Intelligence

Harnessing the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in warfare brought a paradigm shift in the modus operandi of warfare. It eliminated the requirement of direct human involvement in selecting and engaging targets. Even the smart-

est of the weapons were hitherto launched and guided by humans. This development has given rise to the debate of ethics and morality all over

again. António Guterres, the UN Secretary-General, joined the skeptics on Twitter where he wrote in March 2019, "Autonomous machines with the power and discretion to select targets and take lives without human involvement are politically unacceptable, morally repugnant and should be prohibited by international law."

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Wafaqi Mohtasib's team hear complaints against federal govt's agencies, departments

ISLAMABAD (INP): A Wafaqi Mohtasib's team headed by Advisor, Haroon Sikandar Pasha, heard complaints against the Federal Government agencies and departments including Sui Gas, Electricity, BISP and NADRA and passed on the spot instructions for their speedy redressal during a Khuli Katchery at Kahuta on Thursday.

A large number of people turned up at the Khuli Katchery wherein they aired grievances against the federal and provincial electricity connections.

The team also informed the complainants that the road network in Kahuta was in a deplorable state, broken at many places and the fallen electricity poles have created further problems for the commuters. They said that the department concerned is not willing to initiate remedial action despite several requests.

They also informed that the officials of the electricity department would not initiate the repair work unless their palms are greased. A lot of many complaints pertained to delay in provision of electricity connections.

The non-installation of transformers, excessive billing, delay in issuance of CNIC etc. along with discontinuation of financial support from BISP.

The Wafaqi Mohtasib's team issued instructions to the representatives of the federal agencies present there and forwarded the complaints relating to the provincial departments to organization concerned. The Khuli Katchery was attended by the representatives of the federal agencies, District Administration officials, AC Kahuta besides the media representatives.

Earlier, the Wafaqi Mohtasib team delivered an awareness lecture regarding the role and functions of this office. They also commended the role of the media in awareness raising, expressing the views that it is instrumental in apprising the general public of the benefits of this office and how to obtain relief from it.

"The Wafaqi Mohtasib's office is witnessing a surge in complaints owing to the useful role being played by media", they observed.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Asim Kurd Gilo meeting with Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail.

Field Marshal Asim Munir chairs 271st Corps Commanders' Conference (CCC) at GHQ

RAWALPINDI (INP): Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir presided over the 271st Corps Commanders' Conference (CCC) held at the General Headquarters (GHQ) today, according to the Pakistani military's media wing.

The forum commenced with offering prayers for the martyrs of recent terrorist attacks, attributed to Indian-sponsored proxies.

The forum reviewed recent counter-terrorism operations and resolved that the sacrifices of Shuhada (martyrs) will not be in vain, the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Thursday. Ensuring the safety and security of the people of Pakistan remains the

Armed Forces' highest priority. The participants emphasised the need for decisive and coordinated actions at all levels against the threat posed by Indian-backed proxies.

In the wake of India's defeat following the Pahalgam incident, the forum noted increased hostile activities by its proxies, including groups identified as Fatah Al Khawarij and Fatah Al Hindustan, aimed at destabilising Pakistan.

The Chief of Army Staff (COAS) shared insights from recent diplomatic engagements, including visits to Iran, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. These visits were conducted alongside the Prime Minister to strengthen bilateral ties.

The forum was also briefed on the Field Marshal Asim Munir's significant visit to the United States, which included meetings with senior US leadership. This visit allowed Pakistan to present its strategic viewpoint on regional and international developments.

Participants conducted a comprehensive review of current internal and external security dynamics. Particular focus was given to developments in the Middle East and India, and the global inclination toward the use of force. The forum underlined the importance of building self-reliant defense capabilities and fostering national unity.

The top military commander addressed recent state-

ments from the Indian Army, terming them baseless. He stated that India's effort to involve third parties in what is clearly a bilateral issue reflects an attempt at bloc politics to project itself as a regional security provider.

The forum was briefed on the Pakistan Army's continued modernization and adaptation to evolving threats and the changing nature of warfare. The COAS acknowledged and praised the efforts of Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Air Force in enhancing joint operational capability.

In his closing remarks, Field Marshal Munir expressed full confidence in the Pakistan Army's preparedness to meet the full spectrum of threats.

Wapda chief reviews construction progress at Mohmand Dam project

ISLAMABAD (INP): WAPDA Chairman Naveed Asghar Chaudhry on Thursday visited Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project being constructed across River Swat in Tribal District Mohmand of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. Member Water Syed Ali Akhtar Shah also accompanied him. During the visit, the Chairman reviewed construction progress on various work fronts including spillway, powerhouse, main dam, diversion system and power intake, said a press release.

The Chairman noted it with satisfaction that WAPDA has started construction work on the main dam in May this year after completing several pre-requisites such as river diversion tunnels, upstream and downstream coffer dams, dam plinth and excavation of left and right abutments and dam foundations etc. The GM/MD Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project, flanked by the Project Managers of the Consultants and the Contractors briefed the Chairman about progress on each work front. He was informed that construction work is being carried out simultaneously on 14 different sites. Construction of powerhouse building has also started, manufacturing of electro-mechanical equipment is at advanced stages, while construction work on the spillway is ahead of schedule.

Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project is expected to commence electricity generation in 2027 following completion of the dam, the Chairman was briefed.

Highlighting the importance of Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project for irrigated agriculture, flood mitigation and generation of affordable hydel electricity, the Chairman directed the Consultants and the Contractor to put in their maximum efforts for completion of the Project according to the schedule.

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QUETTA: Senator Agha Shahzad Durrani meets with Parliamentary Secretary Mir Muhammad Khan Lehi.



QUETTA: Member of Provincial Assembly Agha Prince Umar Ahmedzai meets with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti.

Pakistan denounces India's attempts to "weaponize water" by suspending 1960 IWT

UNITED NATIONS (INP): At a preparatory meeting for the key 2026 UN Water Conference, Pakistan has denounced India's attempts to "weaponize water" by suspending the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) and thereby endangering the lives of over 225 million people.

Ambassador Usman Jadoon, deputy permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, in the meeting said, "Water should serve as a unifying force, not a source of division."

"Despite recent attempts by one country in the region to weaponize water, Pakistan remains resolute in its commitment to ensuring the voices of those countries who support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 6) and fosters an international law based approach to the

governance and sustainable management of transboundary rivers and aquifers," he said without naming India.

The conference, hosted by Senegal and the United Arab Emirates, will take place on December 2 to December 4, 2026 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Ambassador Usman Jadoon welcomed the inclusion of Transboundary Water Cooperation as one of the themes for the interactive dialogues.

Pakistan, he said, stands ready to contribute constructively to any discussions under this theme by sharing insights from its decades-long treaty based water-sharing arrangement.

But the Pakistani envoy's well-reasoned remarks drew a response from India's UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish who called them "baseless and unacceptable," and "another deliberate attempt to politicize this important

conference," leading to a verbal duel.

He talked about fundamental changes in the circumstances since India concluded this water treaty that required a re-assessment of the obligations under the treaty including technological advancements, demographic changes, climate change, the need for clean energy drive and the threat of persistent cross border terrorism.

"Cross border terrorism from this country interferes with our ability to utilize the water as per the provisions of the treaty, we must reject attempts to exploit UN platforms to spread falsehoods, and reiterate that SDG 6 must not be used as a pretext for misinformation or politicization," the Indian Ambassador added. A Pakistani delegate immediately challenged the Indian statement, calling it a case of "guilty conscience."

Flourishing creativity, artwork among youth vital for beating depression, anxiety: Experts

FAISALABAD (INP): The experts at painting workshop on Thursday called for flourishing creativity and artwork among the youth and termed it essential for personal and national development.

They were addressing the concluding session of a painting workshop arranged on the directives of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ali under the auspices of Department of Art and Design, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF).

Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Shazia Ramzan, Deputy Registrar/technical staff officer Muhammad Asif Siddique, Kiran Khalid,

Verdiah Tariq and other notables also spoke on the occasion.

Talking to the audience, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Shazia Ramzan said that amid the situation where people are suffering from depression and anxiety which is hampering the social fabric and create optimism among the society.

She said that through art a number of societal issues can be treated in a

positive and applicable solution. She added that kind of workshops provide an opportunity to explore new ideas, skills and a way to think beyond the sight.

Asif Siddique said that the workshop broadens the thinking pattern with the special attention to observe the circumstances, social issues and the world minutely. The world is blessed with a range of beautification, he said, adding that artists portray the nature's blessing that changes the mind with cheerful feelings and be-

come a reason of pleasure.

He said that artists has ability to see the world with unique dimensions and observe exclusive perspectives of life, and their vision help masses to get rid of feelings of hopelessness and deprivation.

Dr Kiran Khalid said that students must get benefit from such kind of platforms where their skills and abilities refinement is the key objective. Verdiah Tariq also urged the students to develop the creativity and such art exhibition were the need of the hour.



KHARAN: Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshirwan is making women aware of their problems during his visit to Civil Hospital Kharan.

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SC rejects Fawad Chaudhry request to stay his trials in May 9, cases

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Thursday rejected the request of former minister Chaudhry Fawad Hussain to stay his trials in May 9, cases and ruled that it is the authority of high court. The Chief Justice of Pakistan, during hearing, remarked that thankfully the courts are working. The court asked Fawad Chaudhry to approach the Lahore High Court (LHC) for plea to club his cases.

A bench of the top court headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi heard the case. During hearing, the Chief Justice said that the decision will be written in presence of all respondents so that rights of anyone wouldn't be affected.

The Chief Justice summoned Special Prosecutor Zulfiqar Naqvi and Fawad Chaudhry to the chamber.

The Chief Justice said that the petitioners are getting exemptions from appearance in

courts due to the cases being filed in different districts, and even Fawad Chaudhry has been exempted from appearing in LHC.

On this occasion, Special Prosecutor Zulfiqar Naqvi raised the objection that the case was not heard on merits in LHC, but was only declared inadmissible and an objection was raised. He said that the Supreme Court has been approached against this decision of LHC.

The Supreme Court ruled that these objections are also to be seen by the LHC, so the case should be heard there.

The apex court also rejected the request of Fawad Chaudhry to stay the trial of the cases until the final decision. Chief Justice Yahya Afridi remarked that it is the High Court's authority to order a stay on the trial.

Fawad Chaudhry complained that his trial continued till midnight, to which the Chief Justice remarked, "Thankfully,

the courts are working."

Chief Justice Yahya Afridi further said that if the Supreme Court gives a decision, it may affect the cases of both the parties, so this matter should be decided in the High Court itself.

The CJP remarked that it is your request that all the cases be combined and sent to Faisalabad. I have received the reports of the anti-terrorism courts. Your words yesterday were very shocking. All the courts heard your requests for non-appearance. Now, appearances can be made from any city through video link.

The court said that our observations will affect the parties, adding that 100 people are nominated in each case of May 9. Fawad Chaudhry said that decisions in different cases of the same nature would create uncertainty, to which the Chief Justice said that decisions have already been made regarding the disposal of the cases.



HANOI: Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan Vietnam Minister of Industry and Trade Nguyen Hong Dien witnessing the signing of the minutes of the 5th Pakistan-Vietnam Joint Trade Committee meeting by additional Secretary Commerce Pakistan Nasir Hamid and Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Vietnam Phan Thi Trang.

Minister inaugurates vehicle emission testing campaign in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (INP): Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry on Friday formally inaugurated the vehicle emission testing campaign in Islamabad.

As part of the launch, a team from the Islamabad Transport Authority inspected the minister's own vehicle using advanced equipment.

Speaking in the occasion, Talal Chaudhry said that both the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Interior had instructed the administration to implement reforms across Islamabad. These reforms, he added, include not just infrastructure improvements but also steps to protect the environment.

He highlighted that the air quality index (AQI) in Islamabad had been climbing steadily over the past few weeks. "In some areas, the AQI

had even started to cross the 200 mark, which is concerning," the minister stated.

Chaudhry said that the vehicle inspection initiative is part of a broader effort to improve air quality. The government has imported modern testing devices that meet international standards to ensure accurate inspections of vehicle emissions.

The Minister of State thanked the Punjab Government for sending a trained team to support the initiative. He also noted that Islamabad's Deputy Commissioner Irfan Memon set a public example by starting the inspection drive from his own vehicle.

According to Minister of State for Interior, the testing campaign will begin with government vehicles. He announced that a dedicated testing setup will be established

near the Old Parade Ground to facilitate inspections.

Vehicles that pass the emission test will be issued barcoded stickers as proof of compliance. Chaudhry added that strict action would be taken against vehicles that emit excessive smoke, including financial penalties.

He said the capital has already witnessed improvements due to recent environmental actions. Traditional brick kilns, which were a major source of air pollution, have been shut down. Only kilns using zigzag technology are allowed to operate now, he explained.

He emphasized that vehicle emissions remain one of the main causes of environmental damage in the city. The new policy aims to ensure that no smoke-emitting vehicle will be allowed to enter Islamabad without inspection.

IHC warns of contempt proceedings against PM, cabinet in Dr Aafia Siddiqui case

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday warned of initiating contempt of court proceedings against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and members of the Federal cabinet over the government's failure to submit a report in the Dr Aafia Siddiqui case. Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan was hearing a petition filed by Dr Fouzia Siddiqui, seeking the repatriation, health status, and release of her sister, Dr Aafia Siddiqui, who is imprisoned in the United States.

At the outset of the hearing, the judge expressed strong displeasure over the government's failure to submit the report regarding its refusal to assist in Dr Aafia's case before a US court. "You were directed to provide reasons for

not cooperating with the US court in Dr Aafia's case. If the federal government fails to submit the report to this court, I will summon the entire cabinet," Justice Khan remarked.

He further said, "Why shouldn't contempt proceedings be initiated against all cabinet members? This court will not hesitate to proceed against the Prime Minister as well."

The judge reminded the Additional Attorney General (AAG) that the report had been sought in June. When asked to submit it within three days, AAG Rashid Hafeez requested an extension of five working days, stating that more time was needed.

However, the judge informed him that his annual leave would commence next week.

The court accepted the plea and adjourned further hearing until July 21.

Earlier during the proceedings, the petitioner's counsel, Imran Shafiq, also submitted a miscellaneous application seeking a meeting between Dr Fouzia Siddiqui and the Prime Minister. Justice Khan, however, questioned the purpose of the meeting, stating, "What would Dr Fouzia achieve by meeting the Prime Minister? Is the Prime Minister not already aware of the matter?"

The court's remarks came amid growing frustration over the lack of progress in Dr Aafia Siddiqui's case. The Pakistani neuroscientist has been incarcerated in the U.S. since 2010 after being convicted on charges of attempted murder.



ISLAMABAD: A-4 member delegation of FPCCI led by its President Atif Iqbal Sheikh called on Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting reforms and restructuring in Public Sector Governance.

Development linked to modernizing outdated system, says PM

ISLAMABAD (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said that the transformation of the outdated system into a modern, digital, and effective governance model was among the government's priorities, as economic development and prosperity were impossible without modernizing the system to meet contemporary demands. The prime minister, chairing a meeting at PM House in Islamabad, directed to introduce reforms to enhance the performance of ministries and hire the services of experts in every sector. During a meeting, the Ministry of Energy gave a detailed briefing on a system comprising experts for improving governance and implementing reforms.

The prime minister said that the country could not achieve progress with the system that has been in place for several decades.

He highlighted that Pakistan was rich in resources, and its

young workforce was its most valuable asset, with many talented Pakistanis bringing fame to the country globally.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif lauded Minister for Energy Sardar Awaiz Khan Leghari and his team for their tireless efforts and emphasised that assistance from internationally renowned experts and consultants was crucial for systemic change, and introducing new thinking and governance methods through reforms aligning with modern requirements.

He said that the energy ministry's reforms, reduction in losses, and saving billions of rupees for the national treasury served as a role model for other ministries. Prime Minister Shehbaz directed the formation of a committee to finalize actionable proposals for the restructuring of other ministries and institutions, considering the reforms in the energy ministry. The committee will

also focus on recruiting the best workforce, aligning ministries with modern systems, and improving governance through reforms.

During the briefing, it was told that under the National Electricity Plan, 134 strategic directives had been implemented in the ministry, where the ministry handles policy, monitoring, and future planning, while a technical arm comprising sector experts handles implementation, innovation, and planning.

The meeting was also given a detailed briefing on the profiles of the sector experts and the current working of the ministry under the established system.

Federal Ministers Dr. Musaddik Malik, Ahmad Khan Cheema, Sardar Awaiz Khan Leghari, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Ali Pervaiz Malik, Minister of State Bilal Azhar Kiyani, Chief Coordinator Musharrat Zaidi, and other relevant senior officials attended the meeting.

AIOU's efforts in educating out of school children lauded

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Secretary for Education and Professional Training, Nadeem Mubtuh has said that Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has emerged as a strong, active and effective partner in efforts being made under the "Accelerated Learning Program (ALP)" to bring approximately 26 million out-of-school children in the country into the educational fold.

This he said while speaking at the launch ceremony of the "Pakistan Non-Formal Education Statistical Report 2023-24" held at the university yesterday.

The Secretary of Education emphasized that Pakistan faces

several challenges in the field of education, and addressing them requires a significant role from non-formal education.

He stressed that Allama Iqbal Open University, through its wide outreach, modern teaching resources, and comprehensive planning, is providing quality education to those children who, for various reasons, have been left out of the formal education system.

Appreciating the services of the university, he expressed hope that other educational institutions would also learn from this model and contribute effectively to increasing the literacy rate in the

country.

Addressing the ceremony, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood said that there is a need for serious efforts at the national level to integrate out-of-school children into the educational system. He added that, fortunately, their partner organizations are committed to achieving this goal.

He explained that the university, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the Pakistan Institute of Education, is providing education up to the matriculation level to children from underprivileged areas, especially girls.

SBCA to launch crackdown on illegal constructions across Karachi

KARACHI, July 11 (INP): Following Lyari building collapse and the subsequent arrests of officials and staff, the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) has now decided to launch a citywide operation against illegal constructions.

The SBCA has announced a demolition action plan to demolish all illegally constructed and under-construction buildings across Karachi. The demolitions will be carried out at the expense of the property owners, and in cases of

non-payment, the costs will be recovered under tax liabilities.

According to the plan, the anti-encroachment operations will begin in densely populated areas, with support from district administrations.

SBCA has assured that all safety protocols will be strictly followed during the demolitions.

Furthermore, the SBCA has directed all Additional Directors, District Directors, Regional Directors, and the Director of Demolition to begin implementation immediately.

The authority will submit daily progress reports to the government regarding the operations.

On Thursday, Karachi police 'arrested' more than 10 people, including Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) officials in Lyari building collapse incident.

As per details, Karachi's District City Police launched operations in various areas in connection with the recent Karachi building collapse incident in Lyari's Raghaddi area.



QUETTA: DG Population Welfare Department Muhammad Azeen Kakar addressing a press conference.

Deadlock on holding oath-taking session of KP assembly emerged

PESHAWAR (INP): A new constitutional deadlock has emerged in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) as the Speaker of the Provincial Assembly, Babar Saleem Swati, has declined to summon a session for the oath-taking of members elected on reserved seats.

According to sources, the Speaker informed the Leader of the Opposition that he lacks the authority to convene the session for administering the oath to newly notified members. This development came in response to a formal request submitted by the opposition.

Following the speaker's

refusal, restored members from the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) informed the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) through a formal letter.

In the letter, they stated that the speaker has declined to hold the oath-taking session and requested that the Chief Justice of the Peshawar High Court appoint an official to administer the oath, citing Article 225(3) of the Constitution, which mandates the swearing-in of members. In response, the ECP has sent a formal letter to the KP Assembly Secretariat. The Commission directed that the KP Assembly

shall be made available on July 21 for the upcoming Senate elections and also stressed that oath-taking of new members must be completed prior to the elections in accordance with constitutional provisions.

The ECP instructed the KP Assembly secretariat to ensure that the oath process for newly notified members is completed within one week.

However, the Election Commission also clarified that three members—Naeda Noor, Arifa Bibi, and Guppal Singh—are to be excluded from the oath-taking until a final decision on their status is issued.