

# QUETTA VOICE

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## Major Decision: Pakistan to Begin Phased Repatriation of PoR Holder Afghan Nationals from September 1

### News Desk:

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ministry of Interior has announced a significant policy move regarding the repatriation of Proof of Registration (PoR) cardholder Afghan nationals, issuing a detailed notification outlining the process.

According to the notification, the voluntary return of PoR holders will begin immediately, while the remaining individuals will be repatriated in phases starting September 1. Officials say the decision was taken during a high-level meeting, citing security concerns and growing pressure on the country's resources.

The repatriation of Afghan Citizen Card (ACC) holders will continue in accordance with the previously announced Integrated Foreigners Repatriation Plan (IFRP).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will coordinate with international organizations, including the Afghan interim government and UNHCR, to ensure an organized return process.

The Ministry of Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan, and SAFRON will share complete data of PoR holders with relevant provincial and district committees. The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) will handle the cancellation of registrations at transit areas and border terminals, while the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) will



facilitate the process at designated border crossing points.

All provincial governments and concerned agencies have been directed to conduct comprehensive mapping of PoR holders and submit provincial action plans to the Ministry of Interior.

The plan includes designating transit areas, arranging transportation and financial assistance,

forming district and provincial-level committees, reactivating control rooms, and establishing a hotline and complaint cell for grievances.

Daily progress on repatriations will be monitored through the Foreign National Security Dashboard (FNSD). All relevant stakeholders have been asked to share updated contact details of

their focal persons with the Ministry of Interior. For coordination, the ministry has appointed the Section Officer Security as the official focal person.

This move marks one of the most extensive organized repatriation drives in recent years, reflecting Pakistan's effort to address security, resource management, and migration control concerns.

## Couple Reaches Quetta: Government Urged to Provide Protection as Honour Killings Rise in Balochistan

### Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: A young couple, Fahad and Sassi, arrived in Quetta from Kashmir after contracting a love marriage and have appealed to the government for immediate protection.

The couple claims their lives are in danger, particularly from Sassi's uncle, and warn that without intervention, they could be harmed.

Just days earlier, another young couple from Mastung held a press conference at the Quetta Press Club, calling on the government to ensure their safety.

These developments come in the aftermath of the brutal killing

of a couple in the Ghera area — a case that has claimed multiple lives and remains unresolved. Rights groups say authorities have so far failed to curb this deadly trend.

Honour killings have claimed scores of lives in Pakistan, particularly in Jaffarabad and districts bordering Balochistan. Perpetrators are rarely arrested, and many enjoy complete impunity. Human rights organizations, civil society activists, the media, and members of the legal community have repeatedly urged the government to bring culprits to justice and dismantle this violent custom.



## ECP disqualifies Senate and NA opposition leaders, SIC chief, other PTI lawmakers

NEWS DESK: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday disqualified the Senate and National Assembly opposition leaders, Sunni Ittehad Council chief Hamid Raza and other PTI lawmakers following their convictions in cases related to the May 9 riots.

On May 9, 2023, PTI supporters, protesting the party founder Imran Khan's arrest, staged violent protests throughout the country, vandalising military installations and state-owned buildings, while also attacking the Lahore corps commander's residence. Following the riots, thousands of protesters, including party leaders, were arrested.

An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Faisalabad last week sentenced over 100 leaders and workers of the PTI, including several key opposition figures, to jail terms of up to 10 years in connection with the May 9 riots. Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Omar Ayub Khan, Opposition Leader in the Senate Shibli Faraz, MNA Zartaj Gul, Raza, Sheikh Rashid Shaifque (nephew of former interior minister Sheikh Rashid), Kanwal Shauzab, Farah Agha, Rai Haider Khairi and Muhammad Ahmad Chhatta were among those sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment.

A notification from the ECP today said Faraz, Ayub, Khan, Raza, MNA Rai Hassan Nawaz Khan, Gul, MPA Muhammad Ansar Iqbal, MPA Junaid Afzal Sani and MPA Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal were now disqualified under Article 63(1b) (a) per-

son shall be disqualified from being elected [if]... he has been, on conviction for any offence involving moral turpitude, sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years) of the Constitution and their seats were vacant.

The development follows other recent disqualifications of PTI leaders and lawmakers. On July 29, the ECP had disqualified MNA Abdul Latif from



the NA-1 constituency (Upper and Lower Chitral), raising questions over the haste with which a flurry of similar decisions were taken in recent days.

On July 28, the commission had disqualified Senator Ejaz Chaudhry, MNA Mohammad Ahmad Chhatta and MPA Ahmad Khan.

On December 21 and 26 last year, a military court had sentenced over 50 PTI leaders and activists, including Imran Khan's nephew Hassan Niazi, to up to 10 years for their involvement in

the May 9 riots.

The ATCs have been hearing May 9-related cases daily to meet a deadline set by the Supreme Court for the conclusion of trials by August.

The ATC had convicted the PTI lawmakers under Section 109 (punishment for abetment) and Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) in FIR No. 835/2023,



registered at Ghulam Muhammadabad police station. In FIR No. 1277/2023 of the same police station, 60 out of 67 accused were convicted, while seven were acquitted.

In FIR No. 832/2023, registered at the Civil Lines police station, 107 out of 108 accused were sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment while one person received a three-year sentence. The judge acquitted 77 accused in this case, stating that the prosecution had failed to establish charges against them.

## Trump says he will 'very substantially' raise tariffs on India in next 24 hours over Russian oil purchases

NEWS DESK: United States President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he would increase the tariff charged on imports from India from the current rate of 25 per cent 'very substantially' over the next 24 hours, given India's continued purchases of Russian oil.

"India has not been a good trading partner, because they do a lot of business with us, but we don't do business with them. So we settled on 25pc but I think I'm going to raise that very substantially over the next 24 hours, because they're buying Russian oil," he told CNBC in a televised interview.

"They're fuelling the war machine, and if they're going to do that, then I'm not going to be happy," Trump said, adding that the main sticking point with India was that its tariffs were too high.

He did not provide a new tariff rate for India. Trump last week said he would impose a 25pc tariff on goods imported from India and added that the world's fifth-largest economy would also face an unspecified penalty, but gave no details. Later, Trump mused a sharp attack and said: "I don't care what India does with Russia. They can take their dead economies down together, for all I care."

Over the weekend, two Indian government sources told Reuters that India will keep purchasing oil from Russia despite Trump's threats. In turn, White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller had accused India of effectively financing Russia's war in Ukraine by purchasing oil from

Moscow.

Trump had made the same threat about substantially raising tariffs a day ago.

Responding to the threat, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a statement claiming that the US and the European Union "targeted" New Delhi for purchasing Russian oil after Moscow invaded Ukraine in 2022.

"India began importing from Russia because traditional supplies were diverted to Europe after the outbreak of the conflict," the statement read. "The US at that time actively encouraged such imports by India for strengthening global energy market stability."

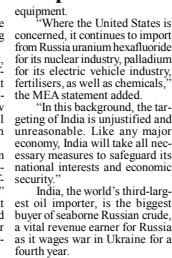
The MEA highlighted in its statement that the very nations criticising India were engaging in trade with Russia themselves, adding that the goods exchanged include energy, fertilisers, mining products, chemicals, iron and steel and machinery and transport equipment.

"Where the United States is concerned, it continues to import from Russia uranium hexafluoride for its nuclear industry, palladium for its electric vehicle industry, fertilisers, as well as chemicals," the MEA statement added.

"In this background, the targeting of India is unjustified and unreasonable. Like any major economy, India will take all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests and economic security."

India, the world's third-largest oil importer, is the biggest buyer of seaborne Russian crude, a vital revenue earner for Russia as it wages war in Ukraine for a fourth year.

The US levy on India exceeds those agreed by some other nations in deals with the Trump administration. For example, the tariff on Vietnam is set at 20pc and Indonesia at 19pc, with levies of 15pc on Japanese and European Union exports.



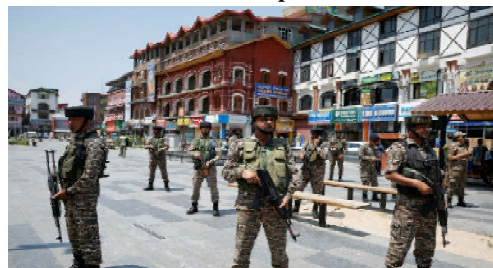
## Youn-i-Istehsal: PM notes India's occupation of Kashmir 'defining conflict' in South Asia

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif termed India's occupation of Kashmir the "defining conflict" of South Asia as Pakistan marked six years on Tuesday since New Delhi deprived the held region of its special autonomy.

Pakistan is observing Youn-i-Istehsal (Exploitation Day) today to mark the sixth anniversary of India revoking Kashmir's special autonomy and to show solidarity with Kashmiris.

On Aug 5, 2019, India's Narendra Modi-led government stripped the Muslim-majority territory of its special status by repealing Article 370 of the constitution, splitting the former state into two territories directly ruled by New Delhi.

"India's illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir remained the defining conflict of the South Asia region, and the driver of India's continued rogue behaviour," PM Shehbaz said in a statement.



The premier also recalled the recent India-Pakistan conflict, noting:

"India's unprovoked aggression against Pakistan in May

2025, and its swift and comprehensive military defeat are only the latest evidence of the urgent need for the international community to ensure that the resolution

of the Kashmir dispute becomes a global priority.

"The will and aspirations of the Kashmiri people, in accordance with UN Security Council

resolutions, are the only path forward," he stressed.

PM Shehbaz noted that a "just resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute was a key pillar of Pakistan's foreign policy."

The prime minister reiterated "strongest condemnation" of India's illegal and unilateral actions to alter the demographic structure and political landscape of India-occupied Kashmir (Iok).

He also lauded India's efforts to silence genuine Kashmiri leaders as part of the "wider hegemonic and extremist agenda" that informed its illegal occupation of the disputed region.

"The imprisonment of Kashmiri leaders and activists, including Shabbir Ahmed Shah, Muhammad Yasin Malik and Masarat Alam Bhatt, will never dim the resolve of our Kashmiri sisters and brothers," he asserted.

Urging the international community to play a role in halting human rights crimes in Iok and

reversing the 2019 action, the premier reaffirmed Pakistan's "unflinching" stance, moral, political and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people.

Meanwhile, in his statement, President Asif Ali Zardari also referred to the recent conflict with India, emphasising that "this year's Youn-e-Istehsal assumes greater significance."

"While the resounding success of the Operation Banyanum Maroos" is a matter of great pride for the people of Pakistan, the day also underscores the need for a settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people, for a lasting peace in South Asia," the president said.

He highlighted that Indian authorities had taken a number of steps, aimed at changing the Iok's demographic structure and political landscape, during the last six years.

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### Quetta-Karachi Highway Upgrade: Timely Action and Strong Leadership Key to Success

**Editorial:** The federal government's recent announcement to upgrade the Quetta-Karachi (N-25) Highway to motorway standards marks a significant development for Balochistan.

Long known for its hazardous conditions, this vital route has long demanded urgent attention to improve safety and efficiency.

Yet, while the decision is a welcome step, it is crucial that the government now prioritizes a clear and realistic timeline for the project's execution.

Past experiences in Balochistan show that many major infrastructure projects have either faced indefinite delays or remained incomplete.



Providing specific details and milestones will not only enhance transparency but also rebuild public trust and ensure accountability.

Credit must also be given to Balochistan's Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, whose consistent advocacy at the federal level has been a vital role in moving this long-standing demand forward.

His engagement with national authorities reflects a results-driven leadership style, focused on securing tangible benefits for the province.

Importantly, the government's decision to redirect funds saved from declining global oil prices towards this highway upgrade demonstrates fiscal prudence and a commitment to public welfare.

Using these resources for critical infrastructure like the Quetta-Karachi Highway is a strategic move that aligns national savings with regional needs.

In summary, upgrading the Quetta-Karachi Highway is a transformative initiative—but one that demands a clear roadmap and transparent execution.

With strong leadership and timely action, this project could finally bring long-awaited progress to Balochistan's infrastructure landscape.

By Ghalib Nehad:

### Heatwave Threatens Lives and Crops in Balochistan

As temperatures soar across Pakistan, several districts of Balochistan are bracing for an intense heatwave.

According to the Balochistan Meteorological Department, Sibi is expected to record temperatures as high as 47°C in the coming days. Turbat may reach 46°C, Lasbela 44°C, Nokundi 43°C, Dalbandin 41°C, and Quetta could experience highs up to 35°C.

The Met Office has issued heatwave alerts for Sibi, Kechhi, Soharpur, Lehi, Naseerabad, Jhal Magi, Turbat, Lasbela, Washuk, Kharan, and Chaghi, warning of dry and extreme weather conditions.

The heat is not only endangering human health but also threatening agricultural productivity. Khalid Hussain Bhat, Chairman of the Farmers' Union, emphasized that extreme heat severely impacts seed survival and crop growth.

He noted that wheat yields, which traditionally ranged from 50-60 maunds per acre, have dropped significantly to 20-25 maunds due

to milder winters and erratic climate patterns.

Bhat also highlighted the critical situation in canal-fed farming areas where declining water availability has exacerbated the risks. He urged the government to introduce heat-resistant crop varieties to prevent billions in agricultural losses and potential food shortages.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mahmood Ahmed warned that rising temperatures could lead to an increase in heat-related illnesses.

He advised citizens to stay hydrated, avoid sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Reducing meat consumption and eating more fruits and vegetables can also help mitigate heat-related risks.

Dr. Ahmed stressed the importance of early action to prevent heatstroke, outlining symptoms such as excessive sweating, fatigue, dizziness, nausea, rapid heartbeat, and in severe cases, unconsciousness. He urged both public awareness and government support to manage the growing threat effectively.

Chandni Kakar:

### Balochistan in the Eye of Climate Change Storm: Calls for Resilient Climate Policies Surface

In the global battle against climate change, Balochistan, Pakistan, serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for climate resilience. The province is experiencing increasingly severe weather events, a consequence of human-induced climate change. However, many residents mistake these extreme weather occurrences for regular fluctuations, hindering recognition of the escalating climate crisis.

Balochistan becoming unbearable hot

Balochistan is becoming unbearably hot, with rising temperatures transforming heatwaves into a year-round threat.

These heatwaves pose severe health risks, including heat stress, dehydration, and even fatalities. In 2017, Turbat recorded a scorching 53.5°C (128.3°F).

Setting a record for Pakistan. Unfortunately, forecasts suggest that temperatures will continue to rise.

However, the climate challenges in Balochistan extend beyond relentless heat waves. The province grapples with devastating droughts and floods, both of which wreak havoc on homes and infrastructure.

The floods of 2010 and 2022 left nearly 4 million people displaced, disrupting lives and triggering food shortages and price spikes due to their impact on the agriculture sector.

The 2022 flood in Balochistan underscores the looming climate change threat.

The 2022 flood underscored the looming threat of climate change over Balochistan. Driven by intensified and increasingly frequent monsoon rains, the full extent of the damage is yet to be comprehended.

However, it exposed the province's vulnerabilities and highlighted the urgent need for effective management strategies.

Balochistan's annual rainfall of just 200 mm barely meets the needs of its parched population. This water

scarcity adversely affects food production, access to drinking water, and livestock numbers, exacerbated by climate change. The severe droughts of 1997-2003 and 2014-2017 forced migrations to water-rich areas.

CC affects economy

Climate change also impacted the region's economy through the loss of livestock. Between 2010 and 2022, over 1.5 million livestock were lost, costing over \$1 billion and displacing over 100,000 people, particularly in districts like Quetta, Pishin, Turbat, Pajjore, and Khuzdar.

However, Balochistan need not accept this grim fate. It requires comprehensive strategies tailored to its unique challenges.

The provincial government must implement robust climate change policies, emphasizing water resource management and disaster preparedness.

Learning from the tragic dam collapse of 2022, preventive measures such as effective water reservoirs and early warning systems, are imperative.

Spreading awareness about climate change and promoting sustainable agricultural practices are equally crucial.

Tree plantations could mitigate sweltering temperatures. In a province where tree planting could mitigate sweltering temperatures and climate change impacts, government initiatives should engage younger generations in green initiatives.

Achieving a resilient future necessitates a collaborative effort involving government, local communities, civil society, and the commercial sector. Balochistan's path towards resilience begins with a symphony of collective action.

Unfortunately, the lack of critical issues, Balochistan can better adapt to the challenges posed by climate change, ensuring a more secure and sustainable future for its residents.

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### India's double game with US

At the turn of the century, it became abundantly clear that China was on its way to dethrone the US as the world's sole superpower. No superpower would let its adversary take its place easily. The US has long portrayed itself as a leader of the "free world" and considers the rise of China as a threat to the "free world order".

The US and its allies continue to advance this narrative that China, as a superpower, would be a disaster for the "free world". In order to contain China, the US decided to cozy up with India. For so long India maintained a non-aligned posture but leaned toward the Soviet Union. The US-India ties remained lukewarm. Relations between the two countries soured after India conducted nuclear tests in 1998, prompting US sanctions. However, in the early 2000s a strategic rethinking began in Washington.

With China's rise looming large, the US saw India as a natural democratic counterweight in Asia. Kamran Yousaf

### Frailly, thy name is marriage now

Matrimonial relationships have never been more fragile despite being morally bound and legally secured. The two parties in the relationship, sometimes after weathering the early hitches and glitches caused by temperamental clashes and/or external influences, come to terms with each other and enjoy the nuptial bliss. However, doubt over a man's patriarchal potential or a woman's fidelity can irreparably damage a marriage.

We can't pass a blanket judgement on any one gender for souring the matrimonial bliss. Circumstances vary from family to family as Leo Tolstoy says: "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." And I have selected two unhappy families.

In the first case, the husband is the sole earner for his wife, a divorced sister having a daughter, and a maternal uncle's orphaned daughter. He is embroiled in the family politics, ending with his wife demanding a separate residence despite having the second story of her husband's six-marriage house all to herself. The husband can neither afford separate lodging for his wife nor leave his dependents.

Moreover, it would be difficult for him to maintain work-life balance in such circumstances. The wife is now living at her parents' house along with her married brothers and their extended families.

M Nadem Nadir

### Neglecting a key pollution control tool

In Pakistan, serious attention to environmental pollution began in the early 1990s. The first major law, the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act of 1997, introduced a framework to monitor pollution. It focused on air pollution from factories and vehicles, water pollution from household and industrial wastewater and land pollution from waste produced by homes, factories and hospitals. However, the law overlooked a key tool for controlling pollution: public awareness. While the government addresses pollution on a large scale, individuals should take responsibility for their local environment. Unfortunately, the law did not emphasize this role for citizens, and government agencies did not effectively promote it.

Mirza Mujtaba Baig

By: Iftikhar Ahmed:

## Four tier service system: A milestone towards uplifting Agriculture department

Balochistan Agriculture Officers are highly obliged to Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, Minister Agriculture, Mir Asad Ullah Baloch, Secretary Agriculture Mr. Umeed Ali Kokar, Balochistan Agriculture Officers Association's president Dr. Qasim Kakar, General Secretary Shakeel Zehri and all others that rendered efforts in the approval of the Four Tier system. Hopefully the said service structure may diminish the prevailing frustrations amongst the agriculture officers.

This will boost the performance of agriculture department.

This may increase the performance of the overall agriculture department. Currently agriculture is the least privi-

leged department of the province though major segment of the population is directly or indirectly dependent upon the agriculture. Agriculture must be given due respect and importance for the survival of the masses.

The longtime lingering demand of Four Tier Service Structure is the most effective apparatus that would not only strengthen the Department but also would benefit the officers in order to maintain smooth, timely and regular flow of promotions.

Through four-tier service, officers to get promotion chances.

Absence of Four Tier Service Structure is one of the main hindrances in the progress of the Agriculture Department because chances of promotions

are limited and large number of officers presently retired in the same grade wherein they were appointed. However, through the implementation of the Four Tier Structure, officers might get equal promotional chances in a flow, as timely as officers in the other departments of the province.

Fortunately, financial impacts of the four tiers upon the Department are so meager.

Discrimination with the agriculture professionals. There is terrible discrimination with the agriculture professionals rather with agriculture together as in the entire service most of the officers hardly avail any one promotion which is totally against the equity, fundamental right and natural justice. Pa-

kistan is an agricultural country; presently it contributes 19.2 percent to the GDP and provides employment to around 38.5 percent of the labour force.

More than 65-70 percent of the population depends on agriculture. It is suffice to mention that from 1960 to 2018 agriculture was contributing 27.38% to GDP with a minimum of 20.22% at the lowest.

These figure show diminishing trend for the last few decades because agriculture and agriculture professionals/officers have not been given due respect.

The officers with inferior qualification and technical knowledge, as compared to agriculture professional, in the other departments are bestowed with attractive service careers.

Asghar Harifal:

## Withering Public Institutions

The beleaguered public offices have come under a new wave of employee associations broadening the turf war.

The new rallying point is to assert the right for the workers' packages in wages given to the provincial secretariat. Guided by the tools employed by secretaries to secure bloated wages in comparison with the attached department, the number of associations has multiplied and the pre-existing ones have coalesced into a broader alliance.

They have further

asserted to arrogate the positions of head of attached departments claimed by provincial secretariats.

A few days back Balochistan Secretariat Employees Association withdrew from a grand alliance of other employees' associations.

The alliance was formed to put pressure on the government for demands they all shared, which included the rise in pay and allowances and to address the discrepancies.

A growing number of employees adding public grievances

The growing number of employee associations, in the name of their welfare, is widening the growing utility of forming pressure groups to protect spheres of influence.

Taking a cue from the past, the growing trend will bring serious pressure on the frail institutional framework, adding to public grievances.

One of the phenomena, engendered by the growing pressure groups in the public, is written writ large that institutions have exponentially grown in size, while at the same time turned

into pathetically ossified entities, foretelling their imminent fall. The eventuality will not only bring about suffering for all employees associated with these institutions but it will also add to the plight of the public at large. The bloated over-size of public departments in association with their age-old calcified nature has turned them into a self-serving superstructure and lost relevance to the common man.

A department created for the general public turned into a service provider for employees only.

By Bashir Nichari:

## Formation of Pakistan Peoples Party, its aims and objectives

Fifty-five years ago, an incredible journey began with the creation of the Pakistan People's Party. The history of the PPP is full of struggle and sacrifices, which makes it the People's Party.

The first founding convention of the party was held on the night between November 30th and December 1st, 1967 at Dr. Mubasher Hussain's residence at Gulberg, Lahore.

The primary manuscript of the party had been compiled by Shahed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, J.A. Rahim, and Dr. Mubasher Hussain, and was finalized after a

lengthy discussion.

The participants in this convention were aware that they would create a new life for the people of this land and thus presented the documents for approval in the same meeting.

The aims and objectives of the party formation were to call for a socialist change in Pakistan society.

The ultimate goal of the party policy was to create a classless society, which was possible in our circles only through socialism.

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto made tempestuous visits to all corners of the country. While speaking at a public meeting at Lahore

Mochi Darwaza, the People's leader, in his speech of 3 hours and 10 minutes, shed light on Islamic socialism, democracy, capitalism, and feudalism.

At that time, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto convened the nation with arguments that society should embrace Islamic socialism and democracy as the foundation stones for a progressive State.

He knew that these were the things upon which our future generations would have walked with pride. These sentences of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto have become a part of our historical politics.

By Shahid Javed Burki:

## Global weather change

For decades now, scientists and weather experts have reached the conclusion that observable global weather changes have been caused by human activity. The evidence is at that conclusion is simple. It focuses on the burning of fossil fuels that produces carbon dioxide which gets trapped in upper atmosphere and prevents world weather from becoming part of the global system.

The burning of coal, gas and oil are not the only sources of emissions of climate-altering gases. They are also produced by the burning of fuel by motor vehicles and aircrafts. The devel-

opment of artificial intelligence needs a lot of energy; supplying it would add further strain on global weather system. The United Nations system is now involved in studying and preventing global climate change. On July 22, the International Court of Justice based in The Hague issued a strongly worded opinion saying that states must protect their citizens from the "urgent and existential threat of climate change". This statement constituted a major contribution for the global environmental movement and for the countries at the greatest risk of harm. This was the first time that the court, which

is the United Nations highest judicial body, has pronounced a judgement on climate change.

The court's unanimous decision held that the failure of nations to take action to protect the climate system may constitute an "internationally wrongful act". It also found that protection of the environment is "a precondition for ensuring human rights and the right to a healthy environment". It also found that protection of fossil-fuel production as a violation of these principles.

Judge Iwasawa Yuki, president of the court, said: "The environment is the foundation for human life, upon which the health and well-being of

future depends." The United Nations General Assembly requested the court to look into this matter. The court's 15 members were asked to speak to two main questions: what are countries obliged to do, under existing international laws and treaties to protect the climate system and the environment from greenhouse gases? And what are the legal consequences if they have caused considerable harm?

Poor nations, especially those that border rising oceans, argued for financial and technical help from the nations that were primarily responsible for producing global warming.



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## Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) warns against illegal online content sharing

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has issued a warning to people involved in sharing illegal content on social media platforms.

In its official statement, the PTA cautioned users to refrain from posting or promoting unlawful online content.

It reiterated that while freedom of expression is a fundamental right, the misuse of this right to spread illegal content or engage in prohibited activities will not be tolerated.

The authority outlined that sharing blasphemous content, insulting religions, prophets, or sacred figures, inciting violence against individuals or institutions, spreading hatred or false

propaganda against defense and national institutions, as well as circulating obscene, immoral content or fake news is illegal under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) 2016 and is a punishable offense. PTA urged citizens to report such content through the PTA CMS mobile app in the interest of public safety and national peace. The public is advised: "Be alert, stay safe."

Additionally, the PTA recently issued another advisory, warning users to stay vigilant against suspicious messages sent in the name of courier companies, which often involve fake verification codes. PTA also cautioned that fraudsters posing as courier

service representatives are sending deceptive messages to extract personal and sensitive information from users, often under the pretense of payment or parcel delivery. These messages may request users to share verification codes, click on suspicious links, or receive fraudulent calls intended to gain unauthorized access to their accounts.

PTA asserted that such messages are fake and have no affiliation with any legitimate courier service or official institution.

It urged users not to share verification codes with anyone and to ignore unsolicited messages or calls requesting personal details.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry witnessing signing of Letter of Intent (LoI) by Chinese firm.

## NA unanimously adopts resolution condemning India's August 5 move in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (INP): On the occasion of Yom-e-Istehsal, the National Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution condemning India's illegal actions of August 5, 2019, in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

The resolution, moved by Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Senator Amir Muqam, rejected New Delhi's unilateral move to revoke Articles 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution that had granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Indian actions are a blatant violation of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and international law," read the resolution, which was approved by the House without opposition.

Lawmakers paid tribute to the courage and sacrifices of the Kashmiri people and reiterated

Pakistan's unwavering support for their right to self-determination.

"The House strongly condemns the use of force, unlawful detentions, and suppression of Kashmiri voices, and calls for the immediate release of all political prisoners," the resolution added.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Senator Amir Muqam lashed out at India's continued atrocities in the valley, accusing New Delhi of demographic engineering in an attempt to turn Muslim-majority Kashmir into a Hindu-majority region.

"India has martyred thousands of Kashmiri youth, turned children into orphans and women into widows," he said. "Despite all this, the passion for Kashmiri living in the hearts of Kashmiris."

The minister emphasized that the move to strip Kashmir of its special status not only breached

UNSC resolutions but also violated moral and democratic principles.

The National Assembly called on the international community to take notice of the grave human rights situation in IIOJK and to press India to allow independent observers and human rights organizations into the region.

The resolution demanded that the issue be resolved according to the wishes of the Kashmiri people under the UNSC resolutions. On August 5, 2019, India unilaterally revoked the special constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir, sparking outrage in Pakistan and among human rights organizations globally. Pakistan has since observed Yom-e-Istehsal annually to remind the world of the continued military siege and illegal actions by Indian forces in the region.

## Pakistan to continue advocating Kashmir cause to expose Indian atrocities: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaulah Tarar said on Tuesday that Pakistan has been advocating the cause of the Kashmiris at every forum to protest against Indian illegal occupation and expose human rights violations committed by Indian Armed Forces in Kashmir.

"Pakistan will continue its moral, political and diplomatic support to the Kashmiris till realisation of goal of freedom," Attaulah Tarar reiterated the commitment while addressing the participants of the Kashmiri Yom-e-Istehsal rally.

The minister said that Kashmiri people were not alone in their struggle, the state of Pakistan and people of Pakistan firmly stood with them.

He said August 5 was the darkest day in history as on this day, India attempted to illegally usurp Kashmiris fundamental rights by abolishing Article 370 and 35A.

The minister said that bonds between Kashmiris and Pakistan were eternal which can never be

broken by any Indian conspiracy. He reminded that dead bodies of martyred Kashmiris like youth icon Burhan Wani were wrapped in colour of Pakistan's flag,

which was manifestation of Kashmiris love and affection for Pakistan.

He said that for past over seven decades in general and after August 5, 2019 India has been committing unprecedented atrocities in the paradise-like valley of Kashmir.

About military stand off with India, he said when Indian PM Modi cast a malicious eye, the Pakistani forces gave him a befitting response.

"India was not only defeated in the military arena, it was also humiliated in the field of narrative and on the diplomatic front" Attaulah Tarar remarked.

Attaulah Tarar said that the victory in the Ma'araka-e-Haq has boosted the morale of Kashmiri masses.

He said Pakistan's Armed Forces destroyed India's pride besides downing its war planes.

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of steering committee of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority.

## Anti-dengue surveillance, prevention campaign across Murree intensified

RAWALPINDI, Aug 05 (INP): In a proactive move to safeguard public health, the District Health Authority has significantly intensified its anti-dengue surveillance and prevention campaign across Murree and its surrounding areas.

The initiative, launched on the directives of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Health, Dr. Ehsan Ghani, focuses on robust vector control, community engagement, and rapid response to protect residents and tourists from dengue threats.

According to Dr. Waqar, the spokesman District Health Authority, the health authorities in Murree have ramped up surveillance and prevention efforts, which have coincided with an encouraging report of 'no new cases' in the last 24 hours. This means the district's total for the Year remains at 34.

Dr. Azhar Abbasi, the District Health Officer (DHO) for Human Resource, Management, conducted a comprehensive field visit to Village Kohati to oversee the invigorated efforts.

The visit prioritized direct community involvement and the distribution of essential preventive tools. "Our primary goal is proactive prevention. By working hand-in-hand with the community through traditional jirgas and modern awareness sessions, we can build a strong first line of defense against dengue," said Dr. Abbasi during his visit.

He reaffirmed that the authority was leaving no stone unturned to ensure the health and safety of our residents. "We are equipping residents with prevention kits and ensuring high-risk areas are secure is paramount," he added.

Key activities during the Kohati visit included direct community engagement for which a community jirga was held to foster collaboration and educate residents on dengue symptoms, preventive measures, and the critical importance of early reporting.

"Dengue Prevention Kits were distributed widely, while protective nets were specifically provided to homes with confirmed dengue patients to break the cycle of transmission", Dr. Waqar informed and added that the health teams inspected the village, identifying and treating potential mosquito breeding sites with larvicides.

"Enhanced sweeping and sanitation drives were also launched in high-risk zones," he added. The authority has further demonstrated campaign's scale in extensive surveillance operation in Kohati Village.

A coordinated workforce comprising 10 indoor and 6 outdoor teams visited over 250 households, conducting in-home awareness sessions and ensuring health protocols were being followed.

The comprehensive operation highlighted remarkable inter-departmental and regional collaboration.

The Lady Health Supervisors (LHSs), Lady Health Workers (LHWs), Field Support Persons (FSPs) and dedicated Sanitary Patrols (SPs) were included during the field visits.

He also paid tribute to the brave Kashmiri Muslims fighting against the illegal Indian occupation and assured them that "As always, we stand by the Kashmiri people and will continue to support their freedom struggle on every platform."

He said that unarmed Kashmiris continue to resist Indian tyranny with bravery, and it is deeply concerning that despite the existence of international human rights organizations and UN resolutions, atrocities against

occupied Kashmir have been victims of Indian state terrorism for the past seven decades, says an official statement on Kashmiri Exploitation Day.

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PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi and KP Government spokesperson Barrister Muhammad Ahsan leading a rally to express solidarity with Kashmiris on Kashmiri Exploitation Day at Governor house.

## PPP demands Shehbaz-led govt disclose US deals in Parliament

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) senior leader and former Senate Chairman Raza Rabbani on Tuesday demanded

that the federal government disclose all international agreements being made abroad, claiming that even the public found out about major petroleum and mineral deals through a tweet by the US President.

PPP senior leader Raza Rabbani addressed a press conference and criticised the lack of transparency and exclusion of the Parliament from key foreign agreements, which he said directly affected Pakistan's natural resources and provincial rights.

Rabbani voiced concerns that the government is planning to reduce the provinces' share

in the upcoming National Finance Commission (NFC) Award from 57.5%, which, he stressed, would be a clear violation of the 18th Amendment of the Constitution.

"More than 15 years have passed, and a new NFC Award has still not been introduced," he lamented, calling the situation a deliberate constitutional breach.

Referring to foreign agreements reportedly involving petroleum and mineral resources, Rabbani said these were first made known through a tweet by US President Donald Trump, not through any official channel in Pakistan.

The PPP leader emphasised that 50% of such resources belong to the provinces, and their exclusion from

such decisions is unjust and unconstitutional.

"The rights of the provinces are being ignored in every overseas deal," Rabbani said, adding that the Federation must stop centralised tax collection.

He also called for an overhaul of the tax system, demanding that all tax collection responsibilities be handed over to the provinces, instead of the federal government controlling fiscal flows.

Mian Raza Rabbani is a senior Pakistani politician and lawyer who served as the 7th Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan from March 2015 to March 2018.

Rabbani has been affiliated with the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) since 1968 and has served as senator six times from Sindh since 1993.



TURKIYE: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf called on Minister of National Defence, Turkiye Yasar Guler during his official visits.