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Rebellion, Walkout, Victory: Sohail Afridi's Big Day

Monitoring Desk: PESHAWAR: In a major political development, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Sohail Afridi has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), following an assembly session overshadowed by opposition protests and uncertainty over Ali Amin Gandapur's resignation.

According to KP Assembly Speaker Babar Saleem Swati, Sohail Afridi secured 90 votes out of the 145-member provincial assembly, comfortably crossing the required majority of 73 votes.

The opposition parties, including JUI-F, PML-N, and PPP, boycotted the session and did not receive a single vote.

Speaker Swati announced that Maulana Lutfur Rehman (JUI-F), Sardar Shah Jehan Yousaf (PML-N), and Arbab Zarak Khan (PPP) failed to gain any support, while three members were reported to be abroad.

Following the announcement, the assembly echoed with loud chants of "Sohail Afridi Zindabad".

They called a "historic victory for Imran Khan's vision in Khyber



A Worker From the Tribal Belt Becomes Chief Minister

In his first address as Chief Minister, Sohail Afridi expressed deep gratitude to PTI founder Imran Khan, crediting him for nominating "a simple party worker from a middle-class background" instead of someone from a political dynasty.

"Neither Bhutto, Zardari, nor Sharif is attached to my name," Afridi said proudly, emphasizing his roots in the tribal districts. He said that for 78

years, the people of the tribal areas were stereotyped as backward or expendable, but Imran Khan recognized their potential and gave them representation.

"No matter how much I thank Imran Khan, it will never be enough," Afridi remarked, adding that tribal communities across KP are celebrating his victory and thanking PTI for giving them a voice.

Political Change in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly election marks a significant shift in provincial politics, as PTI reaffirms

its dominance despite leadership transitions. Sohail Afridi's appointment symbolizes Imran Khan's populist strategy, empowering loyal grassroots workers rather than traditional elites.

Political analysts believe this decision will strengthen PTI's narrative of accountability, meritocracy, and representation of the tribal belt — a region historically overlooked by mainstream politics.

Afridi vowed to continue Imran Khan's vision of good governance, justice, and development in KP, promising to "end the sense of deprivation" among tribal communities.

Pakistan Reopens Chaman Border Route for Afghan Refugees' Return



Sardar Muhammad Khondai,

News Desk:

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BALUCHISTAN

: Breaking News: The Government of Pakistan has officially reopened the Chaman border crossing to facilitate the return of stranded Afghan refugees amid ongoing Pakistan-Afghanistan border tensions, according to security and local sources.

Hundreds of Afghan nationals had been stranded at the Pak-Afghan border in Chaman, a key bor-

der city in Balochistan, after the closure of the Bab-e-Dosti Gate disrupted movement and trade.

The decision was made after tribal elders, including Qari Aslam,

Alam Yar, Haji Aminullah Khan Noorzai, and other prominent figures, met with senior Frontier Corps (FC) officials and requested humanitarian passage for the refugees.

According to officials, the Chaman crossing has been reopened only for Af-

ghan repatriation, while the main trade and pedestrian routes will remain temporarily closed.

"This limited reopening aims to ease the humanitarian crisis while ensuring border security," said a security source.

Meanwhile, tribal elders have confirmed they are in constant communication with Pakistani authorities to ensure the full reopening of the Pak-Afghan border for trade, travel, and humanitarian activities in the near future.

The Chaman border, one of Pakistan's

most strategic border crossings with Afghanistan, plays a vital role in cross-border trade, humanitarian aid, and refugee movement between the two countries.

The closure of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border came after Taliban forces launched an unprovoked attack on Pakistani border check-posts, to which Pakistan gave a befitting military response, reportedly capturing several Taliban positions across the frontier.



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Asmat Hanafi

PISHIN: A tragic accident occurred in the mountainous area of Kanto, Pishin, when a tractor-trolley's brakes failed, causing it to plunge into a deep gorge. The accident left three people dead and 26 others injured. According to rescue sources, the deceased have been identified as Gul Muhammad, Malik Khan, and Fauji. Their bodies were slided to May Adda, while the injured were taken to DHQ Hospital Pishin for first aid. Due to critical conditions, several of the injured were later referred to



Quetta for advanced medical treatment. Eyewitnesses reported that the accident occurred when the tractor lost control while moving up a steep slope after its brakes failed. Police have launched an investigation into the incident.

Balochistan High Court Confirms Aimal Wali Khan's Senate Victory as Legal and Transparent

Staff Reporter:

The Balochistan High Court has upheld the election victory of Senator Aimal Wali Khan, declaring his Senate seat legal, valid, and in full compliance with constitutional and electoral laws.

A two-member bench, led by Justice Kamran Malik, heard the case filed by Muhammad Ali Kanrani, who had challenged Aimal Wali Khan's Senate election on procedural and legal grounds.

In its short order, the court stated that all constitutional, electoral, and legal requirements were duly fulfilled during the election process. The petition was dismissed, and the court announced that a de-

tailed verdict will be released later. ANP Balochistan President, Asghar Khan Achakzai and Mahab Kaka, the Secretary General, welcomed the judgment and termed it a legal victory for the party. Senator Aimal Wali Khan was represented by Advocate Sangeen

Khan, Advocate Olay Khan, and members of the Malgaray Wukalan (Progressive Lawyers Forum). The ruling marks a significant legal and political victory for Aimal Wali Khan and the Awami National Party (ANP), reinforcing his legitimacy in Pakistan's

Senate and strengthening the party's position in Balochistan's political landscape.

Observers note that this verdict will boost confidence in Pakistan's judicial system, as the Balochistan High Court reaffirmed the transparency and legality of the Senate election process.

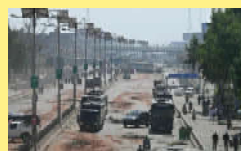


Police say protesters dispersed in Muridke; SHO martyred, 3 TLP workers killed in clash

NEWS DESK: Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) protesters, who had camped at Muridke after authorities blocked their route to Islamabad by digging up trenches, were dispersed on Monday after clashing with law enforcement personnel, according to police.

Authorities moved to close roads and motorways again in and around Lahore and Islamabad — which had started reopening on Sunday — after the development as panic spread among citizens about the potential outcome of the clash. Meanwhile, some schools in Islamabad also closed earlier than usual.

The TLP, which began its protest march in Lahore on Friday, was planning to reach Islamabad and stage a demonstration in support of Gaza and Palestine outside the US embassy. On Sunday, law enforcement agencies, including Pakistan Rangers (Punjab) and large contingents of police from five districts, were dispatched to Muridke and reportedly surrounded TLP protest camp in what appeared to be preparations for a



large-scale operation. A senior police official, who wished to remain anonymous, confirmed to Dawn.com today that police action to disperse the protesters from Muridke started at 11 am and lasted for six hours.

Punjab Inspector General of Police (IGP) Dr Usman Anwar confirmed that TLP chief Saad Rizvi had neither been arrested nor injured in this morning's clash.

Earlier, Punjab police spokesperson Mubashir Hussain said a police station house officer (SHO) was martyred during the clash and three TLP workers were killed.

Separately, the Punjab police also posted on X about an SHO's martyrdom in "in by armed groups" in

Sheikhpura — the district where Muridke is located. The police, however, did not name the TLP.

The statement on X said Sheikhupura Factory Area Station House Officer (SHO) Shehzad Nawaz had lost his life in the line of duty while trying to maintain order and protect people's lives and properties.

Hussain said 48 law enforcement personnel were injured in the clash, 17 of whom sustained bullet wounds, while eight citizens also suffered injuries. He further stated that a passerby was also killed in the incident.

Punjab police later posted on X that the injured law enforcement personnel were being provided medical treatment. Hussain main-

tained that as law enforcement personnel moved to disperse the protesters, TLP members attacked them with stones, batons, with nails lodged in them and "petrol bombs". They later opened fire, he alleged, adding that lives were lost during the firing.

"Law enforcement personnel had to initiate limited action in their defence," Hussain said, further accusing the TLP protesters of setting 40 government and private vehicles on fire.

He said police had also arrested several protesters. Authorities have been arresting TLP activists since their protest began on Friday last week.

Meanwhile, Lahore Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Operations Faisal Kamran had told the media on Saturday that 112 police personnel had been injured until then since the start of the protest.

Earlier today, videos allegedly showing clashes between the TLP and police, with images showing burnt vehicles and smoke filling the air, were circulating on social media.

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Balochistan's Climate Fund – A Lifeline Against Growing Disasters



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

Floods In Buner
The tragic flash floods in the Buner area of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa this month, which claimed precious human lives, are a grim reminder that Balochistan can fight alone. Partnerships with international organizations, such as the United Kingdom, are essential in bringing technical expertise, innovative solutions, and funding support. Training local institutions, particularly in areas like disaster management

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

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

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

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

Balochistan has shown leadership by creating this Climate Fund.

The next step is to ensure that it does not become another underutilized policy initiative. Effective monitoring, independent community involvement will be key to making it a success.

In the face of global warming, every delay carries a cost in human lives and economic stability. The Chief Minister must now take all possible steps to translate the promise of the Climate Fund into tangible protections for the people of Balochistan.

Aziz ur Rehman Agba

The Cold War may have ended, but the ideological clash between Capitalism and Communism continues to shape global politics, economics, and international relations. Even today, global alliances reflect these old ideological divisions. However, both Capitalist and Communist systems have failed to manage political and socio-economic affairs effectively. One system suppresses personal freedom; the other deepens inequality. Both carry serious structural flaws that make them unsuitable for modern societies. This calls for a new, balanced approach — one found in the Islamic socio-economic and political philosophy, which follows a middle path between the two extremes.

The Flaws of Communism

Communism lies at one extreme of the ideological spectrum. It suppresses individual freedoms such as speech, press, and trade.

Historical examples from Maoist China during the Cultural Revolution (1966–1976) show how intellectual expression was crushed — books and music not aligned with party ideology were banned, and private libraries were destroyed. Similarly, in the USSR, any deviation from party thought was treated as a crime.

Economically,

Communism eliminates private property and discourages entrepreneurship. Without personal incentive, individuals lose motivation to innovate and work for economic growth. As a result, this system hampers development and limits prosperity. The severe restrictions on

while exploiting the working class. Under Capitalism, profit takes precedence over people — workers are overburdened, and ethical values are often sacrificed for industrial gains.

Furthermore, Capitalism's obsession with rapid industrialization and profit maxi-

A Balanced Approach
Both Capitalism and Communism fail because they represent extremes — one suffocates freedom, the other breeds inequality. Islam, however, offers a balanced socio-economic philosophy that harmonizes justice, freedom, and social wel-

exploitation. Together, these principles foster economic justice, social cohesion, and sustainable development.

Conclusion
Neither Capitalism nor Communism provides a complete solution to humanity's political and economic challenges. Both contain inherent flaws —

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THE ISLAMIC MIDDLE PATH

basic rights and freedoms make Communism unsustainable in modern nation-states.

The Problems with Capitalism
On the other end lies Capitalism, which has enabled just 1% of the world's population to control more wealth than the remaining 99% combined. This system inherently promotes economic inequality, empowering elite industrialists

zation has led to environmental destruction, resource depletion, and climate crises.

It prioritizes wealth accumulation over sustainability. These internal contradictions — growing inequality, moral decay, and ecological harm — make Capitalism an unfit model for an equitable, sustainable society.

The Islamic Socio-Economic Philosophy:

one curtails human freedom, the other destroys social equality. The Islamic socio-economic model, however, offers the ideal middle path — balancing individual rights with collective welfare. With its emphasis on justice, equality, and moral responsibility, Islam presents the most sustainable and humane political and economic philosophy for the modern world.

Artificial Intelligence Just Taking Baby Steps

Syed Muhammad Qasem:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human intelligence in computer systems. In simple words, AI enables machines to perform tasks that require human intelligence. These tasks can be learning from past experiences, solving problems, and making predictions based on provided data. Until now, AI has just started taking baby steps but it is growing at a much rapid rate.

Every invention had various positive and negative impacts on human civilization. According to Google's CEO, Sundar Pichai "AI will have a more profound impact on human beings than fire, electricity, and the internet". This innovation also has both positive and negative impacts on human beings. If it is left unchecked it will have adverse impacts on human creativity, the job market, and the flow of information. However, the positive use of AI will bring major advancements in medical science, education, agriculture, etc. In the following paragraphs, the impacts of AI on humans are described.

Negative Impacts of AI:

AI is a technological tool and its use can be both positive and negative, although it is in the hands of human beings on how to use it. Following are some negative impacts of AI on humans.

Deep Fakes Through Generative AI:

In the age of information technology,

misinformation is a major issue. The introduction of generative AI into public space has further worsened the predicament of information flow. Through generative AI, deep fakes are generated. These deep fakes are difficult to judge, as original or fake, for a person who has no knowledge of AI. The deep fakes can be an image, a video, or a voice note. Recently, in Slovakia's 2023 elections, a fake voice of a party's leader and a journalist was shared on social media, in which they were talking about purchasing votes from the poor population. This voice badly reduced the vote bank of that party during elections.

Another example of the deep fakes that created uncertainty was pictures of the former US president, Donald Trump's arrest, which provoked his supporter's sentiments against the state. Therefore, if the use of generative AI is left unchecked, bad actors in society will use it for their own purposes and spread wrong information.

AI's use in War:

Using AI for the purpose of AI will have ferocious results. Because AI unlike humans has no fear, doesn't commit mistakes, doesn't get tired, and has no mercy. So, it can fight much better than a soldier. Thus, Countries are trying to develop AI fighters, robots, and drones for the maximization of power. This will attract the attention of their rival countries to build AI war machines

for the balance of power. Hence, like nuclear weapons, AI will further worsen security dilemmas if used for the purpose of war.

AI is a Major Threat to Human Creativity
Creativity is a unique characteristic of human beings due to which they bring development, prosperity, modernization, and enliven in their lives. But man-made intelligence is growing so



rapidly that it has posed a grave threat to the creativity of God's humankind. With only a few clicks and in some seconds, an AI program can write a book, a novel, a poem, an assignment and an article. Furthermore, it can sing a song, draw a painting, solve a problem, and make a prediction. On the other side, it takes much effort and time for a human to do

all these tasks. Due to the lazy and comfortable seeking nature of human beings, now they mostly rely on AI to perform these tasks. With the passage of time AI is learning more skills and human's reliance on AI is further increasing. This increase in reliance on AI will cause the death of creativity in humans.

AI and Job Market
"AI is coming to take your job", this news was seen on

nor have sleep problems, consequently, companies are manufacturing AI-driven cars to avoid road accidents. Journalists and content writers demand huge salaries for their work, while ChatGPT is a free AI app that can do the same tasks freely and quickly. More interestingly, AI will replace its own founders (Software Engineers) who developed AI, as AI can write

positively. AI can Revolutionize the Medical Field AI along with synthetic biology can transform the world shaped until now. AI and synthetic biology can eradicate debilitating diseases, and find treatments for pandemics, thus providing health benefits. AI has also made a lot of achievements in the field of surgery. Last year, an AI robot performed a successful

Humans remain curious to predict things or the outcome of events. If data is fed to an AI, it can find patterns in that data, and based on those patterns it can give predictions. For example, AI can predict election results, market demand for a product, predict weather etc. In the US 2020 presidential elections, an AI model was trained to predict the outcome of elections. Tweets and Facebook posts were fed to the model from which AI separated positive and negative sentiments about former US President Trump and current US President Joe Biden. Based on the high number of positive sentiments, the AI model predicted that Trump would win the elections, and he won. So, humans can take advantage of this feature of AI and reap its benefits.

Boosting Agriculture Through AI
Pakistan is an agriculture-based country, and enhancing the agriculture sector will boost the country's economic performance. AI can increase agricultural production by predicting the best time to cultivate and harvest a crop. It is also capable of identifying soil conditions, plant diseases, weather forecasts, and when plants need to be irrigated. Moreover, AI can analyze the market's supply and demand chain. AI will be efficient in saving the loss of water during irrigation. Secondly, it will provide a suitable environment for the plants to grow through maintaining

soil fertility and water needs. To sum up, equipping agriculture with AI systems will boost agricultural production and prevent heavy water losses.

Recommendations for the Pakistani Government

The world has entered into the race of AI development. Fortunately, Pakistan has a huge human resource, but making them skilful in the field of AI is a hard task to do. All provincial governments should include AI in the school curriculum. There should be an AI portal for students, from where they can get updates about AI developments around the globe and jobs announced by the government. Furthermore, universities must be directed to increase practical work in AI rather than theoretical.

Conclusion

In conclusion, AI nevertheless advantageous, poses a grave threat to human civilization. If AI is left unchecked, it can spread misinformation through deep fakes, worsen the status quo of security dilemmas, cause the death of human creativity, and take jobs. So, all countries should sit on a single platform and form laws to control the development and introduction of AI tools in public space. In addition, AI companies should include a watermark to the content generated through AI to cope with misinformation. In the end, AI will be more hazardous if it gets consciousness and moves physically freely without being dependant on humans.

Finance Minister leaves for US to participate IMF, WB meetings

ISLAMABAD (INP): Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has left for the United States to participate in the annual meetings of International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

The Finance Minister will participate in more than sixty-five events, forums, ceremonies, and meetings during his six-day visit.

During his visit, the Finance Minister will represent Pakistan at the plenary meetings of IMF and World Bank.

M u h a m m a d Aurangzeb will meet with senior officials of the IMF, World Bank, International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

He will meet World Bank President Ajay Banga in person and will also attend a dinner for Finance Ministers of selected countries at Ajaib Banga's special invitation.

The Finance Minister will also meet IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on the sidelines of the G24 and at Middle East,

North Africa and Pakistan (MENAP) countries platform. He will address MENAP forum as a keynote speaker.

He will also participate in a regional roundtable on FBR's digital transformation organized by the World Bank.

In the roundtable, apart from FBR officials, tax authorities from other countries will also highlight

their tax reforms.

The Finance Minister will also attend two important events organized by World Economic Forum (WEF).

During the visit, Muhammad Aurangzeb will meet with his counterparts from China, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan.

The Finance Minister's meetings with top White House officials are also part of the schedule.

He will meet with the Chairman of Financial Services Committee of Congress.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb will also meet with senior officials from the US Departments of State and Treasury and the Inter-

national Development Finance Corporation (IDFC).

During the visit, the Finance Minister will also meet with officials from global credit ratings agencies, commercial banks, especially the investment banks from the Middle East.

The Finance Minister will visit leading

US think tanks, including the Atlantic Council and the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE).

M u h a m m a d Aurangzeb's schedule also includes meetings with leading members of the Pakistani community and giving interviews to selected international and US media representatives.



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari with outgoing Australian High Commissioner Mr. Neil Hawkins, who paid a farewell call at Aiwan-e-Sade.

Trump may approve Tomahawks for Ukraine if Russia continues war

WASHINGTON (INP): US President Donald Trump said he may offer long-range Tomahawk missiles that could be used by Kyiv if Russian President Vladimir Putin does not end the war in Ukraine.

Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One as he flew to Israel that he and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy discussed Zelenskyy's request for weaponry, including Tomahawks.

The Kremlin spoke by phone on Saturday and Sunday.

Tomahawk missiles have a range of 2,500 miles (1,550 miles), long enough to strike deep inside Russia, including Moscow.

The Kremlin has warned against any provision of Tomahawks to Ukraine, and Trump on Sunday said they would be "a new step of aggression" if introduced into the war.

The United States

would not sell missiles directly to Ukraine, but provide them to NATO, which can then offer them to the Ukrainians, Trump said. "Yeah, I might tell him (Putin), if the war is not settled, we may very well do it," he said. "We may not, but we may do it ... Do they want to have Tomahawks going in their direction? I don't think so."

Zelenskyy said earlier that Ukraine would only use Tomahawk missiles for defensive purposes and not attack civilians in Russia, should the US provide them.

Ukraine's Zelenskyy said he was still working on trying to convince Russia to approve a missile deal.

"We count on such decisions, but we'll see," Zelenskyy said.

Putin said earlier this month that it was impossible to consider Tomahawks without the direct participation of US military personnel and so any supply of such mis-

siles to Ukraine would trigger a "qualitatively new stage of escalation."

Still, Zelenskyy, in a Sunday evening address in Ukraine, said he saw Russia's concerns as reason to press forward.

"We see and hear that Russia is afraid that the Americans may give us Tomahawks — that this kind of pressure may work for peace," Zelenskyy said.

The war in Ukraine is Europe's deadliest since World War II, and Russian officials say they are now in a "hot" conflict with the West.

Putin portrays it as a watershed moment in Moscow's relations with the West, which he says humiliated Russia after the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union by enlarging NATO and encroaching on what he considers Moscow's sphere of influence, including Ukraine and Georgia.

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This has been the policy of Indian intelligence agencies in the past as well. Indian agencies had established their network in Afghanistan for subversive activities in Pakistan even before 2021.

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plete its nefarious plans against Pakistan under the guise of development projects in Afghanistan.

The Salma Dam, also known as the Afghan-India Friendship Dam, located in the Herat province of Afghanistan, has come under question. The local Afghan population has expressed serious reservations about the sustainability of this dam, built with the cooperation and assistance of India.

Although India is trying to portray itself as a reliable partner of Kabul, the ground realities show there is no similarity between India and Afghanistan. India's friendship with Afghanistan is driven solely by its nefarious motives.

Pakistan Army wins gold at Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2025 in the UK: ISPR

NEWS DESK: A Pakistan Army team won the gold medal at Exercise Cambrian Patrol-2025, held in Wales from October 3-13, according to a statement from the military's media wing.

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said that the exercise retained its

demanding professional standards, where patrols from militaries across the globe move tactically across 60 kilometres of inhospitable terrain within 48 hours, completing specialised tasks.

"This year, 137 teams from 36 Countries participated in the exercise and out of all

these teams, [the] Pakistan Army's team, led by Captain Muhammad Saad, showed exceptional performance in the exercise and [was] awarded with the gold medal," the ISPR said.

"It is indeed a proud moment for the whole nation and [the] Pakistan Army, which is known for its professionalism and highest standards of training," the statement added.

"Pakistan Army has always held [the] country's flag high and will keep endeavouring in future as well."

Pakistan also won the gold medal at the exercise last year and in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Jaishankar, Muttuqi meeting: India trying to regain its lost influence in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): An important meeting was held in New Delhi between Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Afghan Foreign Minister Mawlaqi Amir Khan Muttuqi.

This meeting held on October 10 marked a new beginning in the relations between the two countries.

This meeting between Jaishankar and Muttuqi is a manifestation of the fact that India is trying to regain its lost influence in Afghanistan and restore its weak position in the south Asian region.

Many countries in South Asia are now not ready to recognize India's hegemony and

are pursuing their own independent foreign policy. In this situation, the Afghan foreign minister's visit to India is very surprising.

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Hamis begins releasing Israeli hostages, as Trump heads to Israel

JERUSALEM (INP): Palestinian group Hamas released the first seven surviving Israeli hostages on Monday, an official involved in the operation said.

The initial phase of a ceasefire agreement that US President Donald Trump helped to broker aimed at ending the conflict in Gaza.

The truce and the exchange of hostages to be released and prisoners follow two years of war that evolved into a regional conflict, drawing in countries such as Iran, Yemen and Lebanon, while deepening Israel's international isolation and reshaping the Middle East.

The seven hostages had been transferred to the International Committee of the Red Cross from the armed wing of Hamas in Gaza, the official said. The handover of the 13 remaining sur-

viving hostages, plus 28 other Israeli hostages — 25 dead and two whose fate is unknown — is expected to follow.

Under the agreement, Israel was set to release almost 2,000 Palestinian detainees and convicted prisoners from its jails later on Monday.

Those 1,966 detainees boarded buses at Israeli prisons and most were expected to be released at Gaza's Nasser Hospital on Monday, an official involved in the operation said. About a dozen masked gunmen dressed in black, apparently members of Hamas' armed wing, arrived at Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza, Reuters footage showed.

In Israel, people waving Israeli flags gathered near Reim, a military camp near Gaza, where hostages were brought, and then taken to hospitals. Hundreds of people

gathered at Tel Aviv's Hostages Square, cheering and waving Israeli flags and holding up posters of the hostages.

"The war is over," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One as he flew from Washington to Israel on Sunday. Asked about prospects for the region, he said: "I think it's going to normalise."

Trump is set for a hero's welcome when he addresses Israel's parliament later on Monday. He will be awarded Israel's highest civilian honour later this year, Israel's President Isaac Herzog said. In a statement issued on Monday, the armed wing of Hamas affirmed its commitment to the terms and timeline of the deal, contingent on Israel's adherence. It claimed that Israel failed to free the hostages through its military

offensive.

The conflict was sparked by a Hamas attack on October 7, 2023, that killed around 1,200 people in Israel with 251 taken hostage. Israeli airstrikes and ground assaults have since devastated Gaza, killing more than 67,000 Palestinians, the enclave's health officials say. Progress towards a lasting peace now hinges on global commitments that may be taken up by a summit later on Monday or more than 20 world leaders led by Trump in Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh resort.

Much could still go wrong. Further steps in Trump's 20-point plan have yet to be agreed. Those include how the demolished Gaza Strip will be governed once fighting ends, and the ultimate fate of Hamas, which has rejected Israel's demands it disarm.



RAWALPINDI: H.E. Ms. Tina Lebel, Ambassador of Republic of Germany called on Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj, Federal Minister for Defence Production at Rawalpindi.



QUETTA: Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshirvani presides over the 7th Public Private Partnership Board meeting.

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سلسلہ	تاریخ	موضوع	مقام	تاریخ	موضوع	مقام	تاریخ	موضوع	مقام
1	18-10-2025	کورونا وائرس (B-07)	کورونا وائرس	18-10-2025	کورونا وائرس	کورونا وائرس	18-10-2025	کورونا وائرس	کورونا وائرس
2	21-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-12)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	21-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	21-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
3	24-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-12)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	24-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	24-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
4	27-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-14)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	27-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	27-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
5	30-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-12)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	30-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	30-10-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
6	01-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-01)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	01-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	01-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
7	04-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-01)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	04-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	04-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
8	07-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-14)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	07-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	07-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
9	10-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-12)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	10-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	10-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
10	13-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-01)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	13-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	13-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
11	16-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-14)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	16-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	16-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
12	19-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-12)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	19-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	19-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
13	22-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-01)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	22-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	22-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر
14	25-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر (B-14)	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	25-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	25-11-2025	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر	اسٹینڈنگ آفیسر

Pak-Afghan border closed for second day amid escalating tensions

PESHAWAR (INP): The Chaman border crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan remained completely closed for the second consecutive day on Monday as tensions soared following deadly cross-border clashes.

The closure has halted all transportation and trade activities, according to security sources.

Security officials confirmed that the Pak-Afghan border at Chaman remains sealed, with strict security arrangements in place on both sides.

The closure has disrupted the movement of goods and people, affecting daily cross-border trade and transport — a vital economic lifeline for the region.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), militants from the Afghan Taliban and the Indian-backed group Fatah-ul-Khawarij launched a co-ordinated attack late on the night of October 11 and 12 near the border.

The Pakistan Army responded swiftly, repelling the assault and capturing 21 Afghan positions temporarily, while also neutralizing several

terrorist command and planning centers.

The ISPR confirmed that 23 Pakistani soldiers were martyred and 29 others injured during the fierce exchange of fire.

In retaliatory strikes, Pakistani forces reportedly killed more than 200 militants linked to the assault.

Pakistan's firm stance on border security has prompted the military spokesperson to say that continued provocations would invite from its territory and to stop supporting cross-border militancy.

The statement emphasized that "Pakistan will continue to take all possible actions to protect its people."



SHARM EL SHEIKH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif arrives in Sharm El Sheikh to attend Gaza Cessfire and Peace Summit. Dr. Ashraf Sobhy, Minister of Youth and Sports for Egypt received the Prime Minister upon his arrival.

Justice Mandokhail wonders whether judges can hear 26th Amendment case if they are its 'beneficiaries'

NEWS DESK: Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail on Monday wondered whether judges comprising the Supreme Court (SC) Constitutional Bench (CB) hearing petitions against the 26th Amendment could do so if they were its "beneficiaries".

The Amendment was passed by the parliament during an overnight session in October last year, with the PTI claiming seven of its lawmakers were abducted to gain their favour as the party opposed the legislation.

The Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) also alleged its two senators were being, with both later denying party line to vote in the "twists" favour.

The legislation, which altered judicial authority and independence, has been a lightning rod for debate with both opposition parties and legal experts questioning its impact on the judiciary's independence.

The twists took away the SC's suo motu powers, set the chief justice of Pakistan's (CJP) term at three years and empowered a Special Parliamentary Committee for the appointment of the CJP from among the three most senior SC judges. It also paved the

way for the formation of the CB, which is now hearing petitions against the very legislation that enabled its establishment.

Former Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Abid Shahid Zuberi continued his arguments on the case today. The hearing has been adjourned till 11.30am tomorrow (Tuesday).

The CB hearing the pleas is headed by Justice Aminuddin Khan and also includes Justices Mandokhail, Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Ayesha Malik, Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Musarat Hilali, Naeem Akhtar Afghani and Shahid Bilal Hassan.

During recent hearings, judges have questioned whether the CB has the power to issue orders for the constitution of a full court, as requested by petitioners. So far, Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) lawyer Hamid Khan, Balochistan High Court Bar Association (BHCBA)'s counsel Munir A. Malik and petitioner Barrister Salahuddin Ahmed have presented their arguments.

Hamid sought the formation of a 16-member bench as per the number of judges present in the SC in October.

At the outset of the hearing, Justice Mandokhail questioned whether it was the right of any party to request a bench of its choice, to which Zuberi replied, "I do not think that any party has the right to select a bench of their choice. But here the case is that we are re-

Security arrangements reviewed at police stations, checkpoints

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (INP): District Police Officer (DPO) Tank, Shahid Hussain Shah has visited various police stations and checkpoints to review security arrangements.

According to a police spokesman, those visited include police station Mullaazi, Gul Imam checkpoint, police lines, and various city checkpoints.

During the visit, he closely reviewed the security arrangements, police performance, and public safety measures.

He stressed the need for the police force to utilize modern scientific techniques, professional skills, and all available resources while performing their duties with a spirit of public service.

The DPO also instructed the personnel to remain alert and prepared at all times to effectively respond to any unforeseen situation.

DPO Shabbir Hussain Shah said that adopting precautionary measures in the current climate was essential, and the police must remain vigilant around the clock to tackle any potential threats swiftly and efficiently.

Speaking on the occasion, the DPO said Tank police were taking every possible step to ensure public safety and that peace in the region would be maintained with the full cooperation of the citizens.

He also mentioned that the police were conducting regular training exercises to enhance their operational readiness and coordination with other law enforcement agencies.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shafeel Qadir Khan addressing the participants of the National Workshop regarding the overall situation in Balochistan.

Prime minister leaves for Sharm El-Sheikh to attend Gaza Peace Summit

LAHORE (INP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday, departed for Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on a special invitation from U.S. President Donald Trump and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi to attend the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit aimed at negotiating a ceasefire in Gaza.

The Prime Minister is accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar and Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attallah Tarar as part of the official delegation. During the visit, Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif will attend the signing ceremony of the Gaza Peace Agreement, which will also be attended by President Donald Trump, President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and other prominent world leaders.

The peace summit is the culmination of special efforts made by President Trump, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Arab-Islamic leaders during the United Nations General Assembly to secure a ceasefire and establish lasting peace in Gaza.

In a joint declaration issued earlier, the participating nations, including Pakistan, welcomed President Trump's plan for a Gaza ceasefire, sustainable peace, and regional development.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's participation in the summit underscores Pakistan's firm support for the rights of the Palestinian people and its commitment to providing them with all possible political and diplomatic assistance.

Pakistan hopes that the peace summit and the signing of the agreement will bring an end to the ongoing atrocities in Gaza, ensure the withdrawal of Israeli forces, facilitate the return and safety of displaced Palestinians, lead to the release of prisoners, and pave the way for reconstruction in a peaceful environment.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) leaders congratulate Afridi

PESHAWAR (INP): PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan congratulated newly elected Chief Minister KP Sahib Khan Afridi on winning the election.

Thanks God all available MPAs and Ministers for their unflinching support and efforts to make the transfer of power smooth.

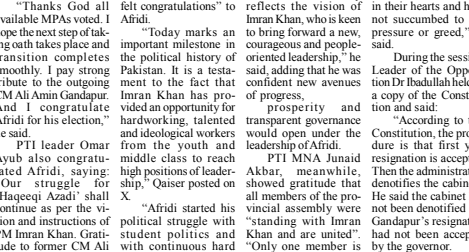
PTI senior leader Asad Qaiser said extended his "heartfelt congratulations" to Afridi.

Today marks an important milestone in the political history of Pakistan. It is a testament to the fact that Imran Khan has provided an opportunity for hardworking, talented and ideological workers from the youth and middle class to reach high positions of leadership," Qaiser posted on X.

"Afridi started his political struggle with student politics and with continuous hard work, perseverance and the spirit of serving the people, he has reached the highest position in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa today. His election undoubtedly reflects the vision of Imran Khan, who is keen to bring forward a new, courageous and people-oriented leadership," he said, adding that he was confident new avenues of progress, prosperity and transparent governance would open under the leadership of Afridi.

PTI MNA Junaid Akbar, meanwhile, showed gratitude that all members of the provincial assembly were "standing with Imran Khan and are united."

"Only one member is outside the country," Akbar posted on X. "I pay tribute to all the members of the provincial assembly who have kept Imran Khan, the workers and themselves in their hearts and have not succumbed to any pressure or greed," he said.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a group photo with Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey Mr. Numan Kurtulmus, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan Mr. Sahib Gafarova and Chairman Senate of Pakistan Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani on the occasion of Third Trilateral Speakers Meeting of Azerbaijan, Pakistan and Turkey at Parliament House.



Border clashes rattle stocks and PSX suffers major sell-off

NEWS DESK: Heightened tensions along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border over the weekend sent shockwaves through financial markets, sparking panic at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Monday.

Investor sentiments took a sharp hit, with the benchmark KSE-100 index nosediving over 4,500 points in a single trading session amid mounting fears of regional instability.

Stocks suffered downturn by losing 4,654 points and settled at 158,443.

The market rout followed reports of deadly overnight clashes along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, where at least 23 Pakistani soldiers were martyred and over 200 militants killed in an attack reportedly launched from Afghan territory, according to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

The escalation comes at a time when the PSX was already showing signs of strain, with investors unnerved by uncertainty surrounding Pakistan's IMF programme and the broader economic outlook.

The KSE-100 index had dropped 3.5% last week to close at 163,098.19 points, weighed down by thinning volumes and profit-taking after opening in a chaotic start.

JS Global Head of Equity Research Waqas Ghani told The Express Tribune that the market has lost around 9,500 points in the last six sessions, driven by weak investor sentiment amid escalating cross-border tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan.



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