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Young Man and Woman Found Dead in Harnai's Shahrag Area

10 Martyred Dozens Injured in Deadly Blast Near Frontier Corps Headquarters in Quetta

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News Desk:
QUETTA – September 30: At least ten people lost their lives and around three dozen others were injured when a powerful blast struck the Pishin Stop area of Quetta, near the Frontier Corps (FC) headquarters, on Tuesday.

Health Minister Confirms 10 Dead, Dozens Injured

Balochistan Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar confirmed that at least 10 people were killed and three dozens others injured in the powerful explosion that shook Quetta on Monday.

Speaking to the media, the minister said an emergency has been declared in hospitals across the city to ensure timely medical treatment for the injured. The victims are being treated at Civil Hospital Quetta, where several remain in critical condition.

Eyewitnesses Describe Panic After Powerful Explosion

Eyewitnesses reported that the blast was so intense it was heard far and wide,



triggering chaos and fear among residents as fire and smoke rose from the site.

Rescue officials said the explosion targeted a local passenger bus, leaving several onboard and nearby pedestrians seriously wounded. The injured have been shifted to Civil Hospital

Quetta, where doctors confirmed that some remain in critical condition.

Passenger Bus Among Targets of Deadly Attack

Security sources reported that the assailants launched an

attack on the Frontier Corps headquarters. One of the attackers detonated himself, causing a powerful explosion, while six others were neutralized by security forces. The timely response of the forces successfully foiled the attempted assault.

Security forces

quickly cordoned off the area and launched an investigation. Initial reports suggest the blast was of high intensity, but the exact nature of the explosion has not yet been determined.

Bomb Disposal Squad: 30-40 Kg Explosives Used

The Bomb Disposal Squad later confirmed that 30 to 40 kilograms of explosives were used in the coordinated attack.

The strength of the blast damaged nearby buildings and was heard far and wide, shaking the entire area.

A large cache of

arms and ammunition was also recovered from the slain militants.

Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti Issues Strong Condemnation

In a strongly worded statement, Balochistan Chief

Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti condemned the incident,

declaring that the government "would not be frightened through such tactics" and vowed that the perpetrators would be brought to justice. He said a handful of elements, acting at the behest of their "masters,"

were targeting innocent civilians and attempting to destabilize the province. Bugti added that the government,

law-enforcement agencies, and the people of Balochistan remain united in the fight against terrorism.

The explosion caused significant destruction to the surrounding area, with windows and doors of nearby

buildings shattered by the force. Security forces quickly cordoned off the site and launched

a thorough investigation. So far, no group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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a series of violent incidents in recent months.

Governor Balochistan Inaugurates Media Literacy Training in Balochistan

Qasem Shah:
QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffer Khan Mandokhel has inaugurated a three-day Media Information Literacy (MIL) training program for faculty members of public universities across the province.

The initiative, organized by Individual and Pakistan (IL) under a European Union-funded project, aims to equip educators with skills to counter misinformation and strengthen youth engagement in responsible media practices.

More than 30 faculty members from universities including BUTEMS and other higher education institutions are attending the training in Quetta.

They will later transfer their learning to over 400 students across Balochistan, creating a



multiplier effect in promoting critical thinking, democratic culture, and fact-checking skills among youth.

Speaking at the opening, Khoso Saifullah, IL's Program Manager and a fact-checking advocate, stressed the importance of engaging academia in combating information

disorder. He said: "When students are not given spaces to openly discuss politics and civic issues, they rely solely on social media, where misinformation spreads unchecked. MIL empowers both teachers and students to think critically and engage responsibly."

Mandokhel not only inaugurated the training but also participated in a one-hour interactive session on information disorder. Sharing his views, he remarked: "As politicians, we seldom analyze information critically. Media literacy is essential to counter disinformation

in politics and society. I appreciate Individual and Pakistan and the EU for bringing this initiative to Balochistan."

The training is part of IL's broader efforts to strengthen media literacy, promote fact-checking, and protect fundamental rights in regions facing political and social challenges. IL also announced plans to expand its e-learning platforms and collaborative programs in partnership with the Governor's office to ensure sustainable impact.

This EU-funded media training in Balochistan marks a significant step toward preparing the next generation against disinformation, building media resilience, and promoting informed democratic participation.

Young Man and Woman Found Dead in Harnai's Shahrag Area



Hanif Tareen:
HARNAI: Levies officials have recovered the bodies of a young man and a young woman from the Shahrag Killi Ambo area of Harnai district.

According to the Levies Control Room, a team reached the site immediately after re-

ceiving information and shifted the bodies to the Civil Hospital Shahrag for medico-legal procedures. The deceased were later identified as Faizullah, son of Qahir, belonging to the Noorzai tribe and a resident of Bostan, Pishin district, aged around 22, and

Samina Bibi, daughter of Abdul Salam of the Sulaimankhel tribe, currently residing in Shahrag, aged approximately 23. The cause of the double murder remains unknown, while Levies authorities have launched an investigation into the incident.

DGNAB Balochistan: Students Key to Ending Corruption

Qasem Shah:
QUETTA: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan hosted an awareness session with a delegation of students and faculty members from the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) Quetta Cantt, emphasizing the pivotal role of youth in building a corruption-free society.

Led by Assistant Professor Dr. Rafiqullah, the delegation was welcomed by Director General NAB Balochistan, Mr. Nauman Aslam, who stressed the importance of student engagement in fostering transparency, accountability, and ethical values.

During the visit, students toured NAB's various operational wings, gaining insights into complaint processing, inquiry procedures, and pro-



secution mechanisms. Deputy Director NAB, Mr. Khuram Shehzad, delivered a lecture titled "Functions of NAB and Role of Students in Eradication of Corruption." He explained NAB's three-pronged strategy—Awareness, Prevention, and Enforcement, highlighting sections of the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999 and its amendments.

Mr. Shehzad underlined that students, as future leaders, must adopt ethical practices and remain vigilant to effectively combat corruption.

Addressing the delegation, DGNAB Nauman Aslam reiterated the Chairman NAB's vision of prioritizing high-profile corruption cases while strengthening preventive measures. He urged students to embrace character-building and integrity, serving as ambassadors of accountability within their communities. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where students and faculty raised questions and suggestions. On behalf of the delegation, Dr. Rafiqullah presented a commemorative shield to NAB officials. Both sides praised the initiative as a meaningful step towards advancing anti-corruption awareness in Balochistan and promoting a corruption-free Pakistan.

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Balochistan Doesn't Need New Buildings—It Needs a Future



Editorial:

The decision to demolish the historic Balochistan Assembly building and construct a new one for Rs. 5 billion is not just unwise—it is outrageous. At a time when the province is struggling with extreme poverty, a failing education system, and a collapsing healthcare sector, prioritizing infrastructure over people's well-being raises serious questions about governance and leadership.

Balochistan has the highest child mortality rate in Asia, with maternal mortality also at alarming levels. According to the Directorate of Nutrition Cell, 54% of children suffer from stunting, while over 60% of women are anemic. Hidden hunger, a silent crisis, is worsening health conditions, especially among women. The province's female literacy rate has hit a historic low, and over 3 million children remain out of school. Given these grim realities, how can

any rational mind justify spending billions on a new building while millions of people suffer from malnutrition, disease, and illiteracy? The existing assembly building is not just a structure; it is a part of Balochistan's history and culture. It stands in a secure zone with ample space to function effectively. There is no logical reason to shift it elsewhere. More importantly, in a province where resources are scarce, this massive sum should be directed towards improving the Human Development Index (HDI). Balochistan doesn't need more concrete structures—it needs a future. It needs leadership that understands the struggles of its people. It needs investment in its children, its women, and its environment.

The priorities of the government must be questioned. Should Rs. 5 billion be wasted on a new assembly building, or should it be used to improve healthcare, provide clean drinking water,

ensure food security, and address the devastating impacts of climate change? The answer is clear to anyone who values human lives over political vanity projects. Shockingly, most of the opposition has chosen to remain silent on this reckless decision—except for Jamaat-e-Islami chief Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman, who has voiced his opposition.

This silence is both disappointing and alarming. If those who claim to represent the people do not stand against such misplaced priorities, who will? Balochistan does not need another building—it needs a future. It needs leadership that understands the struggles of its people. It needs investment in its children, its women, and its environment.

If Rs. 5 billion is to be spent, let it be on human lives, not on another structure that adds no real value to the province's future.

By Bashir Nichari

Fifty-five years ago, an incredible journey began with the creation of the Pakistan People's Party. The history of the PPP is full of struggle and sacrifices, which makes it the People's Party. The first founding convention of the party was held on the night between November 30th and December 1st, 1967 at Dr. Mubasher Hussain's residence at Gulberg, Lahore.

The primary manuscript of the party had compiled by Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, J.A. Rahim, and Dr. Mubasher Hussain, and was finalized after a lengthy discussion. The participants in this convention were aware that they would create a new life for the people of this land and thus presented the documents for approval in the same meeting. The aims and objectives of the party formation were to call for a socialist change in Pakistani society.

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

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto made tempestuous visits to all corners of the country. While speaking at a public meeting at Lahore Mochi Darwaza, the People's leader, in his speech of 3 hours and 10 minutes, shed light on Islamic socialism, democracy, capitalism, and feudalism.

At that time,

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto convinced the nation with arguments that society should embrace Islamic socialism and democracy as the foundation stones

for a progressive State. He knew that these were the things upon which our future generations would have walked with pride.



and established social security system to prevent capital accumulation. Besides, the acknowledgment of laborers' rights under the constitution, the self-respect of the ordinary person, the eradication of social inequality, and the essential honor of vote were some of the significant points in the basic manuscript.

People's leader Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto took over the leadership of a defeated nation in 1971. But after only a few months, he gave democracy to the country by providing an interim constitution.

Then the parliament headed by the

PPP majority gave the 1973 constitution which was the first unified national constitution of the country after its creation. That was the first

written pact of the Pakistani nation, which remains poignant as a thorn for martial law imposers. Quaid-e-Awam also laid the foundation of the Party's newspaper "Musawat" to advance his party policies. Today, the party formed by Quaid-e-Awam Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto has echoed in the four corners of the land and will continue to resonate in the atmosphere of Pakistan.

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto stood alive in the form of Murtaza Bhutto Shaheed, in the character of Shah Nawaz Shaheed, and in the silhouette of Benazir Bhutto, the martyred of democracy.

Bhutto's personality is performed on the world's stage today in the form of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

His achievements as a leader of the opposition in the National Assembly, and as Foreign Minister of Pakistan in a short span of 7 months are remarkable. Bhutism is still used as a political term even by Bhutto's opponents in this country to gain public support.

In fact, throughout the political history of Pakistan, the Pakistan People's Party is a party that won 3 to 4 times in General Elections and took practical measures for the welfare of the population and the progress of Pakistan. The country has seen long, dark days of dictatorial regimes. The tyrants tried to derail democracy again and again by usurping people's mandate. This bitter truth must be remembered by our nation. No great leader of South Asia can compete with Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto's political insight. The love for people and democracy that Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto instilled among the political workers should never be lost. Formation of the Pakistan People's Party and its aims and objectives By Bashir Nichari

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Formation of Pakistan Peoples Party, its aims and objectives

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

Chandni Kakar:

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

Balochistan becoming unbearably hot

Balochistan is becoming unbearably hot, with rising temperatures transforming heatwaves into a year-round threat. These heatwaves pose severe health risks, including heat stress, dehydration, and even fatalities. In 2017, Turbat recorded a scorching 53.5°C (128.3°F), setting a record for Pakistan. Unfortunately, forecasts suggest that temperatures will continue to rise.

However, the climate challenges in Balochistan extend beyond relentless heat waves. The province grapples with devastating droughts and floods, both of which wreak havoc on homes and infrastructure. The floods of 2010 and 2022 left nearly 4 million people displaced, disrupting lives and triggering food shortages and price spikes due to their impact on the ag-



The 2022 flood in Balochistan underscores the looming climate change threat

The 2022 flood underscored the loom-

ing threat of climate change in Balochistan. Driven by intensified and increasingly frequent monsoon rains, the full extent of the damage is yet to be comprehended. However, it exposed the

province's vulnerabilities and highlighted the urgent need for effective management strategies. Balochistan's annual rainfall of just 200 mm barely meets the needs of its parched population. This water

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

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Climate change also decimated the region's economy through the loss of livestock. Between 2010 and 2022, over

1.5 million livestock were lost, costing over \$1 billion and displacing over 100,000 people, particularly in districts like Quetta, Pishin, Turbat, Pajpore, and Khuzdar.

accept this grim fate. It requires comprehensive strategies tailored to its unique challenges. The provincial government must implement robust climate change policies, emphasizing water resource management and disaster preparedness. Learning from the tragic dam collapses of 2022, preventive measures, such as effective water reservoirs and early warning systems, are imperative. Spreading awareness about climate change and promoting sustainable agricultural practices are equally crucial.

Tree plantations could mitigate sweltering temperatures

In a province where tree planting could mitigate sweltering temperatures and climate change impacts, government initiatives should engage younger generations in green initiatives. Achieving a resilient future necessitates a collaborative effort involving government, local communities, civil society, and the commercial sector. Balochistan's path towards resilience begins with a symphony of collective action.

By addressing these critical issues, Balochistan can better adapt to the challenges posed by climate change, ensuring a more secure and sustainable future for its residents. The writer is a Balochistan-based journalist, she can be reached @KakarChand97707

Sindh CM directs to ensure adequate supply of wheat in market

KARACHI (INP): Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah presiding over a meeting on the wheat release policy directed to ensure adequate supply of wheat in the market.

He said sufficient wheat supply in the market would help maintain stable prices of flour and bread.

The meeting held at the CM House was attended by Agriculture Minister Muhammad Bux Mahar, Food Minister Mahdood Mehboob Zaman, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, and others.

He noted that currently 1.2 million tons of wheat stocks are available in Sindh, with the private sector also holding a further 600,000 tons.

CM Shah said these stocks are sufficient for the next four and a half months, by which time the new harvest is expected.

The chief minister directed the food minister to develop and get approval for a comprehensive wheat release policy. "I want to finalize the wheat release policy and fix the price within this week," he added.

Food minister Mahdood Mehboob briefed the meeting that around 250,000 tons of wheat are normally released to the market each month.

Chief minister stated that to boost production, the government is supporting wheat farmers with 25 acres of land or less. "We are providing these growers with one bag of DAP and two bags of urea fertilizer each," Murad Shah said, adding, "I want to set the support price to encourage a bumper wheat crop."

PCB bars cricketers from playing in international leagues

LAHORE (INP): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has barred members of the national cricket team from playing in international leagues, reported 24NewsHD TV channel on Tuesday.

The Board had suspended the no-objection certificates (NOCs) issued to several cricketers, including Babar Azam, Muhammad Rizwan, Haris Rauf, Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah.

However, they added that the Board would later review its decision and would allow several players to participate in international leagues.

On June 10, 2025, the PCB had issued NOCs to a select group of players, including Babar Azam, Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah. The move came as part of the board's broader strategy to give players valuable exposure while balancing their workload.

Pakistan, Muslim countries praise Trump's efforts to end Gaza war

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Foreign Ministers of Pakistan, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Egypt have welcomed President Donald J Trump's leadership and his sincere efforts to end the war in Gaza. In a joint statement, they asserted their confidence in his ability to find a path to peace and emphasized the importance of the partnership with the United States in ensuring peace in the region.

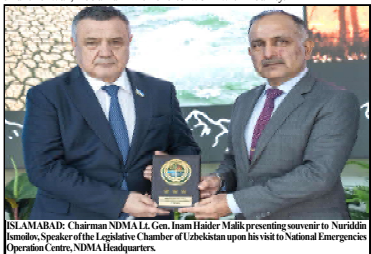
Along these lines, the Ministers welcomed the announcement by President Trump regarding his proposal to end the war, rebuild

Gaza, prevent the displacement of the Palestinian people and advance a comprehensive, peace, as well as his announcement that he will not allow the annexation of the West Bank.

The Foreign Ministers of these countries affirmed their readiness to engage positively and constructively with the United States and the parties toward finalizing the agreement and ensuring its implementation, in a manner that ensures peace, security, and stability for the peoples of the region.

They also reaffirmed their joint commitment to work with

the United States to end the war in Gaza through a comprehensive deal. This comprehensive deal ensures unrestricted delivery of sufficient humanitarian aid to Gaza, no displacement of the Palestinians, the release of hostages, a security mechanism that guarantees the security of all sides, full Israeli withdrawal, rebuilds Gaza and creates a path for a just peace on the basis of the two state solution, under which Gaza is fully integrated with the West Bank in a Palestinian state in accordance with international law as key to achieving regional stability and security.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik presenting souvenir to Nuriddin Samad, Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Uzbekistan upon his visit to National Emergency Operation Centre, NDMA Headquarters.

LAB sets judicial probe into killings, release of detainees as conditions for talks

LEH (INP): The Leh Apex Body (LAB), spearheading the agitation for statehood and constitutional safeguards in Ladakh, has suspended talks with the Indian government until a judicial probe into the police firing is constituted and all arrested activists, including renowned environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk, are released unconditionally.

According to Kashmir Media Service, LAB chairman Thupstan Chingwang and co-chairman Chering Dorjay said in Leh that the "restoration of a conducive atmosphere" was essential before resuming dialogue. They warned that unless New Delhi ordered a judicial probe by a retired Supreme Court

judge and revoked all cases against detainees before October 6, LAB would boycott further talks.

The decision came after the cremation of a fourth victim of the September 24 firing, a retired army soldier, held under heavy restrictions in curfew-bound Leh. The leaders blamed Indian forces, particularly the CRPF, for "excessive force, killings, and injuries," creating an atmosphere of fear, grief, and anger.

Chingwang denounced the administration's attempts to label protesters as "anti-national" or "foreign agents," stressing that the people of Ladakh "will never tolerate such baseless accusations" and demanded proof. The LAB leaders said the unrest was rooted in Delhi's betrayal after revoking Articles 370 and 35A in 2019, which eroded Ladakh's rights.

They reiterated their core demands of statehood, extension of the Sixth Schedule, a separate public service commission and job cadre, and separate Lok Sabha seats.

The Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) had earlier also demanded the immediate release of Wangchuk and other detainees, warning that Delhi's refusal to accept the region's statehood demand was "alienating" the people of Ladakh.

Chinese-made electric buses continue to roll out across Punjab

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chinese-made electric buses continue to roll out across Punjab under Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's Green Initiative, with the newest fleet of 90 inaugurated in Faisalabad.

Maryam Nawaz said she had "brought 150 electric buses for the Faisalabad division. Out of these, 90 will serve

the pilot project in Lahore in February with 27 buses, the program has quickly expanded across Punjab.

Fifteen buses were introduced in Mianwali on September 15, followed by another 15 in Wazirabad on September 17, which now serve nearly 10,000 passengers daily.

On September 19, 33 buses began operating in Sargodha, facilitating around 25,000 passengers each day. Just days later, on September 22, Sahiwal launched its own electric bus service, marking the start of a new era of the clean and modern travel for the city.

With the addition of 90 buses in Faisalabad today, almost 270 buses have been delivered so far, and the number is expected to grow as more

fleets are rolled out in the coming months.

The initiative reflects Pakistan's growing commitment to sustainable transport solutions in partnership with China. In his vision for the Green Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), President Xi Jinping has stressed that development must be rooted in eco-friendly practices.

"We will continue to deepen cooperation in green infrastructure, green energy, and green transport, and step up support for the Green Development Initiative," President Xi said at the Belt and Road Forum in October 2023.

Punjab's adoption of electric buses is seen as a practical, visible outcome of this agenda, which is combining modernization with environmental stewardship.

Since the launch of



SIBI: Deputy Commissioner Sibi Major (R) Ilyas Kalzai is asking educational questions to students at Government Boys High School, Garibabad.



ISLAMABAD: Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani interacting with senators from different political parties at Awan-e-Sadr.

Govt expands Gwadar's health sector with immunization in remote areas

GWADAR (INP): While putting women and children at the center of its health strategy, the government of Balochistan has appointed new health workers, vaccinators, and other medical staff in Gwadar, a step seen as vital for improving care and expanding immunization in far-flung communities Gwadar Pro quoting an official notification issued by the District Health Office Gwadar, stated on Tuesday that 26 qualified candidates have been appointed and have been directed to join duty with an immediate effect.

The new staff in-

cludes a family medical technician, an ECG technician, an OT assistant, three lady health workers, 15 vaccinators, as well as other support staff.

The appointments not only provide job opportunities to the local population but also strengthen healthcare delivery across the district.

Health officials said vaccinators and lady health workers are the backbone of immunization campaigns, particularly in far-flung areas where women and children are often difficult to reach.

The inclusion of female staff members is a positive step in empow-

ering women and ensuring maternal and child healthcare services.

The immunization drives against polio and other preventable diseases remain a priority in Gwadar and other parts of Balochistan, where mobile vaccinators and female health workers are essential for reaching children and women in remote settlements.

In addition to staffing, the provincial government has earlier earmarked millions of rupees from the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) 2025-26 for new and up-

graded hospitals, furnishing and solarization

of trauma centers, and the construction of several Rural Health Centers and Basic Health Units across Gwadar district.

While the Pak-China Friendship Hospital, a flagship health project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), continues to play a central role in delivering modern healthcare to Gwadar city, the expansion of RHUs and BHUs, combined with the newly appointed staff, is expected to benefit remote communities, particularly to improve maternal and child care, and strengthen immunization coverage in areas where residents cannot easily travel to the city.

Pakistan to meet 10000 MT sesame export target to China this year

ISLAMABAD (INP): In order to meet 10,000 metric tonnes (MT) sesame export target to China by the end of 2025, Pakistan-China agriculture cooperation and China-led "contract farming" initiative are in full swing under CPEC.

Introduced by Chinese companies, especially by China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) Pakistan, sesame contract farming spreading over 5,000 acres is becoming instrumental to increase export volume, growers training on modern

to farmers, and revamp of input and output of agriculture infrastructure.

CMEC official Mr Liu told Gwadar Pro that Pakistan's sesame export target to China stands at 10,000 metric tonnes.

"Despite the fact that flood devastation may inflict dents to set target but it is attainable as contract farming has taken effect in the light of CPEC agriculture cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative's agricultural collaborations," he said.

CMEC Pakistan, part of CMEC group (a flagship company of the state-owned SINOMACH group, one of the largest manufacturing & trading groups in China), debuted con-

tract farming with around 500 acres in Pakistan in 2020.

"It is expected that sesame exports to China will exceed \$1 billion in the coming years.

Pakistan's exports of sesame seeds to China exceeded \$226 million in 2024, marking a significant development in bilateral trade relations.

This export growth reflects the increasing demand for Pakistani agricultural products in the Chinese market and highlights potential areas for further economic cooperation.

The rise in sesame seed exports in recent years can be attributed to several factors, in-

cluding enhanced agricultural practices, improved quality control measures, and the establishment of direct trade links between Pakistani farmers and Chinese importers.

Chinese importers have also expressed satisfaction with the quality of the seeds, which are widely used in cooking oil, snacks, and health foods.

CMEC another official Xi An said that the Biohealth Sesame Order Demonstration Farm, part of the China-Pakistan Biohealth Agriculture Overseas Technology Demonstration Park has introduced 17 sesame varieties so far.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail talking to the media regarding the explosion near Pishin Sog FC headquarters.

Islamabad court frames charges against Imaan Mazari, Hadi in tweet case

ISLAMABAD (INP): The District and Sessions Courts in Islamabad formally commenced the trial and framed charges against human rights activist lawyer Imaan Mazari and her husband, Hadi Ali Chattha, in the controversial tweet case on Tuesday.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Afzal Majoka framed the charges during the hearing.

Following this, the court adjourned the proceedings until 1:30 pm today and summoned the prosecution witnesses for the resumed session.

At the time of indictment, Imaan Mazari and Hadi Ali Chattha were not present in the courtroom.

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Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan laud proactive initiatives of NDMA

ISLAMABAD (INP) Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have appreciated proactive initiatives, resilience-building measures and modern preparedness mechanisms of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

The appreciation came during the separate visits of the high-level parliamentary delegations of both the countries to NDMA Headquarters in Islamabad on Tuesday.

The parliamentary delegations of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan also visited National Emergency Operations Center at the NDMA Headquarters.

The Uzbek delegation was led by Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis Nuriddin Ismoilov, while the 20-member state-level delegation of Kazakhstan was headed by Secretary of the Security Council Gizek Nurdauletov.

During the visit to the National Emergency Operations Center, the delegations were briefed on Pakistan's disaster management framework, NDMA's lead coordination role and the operational integration of technology in disaster response and early warning systems.

Chairman NDMA, Lt General Inam Haider Malik, welcomed both the delegations. He also gave a detailed briefing on Pakistan's national disaster risk reduction strategies, coordination mechanisms with provinces during Monsoon 2025, and the role of modern tools in strengthening national preparedness and resilience through National Common Operating Picture along with Global Common Operating Picture.

The NDMA team also gave a comprehensive account of development of disaster early warn-

ings, risk communication, relief and response operations being carried out across the flood affected regions.

The NDMA team highlighted the role of the institution in global disaster relief assistance, conducting Comprehensive International Simulation Exercises with regional countries including Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan for knowledge sharing and global best practices.

Both sides underscored the importance of enhancing bilateral and regional cooperation in disaster risk management, capacity building, and exchange of expertise.

The visits reflect the growing regional solidarity among Central Asian countries and Pakistan in addressing shared challenges of natural disasters and climate change through collaboration and mutual support.



ISLAMABAD: Maqbool Ahmad Gondal, Auditor General of Pakistan paid a courtesy call on Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue following his assumption of office.

SC declares IHC order barring Justice Jahangiri from judicial work 'null and void'

ISLAMABAD (INP) The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday declared Islamabad High Court's (IHC) Sept 16 decision to bar Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri from judicial work 'null and void'.

The decision came a day after the apex court ordered the decision's suspension.

Yesterday, the court adjourned the hearing to 30 September and issued notices to all the respondents, as well as the Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP) Mansoor Usman Awan, to appear before the court.

On September 16, the IHC had restrained Justice Jahangiri from exercising his judicial powers as a two-judge bench issued the interim order while hearing a writ petition filed under Article 199 of the Constitution. Justice Jahangiri then challenged the decision in the SC, pleading for the restraining order to be set aside.

The matter centres on a letter that began circulating last year on social media, purportedly from the University of Karachi, controller of examinations, regarding the judge's law degree.

Resuming the hearing on Tuesday, the five-member Constitutional Bench headed by Justice Aminuddin Khan and comprising Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan — took up Justice Jahangiri's petition. AGP Awan appeared before the court and said, "A judge cannot be barred from judicial work through an interim order." At this, Justice Aminuddin asked respondent Mian Daud, who had filed the

original petition against Justice Jahangiri, for his opinion. In response, Daud said, "I hold the same opinion — a judge cannot be stopped from judicial work."

He added that "an order barring a judge from their duties can not be defended." Noting the AGP's statement and that of other relevant parties, Justice Aminuddin set aside the IHC order, ruling that a judge can not be stopped from carrying out judicial duties.

The SC, while referring to the SC registrar's office objections regarding the petition against Justice Jahangiri in the IHC, directed the court to "first decide on the objections in the writ petition." During the hearing, the matter of the maintainability of the writ petition came under discussion as Justice Jahangiri's legal counsel, Munir Malik, addressed the court and said, "according to yesterday's court order, it was written that the writ is maintainable, but in my opinion, only the SJC can take action against a judge." At yesterday's hearing, the CB had made it clear that it would only examine the Sept 16 restraining order and not the main petition questioning Justice Jahangiri's degree. "No one should be under the impression that we have accepted the high court's jurisdiction to hear the writ petition," he added, referring to the Malik Asad Ali case.

At this, Justice Aminuddin responded: "We have written in the order only the language that is present in the Malik Asad Ali case." In his remarks, Justice Mandokhail said, "We have only

maintained that a judge may only be removed by the SJC." Justice Mazhar asserted that, "We are not touching on the question of the maintainability of the writ of quo warranto. Whether it merited a hearing in a high court is up to the relevant high court to decide."

"The only question before us is whether a judge can be prevented from working through an interim order," he said, stressing that the CB at the moment "will not address the question of whether a writ petition can be filed against a judge."

Both the Supreme Court and High Court judges are not office holders, Justice Mandokhail observed, but then went on to say that "all of these things can be discussed when the case is heard on merit."

"We do not want to go on merit in the present case," he said. On Monday, the SC suspended the order issued by the IHC barring Justice Jahangiri from carrying out judicial duties in a case pertaining to his law degree allegedly being fake. Meanwhile, the Sindh High Court (SHC) is set to hear a petition filed by Justice Jahangiri today, challenging the cancellation of his law degree. Justice Jahangiri has impugned the decisions of University of Karachi's Unfair Means Committee (UMC) and Syndicate, which cancelled his degree in August last year. The IHC judge recently approached the SHC, but at the time of filing, the court's additional registrar (writ) raised several objections, including questions about the maintainability of the petition and the delay in filing it.

Govt 'prepares' Rs389bn flood relief package, awaits IMF nod

ISLAMABAD (INP) The federal government has finalized preparations for a Rs389 billion relief package for flood-affected communities.

The package will be introduced through emergency funds allocated in the federal budget. According to sources, the government plans to formally request the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to allow the launch of the Prime Minister's Relief Package for rehabilitation of flood victims.

The IMF, however, has asked Pakistan to provide detailed estimates of essential

needs arising from flood-related damages.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has submitted an initial estimate of Rs40-50 billion in damages, while Sindh has projected around Rs40 billion in losses. Punjab is also expected to present preliminary figures for affected areas shortly. Provincial governments have agreed to mobilize additional revenues to support relief and rehabilitation.

Sources further disclosed that discussions with the IMF entered their fifth day, with dedicated sessions on National

Finance Commission (NFC) matters and flood-related losses.

Officials from the finance ministry and the governments of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan participated in the talks. The IMF was briefed that Balochistan did not suffer significant damage from recent floods.

On the sixth day of negotiations, IMF representatives are scheduled to receive a detailed briefing from Punjab government officials, sources confirmed.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishagh Dar chaired a meeting to review Pakistan's strategy for advancing trade and economic diplomacy.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti and all participants stand in respect for the national anthem at the Government Girls College ceremony.

Pakistan ministers in Saudi Arabia to draft economic roadmap after landmark defence pact

RIYADH, Sept 30 (INP) A high-level Pakistani delegation led by two ministers is currently visiting Saudi Arabia to advance Islamabad-Riyadh economic ties in a "structured and result-oriented manner," Pakistan's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ahmad Farooq said.

The delegation, led by Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan and National Food Security Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain along with officials from Pakistan's Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), landed in Riyadh on Sept 25 and is reportedly working on a two-month plan to shape bilateral cooperation. Formed in 2023, the SIFC is a civil-military body that aims to attract foreign investment, especially from Gulf countries.

Pakistan has tried to strengthen its business-to-business (B2B) relations with the Kingdom in recent years, with both sides signing 34 memorandums of understanding and agreements worth \$2.8 billion during the visit.

ing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Riyadh last October. The agreements aimed to enhance private sector collaboration and commercial partnerships.

The visit of the Pakistani delegation comes after Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed a landmark defence pact during Shehbaz Sharif's state visit to Riyadh this month. While the pact is meant to enhance joint deterrence and deepen decades of military and security cooperation, many analysts

believe the agreement will likely open new avenues of economic cooperation between the two nations.

"The visit comes within the framework of the High-Level Taskforce for Economic Cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, which provides an institutional mechanism to advance bilateral economic ties in a structured and result-oriented manner," Ambassador Farooq told Arab News.

PPP walks out of NA against Maryam Nawaz's fiery remarks

ISLAMABAD (INP) The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) staged a walkout from the National Assembly in protest against controversial remarks made by Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz targeting the party.

Following the walkout, the Speaker adjourned the assembly session until 11 am on Friday.

Before leaving, PPP senior leader Syed Naveed Qamar addressed the House, expressing disappointment over the Punjab Chief Minister's speech. "We were deeply hurt by her yesterday's remarks. Given the current circumstances, it has become difficult to work with the government," he said. "We have no obligation to sit with you. If

you give us respect, we will stay. For years, we have been accused of propping up this government," CM Maryam said. "We will build canals because it is our water. But the reality is this water belongs to everyone. Without the Indus, there is nothing."

During his speech, members of the opposition party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), invited PPP lawmakers to sit on their benches. Responding to the invite, Syed Naveed Qamar remarked, "That time is not far, soon it will come."

PPP leader Naveed Qamar further announced, "Until conditions improve, we will not remain part of this House. We are walking out."



QUETTA: President Mili Yajkhet Council Balochistan Mulana Hidayat ur Rehman addressing a press conference.

Differences between PML-N, PPP 'family matters': Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP) Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar on Tuesday said that differences between the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) were internal matters, but their alliance remained intact and was based on ideology and sincerity.

Responding to a point of order raised by PPP leader Syed Naveed Qamar in the National Assembly, he said, "If anyone has been hurt by words, we apologize; politics comes with ups and downs, and such verbal exchanges happen. These issues will be resolved within the house, as our focus is to strengthen democracy and the country."

He added that the alliance had delivered success for Pakistan "from Saudi Arabia to the United Nations," stressing that it was founded on good faith. "Today, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has declared Pakistan's people as guardians of the Haramain Sharifain," he noted.

Earlier, speaking on a point of order, Syed Naveed Qamar highlighted the flood situation across the country, particularly in his constituency, where villages

and farmland were submerged. He said that people were distressed and looking to the national leadership for relief and rehabilitation.

Quoting a food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report, he warned that upcoming Rabi crops were at risk and immediate recovery efforts were needed. "Speeches alone will not solve the crisis. We must show compassion for those whose responsibility lies on our shoulders," he said.

Naveed Qamar said PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had visited flood-hit areas and even appreciated the Punjab Chief Minister's response. He said that while Punjab rarely faced such disasters, Sindh was affected every year, stressing the urgent need for post-flood rehabilitation.

Recalling the World Bank-supported housing project in Sindh after previous floods, Naveed said it had succeeded and encouraged other institutions to extend assistance. "As coalition partners, we can advise, but criticism should not be taken negatively," he added, expressing disappointment over recent political statements.

Balochistan launches digital financial management system

QUETTA (INP) The government of Balochistan has launched a digital financial management system, replacing its previous fiscal processes as part of a public finance reform initiative.

The system was formally inaugurated by the province's Chief Minister, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, according to Gwadar Pro.

According to the provincial finance department, the initiative includes e-filing and other digital tools designed to streamline financial management, reduce bureaucratic delays, and increase transparency.

Public sector data on human resources, budgets, and development projects has been integrated into the system. Officials said this is intended to create a unified information portal for policymakers, government employees, and the public.

The goals are to reduce red tape, increase the accountability of civil servants, and improve the ease of doing business to attract investment.

An official in Balochistan's Finance Department told Gwadar Pro that the system could foster greater public participation in budgeting and policy if properly implemented.

Police officer martyred in Karachi gun attack

KARACHI (INP) An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of police embraced martyrdom when some unidentified assailants who were riding a motorcycle opened fire in Karachi.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Malir Abdul Khaliq Pirzada said that the incident occurred during resistance in a dacoity attempt in Bhains Colony located in Karachi.

The SSP said that the martyred ASI was going home after performing his duties.

The victim, Qaisar Ali, was performing his duties in Saudabad Police Station, Karachi.

All assailants escaped from the scene, leaving behind their motorcycle. Later, the police team took custody of the motorcycle.

Soon after receiving the report, the police team rushed to the spot and shifted the dead body of ASI to the hospital. Police started an investigation into the incident.

Power Cement to build 7.5MW captive wind power plant

ISLAMABAD (INP) Pakistan's Power Cement Ltd. on Monday announced what it called the country's "first-ever" green transaction to install a 7.5-megawatt captive wind power plant.

The project is supported by a PKR 1.5 billion financing facility from Bury Clean Energy Modaraba. It will be constructed by Orient Energy Systems using turbines from the Chinese manufacturer Goldwind.

In a statement, Power Cement said the initiative would reduce its reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to Pakistan's industrial decarbonisation, Gwadar Pro reported on Tuesday.

The deal highlights a growing trend of Pakistani industrial firms adopting captive wind power using Chinese technology.

Earlier in September, Goldwind reported that its portfolio of operational captive wind power projects in Pakistan had surpassed 76 MW, with another 118 MW under construction.

Separately, a July statement indicated that the Karachi-based Liberty Mills is another major company in this green transition, with wind power projects totaling 113 MW.