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## Shehbaz Sharif, Trump Hold Key White House Meeting

**Qaseem Shah:**  
**WASHINGTON** — US President Donald Trump welcomed Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the White House on Thursday, signaling a major boost in US-Pakistan relations. The high-level meeting highlighted Washington's renewed focus on Islamabad's role in South Asia diplomacy, security, and trade.

### Red-Carpet Welcome for PM Shehbaz Sharif

Upon arrival at Andrews Air Base, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif received a red-carpet reception by a senior US Air Force official. He was accompanied by Pakistan's Army Chief, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, and JD Vance, senior defense representative, and



moved under tight US security protocols toward Washington. At the White House, the talks included key US officials such as Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Vice President JD Vance, senior defense representatives, and

President Trump himself.

### Historic Frequency of Meetings

This marked the third meeting between Trump and Shehbaz Sharif in just three days — a record in the

history of Pakistan-US relations. No Pakistani leader has previously held so many engagements with a US president within such a short span. Speaking to the media, President Trump praised both PM Shehbaz Sharif

and Field Marshal Munir, calling them "remarkable leaders."

### Revival of US-Pakistan Ties Amid India Tensions

meeting comes amid a

reset in US-Pakistan relations, after years of Washington prioritizing India as a counterweight to China's influence in Asia. Under Trump, however, US-India relations have faced strains due to visa issues, high tariffs on Indian goods,

and Trump's repeated claim of brokering an India-Pakistan ceasefire earlier this year. In contrast, Washington and Islamabad finalized a trade deal on July 31 with the US imposing a 19% tariff rate —

while negotiations with India remain unresolved. Earlier this year, Trump also hosted Field Marshal Asim Munir, the first-ever White House reception for a Pakistani military chief unaccompanied by senior civilian officials.

### Focus on Counter-Terrorism and Economic Cooperation

A senior State Department official confirmed that Washington is engaging with Islamabad on multiple fronts, including counter-terrorism, security cooperation, and trade partnerships. "The president is committed to advancing US strategic interests through closer engagement with Pakistan," the official said.

Despite Pakistan backing Trump's nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in reducing tensions between India and Pakistan, Islamabad has continued to condemn the US ally Israel's bombardment of Gaza.

## Opposition Walks Out of Balochistan Assembly Over Border Trade Closure and Revenue Record Dispute

**Syed Ali Shah:**  
**QUETTA:** The Balochistan Assembly session turned tense on Friday as opposition lawmakers staged a walkout after strongly criticizing the provincial government over border trade restrictions and its refusal to digitize revenue records.

During the heated proceedings, opposition members including Khair Jan Baloch, Shahida Rauf, Rahmat Baloch, and Zahid Reki lashed out at the government for what they termed a "complete failure" in resuming trade activities at the Pak-Afghan and Pak-Iran borders. They argued that the closure of cross-border trade has deprived



over two million people of their livelihoods, pushing families into economic despair. Opposition member Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman earlier alleged that while the

Punjab government was offering free electricity to its citizens, the people of Balochistan were left without jobs and income opportunities. Tensions escalated further when

Shahida Rauf of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JUI-F) tabled a resolution demanding the digitalisation of revenue records. However, Speaker Captain (R) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai put the reso-

lution to vote, and the majority of members rejected it. Opposition legislators accused the government of "shielding corrupt revenue staff" by blocking digitisation reforms, which they said could bring transparency and curb corruption.

The rejection of the resolution led to uproar in the assembly, prompting the opposition to stage a complete walkout from the session in protest. Political observers say the dispute underscores long-standing issues of economic disparity, governance failures, and lack of transparency in revenue management, all of which continue to fuel opposition discontent in Balochistan.

## 5 people, including 2 cops, injured in accidental firing at Balochistan governor's residence in Zhob: police



**NEWS DESK:** At least five people, including two cops, were injured on Friday in an accidental firing incident at the residence of Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandothkhal in the province's Zhob district, police said. Speaking to the media, Zhob Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shaukat Mohmand said that three students and

two police officers had been injured in the incident. "The firing happened by mistake and was done by the station house officer's gunman," the police officer said. He added that the gunman had dropped his gun on the ground, which had resulted in it going off. The injured students, who had come to meet the governor, were

pupils at the Zhob Government Boys Degree College, he added. The official said that the condition of all the injured people was stable and they had been taken to a nearby hospital for medical intervention. According to initial investigations, police have termed the incident an accident, he said, adding that further investigation was underway.

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**Education Desk:**  
**QUETTA:** The Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education has launched strict disciplinary action against exam staff and officials accused of facilitating widespread irregularities and malpractice during the 2024 annual examinations.

According to the inquiry committee's findings, several officials and invigilators allowed serious violations of examination rules, enabling cheating and misuse of mobile phones inside exam halls. Some candidates were even permitted to use unfair means openly, raising serious concerns about the transparency of the process. The officials named in the report include Incharge Muhammad Usman (Assistant Controller Examination Committee), Nasir Ahmed Anjum (Controller Examinations), Muhammad Khalid (Controller Examinations), and Salman Muhammad Yousuf (Superintendent, Government MHS School).



The committee revealed that during examinations, invigilators often left candidates unsupervised, ignored malpractice, or allowed electronic devices inside exam centers. In some cases, unauthorized individuals were granted access to examination halls.

The Board has decided to take criminal action against the accused staff and permanently bar them from performing exam duties in the future. Moreover, the answer sheets of candidates found guilty of malpractice will be canceled. Officials emphasized that the use of mobile phones, smart devices, and other electronic gadgets inside exam centers is strictly prohibited, and warned that any violation in the future will result in stern action.

This crackdown marks a major move by the Balochistan Board to restore public trust in the examination system and curb the long-standing menace of cheating and corruption in academic assessments.

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Editor: Asim Khan

## Reko Diq Copper-Gold Project: A Chance to Empower Local Talent



**Editorial:** The Reko Diq copper and gold project in Balochistan is more than just a mining venture—it is a national opportunity to empower local communities, boost Pakistan's economy, and ensure long-term regional development.

Company officials recently briefed the media in Quetta and shared that production at Reko Diq is expected to begin by 2028. In the lead-up to this, around 7,500-8,000 temporary jobs will be created during the construction phase, while 4,500 permanent positions will be maintained once the mine becomes operational. In total, over 25,000 indirect job opportunities are expected to arise through supply chains, vendors, and local contractors.

While these numbers are promising, the true success of Reko Diq depends on how deeply local talent is integrated into the project.

Officials highlighted a positive initiative—Balochistan-based engineers recently received international mining training through Barrick Gold's development program. These trained professionals have now returned to serve in the project.

This initiative must be expanded. There is a vast pool of youth in Reko Diq, Chagai, and surrounding districts with potential. With the

right technical education and training—both locally and abroad—this local workforce can be transformed into the backbone of Pakistan's mineral economy.

The government and company must jointly ensure that investment in education, healthcare, and connectivity becomes part of the project's long-term goals. Training centers, scholarships, and technical institutes should be prioritized in Balochistan.

Reko Diq is a national asset, but its real value will only be realized when the people of Balochistan are treated as equal stakeholders—not just as workers, but as partners in progress.

## Heatwave Threatens Lives and Crops in Balochistan

**By Ghalib Nehad** 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, Washuk, 44°C, Nokundi 43°C, Dalbandin 41°C, and Quetta could experience highs of up to 35°C. Balochistan travel guide Quetta city guide The Met Office has issued heatwave alerts for Sibi, Kachhi, Sohbatpur, Lehri, Naseerabad, Magsi, 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 high-

lighted 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.



## Starting a Small Business in Balochistan: Funding & Growth Tips

Starting a small business in Balochistan is one of the most promising ways to generate income, create jobs, and uplift the local economy. With government-backed business loans, startup grants, and low-cost business ideas, Balochistan offers untapped opportunities for entrepreneurs. This guide explains step-by-step how to register, fund, and grow your business in the region.

**Why Start a Small Business in Balochistan?** Balochistan has emerging markets, low competition, and a rising demand for basic and digital services. Entrepreneurs can benefit from:

- Low initial investment requirements
- Government incentives and grants for startups
- High demand for localized services and products
- Tax relief and SME support schemes
- Balochistan travel guide

Step-by-Step Guide to Launching a Business in Balochistan

1. Choose a High-Profit Business Idea
  - Select a profitable business in Balochistan based on local market needs. Top ideas with high CPC potential:
    - Solar energy installation business
    - Organic farming or livestock trading
    - Handicrafts export via e-commerce
    - Freight, delivery, and logistics services
    - Freelance digital services (graphic design, SEO, content writing)

These are low-risk and high-demand ventures suitable for the region.

2. Register Your Business Legally
  - To apply for business loans and government grants, you need to legalize your startup.
  - Register with SECP or local Chamber of Commerce Apply for an

NTN (National Tax Number) via FBR

- Set up a business bank account
- Ensure compliance with local business laws
- Tip: Use the SECP eServices Portal for quick online registration.

3. Apply for Small Business Grants in Pakistan (2025 Update)

Looking for free money to start a business in Balochistan? These grant programs can help:

- SMEDA Small Business
- The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) offers:



- Capacity-building programs
- Matching grants for business improvement
- Free feasibility studies and training
- Visit : [www.smeda.org](http://www.smeda.org)
- Kamyab Jawan Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES Loan 2025)
- Loans up to PKR 5 million
- No interest (Tier-1) for Balochistan youth and women
- Apply now: [yes.kamyabjawan.gov.pk](http://yes.kamyabjawan.gov.pk)
- 4. Access Small Business Loans in Balochistan
- Akhwat Islamic Microfinance

Interest-free loans (Qarz-e-Hasna)

Targeted at low-income and women entrepreneurs

National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) – SME Finance

Loan range: PKR 100,000 – 5 million

Grace period and flexible repayment terms

For registered startups in rural and urban areas

Balochistan Rural Support Program (BRSP)

Community-led loan schemes

Enterprise development training

Ideal for agri-businesses and home-based work

3. Reinvest Profits Wisely

Buy inventory in bulk

Invest in customer service and staff training

Explore B2B sales within Pakistan and abroad

Most Searched Questions (FAQs)

Can I get a government grant to start a business in Balochistan?

Yes. Programs like SMEDA and Kamyab

Jawan offer grants and interest-free loans to qualified individuals, especially youth and women entrepreneurs.

What is the easiest business to start in Quetta?

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some unpleasant happens, neither people nor law enforcement personnel feel safe and protected. The ever-aggravating situation of Balochistan poses a far greater challenge for the Government, adding on to this, the poor governance legacy of the previous Government especially since 2008 has made the situation more complex. The current government with a dynamic Chief

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## A POLITICAL TOUCH

**By Azad Khan:**

Balochistan was once the land of peace, harmony and brotherhood. The People of the land are peace loving, hospitable & resilient in nature and have strong affiliation with their land and culture.

Despite aggravating economic and security situation they adhere to their land. Over the last two decades the people of Balochistan have experienced the worst in terms of security, economy and governance.

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### World must take notice of Indian atrocities in Ladakh: Mushaali Hussein Mullick

ISLAMABAD (INP): Mushaali Hussein Mullick, wife of Hariyat leader Yasin Malik on Friday urged the international community to immediately take notice of Indian atrocities in Ladakh and Kashmir.

She said that the flames of Indian brutality in the occupied valley have now engulfed Ladakh as well. She added that the atrocities being committed by Indian forces in Ladakh are a slap in the face of those who claim to be the guardians of global peace.

She further stated that the oppression in Ladakh is exposing the real face of the Modi government before the world, and that firing on peaceful protesters is a blot on the forehead of Indian democracy.

She added that the people of Ladakh are now also being pushed to the wall, and called upon the international community to take immediate notice of Indian atrocities in Ladakh and Kashmir.

### PHA installing saplings at canal road

SARGODHA (INP): A citizen filed a complaint to Commissioner Sargodha that about 1,000 trees need to be planted on canal road, which was considered the second most beautiful road in Sargodha after University road, here on Friday.

Taking immediate notice of the complaint, Commissioner Sargodha issued orders to PHA Sargodha. According to a spokesperson, following which Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) immediately started plantation on Canal Road and so far more than 500 saplings and about 300 trees have been planted. Expressing his views on the occasion, Commissioner Sargodha, Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan said that "Environmentally friendly measures are among the priorities of the current government of Pakistan. Trees not only beautify the city but are also indispensable for the elimination of air pollution, ecological balance and the health of citizens." The citizens appreciated this timely initiative of the Commissioner Sargodha.

### 13 perish as van plunged into ravine

D Khan (INP): As many as 13 people belonging to the same family lost their lives on Friday when a passenger van in which they were travelling fell into a ravine due to brakes' failure in Dera Ismail Khan.

According to rescue officials, the tragic accident occurred at the Dana Sar area in Dera Ismail Khan. As a result, 13 people lost their lives while three were injured.

The accident took place while the vehicle was travelling from tehsil Darbadan area of Balochistan to Dera Ismail Khan.

Officials say each vehicle can replace up to 100 cars, reducing pollution, congestion, and noise while improving urban equity.

QUETTA: Pakistan Peoples Party Executive Committee Member and Provincial Assembly Worker Haji Ali Madad Jatak, Mir Rehmat Saleh Baloch, Syed Zafar Agha and Khair Jan Baloch are talking at the end of the assembly session.

## Pakistan closes five Afghan refugee camps

PESHAWAR (INP): The federal government has announced the closure of five Afghan refugee camps in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), a move tied to the broader repatriation policy for Afghan citizens.

The Ministry of Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) issued an official notification on Friday confirming the decision.

According to the government's notification, three of the closed camps were located in Haripur, one in Chitral,

and one in Upper Dir. Orders have been issued to transfer the land to the provincial government and the respective deputy commissioners.

Sources revealed that the Panyan camp in Haripur, one of the largest and oldest Afghan settlements in Pakistan, had been home to over 100,000 refugees for nearly 40 years.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has consistently reported that the majority of Afghan refugees in Pakistan

reside in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The closure of these camps could significantly impact thousands of families who have been living in the province for decades.

Meanwhile, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur has publicly opposed the move, warning against the forced repatriation of Afghan refugees. He stressed that any such measures should consider humanitarian concerns and the historical ties between the people of KP and Afghan citizens.



KARACHI: Group photo of Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshirvani and former Federal Minister (R) General Abdul Qadir Baloch.

## Pakistan, China launch region's first Seismic and Geophysical Observatory

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) in collaboration with China's Second Institute of Oceanography inaugurated the China-Pakistan Comprehensive Seismic and Geophysical Observatory in Karachi on Friday.

Ameer Haider Leghari, Chief Meteorologist at PMD, told Gwadar Pro that the facility integrates three advanced functions: Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) observations, seismic monitoring for earthquakes, and geomagnetic measurements to study magnetic storms.

"This facility will also help us analyze en-

ergy accumulation along tectonic faults, which is vital for understanding earthquake risks in Pakistan," Leghari said.

He explained that Pakistan has operated geomagnetic observatories in Quetta, Gilgit, and Karachi since 1952, all based on first-generation systems.

"The new Karachi station represents the third generation, equipped with modern instruments and digital processing capacity," he added.

Leghari noted that the system was costly to install due to its specialized hardware and software, crediting the Chinese government's support for making it possible. He stressed that the facility is crucial for

strengthening Pakistan's disaster preparedness and scientific research.

Looking ahead, he emphasized that joint training programs are part of the collaboration.

"In the next phase, Pakistani scientists will receive training in China to gain expertise in the latest technology and its applications," he said.

According to PMD, the observatory will significantly enhance Pakistan's ability to monitor earthquakes and geomagnetic disturbances while contributing to international scientific data-sharing networks that track space weather phenomena capable of disrupting communications, navigation, and power systems worldwide.

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The interior minister also added that the public had already grown weary of what he called Imran Khan's falsehoods.

Mohsin Naqvi's remarks came after two tweets by Imran Khan in which he claimed that he had repeatedly been offered deals to either remain silent or leave the

country in exchange for the withdrawal of cases, but he had refused. "I will only fight my cases in courts, never through deals," he said, adding that over 300 fabricated cases had been filed against him.

In the tweets, Imran Khan said, "I am deeply grieved by the loss of lives of innocent children, women, and ordinary citizens due to the bombardment of Tirah Valley."

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QUETTA: DG Local Government Ayub Qureshi is meeting with Member of Provincial Assembly and former Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani.

## SHC irked after chaotic proceedings in Justice Jahangiri degree case

KARACHI (INP): Aday after commotion and chaos at the Sindh High Court (SHC) during a hearing of seven petitions challenging the cancellation of Justice Tariq Muhammad Jahangiri's law degree, a written order of the court was released on Friday, stating that the SHC could "not be held hostage to the whims and wishes of the advocates as to the manner in which the petitions shall be heard."

Yesterday, commotion was witnessed at the SHC after a two-judge constitutional bench, comprising Justice Tariq Muhammad Khan Agha and Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, declined to

entertain Justice Jahangiri's plea to become a party in proceedings on the seven petitions.

The bench set aside the HC judge's application, noting that it would first hear and decide the maintainability of the petitions.

Lawyers for the petitioners, however, objected to the jurisdiction of the bench and urged the court to decide their objections first. The court, however, maintained that it would first examine and decide the issue of maintainability of the pleas.

The proceedings drew a large number of lawyers inside and outside the courtroom, with many shouting slogans,

clapping and later staging a protest outside the SHC against one of the judges.

The petitioners and their lawyers also walked out of the courtroom in protest over their objections not being addressed and the court's refusal to entertain Justice Jahangiri's plea.

In its order released today, the SHC bench recalled that when Advocate Ebrahim Saifuddin was called for to address the court on the question of maintainability, he also argued that objections regarding the jurisdiction of the court should be decided first. "When his request was declined by the bench, he left the courtroom stating that he would not proceed any further."

"According to him this court was required to first decide the preliminary objections raised by Salahuddin Ahmed and Faisal Siddiqui."

The order referred to Advocate Saifuddin with regards to another petition, mentioning that when he was directed to present arguments on the maintainability of the plea, he left the courtroom. Similarly, the bench observed, when Advocate Siddiqui was called for to address the court on the question of maintainability, he also argued that objections regarding the jurisdiction of the court should be decided first. "When his request was declined by the bench, he left the courtroom stating that he would not proceed any further."

## Pakistan, China expand cooperation in space and Material Sciences

BEIJING (INP): Pakistan and China have agreed to deepen cooperation in space technology, modern railways, and advanced material sciences as part of the second-order phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Gwadar Port reported on Friday quoting the Ministry of Planning Development

and Special Initiatives. Pakistani engineers are working with Hunan Satellite Space Technology to co-develop satellites, marking a shift in CPEC from roads and energy to advanced technologies.

PD&SI Minister for Line-1 (ML-1) railway project, stressing that modernization through

tific capacity and reflects CPEC's move into an innovation-driven phase.

During a visit to CRRC Zhuzhou Locomotive Co., Iqbal invited the company to cooperatively join the Main Line-1 (ML-1) railway project.

where participants learned about China's advances in material sciences.

public-private partnership would cut costs, improve efficiency, and enhance regional connectivity.

He also led a delegation to Zhuzhou Times New Material Technology Co.,



ZHOB: DIG Muhammad Kashif and DPO Shaikat Ali are meeting with Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail.

## Negotiations over tax exemptions on imports through Sost Dry Port concluded

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a major breakthrough for the people of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), negotiations over tax exemptions on imports through the Sost Dry Port concluded successfully in Islamabad, Gwadar Pro reported.

Announcing the agreement at a press conference, Minister for Power Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Prine Minister, the federal government has decided that imports brought into GB annually through Sost Dry Port will not be charged sales tax, federal excise duty, or income tax.

The total volume of these taxes is estimated at around PKR 4 billion, calculated in proportion to the region's population. The government of GB, in consultation with the local Chamber of Commerce, will implement the process for tax-exempt imports.

As a result of these measures, the prices of imported goods in GB will decline substantially, benefiting ordinary citizens, boosting tourism, and enhancing economic activity in the region.

Most Customs Port directly reach the people of the region, helping GB to prosper and develop. Since sales tax, income tax, and federal excise duty laws do not apply to GB, the people had long demanded that imports made via Sost should not be subjected to these taxes.

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## Govt pays Rs5 million to missing person's family on IHC orders

ISLAMABAD (INP): On the directives of the Islamabad High Court (IHC), the federal government on Friday paid Rs5 million relief amount to the family of a missing citizen, Abdullah Omar.

The Islamabad High Court heard a contempt of court case regarding the non-disbursement of a cheque of Rs5 million to the affected family. The case stems from a petition filed by Zainab Zaem, the wife of Abdullah Omar, seeking her husband's recovery.

During Friday's proceedings, representatives from the Ministry of Defence and the Additional Attorney General submitted the online transaction receipt to the court, confirming that the amount had been transferred to the family's bank account. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani emphasized that no amount of money could

truly compensate for the emotional and psychological suffering endured by the family.

The IHC also ordered an in-camera briefing from intelligence agencies on October 6, regarding Abdullah Omar's whereabouts. "Officers of intelligence agencies appear before the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances (ColIED), but when the court summons them, they become upset," remarked Justice Kayani.

"Someone needs to explain to the court what is really going on — yet no one has done so.

At some stage, these matters could lead to criminal proceedings. It's Parliament's responsibility to address this issue, but it continues to look the other way," Justice Kayani said. The court instructed the government to inform it before

October 6 about which official would appear for the in-camera briefing.

Justice Kayani referred to the data provided by the Commission of Inquiry, stating "There are 572 missing persons listed. But the question remains where are they, and when will they be produced?" The Additional Attorney General said the state institutions are making efforts for recovery.

"Officials should just come forward and tell the court if the person has been killed, has left the country, or is in hiding," Justice Kayani said. "Is he in an Afghan prison? Is he alive or dead? Just come and explain it to the court." The court adjourned the hearing until October 6, 2025, seeking an in-camera briefing from the relevant agencies.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Saleem Mandiwalla and Speaker Balochistan Provincial Assembly Captain (R) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, addressing a press conference at Aitwan-e-Sadr regarding the President's recent visit to China.

## PTI public rally will lay foundation for dismantling "Hybrid System": Asad Qaiser

PESHAWAR (INP): PTI Central Leader Asad Qaiser has declared that the public meeting on September 27 will be a historic event, laying the foundation for dismantling the "hybrid system" in Pakistan and promoting the supremacy of the constitution, rule of law, and an independent judiciary.

In a statement posted on X, Qaiser highlighted his participation in a workers' convention in Peshawar alongside President Muhammad Khan, General Secretary Ali Asghar Khan, Peshawar District President Irfan Saleem, and General Secretary Khurshid Alam.

The convention, organized by MPA Karam Khan Bhangash and MNA Asif Khan, as per Form 45, underscored the enduring bond between PTI and its workers in Peshawar.

Qaiser praised the unwavering commitment of Peshawar's workers, stating, "My relation-

ship with the workers of Peshawar is years old. They have never disappointed us and have always played a leading role in every movement under the leadership of Imran Khan."

He expressed confidence that the September 27 meeting would be a turning point, fueled by public enthusiasm witnessed during vigorous campaigns across Peshawar's markets. "God willing, this meeting will make history," he added.

Meanwhile, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan, in an interview with a private TV channel, emphasized the party's ongoing struggle for justice. Referencing the sentencing of PTI's founder on January 17, Gohar noted, "We have knocked on every door for justice, and now, as September 25 has arrived, we continue to seek it. The court is our last hope, and there is no compromise on this."

He announced that lawyers would soon launch

a movement for an independent judiciary, which PTI would fully support.

Speaking at a separate ceremony, Barrister Gohar stressed the critical role of a strong judiciary in safeguarding people's rights, describing it as an integral part of democracy.

"Just as the media is free, the judiciary should also be free," he said, highlighting the historical significance of lawyers' struggles in upholding constitutional supremacy and the rule of law.

Gohar noted that the judiciary and lawyers are united in their efforts to reform the system, adding that PTI was the only political party to petition for timely elections, despite the Supreme Court's decision remaining unimplemented. "Several conferences were held in Islamabad, but no results were achieved," he remarked, underscoring the need for continuous efforts to improve the system.

## Kashmiri delegates seek UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) intervention in release of HRC defenders

ISLAMABAD (INP): Women representatives of the Kashmiri delegation, while highlighting the plight of human rights defenders, have sought the urgent intervention of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to secure the early release of veteran activist Khurram Parvez and others booked under India's anti-terror laws. In her statement before the Council, Dr. Shagufa condemned India's reprisals against Kashmiri human rights defenders through draconian laws like the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), received a press release from Geneva here on Friday.

She stressed that the continued detention of Khurram Parvez defies UN calls and exposes India's contempt for the Council. She urged the immediate release of illegally detained activists, repeal of UAPA, and decisive Council action to uphold credibility.

Speaking on behalf of IASPD, Ms. Mehr-un-Nisa told the Council during the general debate on human rights bodies and mechanisms that in Kashmir, UAPA is weaponized to silence defenders and deny them basic legal remedies. She pointed out that UN reports and Special Procedures have repeatedly documented killings, detentions, and repression, yet India blocks scrutiny with impunity.

Meanwhile, participating in the debate under agenda item 5, Raja Muhammad Sajid Khan, representing the World Muslim Congress, noted that cooperation with the UN is a legal duty, but in Indian-occupied Kashmir it has been criminalized.

"Human rights defenders are branded as enemies of the state, arrested on false charges, and si-

lenced," he said, citing the arrest of Khurram Parvez, the seating of JKCCS, and the harassment of advocates such as Parvez Imroz and Parveena Ahanagar as part of a systematic campaign to crush dissent.

He further noted that journalists are muzzled, and even peaceful protesters face bullets as witnessed on 24 September in Ladakh, where four were killed and over 70 injured. "This is not only repression but a direct assault on the UN human rights system," Khan maintained.

The speakers collectively urged the Council to intervene against reprisals, demand the release of Kashmiri defenders, and hold India accountable to its international obligations. They stressed that the credibility of the UN depends on protecting those who defend human rights.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry chairing a meeting of connectivity working group.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary for Culture, Tourism and Law, Parliamentary Affairs Nawabzada Zarin Khan Magi meeting with Speaker Balochistan Provincial Assembly Captain (R) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai.

## Gwadar's water supply transferred to Gwadar Development Authority (GDA)

GWADAR (INP): The Balochistan government has handed the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) full responsibility for water supply and distribution in Gwadar city, according to an official notification.

The decision, approved by Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, covers all water operations within the Gwadar Master Plan area, according to Gwadar Pro.

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) will now focus solely on rural areas, including Pishukan, Ganz, and Ormatu. Officials hailed the move as a "historic and transformative step" for the port city.

"Water is a basic necessity, and GDA will take all possible measures to ensure an uninter-

rupted supply of clean drinking water to the citizens of Gwadar," said GDA Director General Moeen-ur-Rehman Khan.

"This responsibility is both an honor and a major test, especially as most water reservoirs have dried up after nearly 18 months without rainfall. With vision, teamwork, and the support of the Balochistan government, we will strive to meet this challenge."

The handover follows a series of meetings chaired by CM Bugti to address Gwadar's water crisis.

He noted that while the city has reserves sufficient for about seven months, electricity outages have hampered pumping and distribution.

## CM Maryam approves admission policy for Punjab medical colleges

LAHORE (INP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has given the approval of admission policy for public and private medical and dental colleges of Punjab.

In the special meeting on health chaired by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif expressing happiness over the first successful angioplasty in Sahiwal welcomed the start of surgery at the Sahiwal Cardiac Center.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif directed Mayo Hospital to devise foolproof and transparent methods for treating patients at the Ablation Center.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif directed to provide relief to cancer patients in every case.

The meeting also agreed on the proposal to build medical blocks in government universities instead of building a separate building for a new medical college in Punjab.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif also approved the board of management of various institutions in Punjab. Maryam Nawaz said in every hospital in Punjab, poor patients should get treatment facilities without spending a penny.



QUETTA: Provincial Assembly Member Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman presenting a resolution in the provincial assembly session.

## Survey launched for flood victims' rehabilitation

MULTAN (INP): On the directions of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, a comprehensive survey has been launched in South Punjab to assess damages and facilitate the rehabilitation of flood-affected communities.

The South Punjab Secretariat is actively monitoring the survey to ensure its effectiveness. In this regard, Commissioner Multan division Amir Kareem Khan called on Additional Chief Secretary Fiaz Hashim Rabbani. Speaking on the occasion, the Additional Chief Secretary emphasized that transparency must be ensured in damage assessments. He noted that providing timely compensation to affected families was the government's top priority.

He further directed that grievance redressal committees be made fully functional and that accurate documentation of flood-affected families, houses, and crops be ensured during the rehabilitation survey.

The ACS added that the government will adopt a modern mechanism for disbursement of compensation to the victims. He said immediate relief will be provided based on survey findings, while the restoration of roads and bridges in affected areas will also be expedited.

During the briefing the Commissioner informed that machinery and teams have been mobilized for infrastructure rehabilitation.

He stated that the survey will be monitored through a mobile application and dashboard, while survey teams have been instructed to submit daily reports. Relief activities will continue until complete rehabilitation of the affected areas is achieved. On this occasion, the Commissioner also presented a beautifully crafted monument of Hazrat Shah Rukn-e-Alam's shrine to the Additional Chief Secretary.

## IRSA releases 168,500 cuses water

ISLAMABAD (INP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday released 168,500 cuses of water from various rim stations with inflow of 175,100 cuses.

According to the data released by IRSA, Tarbela Dam has attained its maximum conservation level of 1550.00 feet, which was 148.00 feet higher than the dead level of 1402.00 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam were recorded as 109,600 cuses and 109,200 cuses, respectively.

The water level in the River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1240.50 feet, which was 190.

50 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water were recorded as 15,200 cuses and 9,000 cuses, respectively.

The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 114,200, 96,100, 144,100, and 130,300 cuses, respectively.

Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 15,900 cuses of water was released at Nowshera, and 21,800 cuses were released from River Chenab at Marala.

## No extension in date for filing income tax returns: FBR

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) announced on Friday that there is no extension in the date of filing of income tax returns on the cards.

The Federal Board of Revenue informed the public through SMS that strict action will be taken and a heavy penalty will be imposed on all those who do not file their income tax returns by September 30, 2025, which is the last date for filing of income tax returns.

The FBR is extending full support to taxpayers through Regional Tax Offices (RTOs) and the Helpline.

Bank accounts of all those persons who will fail to file their income tax returns will be frozen, while they will face travel restrictions.

The taxpayers who will file their income tax returns before the deadline will be exempted from these penalties. All salaried and businessmen are bound to file their income tax returns before the deadline; otherwise, strict action will be taken against them.

## Powerful earthquake jolts Islamabad, KP cities

ISLAMABAD (INP): A strong earthquake jolted parts of Pakistan on Friday morning, sending waves of panic across Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Swat, and different districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

According to seismologists, the earthquake measured 5.5 in magnitude on Richter scale with its epicentre in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush region.

The Meteorological Department confirmed that the earthquake struck at a depth of 195 kilometres.

The tremors were widely felt in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, as well as in northern and western regions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Strong jolts were reported in several districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Residents of Peshawar, Swat, Charsadda, and Buner felt severe tremors, with many rushing out of their homes in fear.

Lower Dir and Mardan also experienced noticeable shaking, while Landikotal in Khyber district reported aftershocks across surrounding areas.

In urban centres such as Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and Peshawar, people evacuated buildings as the tremors rattled homes and offices.

In Swat, Chitral, and nearby mountainous regions, residents expressed serious concern over possible aftershocks due to the earthquake's depth and location in the seismically active Hindu Kush zone.