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## Balochistan High Court Expresses Anger Over Checkposts Causing Traffic Jams at Lakpass Tunnel

### Balochistan CM: State to Try Terrorists, Missing Persons Law in Place



**News Desk:** Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, has announced that effective legislation on the missing persons issue has been completed, stressing that it is the state's fundamental responsibility to arrest terrorists and produce them before the courts under the rule of law.

Speaking at the Supreme Court Bar Association conference of Pakistan, Bugti said that individuals who take up arms against the state and attempt to destabilize Pakistan through violence will face decisive counter-terrorism action. He reaffirmed that Balochistan's accession to Pakistan is a historic fact, while separatist propaganda spread internationally seeks to distort reality.

Bugti highlighted that for decades, a misleading narrative about

Balochistan had been promoted in Islamabad, whereas in reality, separatist militants continue to receive support from a neighboring country. "No sovereign state in the world tolerates separatist movements," he said, adding that recurring bombings and terrorist attacks in Balochistan have inflicted irreparable damage on Pakistan's security and economy.

#### Missing Persons Legislation and Counter-Terrorism Measures

The Chief Minister declared that this is the first government to take concrete steps to resolve the missing persons crisis. He criticized political groups for exploiting the issue for personal gain, saying it only deepens Balochistan's backwardness.

#### Focus on Good Governance and Development

Bugti emphasized that the Balochistan government is working on reforms in education, healthcare, and governance, with results beginning to benefit ordinary citizens. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also announced a Rs. 100 million grant for the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan (SCBA).

He recalled that Farani camps were established in 2001, and while the 2008 general elections were the most peaceful in the province's history, militancy re-emerged when certain released individuals in 2018 rejoined banned terrorist organizations. Bugti described the 2016 Quetta Civil Hospital bombing, which killed dozens of lawyers, as a "national tragedy," and credited law enforcement agencies for later arresting the mastermind.

#### "Pakistan Will Never Be Divided"

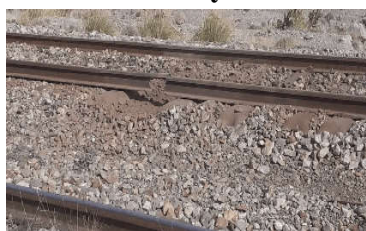
Reaffirming national unity, Bugti said, "Pakistan belongs to its people and will never be divided. Those dreaming of splitting Balochistan like a piece of cake will never succeed in their designs." He dismissed

**Staff Reporter:** QUETTA: The Jaffar Express, scheduled to travel from Quetta to Peshawar on Wednesday morning,

was cancelled as repair work on the damaged railway track in Dasht could not be completed in time.

According to Pakistan Railways officials, all passengers of the affected train will be provided a full ticket refund.

The suspension follows an explosion on Tuesday evening when an improvised device targeted the railway line in Dasht, causing six carriages of the Jaffar Express to derail. As reported by Quetta Voice, nearly a dozen passen-



gers, including women and children, sustained injuries in the incident. Railway authorities said repair teams are working to restore the track, but services are expected to remain disrupted until the damaged section is fully rehabilitated. The attack once again highlights the challenges facing Pakistan's railway network, particularly in Balochistan, where repeated acts of sabotage have disrupted train services and posed risks to passenger safety.

## Balochistan High Court Expresses Anger Over Checkposts Causing Traffic Jams at Lakpass Tunnel

**Syed Ali Shah:** QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court on Wednesday expressed strong dissatisfaction over multiple security and customs checkpoints at the Lakpass Tunnel, which have been causing severe traffic congestion and creating hardships for commuters.

The court directed the concerned authorities to submit a comprehensive report on measures to improve traffic flow.

The two-member bench, headed by Chief Justice Rozi Khan Bareech and Justice Sardar Ahmed Halimi, conducted the hearing. Despite repeated calls, the petitioner's lawyer did not appear before the court.

During the proceedings, the Deputy Commissioner of Mastung submitted a report, but the court declared it unsatisfactory. The bench ordered the DC to personally appear at the next hearing with a detailed plan to ensure smooth traffic at the Lakpass Tunnel and its



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**NEWS DESK:** Security forces on Wednesday killed 13 terrorists in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) carried out in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dera Ismail Khan district, the military's media wing said in a statement.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), security forces conducted the operation in the Daraban area, upon the reported presence of terrorists "belonging to Indian proxy, Fitna al Khwarij".

The state uses the term Fitna al Khwarij to refer to terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). It has also designated Balochistan-based groups as Fitna al Khwarij.

The ISPR added that weapons and ammunition were recovered from the dead terrorists, who were involved in terrorist activity in the



area. The statement added that these terrorists were involved in "facilitation [of] a suicide bombing attack in Daraban in December 2023, [the] abduction and target killing of government officials and innocent civilians".

[A] sanitisation operation is being conducted to eliminate any other Indian sponsored kharij found in the area, as the security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the menace of Indian sponsored terrorism from the country," the statement concluded. On September 21, security personnel launched an IBO in the same district.

## Balochistan High Court Orders Removal of Travel Ban on BNP Chief Akhtar Mengal



**Staff Reporter:** QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court on Tuesday struck down the travel restrictions imposed on Balochistan National Party (BNP) President Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal, declaring the government's move unlawful and ordering the removal of his name from the Exit Control List (ECL).

The ruling came after detailed arguments presented by senior lawyer and

BNP leader Sajid Tareen Advocate. The court directed the federal authorities to immediately withdraw the travel ban placed on the veteran politician.

The hearing was conducted by a two-member bench comprising Chief Justice Rozi Khan Bareech and Justice Sardar Ahmed Halimi. During the proceedings, BNP's central information secretary Agha Hassan Baloch, Advocate Rahib

Buleidi, and other party representatives were also present in court.

Speaking to the media after the verdict, Sajid Tareen Advocate, who also serves as BNP's Senior Vice President and a former president of the Balochistan High Court Bar Association, said that Akhtar Mengal was being targeted purely for his political stance.

"We faced similar tactics during General

Musharraf's martial law," he remarked. "Whether inside the courts or outside, we will continue to raise our voice against injustice."

He further added that today's judgment reinforced the BNP's belief that fabricated cases and coercive measures cannot intimidate the party's leadership. "Our struggle for the rights of the people of Balochistan will continue without compromise," he said.

surrounding areas.

The court observed that over the past year, both criminal activities and public difficulties at the tunnel had increased, making urgent action unavoidable.

According to the petition, the Lakpass Tunnel—operational since 2005—connects Quetta with various districts of Balochistan and other major cities of Pakistan. However, the presence of Levies, Customs, and Frontier Corps (FC) North checkpoints often leaves vehicles stuck in long queues for hours, causing serious inconvenience to the public and disruption to trade routes.

The court also directed the Deputy Attorney General and legal representatives of FC North to explain in the next hearing why Customs and FC checkpoints at the Lakpass Tunnel have not yet been shifted to more suitable locations.

It further warned that if the next report fails to satisfy the bench, the Collector of Customs Balochistan and the FC North Commandant could be summoned in person.

Legal experts say the court's remarks highlight growing public frustration with security and customs checkpoints that obstruct free movement, impact local businesses, and contribute to mounting economic losses due to traffic delays.

## QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

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 indefi-

nite delays or remained incomplete.

Providing specific deadlines and milestones will not only enhance transparency but also rebuild public trust and ensure accountability. Credit must also be given to Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, whose consistent advocacy at the federal level has played 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.

Hayat Khan Achakzai: Strengthening  
PPP's Presence in Balochistan

**By Bashir Nichari:** The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) continues to champion democracy and public rights, with Hayat Khan Achakzai emerging as a key leader in Balochistan.

His relentless commitment and strategic efforts are solidifying the party's influence in the province.

## Commitment to

**Public Service**  
Since the beginning of his political career, Achakzai has prioritized addressing the pressing issues of Balochistan.

His steadfast support for the PPP and its mission has reinforced the party's grassroots connections.

## Amplifying

**PPP's Message Through Media**  
In a region where political narratives often go unheard, Achakzai has played a crucial role in leveraging media to extend PPP's reach.

As a media coordinator, he has ensured that the party's ideology resonates with the public, further strengthening its position.

**A Leader Shaping the Future**  
Looking ahead, Achakzai is actively working to enhance the party's appeal, particularly among the youth.

His leadership is driving PPP towards a more organized and dynamic political presence in Balochistan.

## A Key Pillar for

**PPP's Growth**  
Hayat Khan Achakzai's continued dedication and strategic vision are instrumental in fortifying PPP's standing in Balochistan.

His leadership ensures that the party remains a formidable force advocating for democracy and public rights in the province.

## Quetta's Traffic Chaos: Urgent Reforms Needed to Fix the Crisis

Anjeela Kaynat:

Quetta, once a city known for its peaceful ambience, now faces an escalating traffic crisis. Every day, thousands of commuters endure hours of gridlock, navigating congested roads, reckless drivers, and deteriorating infrastructure. From rickshaws and motorcycles to private cars, the overwhelming number of vehicles clogs major roads, while encroachments and illegal parking worsen the situation.

The city's transport system is on the brink of collapse, demanding immediate intervention from both authorities and residents. This article explores the root causes of Quetta's traffic woes, identifies the most affected areas, and outlines urgent solutions to restore order to the roads.

The Strain on Quetta's Road Infrastructure

Quetta's road network, originally designed during the colonial era, was never intended to accommodate the city's rapid population growth and rising number of vehicles. Although the city was rebuilt after the 1935 earthquake, its road capacity has remained largely unchanged, struggling to support over 1.2 million residents and the thousands of vehicles added each year.

Key roads such as Jinnah Road, Sarlah Road,

Liaquat Bazaar, Masjid Road, and Zarghoon Road have become perpetual bottlenecks, choked by illegal encroachments, unregulated parking, and an ever-increasing number of vehicles. Without a structured urban transport model, these roads remain gridlocked, affecting daily life and economic activity.

**Major Traffic Challenges**

**Severe Congestion on Key Roads**

Traffic congestion is worst in commercial hubs such as Liaquat Bazaar, Masjid Road, Jinnah Road, and Zarghoon Road, where vehicles move at a snail's

pace during peak hours. With no alternative routes or bypasses, all traffic is funneled through these roads, causing massive delays.

Despite periodic crackdowns, including the 2023 seizure of 115 NCP vehicles worth Rs 982 million (ARY News, 2023), enforcement efforts have failed to stem the tide. Quetta's traffic police estimates that 40% of vehicles in the city are either unregistered or NCP (Think Transporta-

**The Surge of Non-Custom Paid (NCP) and**

shows operate within the city, creating congestion in already packed areas like Masjid Road and Liaquat Bazaar (Traffic Survey: Quetta Smart and Safe City, 2023).

Although the government has revisited the Quetta Mass Transit Train project, financial constraints have delayed its execution, leaving residents without an efficient alternative to private trans-

port. The roads, while shopkeepers extend their businesses onto public spaces, further restricting traffic flow.

**Deteriorating Road Conditions**

Over 60% of Quetta's roads are in disrepair, riddled with potholes, cracks, and poor drainage systems (NRX, 2024). Roads such as Joint Road, Sarlah Road,

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A lack of proper traffic regulation has led to frequent violations, reckless driving, and rising accidents.

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**Call to Action: A Collective Responsibility**

Every day, Quetta's residents face the frustration of endless traffic jams, reckless drivers, and poorly managed roads.

Yet, the problem persists—not just because of weak governance, but because of collective negligence.

Authorities must act swiftly to expand roads, enforce traffic laws, and implement public transport reforms.

Citizens, too, have a role to play—by obeying traffic rules, avoiding illegal parking, and discouraging encroachments.

Without a united effort, Quetta's traffic woes will only worsen, jeopardizing the city's economy, safety, and quality of life.

Quetta stands at a turning point. The time to act is now—before the crisis spirals beyond control.

**Unregistered Vehicles**

The unchecked influx of non-custom paid (NCP) and unregistered vehicles has compounded the traffic crisis.

A 2010 report estimated over 50,000 NCP vehicles on Balochistan's roads, causing an annual revenue loss of Rs 15 billion to the national exchequer.

By 2024, this number has surged to nearly

100,000, worsening congestion and lawlessness on the roads.

**Lack of a Proper Public Transport System**

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## EPA takes step towards promoting environmental sustainability in Punjab educational institutions

LAHORE (INP): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab has taken a significant step towards promoting environmental sustainability in educational institutions across the province.

As per the direction of EPA Director Genecia Iman Hamid Sheikh, outdated methods of waste disposal in schools, colleges and private institutions are now officially banned.

According to a spokesman for the agency, all educational institutions were required to implement a color-coded waste segregation system by September 30, 2025. Failure to comply will result in legal ac-

tion. Starting October 1, the EPA field officers will conduct on-site inspections to verify the installation of waste bins. Institutions found non-compliant may face a fine of up to PKR 500,000, along with an additional daily penalty of PKR 1,000 until compliance is achieved. As per the mandatory color-coded bin system, yellow bin would be used for paper waste, green bin for organic waste, red bin for metal waste while orange bin would be used for plastic waste.

To facilitate waste collection and ensure proper disposal, institutions could seek assistance through the Punjab

Waste Management Helpline (1139).

In addition to infrastructure changes, environmental awareness campaigns would be mandatory within educational settings. Students and teachers would be educated on the importance of waste segregation and recycling.

Only those institutions that fully implement these measures would be awarded the "Smart Waste Certified" status. Certified institutions would be required to prominently display their Smart Waste Certificate at the main entrance, allowing students and parents to recognize their commitment to environmental responsibility.



QUETTA: Sessions Judge (R) Abdul Rashid Imrani meeting with Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail.

## Pakistan's flaxseed production may revive with Chinese high-yield varieties

ISLAMABAD (INP): A recent field experiment conducted in Sindh, Pakistan, has demonstrated that three Chinese flaxseed varieties - Longya-10, Longya-14 and Longyan-1 - outperform the local check variety Ilsi-90 when applied with balanced NPK and boron fertilization. China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Wednesday.

Led by Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS) and Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), the study aims to address the declining flaxseed cultivation in Pakistan, where productivity (692 kg/ha) lags far behind global leaders like China (1,000 kg/ha) and Canada (1,385 kg/ha).

The experiment adopted a

standard randomized block design with three replications and five fertilizer treatments.

Data on agronomic traits including plant height, branches per plant and grain yield, as well as nutrient concentrations in leaves and seeds were collected.

Longya-14 stood out among all tested varieties under optimal fertilization, it reached a plant height of 78.5 cm, with 17 branches and 12 seed pods per plant. Its 1000-seed weight hit 7.5 g, grain yield reached 1,089.3 kg/ha, and oil content touched 40.12%.

Plus, its leaves and seeds contained higher levels of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) than Ilsi-90. Ilsi-90

showed lower productivity and nutrient uptake efficiency even under improved fertilization.

It only exhibited higher leaf boron concentration under the optimal treatment but failed to match the overall performance of Chinese varieties.

The study, published in the Journal of Ecological Engineering in August, 2025, confirms that combining balanced NPK fertilizer with boron - together with nutrient-responsive Chinese varieties (especially Longya-14) - can substantially enhance flax yield and seed nutritional quality in Sindh's nutrient-deficient soils, providing a practical solution to revitalize Pakistan's flaxseed industry.

## DFP urges UN to ensure accountability of Indian crimes in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD, Sept 24 (INP): The Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) has urged the United Nations to hold India accountable for its crimes in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir and to facilitate a just settlement of the long-standing dispute in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

In a letter addressed to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the Acting President of DFP, Mahmood Ahmed Saghar, expressed deep concern over the persistent denial of basic rights to the Kashmiri people under Indian military occupation. He thanked the Secretary General for his principled support for the peaceful resolution of disputes and for giving voice to marginalized communities across the globe. Saghar underscored that Jammu and Kashmir remains one of the oldest unresolved disputes on the UN agenda and continues to endanger peace and security in South Asia. He said the recent confrontation between India and Pakistan once again highlights the volatility of the situation, while the people of Kashmir continue to suffer under a repressive regime. The DFP leader pointed out that arbitrary arrests, prolonged detentions, extrajudicial killings, and excessive use of

force against peaceful protesters have become routine in the occupied territory. He lamented India's continued abuse of draconian laws such as the Public Safety Act and the UAPA to silence dissent, noting that thousands of Kashmiris, including prominent leaders, are languishing in jails under harsh conditions.

He regretted that India has consistently denied access to international fact-finding missions and has ignored the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' offer of good offices.

Citing UN resolutions, Saghar reminded that the final disposition of Jammu and Kashmir must be determined through a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under UN auspices. India's refusal to honour these commitments, he said, has resulted in over 100,000 killings, 10,000 enforced disappearances, and the creation of thousands of widows and orphans. He also condemned the systematic use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and the destruction of Kashmiri culture under Indian occupation. "The UN and its member states must play their due role in ensuring accountability for these grave crimes and in helping secure a just settlement of the dispute," the DFP leader stressed.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Maciej Piarowski to Deepen Bilateral Cooperation meets with Pakistan and Poland Explore New Horizons in Trade, Energy, and Investment - Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan.



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif attends meeting of the Arab Islamic leaders hosted by The President of the United States Donald Trump and Emir of Qatar H.E. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.

## PM urges IMF to consider impact of recent floods on Pakistan's economy in its program review

NEW YORK (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif urged the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Wednesday to consider the impact of the recent floods on Pakistan's economy in its ongoing program review, stating that Pakistan was making steady progress towards meeting the various targets and commitments under the IMF program.

The Prime Minister made these remarks during a meeting with IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on the sidelines of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

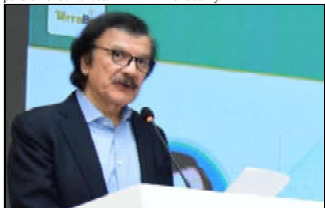
He acknowledged and appreciated the IMF's longstanding constructive partnership with Pakistan, which has strengthened under Georgieva's leadership. He expressed gratitude to the IMF's timely support through various instruments, including the Stand-By Arrangement of \$3 billion for FY 2024, the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) of \$7 billion, and the Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) of \$1.4 billion.

"Today, with deep-rooted structural reforms in place, Pakistan's economy is showing positive signs of stabilization and is moving towards recovery," the Prime Minister said. He also thanked the IMF for its instrumental role in guiding the government's economic reform efforts. The IMF Managing Director expressed her sympathy to all people affected by the floods and noted the importance of the damage assessment to underpin recovery priorities.

The IMF chief commended the prime minister's commitment to pursuing sound macro-economic policies and reiterated the IMF's continued support as Pakistan advances the necessary economic reforms to ensure sustainable, long-term economic growth.

## Toshakhana-2 reference: NAB acting as tool of establishment, says PTI founder

ISLAMABAD (INP): As the Toshakhana-2 reference moves towards its final stages, PTI founder and former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi have accused the NAB of acting as a tool of the establishment and their political opponents to keep them out of the political arena. In their statements during the investigation of the case, Imran had alleged that he was ousted from power through a "local and foreign conspiracy" and had since November 2022, faced ruthless and unprecedented victimisation. He said that dozens of cases were manufactured against him and the PTI leadership, but all major prosecution cases have collapsed either through acquittals or suspension of sentences.



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) Haroon Akhtar Khan addressing the 8th Pakistan Pharma Summit & Export Award.

## Pakistan to import Chinese-built trains for Islamabad-Rawalpindi

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan will import modern train units from China for its first-ever dedicated high-speed service between Islamabad and Rawalpindi, expected to launch on March 23, 2026, officials said on September 23, according to a report carried by Gwadar Pro.

The project, jointly undertaken by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and the Ministry of Railways, marks another extension of Sino-Pak transport cooperation, aligning with China's broader push to modernize Pakistan's mobility infrastructure.

The new Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains, sourced from China, will slash travel time between the twin cities to just 20 minutes, compared to current slower services.

Operations will be overseen by CDA, while Pakistan Railways will maintain the track system.

Authorities are considering affordable fares at Rs 50

## Health authorities warn of surge in dengue cases in Rawalpindi

ISLAMABAD (INP): Health authorities on Wednesday have warned of a surge in dengue cases in Rawalpindi, with experts linking the rise to stagnant rainwater and poor sanitation conditions following recent monsoon showers.

Talking to a private news channel, Dr. Hafiz Jawad Zahid, a senior physician, said dengue is a mosquito-borne viral disease transmitted through the bite of the Aedes aegypti mosquito.

"The recent rains and water accumulation in streets, drains and open containers have created breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which is why cases surface in this season," he explained.

He noted that dengue has several variants including dengue fever, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and dengue shock syndrome with symptoms ranging from high fever, severe headache, muscle and joint pain, skin rashes, and in complicated cases, bleeding.

Dr. Zahid ruled out a direct link between floods and dengue but said that stagnant water left after heavy rains or poor drainage is the major cause of the outbreak.

## Indus River in medium flood at Kotri Barrage

LAHORE, Sept 24 (INP): Indus River has been in medium flood at Kotri Barrage as the water inflow surged to 3,98,000 cuses, the Flood Forecasting Division (FFD) shared the river water data.

The river has been in low flood at Guddu and Sukkur Barrages, according to the FFD.

Indus River's water inflow at Kotri Barrage has been recorded 5,98,300 cuses while the outflow has been 3,71,600 cuses.

The river's water inflow at Guddu Barrage in upstream has been recorded 2,18,700 cuses while the outflow has been 1,89,100 cuses.

The water inflow and outflow at Sukkur Barrage has been recorded 2,24,300 and 1,69,200 cuses respectively.

Indus, Jhelum and Ravi rivers water flows in Punjab have been dropped to normal level, while Sutlej River has been in low flood at Ganda Singh Wala, Sulemanki and Islam headworks, according to the FFD. The water flow is going down in Sutlej continuously, FFD said.

## Rescue 1122 carries out extensive operations during monsoon floods in South Punjab

MULIAN (INP): Punjab Emergency Service, Rescue 1122 carried out extensive operations during the recent monsoon floods in South Punjab, earning appreciation from provincial authorities and local communities for its timely response.

According to Rescue 1122 here on Wednesday, the rescue teams safely evacuated more than 35,000 people from affected areas of Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Layyah, and Dera Ghazi Khan. In addition, over 18,000 individuals received on-site first aid, while around 2,500 livestock were transported to safer locations.

To manage the large-scale operation, Rescue 1122 deployed over 800 boats and more than 400 ambulances and fire vehicles across flood-hit districts. Officials noted that emergency teams worked 10 to 12 hours daily in multiple shifts to sustain the rescue and relief efforts. Provincial and district administrations praised the dedication of Rescue 1122 staff, describing their performance as "commendable" and crucial in minimizing casualties. The Chief Minister Punjab also acknowledged the service's contribution, terming it a "lifeline for the people of South Punjab" during disasters.