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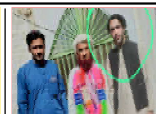
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Corruption, Not Law and Order, Is Balochistan's Biggest Problem: CM Sarfraz Bugti

Qasem Shah, News Desk: QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has said that the province's greatest challenge is not law and order or so-called insurgency, but corruption, which has deeply damaged institutions, the social fabric, and public trust—especially among the youth.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Inter-University Sports Festival at Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUTEMS) on Anti-Corruption Day, the Chief Minister emphasized that "without eliminating corruption, there can be no development, justice, or good governance."

The ceremony was also addressed by Provincial Advisor on Sports and Youth Affairs Meena Majeed Baloch, Director General NAB Balochistan Nauman Aslam, and BUTEMS Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Hafeez.

Corruption Has Damaged the Foundation of Our Society'

CM Bugti stated that while Balochistan's

security forces are fully capable of handling peace and security challenges, the core issue lies in systemic corruption. He said, "Our institutions have been weakened by corruption, which must be eradicated to ensure transparency, accountability, and justice."

Highlighting his government's commitment to merit-based governance, Bugti said that for the first time in Balochistan's history, over 12,000 to 16,000 teachers were recruited purely on merit in the Education Department, adding that this culture of merit would be expanded to all sectors.

He reaffirmed his government's determination to revive sports grounds and provide healthy opportunities for youth engagement, calling it a vital step toward building a corruption-free and progressive society.

'Accountability Is Above Politics and Relationships'

Bugti emphasized that accountability institutions in Balochistan, including the Chief Minister's Inspection Team, Anti-Corruption

Establishment, and departmental accountability units, have been strengthened to ensure transparency at every level.

He said, "For the first time, a Chief Minister's Secretariat to

is not influenced by personal relations or political pressure."

Bugti added that during his tenure, "No phone call has ever been made from the Chief Minister's Secretariat to

ability process remains completely independent and impartial."

'Youth Are the Real Strength of the State'

but the educated, honest, and conscious youth."

He urged the youth to stay away from propaganda against Pakistan, saying that dissatisfaction with govern-

ment, integrity, and service, asserting that a society built on these values will automatically eliminate corruption and injustice."

Bugti also highlighted the introduction of Balochistan's first-

'Transparency, Accountability, and Institutional Reforms'

The Chief Minister announced that the Balochistan government has launched effective institutional reforms to promote transparency and take strict action against corrupt elements without discrimination.

"Honest officers will be encouraged, and restoring public trust in government institutions is our top priority," Bugti said. He added that corruption is not limited to financial misconduct—neglecting responsibilities, violating working hours, and breaching public trust are also forms of corruption. Bugti concluded by saying, "If our youth unite against corruption, we can build a transparent, strong, and prosperous Balochistan for future generations."

He commended Advisor Meena Majeed Baloch, Secretary Dara Baloch, and the entire organizing team for the successful conduct of the sports festival.

emphasizing that such positive activities will continue through upcoming youth summits and sports events.



ter Inspection Team chairman submitted an inquiry report against his own brother — this is proof that accountability

influence anti-corruption investigations. He reiterated that no individual is above the law, and the account-

Addressing the students, the Chief Minister said, "The real power of the state is not the gun

nance is acceptable but the state itself has committed no sin. He called upon students to dedicate themselves to truth,

ever Youth Policy, aimed at empowering young people through education, employment, and civic participation.

Tragedy Upon Tragedy: Grieving Family Forced to Pay for Dead Bodies After Quetta Bombing

Syed Ali Shah: QUETTA: In a deeply distressing incident that has sparked outrage across Balochistan, a grief-stricken family, already shattered by the loss of an aged father and his young son in the September 30 suicide bombing near the Frontier Corps Headquarters in Quetta, was allegedly forced to pay hospital staff Rs.16,000 to receive the bodies of their loved ones.

The victims — Noor Muhammad and his son Sabir — were among those killed when a powerful explosion ripped through the FC Headquarters area.

The family spent the entire day desperately searching for their remains, finally locating them around midnight at Civil Hospital Quetta.

According to relatives, the hospital staff initially demanded Rs.35,000 for handing over the bodies, despite the family's repeated pleas that they were from a poor background and had already lost everything.

After hours of anguish, the grieving



family managed to collect Rs.16,000 through donations from relatives and locals to retrieve the bodies of their father and son.

The heartbreaking story went viral on October 7, drawing public condemnation and questions about the collapse of ethics and accountability in public institutions.

The hospital administration responded by holding an emergency press conference, claiming that a volunteer of a welfare foundation had taken the money — not the hospital staff — and that an investigation was underway. However, the explanation has done little to calm public anger.

Citizens and activists have demanded a transparent inquiry, calling it a disgrace that a family mourning its dead had to pay for basic human dignity.

The tragedy of Noor Muhammad and Sabir is not just about the loss of life in a terrorist attack — it reflects the systemic decay of compassion and governance.

When institutions exploit the helpless instead of serving them, it becomes clear that the crisis in Balochistan is not only about security — it is about humanity itself.

Pakistan Air Force to get advanced air-to-air American missiles

NEWS DESK: An arms contract recently notified by the United States Department of War (DoW), formerly Department of Defense, lists Pakistan among the buyers for AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), it emerged on Tuesday.

With this, Pakistan Air Force inches closer to receiving additional missile stocks under United States President Donald Trump's administration.



among its foreign military sales recipients, raises the total value of the contract to over \$2.51 billion. "This contract involves foreign military sales to United Kingdom, Poland, Pakistan, Germany, Finland, Australia, Romania, Qatar, Oman, Korea, Greece,

Switzerland, Portugal, Singapore, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Japan, Slovakia, Denmark, Canada, Belgium, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Norway, Spain, Kuwait, Finland, Sweden, Taiwan, Lithuania, Israel, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Turkey," the notification states. It adds that work on the

order is expected to be completed by end of May 2030. Although it remains unclear as to exactly how many, if any, new AMRAAM missiles will be delivered to Pakistan, the development has triggered speculation about potential upgrades to the Pakistan Air Force's F-16 fleet.

DG ISPR says Chinese weapon systems performed 'exceptionally well' during May conflict with India

NEWS DESK: Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry has said that Chinese weapon systems deployed during Pakistan's four-day military conflict with India in May performed "exceptionally well."

During the conflict, Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar reportedly said the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) used Chinese J-10C jets in its response to India's May 7 attack. A report by The Guardian had noted that Pakistan deploying J-10Cs would "mark the first time the Chinese planes — and the PL-15 missiles they were carrying — have been used in combat anywhere in the world." In May, China had expressed ignorance about the use of its jets, saying it was



"not familiar with the matter." In July, however, the Chinese air chief commended the PAF's "exemplary performance" in the May conflict. In an interview with Bloomberg, which was held last week and published yesterday, Lt Gen Chaudhry said: "Of course lately, recent Chinese platforms, they've demonstrated exceptionally well." "We are open to all sorts of technology," he added. Lt

Gen Chaudhry was quoted as saying that Pakistan had recently raised its tally of Indian aircraft shot down to seven — up from a previous count of six. Recently, United States President Donald Trump also described how he confronted both nations during an active war that saw "seven aircraft shot down."

The DG ISPR also refuted Indian claims of Pakistan losing any planes. "Pakistan has never tried to play with figures and facts," Lt Gen Chaudhry said. Pakistan said it downed six Indian jets in retaliation in May, including the French-made Rafale. India's highest-ranking general has acknowledged that its forces suffered losses in the air, but denied losing six aircraft. "The conflict marked the largest battlefield deployment of Chinese weaponry in recent history, with the J-10C as well as the PL-15 air-to-air missile seeing live documented fighting for the first time," Bloomberg stated. During the escalation, shares of Chinese defence manufacturing companies rallied as tensions between India and Pakistan boosted the outlook for mainland exporters.

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Trump's Peace Plan: Legitimising Israel's Occupation

Editorial: A Peace agreement often loses its credibility when it fails to recognize the rights of the oppressed. This is the case with President Trump's much-surfaced Gaza peace plan. Far from being a genuine step toward peace, it presents a surrender document that legitimizes Israel's long-standing occupation of Palestine. Sadly, this so-called peace plan was endorsed by major Muslim countries, including Pakistan.

While standing with Trump, Netanyahu, accused of war crimes, accepted the plan and also threatened to finish the job if Hamas does not accept the plan wholeheartedly. However, outrage sparked among various analysts when Netanyahu claimed victory in Hebrew language at Tel Aviv. The question arises: How can Trump propose a plan for peace without involving an international arbitrator—the United Nations Organisation? Critics have rejected this plan on various grounds.

First, the plan has no two-state solution. In fact, it blurs the possibility of an independent Palestinian state in the future. Sadly, Netanyahu has already repudiated the idea of an independent state. Also, President Trump called Palestine recognition by France, Britain, Canada, and Spain a reward to Hamas. So far, the United States has stopped Israel from occupying the West Bank, but some government officials of Netanyahu intended to do so.

Second, Hamas and



the Palestine National Authority, the only representatives of Gaza and the West Bank, have been eliminated in the process. Even the United States vetoed a resolution to stop Israel's civil deeds. Fifth, Hamas has been given the ultimatum of 72 hours to accept the plan. It is not a plan but a surrender charter for the group. It means Hamas has no choice but to go with the plan. They are not consulted on their fate. The Trump-Netanyahu plan has fortified Israel further. It openly advocates for Greater Israel.

Sixth, this plan also outlines that Gaza will be governed by a political committee under the supervision of a Board of Peace which will be headed by Donald Trump and Tony Blair. Tony Blair, the former prime minister of the UK during 2003, had been widely criticized for the invasion of Iraq based on false claims about weapons of mass destruction. He is regarded as a war criminal in the UK as well as in the Muslim world. Therefore, his appointment provoked worldwide criticism. Seventh, no future guarantee is mentioned in the proposed framework.

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role of the UN—unable to stop genocide—its sanctity must prevail. Critics always blamed the United States. For instance, every time the US vetoed a resolution to stop Israel's civil deeds. Fifth, Hamas has been given the ultimatum of 72 hours to accept the plan. It is not a plan but a surrender charter for the group. It means Hamas has no choice but to go with the plan. They are not consulted on their fate. The Trump-Netanyahu plan has fortified Israel further. It openly advocates for Greater Israel.

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If Our Neighbours Can, Why Can't Balochistan?

Sadia Sadique

Unravel: Women in Balochistan, Pakistan's resource-rich province have always played vital roles in their families and communities. Yet, despite their resilience, they continue to face significant barriers to education, employment, healthcare, and leadership opportunities.

While progress toward women empowerment in Balochistan has been slow, there is immense potential for transformation—especially when we learn from the success stories of our neighbouring countries.

Learning from China's Model of Women Empowerment

A recent international seminar in China brought together representatives from across Balochistan to explore effective models for women's capacity building.

The event showcased successful initiatives in China, where rural women have been empowered through vocational training, entrepreneurship development, access to healthcare, and quality education.

One powerful example was observed at the Yiwu Trade Centre, a thriving commercial hub managed significantly by women.

Their visible leadership, financial independence, and entrepreneurial skills showed how empow-

ering women in trade and business can accelerate economic growth. For Balochistan's women, such examples offer hope—and a

proven strategies from other regions and communities. Yet, despite their resilience, they continue to face significant barriers to education, employment, healthcare, and leadership opportunities.

The key lies in combining global best practices with local knowledge. Through targeted policies, better infrastructure, gen-

entrepreneurship opportunities for women in Balochistan, the province can join its neighbours in creating a more equitable, prosperous, and pro-



roadmap—for social and economic progress.

The Challenges in Balochistan

Despite the growing awareness, women in Balochistan continue to struggle with multiple challenges. In rural areas, many girls are still deprived of quality education; healthcare facilities remain inadequate; and deep-rooted social norms restrict women's participation in public and economic life.

Yet, these challenges are not insurmountable. By adopt-

Local Initiatives and the Road Ahead

Several local organizations and government programs in Balochistan have already started working toward women's empowerment—from community education initiatives and vocational training centres to healthcare and entrepreneurship programs.

While these initiatives are commendable, they require stronger investment, effective implementation, and inter-agency coordination to make a

der-inclusive governance, and digital literacy.

Balochistan can unlock the full potential of its women. When progress, entire families and communities move forward—leading to economic growth, social stability, and sustainable development.

A Call to Action

The seminar in China served as a reminder that women's empowerment is not just a social goal—it's an economic necessity.

By investing in education, health, and

aggressive future. Now is the time for government, civil society, and private sector stakeholders to work together and translate these lessons into real action.

The women of Balochistan have already proven their strength, resilience, and determination—all they need are opportunities, support, and a system that believes in their potential.

If our neighbours can empower their women to lead, innovate, and thrive—why can't Balochistan, a province of Pakistan cannot?

Illegal Israeli Attack on Gaza Hospital Sparks Outcry over Violation of Human Rights

By Samiullah:

In recent years, the Israel-Palestine conflict has witnessed numerous escalations, resulting in the tragic loss of countless lives and extensive damage to infrastructure. Among the most shocking incidents in this ongoing conflict is the illegal Israeli attack on a hospital in Gaza, which has sparked international outrage and underscores the pressing need for international intervention to protect the most vulnerable individuals caught in the crossfire.

The Inhuman Act: Targeting Hospitals:

War, even when waged between states with longstanding conflicts, is subject to rules and conventions. The fundamental principle of international humanitarian law is to protect civilians, including the wounded, children, and the elderly. Hospitals are meant to be sanctuaries in times of conflict, places where the injured can receive medical care without fear of attack. Yet, the attack on a hospital in Gaza flagrantly violated these principles and sent shockwaves through the international community.

The Impact of the Attack:

The repercussions of the attack on a hospital in Gaza were catastrophic. Innocent civilians, including chil-



dren, the wounded, and the elderly, were directly affected by this grave violation of international law. Lives were lost, and the injured faced dire circumstances with limited access to medical care. Moreover, such actions fur-

ther fuel the cycle of violence in the region, making it increasingly difficult to achieve a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

International Responsibility:

The United Nations and powerful nations must step up and play a pivotal role in addressing the Israel-Palestine conflict. The concept that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" has been a longstanding principle

in international relations and powerful nations should exert diplomatic pressure on the conflicting parties

to adhere to the rules of war and peace.

Thucydides' Insights: Rules of War and Peace:

The ancient Greek historian Thucydides,

element of the international order. The attack on a hospital in Gaza stands as a blatant violation of these principles and underscores the necessity of enforcing them.

To Sum Up:

The illegal Israeli attack on a hospital in Gaza serves as a stark reminder of the tragic consequences that the Israel-Palestine conflict continues to impose on innocent lives. It is imperative for the international community to unite in its efforts to promote peace, protect the most vulnerable, and ensure the principles of war and peace are upheld.

As Thucydides noted, these principles are not a sign of weakness but the cornerstone of a just and humane world order.

It is high time for the United Nations and powerful nations to take proactive measures to end the suffering and work towards a lasting solution in the region.

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7 injured after blast derails 4 Jaffar Express bogies in Sindh's Shikarpur

SHIKARPUR (INP): At least seven people were injured on Tuesday after a blast on a railway track derailed four bogies of the Jaffar Express in Sindh's Shikarpur district, according to officials.

With a rise in terrorist attacks over the past few years, Balochistan has seen a series of incidents where militants

blow up train tracks, targeting the province's transport infrastructure. Shikarpur Deputy Commissioner Shakel Abro said that a blast had occurred on the train tracks at 8:15am. He said that the incident occurred at a distance of 1km from the Sultan Kot railway station.

He said that the blast had caused the de-

raiment of four bogies. Abro said that seven people had been injured, out of which four had been taken to the Combined Military Hospital while the remaining three had been taken to Civil Hospital in Shikarpur. He said that the Jaffar Express train was bound for Quetta via Jacobabad.

Sukkur Deputy Di-

visional Superintendent Syed Moamir said that the blast occurred while the train was moving on the track. He said that a crane was being brought by railway officials to put the derailed bogies back on the track. Sukkur Divisional Transport Officer (DTO) Mohsin Ali Sial told Dawn.com that passengers were being taken to nearby stations

so that work could commence on repairing the track.

Shikarpur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shahbaz Chachar said that the blast had targeted a single track used by trains going to and from Quetta via Jacobabad.

He maintained that police would provide medical assistance to the injured passengers.

In August, no loss of life was reported after a bomb blast on a railway track in Balochistan's Mastung district derailed six bogies of the Jaffar Express. The incident occurred near the Spandz station in Mastung's

Larkana commissioner to provide medical assistance to the injured passengers.

The incident came just three days after Quetta-bound Jaffar Express narrowly escaped a disaster in Balochistan's Sibi, where a bomb planted near the track exploded just after the passenger train passed.

Dasht Tehsil, when the train was heading from Sibi to Peshawar City station with 350 passengers on board.

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QUETTA: Various delegations are meeting with Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail

India aggression continues as it releases more water into Sutlej

MULTAN, Oct 7 (INP): India's water aggression continued late last night as it released another 60,000 cuses (cubic feet per second) of water into the Sutlej River, causing a steady rise in water levels on the Pakistani side near Bhikki Wind in Kasur, local authorities confirmed.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Punjab has warned of a further rise in water

flows across major rivers over the next 24 hours, including the Sutlej, Ravi, Chenab, and Jhelum.

According to the PDMA's Tuesday report, the flow of water in the Sutlej River has reached 59,000 cuses at Ganda Singh Wala and 31,000 cuses at Head Sulamanki.

The authority noted that, while river flows across Punjab remain within normal limits, the ongoing monsoon rains are

gradually increasing water levels; however, no flood threat has been issued so far.

The PDMA director general said that moderate increases in river flows are expected within the next 24 hours.

He said at various monitoring points, the current readings of water flow in the River Ravi are recorded as 23,000 cuses at Jassar, 22,000 cuses at Shahdara, 55,000 cuses at Balloki

Headworks, and 45,000 cuses at Sidhni Headworks. Similarly, in the Chenab River, water flow has been recorded at 31,000 cuses at Marla, 17,000 at Khanki Headworks, 11,000 at Qadirabad, and 11,000 at Trimmu.

According to today's PDMA report, the flow at Panjnad stands at 30,000 cuses, while no significant flow has been reported in hill torrents across Dera Ghazi Khan Division.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan addressing at the launch of AI Programme for PhD and Mphil students in collaboration with the Stanford university

Probe into Muslim man's custodial death in Maharashtra jail after five years ordered

NASHIK (INP India's National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has ordered a "spot investigation" into the 2020 custodial death of 31-year-old prisoner Asghar Ali Mansoori in Nashik Central Jail, Maharashtra, India, five years after the incident was first exposed by the web portal, The Wire. Mansoori had lost his life inside the prison.

A not recovered from his stomach named five prison officials has accused of torture and harassment. Mansoori reportedly swallowed the note, wrapped in a polythene bag, before hanging himself from a ceiling fan during the COVID-19 lockdown on October 7, 2020.

The note was later recovered from his stomach during the post-mortem but was never treated as a dying declaration. Despite the serious allegations, Maharashtra Police failed to initiate a criminal inquiry against the named officials, some of whom have since been transferred or retired.

The NHRC's decision follows two formal complaints lodged after The Wire's detailed report on the case. NHRC Deputy Superintendent

of Police Dushyant Singh, who is leading the visit, said "non-cooperation" from the state authorities," adding that the Commission still hasn't received the mandatory magisterial inquiry report.

Mansoori had been working as a warder inside the prison. In his note, he alleged that jail officials identified as Bavskar, Chavan, Sarpal, Gile, and Karkar subjected him to prolonged torture and solitary confinement for nearly a year.

His father, Mumtaz Ali, has consistently disputed the official version of events and accused authorities of a cover-up. Following the death, six fellow inmates were taken to the Bombay High Court detailing the abuse of prisoners at Nashik Central Jail, but no action was taken. Human rights activists Shanyu Hazarika and Dhanya Kumar later petitioned the NHRC, pressing for a probe under Human Rights Act.

Lawyer Vijay Hiremath, representing Mansoori's family, said the state was legally bound under Section 176(1A) of the Code of

Criminal Procedure to conduct a judicial inquiry into custodial deaths but failed to share the report with the family or the court.

Prisoners' rights activist Wahid Shahid said Mansoori's death "was a clear case of custodial torture and institutional negligence."

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Punjab govt to construct 57,000 houses for deserving people

LAHORE (INP): Punjab government has planned to construct 57,000 houses across the province for deserving people on easy instalments.

According to spokesperson, standard and affordable

houses will be constructed under the management of Punjab Housing Department. In this regard, about 41 sites have been selected across the province for the construction of 20,000

houses in the first phase. The government also gave approval to transfer selected government lands to the Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency. Houses will be

constructed on government lands in 24 districts across the province. Under the program, 22 sites covering 250 square feet will be constructed in 16 districts while eleven 3-storey houses of 530 square

feet will be constructed in five districts and eight 4-storey houses covering 550 square feet will be constructed in three districts.

Housing Department said the project will be completed in

five years and solar energy will be provided in these houses. Rainwater storage system will also be introduced.

Residential houses will be constructed as per international standards, Housing Department spokesperson said.

Residential houses will be constructed in collaboration with the World Bank and the private sector. Residents will be ensured easy provision of all facilities as per their living requirements.

Quality inspection and project monitoring will be ensured regularly during construction and affordable housing project will be completed under the best strategy.



KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim presents photographic album to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif documenting his three days visit.

100 best Punjab schools to get Rs100 million prize

LAHORE (INP): Rs100 million cash prize has been announced by Punjab government for 100 best schools selected from 36 districts across the province.

According to the report, all schools will be given Rs1 million each for their best performance. Punjab Education Foundation (PEF)

and Punjab Education Initiative Management Authority (Peima) schools outscored by the government will also be given prizes.

The schools will be inspected by a third party. Prizes will be awarded for the best results, infrastructure, classrooms and provision of basic amenities.

School heads will be able to spend the funds on the welfare of the institution and children as they wish. Meanwhile, third phase of contracting out schools temporarily halted. According to Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat, outsourcing of schools has been halted for 2 months. The third

phase of contracting out schools was to start from October 5, 2025. Rana Sikandar Hayat said two months are required for the schools contracted out in Phase 2 to become stable. He said the third phase will be started only after the already outsourced schools are stable.

SC allows live streaming of 26th Amendment case

ISLAMABAD (INP): An eight-member constitutional bench of the Supreme Court, headed by Justice Ameeruddin Khan, heard petitions challenging the 26th Constitutional Amendment and approved the request for live streaming. The proceedings of the case will now be broadcast live.

At the start of the hearing, lawyer Shahid Jameel, representing Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, stated that objections had been raised against their plea for a full-court bench, and an appeal had already been filed. He requested that the chamber appeal be

decided first. Jameel further said there were also objections to the formation of the current bench, so their petition should be heard along with other related cases. After consultation, the bench directed that the petition be numbered.

Later, Khawaja Hussain Ahmad, representing Justice Jawad S Khawaja, requested the court to allow live streaming of the proceedings. Justice Ameeruddin Khan said that notices had already been issued for both parties, explaining that if objections were raised against the bench, an-

other bench would hear them; otherwise, the same bench would proceed with the live-streaming request. He added that the issue of the full-court formation would be decided first, and the live-streaming matter would be addressed afterward. Khawaja Hussain Ahmad remarked that the entire nation wants to see what happens in the court.

Justice Jamal Mandokhail commented, "Our tragedy is that we misuse everything. We wanted to use live streaming to educate people, but instead, we were exposed through

it." Additional Attorney General Aamir Rehman then appeared before the bench. Justice Ayesha Malik asked for the government's stance on live streaming—whether it should continue or not.

Aamir Rehman replied that live streaming falls under the administrative side. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar responded, "So, you agree with whatever decision the bench makes."

Later, the bench, led by Justice Ameeruddin Khan, approved the live-streaming request and adjourned the hearing until 11:30 am the next day.

Punjab govt restores jail trial of PTI founder in GHQ Attack case

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Punjab government has restored the jail trial of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan in the May 9 General Headquarters (GHQ) attack case, issuing a formal notification to resume proceedings inside Adiala Jail.

According to sources, the Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Rawalpindi had earlier cancelled the trial, but following the provincial government's latest decision, the case hearing is now expected to take place inside Adiala Jail tomorrow. Superintendent Adiala Jail has written to the police request-

ing additional security arrangements to ensure a foolproof security setup during the proceedings.

The Punjab government had previously, on September 15, issued a notification transferring the trial venue. PTI founder Imran Khan had been produced before the ATC Rawalpindi via video link in earlier hearings.

Prosecutor Zaher Shah confirmed that the video trial notification has been cancelled, and the hearing will now be conducted in person at Adiala Jail. He added that the prosecution team will present three

witnesses in tomorrow's hearing, including Inspector Yaqoob Shah, SSP Mirza Javed, and Inspector Nazim Hussain Shah.

The PTI founder, Imran Khan, was arrested on May 9, 2023, from the premises of the Islamabad High Court, where he was attending a hearing in a corruption case. Khan, who served as the prime minister of Pakistan from 2018 to 2022, was accused of receiving illegal gifts and assets from foreign countries.

Imran Khan's arrest sparked widespread protests and riots across the country, as his sup-

porters and party workers took to the streets to demand his release.

The PTI protesters attacked and vandalized several civil and military installations, including the General Headquarters (GHQ) of the army in Rawalpindi, the Jinnah House in Lahore, the Minawali airbase and others. The protesters also burned vehicles, blocked roads, and clashed with the police and security forces.

More than 5,000 people were arrested and charged under the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) and other laws for their involvement in the riots.



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways and National Police Foundation sign a historic agreement to digitalize railway revenue a milestone towards the Prime Minister's cashless vision.

PM Shehbaz says building sustainable startup ecosystem govt's priority

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 07 (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday reiterating his government's commitment to creating a business-friendly environment and ease of doing business, said that efforts were under way for reforms to support startups and early-stage investors through investment facilitation and better infrastructure access.

In a meeting with a delegation from the Malaysia business group Gobi Partners, led by Co-Founder and Chair Thomas G. Tsao in Kuala Lumpur, PM Shehbaz

Sharif said that the Special Investment Facilitation Council was striving to provide all possible facilities to foreign investors.

Citing immense potential for enhancing economic and trade cooperation, the prime minister said that Pakistan and Malaysia were working diligently towards that goal. He commended the Pakistan-Malaysia Business and Investment Conference held on Monday to strengthen business-to-business ties which was addressed by both Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his Malaysian coun-

terpart Anwar Ibrahim. Appreciating Gobi Partners' confidence in Pakistan's startup ecosystem, Prime Minister Shehbaz said that mobilizing international and domestic investment to build a sustainable startup ecosystem was his government's priority.

He said that the digital economy, particularly fintech, e-commerce, and IT services, was a vital component of the national development strategy and that the country welcomed relevant international business groups and investors, keeping in view its vast potential in IT, tech,

and AI sectors. Gobi Partners expressed keen interest in collaboration in Pakistan's e-commerce and financial technology sectors.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaulah Tahir, Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fatemi, and relevant senior government officials.

NAVTC prepares key recommendations to bring technical institutions at par with global standards

ISLAMABAD, Oct 07 (INP): The National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTC) has submitted key recommendations to the federal government to align Pakistan's technical and vocational institutions with international standards.

The recommendations include ensuring a harassment-free work environment, updating curricula in line with global standards, promoting a green economy, enforcing national standards set by NAVTC, and advancing the Dublin Accord, among other crucial proposals.

These recommendations were formulated

during a two-day International Dialogue organized by NAVTC. Representatives from the British Council, European Union, German Cooperation, academia, industry experts, and government officials participated in the event. The recommendations were finalized with the consensus of all stakeholders.

Minister of State Wajida Qamar praised NAVTC for preparing "highly important" recommendations and vowed to ensure their implementation across workshops, industries, and technical institutions.

"We will enforce these recommendations

to help Pakistan move on the path of progress," she stated, adding that the contribution of NAVTC Chairperson Gulnara Bilal was instrumental in making this possible.

She emphasized that the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector had become the backbone of Pakistan's economic growth. "About 64% of our population is under the age of 30, yet less than 8% of our youth are enrolled in formal TVET programs. Each year, around 2 million young Pakistanis enter the labor market, but only a fraction possess industry-relevant skills. Without equip-

ping our youth with technical expertise, economic development is not possible," she said. Head of the European Union Delegation to Pakistan, Geroen Willems, lauded Chairperson Gulnara Bilal's leadership, saying that her efforts had brought together TVET practitioners, policymakers, academics, and government representatives in this global dialogue. "This initiative, supported by Germany and the EU, resulted in 24 key recommendations. With 3 million young Pakistanis entering the labor market annually, it is crucial to equip them with globally recognized vocational skills," he added.



KUALA LUMPUR: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan during a one-on-one meeting with Malaysian Minister of Digital YB Tun Ghobir Singh Doo, both Ministers discussed strengthening cooperation in the digital economy and IT sectors.

NUMS MDCAT 2025 Result Expected Soon

Syed Muhammad Yaseen ISLAMABAD: The National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) is expected to announce the NUMS MDCAT 2025 result within the coming week, according to the university.

Thousands of medical aspirants across Pakistan are anxiously awaiting their MDCAT results following the NUMS MDCAT 2025 examination, which was conducted on September 28, 2025, after being rescheduled from its earlier date of September 14.

Result Likely Within a Week Based on NUMS' previous result schedules, the university typically declares MDCAT results 7 to 10 days after the test date. If this pattern holds, the NUMS MDCAT 2025 result is expected to be released between October 5 and October 10, 2025.

far. Students are therefore urged to stay patient and avoid relying on unverified social media reports regarding result announcements. Official Announcement Still Pending

NUMS has yet to issue an official press release or notification on its website confirming the result date. The university usually publishes such updates through its official website (numspak.edu.pk) and authorized communication channels.

What Candidates Should Do Keep checking

the official NUMS portal for authentic updates.

Prepare your roll number, CNIC, or admit card to access the result once it goes live. Stay alert for the merit list and admission schedule, which will be announced shortly after the result publication.

The NUMS MDCAT serves as one of the most significant entrance tests for students aspiring to secure admission to Army Medical College and other affiliated medical and dental institutions across Pakistan.