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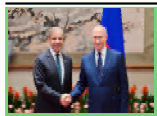
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Quetta Blast Death Toll Rises to Five, 29 Injured: Health Minister



News Desk:
QUETTA: At least five people were killed and 29 others injured in an explosion at Shahwani Stadium during a Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) gathering held to mark the death anniversary of veteran leader Sardar Atta Ullah Mengal.

Balochistan Health Minister con-

firmed the revised toll, saying doctors and medical staff were on emergency duty. "All injured are being provided immediate and best possible treatment," he said, adding that the condition of some patients remained critical. Rescue teams shifted the injured to Quetta Civil Hospital, where officials re-

leased a list of 29 wounded. The deceased were identified as Ishaq, Najeebullah, Shariq, Hanif, and Madad Khan. Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti condemned the blast, calling it a "cowardly act aimed at spreading fear." He expressed condolences with the

victims' families and directed health authorities to ensure the best medical care for the injured. The provincial government has ordered a high-level investigation, with a committee tasked to determine the causes and identify those responsible. Security forces have cordoned off the area and begun collecting evidence.

CM Bugti Vows to Reintroduce Mines and Minerals Act in Assembly with Consensus

Asmat Hanafi:

PISHIN: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has announced that the Mines and Minerals Act will be reintroduced in the provincial assembly and passed with consensus, rejecting what he called "baseless propaganda" against the legislation. Addressing a large public gathering in Karbala, Pishin, the Chief Minister said, "Balochistan's resources belong to its people, and no one can take them without their consent. We will bring this act back to the assembly and ensure it is approved through consensus." Bugti emphasized that Balochistan's seri-



ous challenges and limited resources require careful management, adding that the province's natural wealth would be developed through international investment and modern technology. Alongside his remarks on the Mines and Minerals Act, the Chief Minister also unveiled several major development projects for Karbala

and surrounding areas. Karbala to be upgraded to Tehsil status. Local hospital to become a Tehsil Headquarters Hospital under Indus Hospital management. 10 km road construction to meet the long-standing demand of local Baloch tribes. Launch of solar energy projects in the region. Establishment of a new inter-college in

Karbala. Rs 500 million development package for Haramazai, Karbala, and Sararan. Karbala to be granted Municipal Committee status under existing laws. Bugti further stated, "For me, there is no difference between government and opposition — the entire Balochistan is my priority."



Honour Killing Claims Two Lives in Kharan's Gardina Area

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From Our Correspondent:

KHARAN: Kharan witnessed yet another tragic case of honour killing on Monday night in the Gardina area, where a young man and woman were

brutally murdered. According to local sources, the victims have been identified as Ghulam Nazar and Shaki. Their bodies were shifted to the District Headquarters Hospital Kharan after neces-

sary legal formalities. Police officials confirmed that an investigation into the incident is underway, assuring that those found responsible will face strict legal action. Honour killings re-

main a grave social issue across Pakistan, with rights activists repeatedly calling for stronger legislation, community awareness, and effective implementation of existing laws to curb such violence.

NUMS MDCAT Postponed; Any Chances of PMDC Exam Delay?

Syed Muhammad Yaseen

ISLAMABAD: The National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) has announced the postponement of the postgraduate Medical and Dental Colleges Admission Test (MDCAT) 2025, which was earlier scheduled for September 14. The new exam date has now been set for September 28, 2025.

According to NUMS officials, the decision was taken due to the devastating monsoon rains and flash floods that have disrupted life across Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, and Balochistan. The ongoing downpours have damaged infrastructure, submerged roads, and displaced thousands of families, making it difficult for candidates to safely reach exam centers.

Weather Situation

The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has reported above-normal rainfall this monsoon season, with several cities experiencing urban flooding. Low-lying areas of Lahore, Rawalpindi,

and Peshawar have been particularly affected, while southern Punjab and parts of Sindh are facing riverine floods. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has confirmed that rescue and relief operations are underway in the worst-hit districts.

Concerns Over PMDC MDCAT

With NUMS revising its schedule, attention has now turned to the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), which is set to conduct the nationwide MDCAT 2025 on October 5. While PMDC has so far maintained that the

exam will be held as planned, the worsening flood situation has led to speculation: Could the PMDC MDCAT also be delayed? Education experts note that this would not be the first time MDCAT faced disruption. In 2022, for instance, the exam was postponed due to unprecedented flooding across the country, and in 2020,

it was rescheduled multiple times amid the COVID-19 pandemic. These precedents show that PMDC has, in the past, adjusted its plans in response to national emergencies.

Upcoming Meeting on Weightage and Exam Schedule

However, the final decision may hinge on the outcome of the upcoming meeting and the weather conditions in the weeks ahead. Students are strongly advised to keep checking official announcements from NUMS and PMDC for authentic information and avoid relying on unverified social media claims.

The author is MBBS student and founder of Students Nexus by SMI, an online educational and career counseling platform.

Sources within the medical education sector have confirmed that a high-level meeting will soon be held to review the FSc and MDCAT weightage formula for admissions this year. The same meeting is also expected to discuss the possibility of delaying the PMDC MDCAT, depending on the evolving flood situation and accessibility issues across various provinces.

Official Position

At present, PMDC has not signaled any official change in its exam schedule and continues preparations for the October 5 test.

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PM Shehbaz, President Putin share desire to bolster Pak-Russia bilateral cooperation

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday agreed to further enhance the bilateral ties and cooperation between their countries in diverse fields. In recent years, Russia and Pakistan have engaged in strengthening bilateral ties with each other. In July, Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk said Islamabad and Moscow were "natural allies". On June 3, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, in a meeting with PM's aide Syed Faraz Fatemi, reaffirmed Russia's desire to expand cooperation with Pakistan, following a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed last September on multi-sector collaboration.

The meeting between the two leaders took place in Beijing today amid their visit to China for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of States (CHS) summit a day ago. Addressing the Russian president, PM Shehbaz said: "Relations between the two countries have improved in recent years due to your personal commitment and interest." He expressed the resolve that Pakistan was also keen to strengthen the bilateral relations further, adding that they were moving in the right direction. The premier added that after their meeting in



Astana last year, both countries witnessed a flurry of delegation visits at the higher level, adding they also signed protocols to promote the agriculture, iron, steel, energy and transport sectors. The prime minister also underlined the significance of the trade corridor connecting Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan, noting that this initiative would boost regional connectivity and prosperity. Expressing his satisfaction, he said both sides were keenly committed to building their relations. The prime minister also expressed gratitude to the Russian president for

supporting Pakistan, which was viewed as "a balancing act in the region". He said Pakistan respected Russia's ties with India and wanted to establish very strong relations of its own, which would be "supplementary and complementary".

PM Shehbaz expressed that these beneficial ties would add to the progress and prosperity of the region and assured President Putin of working closely in this context, as he had found him to be a "dynamic leader". Responding to Putin's invitation to attend the SCO Heads of Government Summit in November, the premier replied that he was looking forward to it. Meanwhile, President Putin said, "Pakistan has always been a traditional partner and remains as such in Asia, and we cherish these ties," adding that both sides had agreed to intensify their bilateral relations.

The president noted that their bilateral trade needed to be enhanced and stressed taking steps to address the issue.

He also expressed his grief and extended his condolences to the people and the government of Pakistan on the losses suffered from catastrophes and natural disasters, including the recent flooding. President Putin expressed optimism that Pakistan would overcome such challenges under the current leadership. He also opined that the two countries kept cooperating at the inter-parliamentary levels, adding, "Pakistan is a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and both countries are keeping contacts within the framework of the United Nations, which is an important platform." Prior to their meeting, the prime minister appreciated Putin's leadership for making sincere efforts to promote bilateral relations with Pakistan. He observed that after their meeting in Astana during last year's SCO-CHS summit, they had agreed to work closely to bolster the bilateral cooperation.

EDITORIAL

Editor: Asim Khan

Balochistan's Climate Fund – A Lifeline Against Growing Disasters

Editorial: Balochistan has taken a historic and timely step by establishing its first-ever Climate Fund, a move that signals the province's recognition of the existential threat posed by global warming and climate change. In his recent meeting with British High Commissioner Jane Marriott, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti rightly underscored the urgency of mobilizing resources to safeguard communities from natural calamities that are growing in frequency and intensity.

Floods In Bannu: The tragic flash floods in the Bannu area of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa this month, which claimed precious human lives, are a grim reminder of Pakistan's extreme vulnerability. The province, with its fragile ecological and seismic zone — prone not only to floods but also to recurring droughts, earthquakes, and the looming threat of desertification. Each disaster further strains an already fragile infrastructure, displaces communi-

ties, and deepens poverty.

Stop Deforestation

The Climate Fund, if implemented transparently and effectively, has the potential to become a lifeline for millions. It can provide the financial base for disaster preparedness, early warning systems, reforestation, water management, and community resilience projects. Equally important, it can build trust between the government and people by showing that saved resources — like the Rs. 14 billion cartailed from non-developmental expenditures — are being invested in protecting lives and livelihoods.

The Battle Cannot Be Fought Alone However, climate change is not a battle that Balochistan can fight alone. Partnerships with international allies, such as the United Kingdom, are essential for bringing technical expertise, innovative solutions, and funding support. Training local communities, particularly in areas like disaster man-

agement and environmental governance, should be a top priority.

The provincial government's commitment to reforms in governance, education, and healthcare is commendable, but the climate emergency must remain at the center of its development agenda. Without climate resilience, all other benefits will be washed away by the next flood or crippled by the next drought.

Balochistan has shown leadership by creating this Climate Fund. The next step is to ensure that it does not become another underutilized policy initiative. Effective monitoring, independent oversight, and community involvement will be key to making it a success.

By Ishrat Husain: In the face of global warming, every day carries a cost in human lives and economic stability. The Climate Fund may not be a silver bullet, but it is a necessary step towards protecting the people of Balochistan.

The end of soft power

In the first six months of his presidency, Donald Trump has transformed the rules of international relations in ways that are surprising for an isolationist president whose main concern is his ultra-nationalist voter base. Welding carrots and sticks, he has used the threat of international tariffs and the weaponisation of trade to come down hard on everyone he believes is taking advantage of the US.

The list of culprits is long. Nearly everywhere it appears, is someone the current US president believes is guilty of taking from America and not giving back. The same president has even shown disdain for expenditures such as development aid or cultural diplomacy, both of which have been staples of US diplomacy in the past several decades. It is important to remember that one of the first agencies of the US government to be shuttered was USAID.

Very soon, the Trump administration may have entered the White House, the minions of the 'Department of Government Efficiency' led by the infamous (and now absent) Elon Musk, barged into USAID offices and may have started to cut to all employees. They even took down the sign bearing the agency's name.

Nothing was to be handed out for free anymore; nobody in other countries was to be a priority. This was the anthem sung in the wake of USAID's demise. It did not matter how many around the world criticised America, or how many lives were lost as the distribution of medications and vaccines to remote corners diminished.

The idea that the 'goodwill' of our people was a foreign policy asset no longer held sway. It was the end of soft power.

In the months since, the same strain has been dominant in the massive restructuring of foreign policy now underway in the US.

By Rafia Zakaria:

Abodes of peace

Those who have a comfortable home are very lucky. A decent safe and comfortable home is a fundamental human aspiration. It does not need to be a grand bungalow or a multi-room apartment; it can be a simple, airy abode with plenty of sunlight where the family can live peacefully. It should also be secured from natural calamities. In Pakistan, countless families suffer when natural calamities strike. During the monsoons, many homes are inundated, roofs collapse, people are injured, electricity cut, and lives are lost. It is necessary that one should ensure that their home can withstand the forces of nature.

The concept of a house is a consistent theme in the Quran. Allah calls believers to 'build houses' (Darus Salam). (10:25) A house is a blessing from Allah and provides shelter, safety, security and comfort. A happy home is a subject of Islamic law and is a subject term but generally refers to an environment filled with positive energy and comfort.

How can a house be transformed into a happy abode or a source of blessing? It can be transformed by being 'energised' through regular spiritual practices and prayers. Quran recitation and acts of kindness within the premises. Every family tries to make their home a better place through cleaning and dusting.

By Amin Vahid:

Energy shortage in Balochistan

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, including electricity (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 the health, education, and major victim of energy crisis, and has slowed down the growth of the province.

In 1999, when the federal government abolished the erstwhile oil and gas (OZT) collection by the LGs, it introduced a 2.5 per cent increase in the GST on oil and gas. A transparent mechanism for direct transfers of the LGs was introduced to compensate for their revenue losses. Later, the Distribution of Revenues & Grants-in-aid

12,344,408 people. The major portion of the population live in rural areas, constituting 72.45%.

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 the walk of life. According to a document submitted to the National Assembly

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

merged into the federal divisible pool. The provinces were allowed to use the LGs' share as they pleased. Karachi, being the largest collector of OZT, was the worst affected, receiving meagre amounts to

Other two district governments in Sindh, such as Thatta, Hyderabad and Thatta, which also had received direct transfers of Rs4,456 million, Rs4,486m and Rs3,618m respectively.

This right of the LGs was usurped through the seventh NFC and

in Sri Lanka's 26-year war against the LTTE, police worked alongside the military. The Criminal Investigation Department and Terrorism Investigation Division collected intelligence and conducted surveillance.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act empowered police to arrest and detain suspects without a warrant, while police remained actively engaged with the community and maintained the special task force's presence.

In India, the police force is multifaceted. The National Investigation Agency is central. As first responders, police engage in preventive and reactive efforts. Special branches collect local information.

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Rain paralyses life from Khyber to Karachi

LAHORE (INP): Relentless monsoon rains have wreaked havoc across multiple regions of Pakistan, leaving one person dead and at least five others injured, while flooding paralyzed major cities including Peshawar, Narowal, Abbottabad, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, and Karachi.

In the Khyber district, the roof of a house collapsed during heavy overnight rainfall, killing a father and injuring his two children. Floodwaters surged through seasonal streams, pushing water into Bazaara. Authorities have warned residents to remain cau-

tious as water levels in the Bara River and adjoining nullahs continue to rise.

In Peshawar, downpours inundated low-lying areas, forcing the suspension of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) metro service. Similar conditions were reported in Buner and Mohmand, where floodwaters entered homes, stranding families.

In Abbottabad, landslides triggered by continuous rain blocked roads, particularly at Kassala Road near Teytal in Galwat, halting traffic flow. In Bilal Colony, a boundary wall collapsed, injuring three people. The situation turned critical in

Narowal, Punjab, where relentless rainfall since last night submerged the entire city under 2-3 feet of water. Streets and markets turned into streams, while displaced flood victims, already homeless, now face worsening hardships under the open sky.

In the capital, Rawal Dam reached full capacity, prompting authorities to open its spillways for nearly five hours to manage water inflow. Meanwhile, Islamabad and Rawalpindi are expected to remain partly cloudy, with further light showers forecast.

Elsewhere, Lahore and the sur-

rounding areas have witnessed intermittent rainfall for the last 36 hours. The Met Office predicts the showers will continue until tomorrow. The city recorded a minimum temperature of 23°C, with humidity at 94% and winds blowing at 11 km per hour.

In Karachi, partly cloudy skies are expected with light drizzle. The maximum temperature may rise to 33°C, while humidity remains above 70%. Winds from the southwest are blowing at 16 km per hour.

Authorities across the country remain on alert as the ongoing rains raise fears of further flooding and infrastructure damage.



PESHAWAR: Provincial Ameer Jamate Islami Abdul Wasay addressing a press conference at PPC.

National Assembly (NA) holding discussion regarding floods situation

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Assembly is holding a discussion on a motion regarding the situation arising from floods in the country.

Participating in the discussion, Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Amir Muqam highlighted the devastation caused by floods in Gilgit-Baltistan. He said we have provided compensation to the affected families at their doorsteps. He said the Prime Minister has also mobilized NHA for restoration

of road infrastructure in the region. He said the federal government has extended full cooperation for rescue and relief activities in flood affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Muhammad Aslam Ghuman expressed grief and sorrow over the death and destruction caused by the floods. Saira Afzal Tarar emphasized the need to take immediate measures to mitigate the impact of the floods.

Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi said Pakistan's economy and defence

are in strong hands. He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the foreign policy is heading in the right direction.

He mentioned the warm welcome received by the Prime Minister in China. Samina Khalid Ghurki commended armed forces for the role in dealing with the situation arising from the floods.

Shahida Begum highlighted that climate change is severely affecting Pakistan, regretting that

Precautionary measures were not taken. She also condemned encroachments along the rivers. Asia Ishaque emphasized that there should be evacuation drills before the onset of monsoon season.

Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar called for strict action against mafia saving it is responsible for deforestation in the country. Noor Alam Khan said India has committed water aggression by releasing water into Pakistan, warning that our arch enemy will release more water.

India releases more water into Sutlej, to reach Pakistan in 48 hrs

LAHORE (INP): India has released more water in Sutlej River, which can be between 2,50,000 to 3,00,000 cusecs, irrigation sources here flood on Tuesday.

The water stream released from Iraf's Pong and Bakhra dams in Sutlej is expected to reach Pakistan within next 48 hours, according to sources.

Indian authorities have informed about the water release from their dams through its high commission in Islamabad, irrigation sources said.

It is pertinent to mention here that Sutlej River has been exceptionally high flood at Gadda Singh Wala Headworks for last one month.

The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Punjab has issued a high alert to districts

adjacent to Sutlej after India released more water flowing into Pakistan.

It has been high flood at India's Lower Harikie and Lower Ferozpur, the PDMA stated.

Punjab's Kasur, Okara, Bahawalnagar, Pakpattan, Vehari, Lodhran, Bahawalpur, Multan, and Muzaffargarh districts have been at the risk of inundation, officials said.

Sutlej river has been in high flood at Head Sulemanki, while Chenab has been in high flood at Trimmu headworks and the flood flow is expected to reach Multan this evening.

The flood stream in Chenab entering at Gadda Baranpur point at water level in the river continuously surging. A joint flood flow of 6,50,000 cusecs of

Ravi and Chenab is expected to pass through the area.

The Indus River carrying a large flood flow could enter in Sindh by September 6 to 7, officials said.

Currently, the river has been in low flood at Sindh's Guddu, Sukkur and Kotri barrages.

Addressing a press conference at the New Sindh Secretariat, the chief minister said the 1.077 million cusecs now had reached Qadirabad Barrage four days ago, with major river flows converging at Panjnad before entering the Indus at Kot Mithan.

He noted that the NDMA had forecast 800,000 to 1.1 million cusecs at Gadda Baranpur point on September 5, warning that "any thing above 900,000 cusecs is declared a super flood."



PESHAWAR: Chairman Qumi Watan Party Sikander Hayat Khan Shripoo addressing a press conference at watan quor.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a meeting with CEO Lahore Qalandars Rana Atif at Parliament House.

Era of large dams is over: Vice President of (PPP), Senator Sherry Rehman

ISLAMABAD (INP): Vice President of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Senator Sherry Rehman, stated that the era of large dams is over and the solution to floods lies elsewhere.

She further criticized the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Chief Minister for refusing to engage in discussions on flood management. Rehman remarked that the CM's decision to skip meetings and his rejection of dam construction proposals were contributing to a lack of informed dialogue on the issue.

"This is no longer a natural calamity, it's a man-made disaster," she asserted. "If we truly want to address flooding, we need to focus on long-term planning, not glamorous one-off fixes like big dams."

Rehman emphasized that the construction of large dams, such as Kalabagh, is no longer the answer. Instead, a more holistic and realistic approach to water storage, climate resilience, and sustainable development is needed to mitigate the damage caused by floods.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed bids for tender on form 'B' & 'C' as per schedule 'A' are invited from the approved Government Contractors of Public Health Engineering Department (Government of Punjab) who are entitled to renewal their license for the current financial year 2025-26 for the following work:

S. No.	Name of Work	City	Estimated Cost	Min. in % of Est.	Time Limit
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI LANGOVI BAHAD KNOCHA DISTRICT MASTUNG	MASTUNG	PKR 4752	2%	One Month
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TECHNICAL PROPOSAL: The documents shall be submitted in accordance with the following details:

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CONDITIONS: All the terms and conditions can be seen in the Office of the undersigned in any office hours.

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Five terrorists including suicide bomber killed in Bannu

BANNU (INP): A major terrorist attack on the FC (Frontier Corps) line was foiled, in which five terrorists, including a suicide bomber, were killed.

According to reports, following the attack on the FC, an intense gunbattle between the terrorists and the security forces continued for several hours, spreading fear and panic in the area due to heavy gunfire.

After the terrorists' attack, the sound of gunfire and explosions caused widespread fear and chaos in the area. According to police, five terrorists entered the

FC line, and security forces engaged them in combat.

Nearby residential homes were also damaged due to the gunfire and explosions. There are reports of broken doors and shattered windows in several homes, and local residents were left terrified. During the operation, all routes leading to the FC line were closed to prevent any interference. DPO Bannu, Saleem Kalachi, was personally present at the scene and led the operation against the terrorists along with a heavy contingent of police. Additional police forces, including the Quick Response Unit, were also called to the site.

According to security sources, the area has been completely cordoned off, and a clearance operation against the terrorists is ongoing.

The IG of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stated that a major attack on the FC in Bannu was successfully foiled, with five terrorists, including a suicide bomber, killed. He added that a significant terrorist plot was averted through timely action, and a search and clearance operation is underway in Bannu.



RAWALPINDI: Federal Minister Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi inaugurated Sui Gas Sub-Regional Office city, Rawalpindi. Bringing timely services to citizens' doorstep and advancing development under the Prime Minister's vision.

Ahsan Iqbal visits Tianjin to discuss new opportunities for CPEC 2.0

TIANJIN, China (INP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal visited Tianjin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit to discuss new opportunities for Pakistan under the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC 2.0).

Tianjin, a major industrial and economic hub in northern China, is home to the country's largest port in the region and serves as a global financial center.

During his visit, the minister highlighted the potential to deepen collaboration in key sectors critical to Pakistan's long-term growth. "There are immense opportunities to strengthen Pakistan's ports, renewable energy, and livestock sectors through CPEC 2.0," he said, according to a news release on Tuesday.

Ahsan Iqbal toured the Huan Sheng New Energy Solar Plant, an advanced solar manufacturing facility at the forefront of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Calling it a "fully automated,

cutting-edge project," he praised China's leadership in solar technology and emphasized that Pakistan is ready to adopt similar innovations.

"The future belongs to solar and green energy. We invite Chinese companies to invest in Pakistan's growing clean energy market," he said, adding modern energy projects like these would help Pakistan meet its sustainability goals and energy demands.

During his visit to a leading Chinese animal vaccine development company, Ahsan Iqbal discussed the possibility of establishing a production plant in Pakistan.

He said Pakistan is working closely with Chinese firms to explore this initiative, which he described as "critical for disease eradication and meat export growth." "Livestock is a strong pillar of Pakistan's agricultural economy. Making animals disease-free and increasing our meat exports is an important national goal," he said. The minister also outlined Pakistan's vision to cre-

ate modern research centers that integrate Chinese expertise and serve as platforms for knowledge exchange, innovation, and technology transfer.

"We are establishing modern research centers that are a guarantee of future development. With the help of China, we are promoting full cooperation in agricultural biotechnology to improve crop yields, food security, and rural livelihoods," he added.

Pakistan's commitment to harnessing the full potential of CPEC Phase II, which shifts the focus from infrastructure development to industrialization, innovation and sustainability.

He said CPEC 2.0 aims to build upon the foundation laid in the first phase, propelling Pakistan toward a more technologically advanced, economically diverse, and climate-resilient future. "We are creating a platform economy from Chinese technology and experience. Pakistan-China cooperation will reach new heights under CPEC 2.0," he vowed.

Treasury, opposition unite in backing water reservoirs to curb flood devastation

ISLAMABAD (INP): Voices in support of water reservoirs echoed from both sides of the aisle in the National Assembly, as parliamentarians expressed concern over the unprecedented flood situation in the country.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MNA Ali Muhammad Khan called for a national policy for water reservoirs while Defence Minister Khawaja Asif advocated the construction of big and small dams, urging that the issue be kept above political differences.

The lawmakers' concern over shortage of water storage facilities comes in the wake of widespread inundation Punjab due to torrential rains coupled with water discharge from India.

Before Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir regions were lashed with torrential rains resulting in landslides and flash floods which wreaked havoc in the country's north.

As per the National Disaster Management Authority's (NDMA) statistics, 874 people have died in various rain and flood-related incidents in the country since June 26.

KP leads with most fatalities with 488 deaths, followed by Punjab's 216, Sindh's 58, GB's 41, AJK's 37, Balochistan's 26 and

eight in Islamabad.

Asif recalled that country's two big dams were constructed by a dictator's regime because they managed to create consensus, whereas the politicians wasted time in political point-scoring.

The defence minister called for the construction of dams. "Raising bigger dams will take 10 to 15 years but we can at least start with small dams to store water and control the situation," he said.

He said it was a national issue, therefore, there should not be any differences, adding that there should be minimum agenda on which a consensus be reached. "Do not do politics and block roads against the construction of water reservoirs," the defence minister remarked.

The minister further termed the unprecedented floods, particularly in Punjab and KP, a man-made disaster, noting that the political elite also share the responsibility for the disaster. Do not call it a natural calamity rather it is a man-made disaster caused by encroachment of riverbeds, he said. The National Assembly while suspending the order of the day, including question hour, held a discussion on the flood situation.

The defence minister noted that it was high time for self-accountability after the nature and rivers are taking revenge for occupying waterways and riverbeds.

"Everybody has noted that hotels were also raised on riverbeds in Sindh and other parts of the province and parts of the country," he said.

Asif said a contractor who belongs to his city, Sukkot, and is now a Senate member, sold out plots on land of nullahs and riverbeds, playing havoc with the nature. He said in February 2022, then deputy commissioner wrote a letter to the Punjab chief secretary and the scam was exposed after the floodwater swept away houses constructed on the land of nullahs and rivers.

He questioned how much land was retrieved from mafia and encroachments removed in the last three years. He agreed with the proposal of Ali Muhammad for constructing Mohmand Dam but he noted that there was immediate need for smaller dams which could be raised in the shortest possible time.

The politician called for a unified national response to mitigate human suffering and property damage caused by devastating floods.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Staff Bahrian Defence Force Lt General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf at Naval Headquarters.



BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with President of People's Republic of China Xi Jinping.

KP CM supports Kalabagh Dam, urges Sindh to resolve issues through dialogue

PESHAWAR (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has announced his strong support for the construction of the Kalabagh Dam, urging the Sindh government to engage in dialogue to resolve the issues surrounding the project.

The Kalabagh Dam is a proposed hydroelectric project located on the Indus River in Mianwali District, Punjab. However, it has faced significant opposition from political parties in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Speaking to journalists in Peshawar, Gandapur emphasized that the Kalabagh Dam is vital for Pakistan's future, calling it the "backbone" of the country's water and energy needs.

He acknowledged the reservations expressed by the Awami National Party (ANP) and residents in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, but argued that these concerns should not prevent the dam's construction.

"It would be a grave injustice to let this issue remain unresolved just because of some reservations," Gandapur said. He suggested that the dam could be relocated to a new site to avoid submerging the population of Nowshera city.

Gandapur stressed that the Kalabagh Dam is crucial for the country's prosperity, and its construction should proceed without violating anyone's rights.

"We cannot put politics before the state. First comes the state, then politics. The Kalabagh Dam is essential for future generations," he added.

He also urged the Sindh government to come to the table for dialogue, saying, "If Sindh feels its rights are being affected, let us sit down and discuss it."

In a separate briefing, Chief Minister Gandapur provided an update on the recent floods that devastated several districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He confirmed that 490 people lost their lives in the floods, and the waters, rising up to 14 feet, destroyed numerous homes.

Gandapur explained that provincial institutions had been mobilized swiftly and rescue operations were completed within 24 hours.

He also highlighted that districts like Buner, Shangla, Swabi, and Swat were among the worst affected by the recent rains.

The Chief Minister also confirmed that the heirs of the deceased have been compensated with Rs2 million each. Homeowners whose properties were completely destroyed are being given Rs1 million. Compensation for the injured is still being processed, with 50% of the claims paid so far due to a shortage of checkbooks.

On the restoration efforts, Gandapur stated that infrastructure rebuilding is underway and relief work is progressing rapidly. He noted that the damage could have been significantly reduced if dams had been constructed earlier, adding that work on new dams is now actively progressing.

While acknowledging that Rs1 million may not be enough to fully rebuild homes, Gandapur emphasized that it is an initial aid package to help victims get back to normal life as soon as possible.

Rescuers in Afghanistan race to reach remote quake-hit mountain villages

KABUL (INP): Rescuers in Afghanistan will try to reach isolated villages in the eastern region of Kunar, the epicentre of an earthquake that killed over 800 people and injured more than 2,800.

Rescue operations were carried out in four villages in Kunar on Monday after the quake struck and efforts will now be focused on reaching more remote mountain areas, said Ehsanullah Ehsan, the provincial head of disaster management.

"We cannot accurately predict how many bodies might still be trapped under the rubble," said Ehsan. "Our effort is to complete these operations as soon as possible and to begin distributing aid to the affected families."

One of Afghanistan's worst earthquakes, with a magnitude of 6.3, struck around midnight local time on Monday, at a shallow depth of 10 km (6 miles), killing

812 people in the eastern provinces of Kunar and Nangarhar. Mountainous terrain and inclement weather have hindered rescuers reaching remote areas along the Pakistan border where the quake flattened mudbrick homes.

Gaining access for vehicles on the narrow mountain roads was the main obstacle for relief work, said Ehsan, adding machinery was being brought in to clear roads of debris.

On Tuesday, a line of ambulances was the damaged mountain road trying to reach Kunar villages, as helicopters flew in, bringing aid supplies and taking the injured to hospitals, according to a Reuters witness. Some of those injured have been transferred to hospitals in Kabul and the adjacent province of Nangarhar, said Ehsan. Taliban soldiers were deployed in the area, providing

help and security. The disaster has further stretched the war-torn nation's Taliban administration, already grappling with a sharp drop in foreign aid and deportations of hundreds of thousands of Afghans by neighbouring countries.

National and international organisations are present in the area, have organised their assistance, and, God willing, aid will be distributed in an orderly manner," said Ehsan. Rescue teams and authorities are trying to dispose of animal carcasses quickly so as to minimise the risk of contamination to water resources, a UN official said on Monday.

"Damaged roads, ongoing aftershocks, and remote locations of many villages severely impede the delivery of aid," the World Health Organisation said in a situation update, adding that over 12,000 people had been affected by the quake.

PTI decides to boycott NA sessions, hold protests outside Parliament House

ISLAMABAD (INP): After submitting resignations from multiple parliamentary panels, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has now decided to boycott National Assembly (NA) sessions.

The move, in line with the PTI founder Imran Khan's directives, will see the party converge outside the Parliament House for informal proceedings.

The development comes against the backdrop of multiple disqualifications of PTI lawmakers, including former leader of the opposition in the NA and Senate Omar Ayub and Shibli Faraz, after the courts sentenced them in cases related to the May 9 riots — further exacerbating the

former ruling party's existing legal woes.

Announcing the decision, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said that the parliamentary party's members fully support the decision and they would now be staging peaceful protest gatherings outside the Parliament House.

"Our members were disqualified, and we were not even allowed to speak. If we wanted to celebrate Independence Day, they did not allow us to do so either," Gohar lamented while reflecting on PTI lawmakers' disqualifications.

"We tried to present our demands in the assembly session in a democratic manner, but we were not allowed to

speak," the PTI chairman added.

When contacted, PTI Information Secretary Waqas Akram confirmed the development.

But when asked, would the party lawmakers totally stay away from the session, he explained that the members would briefly attend each sitting and then come out in protest.

"Our members will hold assembly outside the Parliament," he explained.

Meanwhile, NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq has urged PTI-backed Sumi Iftikhar Council and Shibli Faraz, after the courts sentenced them to reconsider their decision to resign from the standing committees of the Lower House.

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