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Pakistan seeks peace with all neighbours, but will not allow cross-border terrorism from Afghanistan: COAS Munir

NEWS DESK: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir said on Thursday that Pakistan sought peace with all neighbours, including Afghanistan, but reiterated that the country will not allow cross-border terrorism to be perpetrated from Afghan soil.

According to a statement from the military's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Field Marshal Munir made the comments during a trip to Peshawar, where he held an interactive session with a jirga of tribal elders. Later on, he was given a comprehensive briefing at Headquarters 11 Corps on the prevailing security environment, operational preparedness and ongoing counter terrorism efforts to maintain peace and stability along the Pak-Afghan border.

Pakistan-Afghanistan relations have worsened sharply in recent weeks, marked by border clashes and mutual accusations. Islamabad has repeatedly warned Kabul against permitting the banned Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)



to use Afghan territory for attacks — an allegation the Taliban reject. After a ceasefire, both sides initiated talks in Turkey to develop a mechanism for monitoring Taliban measures to curb cross-border assaults, but discussions have so far reached a stalemate.

While addressing the jirga, Field Marshal Munir highlighted that "despite the continuation of cross-border terrorism from Afghanistan, Pakistan, over the last few years has exercised patience and extended multiple diplomatic and economic overtures to Afghanistan, aimed at improving

Pak-Afghan bilateral relations." "However, instead of acting decisively against Indian-sponsored terror proxies Fitna Al Khawarij and Fitna Al Hindustan, [the] Afghan Taliban regime has been providing all possible assistance to these groups," the statement said.

Fitna-al-Khawarij is a term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), while Balochistan-based groups have been designated Fitna-al-Hindustan to highlight India's alleged role in terrorism and destabilisation across

Pakistan. It added that during the interaction, the COAS assured the tribal elders that Pakistan, particularly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, will be "cleansed of the terrorists and their abettors."

"The army chief also appreciated the 'steadfast and unconditional support' rendered by the tribal people to the security forces during the recent standoff between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban."

He paid rich tribute to the resilience and sacrifices of the brave people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in [the] war against terrorism, the statement said.



Jaffar Express Attacked Near Dera Murad Jamali; No Casualties Reported

ISPR: Four Khwarij, Including Commander Amjad, Killed Near Pak-Afghan Border



Dawood Ahmed:

ISLAMABAD: On night 29/30 October, 2025, movement of a group of Khwarij, who were trying to infiltrate through Pakistan-Afghanistan border, was picked up by the security forces in Bajaur District, the Interior Ministry-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said.

Own troops effectively engaged and thwarted Khwarij's attempt to infiltrate. As a result of precise and skillful engagement, four Khwarij including Kharij leader, a high value target, Kharij Amjad @ Mazahim were sent to hell.

Killed Kharij Com-

mander Amjad, deputy second to Kharij Noor Wali and head of Rehbari Shura of Indian proxy Fitna al Khwarij, was highly wanted by the Law Enforcement Agencies and Government had fixed Head money of PKR five Million on him, as he remained actively involved in perpetuating numerous terrorist activities inside Pakistan while residing in Afghanistan.

It is pertinent to highlight that the leadership of Fitna al Khwarij while residing in Afghanistan is orchestrating infiltration attempts into Pakistan — primarily to project an

impression of domestic presence and to raise the diminishing morale of their Khwarij in Bajaur and Mohmand because of effective operations of security forces.

It is once again reiterated that the Interim Afghan Government must take concrete measures to ensure that Afghanistan soil is not used by Kharij proxies to perpetrate terrorism against Pakistan. It also validates our stance that Afghan soil is continuously being used as safe haven by Kharij belonging to Fitna al Khwarij against Pakistan.

The Security

Forces of Pakistan remain resolute and unwavering in their commitment to defend the nation's frontiers.

Sanitization operation is being conducted to eliminate any other Indian sponsored Kharij found in the area as relentless Counter Terrorism campaign under vision "Azmi e Istehkam" (as approved by Federal Apex Committee on National Action Plan) by Security Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies of Pakistan will continue at full pace to wipe out the menace of foreign sponsored and supported terrorism from the country.

China, U.S. Reach Trade Consensus at APEC 2025: Xi Jinping

News Desk: **BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA:** Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China and the United States have reached a consensus on resolving key economic and trade issues after in-depth consultations between both nations' negotiating teams.

President Xi made the statement during a meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump following his arrival in Busan, South Korea, to attend the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders' Summit in Gyeongju, part of his official state visit.

Xi underscored that economic and trade cooperation should act as the cornerstone and driving force of China-U.S. relations, rather than a source of confrontation.

He called for enhanced dialogue, stability, and mutual benefit,



urging both sides to focus on long-term gains through cooperation instead of engaging in retaliatory actions.

He further encouraged Chinese and

American economic teams to reduce outstanding differences and expand areas of collaboration based on equality, respect, and win-win outcomes.

The talks between

Beijing and Washington came amid renewed efforts to stabilize global supply chains, promote sustainable growth, and strengthen bilateral ties during the APEC 2025 summit.

Balochistan CM Announces Departmental Recruitment for Assistant Sub-Inspectors in Police

Staff Reporter: **QUETTA:** Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti has announced a major decision to strengthen the Balochistan Police, stating that Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) will now be appointed through departmental recruitment instead of external hiring. The move aims to promote merit, transparency, and career growth within the police department.

During his visit to the Central Police Office (CPO) Quetta, CM Bugti paid homage to the martyrs of the police force by laying a floral wreath at the Martyrs' Monument and offered prayers for their sacrifices.

Chairing a high-level meeting on police affairs, the Chief Minister reviewed the inte-



gration of the Levies Force into the Balochistan Police, operational reforms, and measures to modernize policing standards. Several key reforms were approved, including the introduction of advanced technology, forensic tools, and digital communication systems to improve efficiency and crime in-

vestigation. Highlighting the need for skill development, the Chief Minister ordered continuous training courses, seminars, and professional drills for police personnel.

He also approved steps to enhance the martyrs' compensation packages and welfare initiatives for their families.

"Police modernization and empowerment are our top priorities. We want to see the Balochistan Police become a more dynamic, people-friendly, and well-equipped force," CM Bugti said.

The Chief Minister also praised the bravery of police officials who embraced martyrdom in recent operations, saying their sacrifices will always be remembered.

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Monitoring Desk: **ISTANBUL:** Pakistan has agreed to resume dialogue with the Afghan Taliban following a request from the friendly country Turkey, diplomatic sources confirmed on Tuesday.

The Pakistani delegation, which was earlier scheduled to depart from Istanbul, has now decided to extend its stay to participate in the next round of discussions. The move aims to give peace and regional stability another chance, sources said.

According to officials familiar with the development, Pakistan reiterated its principal demand that the Afghan authorities take concrete, verifiable, and effective action against



terrorist groups operating from Afghan soil. Islamabad has maintained that Afghanistan must ensure its territory is not used for terrorist activities against Pakistan. The resumption of talks comes amid a period of heightened tension between the two neighboring countries. However, observers view Turkey's diplomatic engagement as a positive and constructive step toward rebuilding trust and addressing mutual security concerns.

Sources added that both sides are expected to discuss border security, counterterrorism cooperation, and the safe return of refugees during the ongoing discussions in Istanbul.

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Pakistan-Saudi Arabia
Defense Pact – A Historic
Milestone in Bilateral Relations

Editorial:

For over eight decades, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have enjoyed close and cordial relations rooted in faith, friendship, and mutual cooperation. The recent visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to the Kingdom has further strengthened these historic ties, marking a new chapter in the relationship between the two brotherly nations.

SMDA An Unprecedented Event

The signing of a Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is unprecedented. For the first time, both states have formally pledged that an attack on one will be considered an attack on both. This landmark pact is not only a testament to their shared commitment to peace and security but also a reflection of the growing geopolitical importance of Pakistan in the wider Middle East and South Asia.

Over the years, Saudi Arabia has stood firmly by Pakistan, extending support in critical times, whether financial, diplomatic, or strategic. At the same time, Pakistan has successfully managed to maintain positive ties with both Saudi Arabia and Iran, balancing its role in a region often marked by divisions.

This ability to uphold cordial relations with diverse regional players demonstrates Islamabad's maturity in diplomacy. This historic step deserves to be celebrated as a national achievement. It is a reflection of Pakistan's enduring diplomacy and its ability to transform long-standing friendships into strategic partnerships that ensure stability, prosperity, and peace for generations to come.

Equally significant is the fact that Pakistan continues to receive consistent and unconditional support from major global actors such as China, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia. These relationships enhance Pakistan's leverage on the international stage and help consolidate its role as a bridge between the Muslim world and the global community.

The defense agreement with Saudi Arabia is, therefore, a matter of immense pride for the Pakistani nation. It not only secures Pakistan's strategic interests but also strengthens the balance of power in the region. Such developments assure the people of Pakistan that their country is not isolated but deeply engaged in shaping the future of regional security and cooperation.

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Ziarat's Ancient Juniper Forest: Pakistan's
Dying Natural Heritage

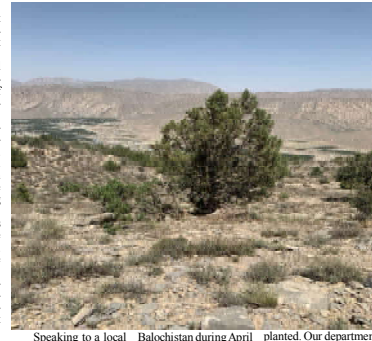
By Fareed Ullah Khan
Nestled in the northeast of Balochistan, the scenic hill station of Ziarat — once known as Ghauski (meaning "cold place" in Pashto) — stands as one of Pakistan's most breathtaking natural treasures. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks and ancient juniper trees, Ziarat's crisp air and cool climate make it a haven for tourists escaping the country's sweltering summer heat.

But behind this beauty lies a crisis. The Ziarat Juniper Forest, once celebrated as the pride of Balochistan, is now on the brink of collapse — the result of climate change, deforestation, and government negligence.

Asia's Largest
Juniper Forest —
A Natural
Wonder in Peril

The Ziarat Juniper Forest is no ordinary woodland. It is Asia's largest juniper forest and the second largest in the world, home to trees that are thousands of years old. Locally known as Saneher, the trees grow incredibly slowly — just one inch every two years. Some are estimated to be over 2,000 years old, making this forest a living natural museum and a vital part of Pakistan's ecological heritage.

The junipers are not just trees — they are natural climate regulators, carbon sinks, and water cycle stabilizers. Yet, their survival is now threatened by the very communities who rely on them for survival.

The Local
Dilemma: "We
Cut Trees
Because We
Have No Gas"

Speaking to a local resident revealed the heartbreaking reality behind Ziarat's deforestation.

"We're not destroying the forest out of greed," he said. "We have no choice. The government claims we have gas connections, but there's no gas in the pipelines. It only flows when VIPs visit Ziarat — then it stops again."

During the harsh winters, when temperatures drop below freezing, residents have no alternative but to cut juniper trees for firewood. Locals estimate that 600 to 1,000 juniper trees are cut down daily — a devastating rate given their centuries-long growth cycle.

Climate
Consequences:
Disappearing
Snow and Rain

The impact of this rapid deforestation is already visible. Over the past five years, rainfall and snowfall in Ziarat have drastically declined. According to recent reports, rainfall in

Balochistan during April and May has dropped by nearly 57% since 2025.

Experts warn that the juniper forest plays a key role in regulating rainfall and temperature in the wider region — including Quetta, Pishin, and Kalat. As the forest disappears, rising temperatures, soil erosion, and water shortages threaten both human life and biodiversity.

Government
Silence and Weak
Enforcement

When asked about the crisis, PS Abbar, Personal Secretary at the Forest Department, admitted:

"No one has permission to cut these trees under forest law. If it's happening, then it's a failure of our forest officers and local administration."

Similarly, Ibrahim Baloch, Director General of Climate Change in Balochistan, acknowledged: "Deforestation is illegal. If one tree is cut, a thousand should be

planted. Our department focuses on awareness, while the Forest Department handles enforcement."

However, when asked whether awareness campaigns were conducted in Ziarat, he admitted none had taken place there yet — only in Quetta and other districts.

Repeated attempts to reach the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) for a statement were unsuccessful. The silence reflects a broader pattern of institutional neglect and lack of coordination.

Ecological
Importance:
More Than
Just Trees

The Ziarat Juniper Forest sustains a fragile ecosystem — home to diverse wildlife and bird species that depend on these trees for shelter and food. The forest also prevents soil erosion, stores carbon, and regulates the local water cycle. For the people of Ziarat, the junipers represent

resent heritage, resilience, and identity. One elderly resident summed it up poignantly:

"If these trees disappear, Ziarat will lose its soul."

Government
Neglect and the
Way Forward

Environmental protection has rarely been a national priority in Pakistan. In the latest provincial budget, only PKR 500 million (50 crore rupees) was allocated for climate change — an insignificant amount compared to the scale of the crisis.

Experts emphasize immediate government intervention as essential to save the Ziarat Juniper Forest.

Ensure consistent gas supply to mountainous districts to reduce dependence on firewood. Strengthen forest law enforcement and penalize illegal logging. Launch awareness and reforestation campaigns involving local communities. Promote eco-tourism to generate sustainable livelihoods that do not harm the environment.

A Call to Action:
Saving Ziarat's
Living Heritage

The Ziarat Juniper Forest is not just a local attraction — it is a global ecological asset. Its destruction would not only devastate biodiversity but also worsen Pakistan's climate vulnerability.

The government must understand that protecting forests is protecting life — the economy, tourism, and the future stability of Balochistan's environment all depend on it. Time is running out. Once these ancient trees are gone, they will never return.

Artificial Intelligence Just Taking Baby Steps

Syed Muhammad

Queens:

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 much better 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 of 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 easiness in their lives. But man-made intelligence is growing so rapidly that it has posed a grave threat to the

laziness and comfort-seeking nature of human beings, now they mostly rely on AI to perform these tasks. With the passage of time, AI's 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 many news platforms

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

code and find errors in it. To sum up, AI has much potential to replace the human workforce.

Positive Impacts of AI

Along with negative impacts, AI can also be advantageous for humans if used for welfare purposes. In the following paragraphs, some advantages of AI are de-

scribed if AI is used 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

egg surgery in which the inner layer of an egg was stitched. Additionally, an AI Chatbot can also prescribe medicines and treatment for a disease based on the provided symptoms. In the coming years, AI will further advance itself in the medical field and people will take numerous benefits from it.

Prediction Based

on Provided Data

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 trends for a product, predict weather, etc. In the US 2020 presidential elections, an AI model predicted that Trump would win 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 can 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 the race of AI development. Fortunately, Pakistan has a huge human resource, but making them skilled 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.

AQI in Lahore shoots to 603, making it worst in world

LAHORE (INP): The quality of air in Lahore remains extremely hazardous for human health as smog continues to get thicker by the day.

The air quality index in the city of gardens shot up to 603 on

Thursday, making it the most polluted city in the world followed by Indian capital New Delhi. The AQI in the areas around the FF Pakistan soared to 816. Similarly, it was 788 at Allama Iqbal Town, 696 around the AC

Cantonment Office, 652 around the University of the Punjab, 617 at Samanabad, 617 at Shalimar Road, 615 at Syed Maratib Ali Road, 597 around Pakistan Engineering Council, 593 at Sanda Road, 589 at Ravi

Road, and 585 around the Government College University and at Lower Mall. On the other hand, the Met Office forecast dry weather for the Punjab capital during the next 24 hours. It said that the maximum tem-

perature in the city would go up to 31 degrees Celsius on Thursday afternoon, while it would remain 19 degrees Celsius in the minimum side. On the other hand, Karachi, with AQI 161, was ranked as

fourth most polluted city in the world on Thursday. The minimum temperature in the city was recorded at 26 degrees Celsius while it was expected to touch 35 degrees Celsius mark in the afternoon. The Met Of-

fice said that the weather in the city would remain dry during the next 24 hours. Winds were blowing in the morning from the north-east at a speed of 16 kilometers per hour, while the level of

moisture in the air stood at 49 per cent. Meanwhile, doctors have urged people, especially children and aged, to avoid stepping out of their homes unnecessarily and if it was really necessary, wear facemasks.



QUETTA: Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Hafeez is presented with a commemorative shield on the occasion of Entrepreneurship Fair 2025 at BITUMS University with Balochistan Governor Jafar Khan Mandokhail.

42 million set to lose food aid amid US shutdown

WASHINGTON (INP): Nearly 42 million people are set to lose food aid due to the second-longest US government shutdown, as Democrats and Republicans in Congress continue to blame each other for a weeks-long legislative stalemate.

Neither party was showing signs of changing its position days before funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme, also known as food stamps, is set to lapse beginning on Saturday.

The US Department of Agriculture's decision last week not to draw on an emergency fund to pay for part of November's SNAP benefits is splitting senators, as Democrats argue the administration is legally required to spend the roughly \$5.5 billion in contingency funds to maintain at least a portion of the benefits.

"The Trump administration is weaponising hunger as a political bargaining chip," said

Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, the top Democrat overseeing food aid funding. "When it comes down to it, this is a choice."

Republicans say Senate Democrats are responsible for the shutdown because most have voted 13 times against a stopgap bill to reopen government, called a "CR" or continuing resolution, to force concessions from the Republican majority on healthcare issues.

"The Democrats should vote for a clean CR to open government, and that'll take care of all these things," said Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri, a Republican in charge of food aid appropriations.

The White House's Office of Management and Budget did not respond to a request for comment. The cost and breadth of US food support are regularly debated in Congress, especially during the renegotiation of the farm spending bill that funds SNAP.

Trump and Republicans' July tax and spending bill expanded SNAP work requirements and increased state-specific costs. This has limited almost \$200 billion in overall funding and could push some off the programme.

Americans in every state rely on federal benefits. Of the top five states with the highest per capita SNAP beneficiaries, which garnered some bipartisan support, are Louisiana, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

This week, Republican Senator Josh Hawley pushed a standalone bill to fund SNAP in November, which garnered some bipartisan co-sponsors by Tuesday, followed by Senate Democratic leaders announcing their own version.

However, Republican Senator John Thune questioned whether the chamber should vote on such a bill after a similar targeted bill to pay federal workers during the shutdown failed last week. Legal U-Turn at the USDA SNAP benefits have been distributed in past shutdowns, including the longest in history during Trump's first term.

At the time, Trump's USDA officials argued to Congress's nonpartisan watchdog, the Government Accountability Office, that contingency funds could be used for benefits.

The agency repeated that position in a September 30 plan, released by the USDA in advance of the current shutdown, but that plan was no longer visible on the USDA website.

Instead, a website banner blames Democrats for failing to fund SNAP at the expense of backing healthcare for immigrants living in the US illegally and "gender mutilation procedures".

"That's just a red herring," said Senator Tina Smith, a Minnesota Democrat, about the department's message.

Establishment of 100-bed modern hospital, stadium announced for Haripur

HARIPUR (INP): Leader of Pakistan Muslim League-N Captain (R) Muhammad Saifur Muhammad announced the establishment of a 100-bed modern hospital, a 25-bed burn unit, and a state-of-the-art sports stadium for Haripur.

He made the announcement during his visit to the proposed project site at Bheediyar, located at the junction of Hazara and Punjab.

Captain Saifur was accompanied by PML-N candidate for NA-18 Haripur Babar Nawaz Khan, former Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Sahibzada Pir Sabir Shah, former MNA Sardar Muhammad Mushtaq Khan, former provincial minister Qazi Muhammad Asad Khan, and Chairman Tehsil Council Haripur Samullah Khan.

During the visit, officials from the Punjab Revenue Department and other relevant departments briefed the delegation in detail about the development projects.

Speaking to the media, Captain Saifur said that these projects reflect the Pakistan Muslim League-N's commitment to public welfare and modern hospital and

burn unit will provide advanced healthcare facilities not only to the people of Haripur but to the entire Hazara region. He further stated that Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif approved the projects on the special request of Babar Nawaz Khan to facilitate the people of Haripur and its adjoining areas.

Captain Saifur added that the hospital, burn unit, and stadium will be established just 20 minutes away from Haripur city, and work on these projects will begin soon.

He reaffirmed that the PML-N is dedicated to serving the people



QUETTA: Secretary Finance Imran Zarkoon presides over a review meeting of the Finance Department.

PA Speaker Malik Ahmad Khan calls on CM Maryam

LAHORE (INP): Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan called on Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif in Lahore on Thursday. The meeting discussed the state of affairs on all political and administrative situation of the province.

The meeting discussed in details on the stages of legislation and the proceedings of the House. The meeting agreed on dealing

strictly with those who disrupt the law-and-order situation across the province.

Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Ahmad Khan paid tribute to the introduction of a Bill for ease of doing business.

Malik Ahmad Khan expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif on behalf of the people of Punjab for the improvement of law and order in the province. Chief Minister

Maryam Nawaz Sharif congratulated Malik Ahmad Khan on the government affairs of the Punjab Assembly and his approach of taking everyone along.

Maryam Nawaz said for the first time in the history of the province, every big project is being started from small cities.

Maryam Nawaz said Punjab has the best business potential and investors should take advantage of it.

The Punjab government will provide all possible support to domestic and foreign investors, Maryam Nawaz said.

She said the law-and-order situation in the province is under control and chaos will not be allowed.

Malik Ahmad Khan said for the first time, the center of development projects is not only Lahore or big cities but also every backward area of Punjab.

Israel kills 46 children, 20 women in strikes to 'avenge' soldier's death

CAIRO (INP): Israel said it remains committed to the US-backed ceasefire in Gaza, despite its retaliation for the death of an Israeli soldier with day-long bombardment that killed 46 children and 20 women, including a pregnant woman, in a southern Gaza enclave, it announced on Thursday.

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Israel said the soldier was killed in the north of the strip, where it said weapons had been stored. It said it would continue the mission of development, progress, and prosperity in the region.

Israel said it remains committed to the US-backed ceasefire in Gaza, despite its retaliation for the death of an Israeli soldier with day-long bombardment that killed 46 children and 20 women, including a pregnant woman, in a southern Gaza enclave, it announced on Thursday.

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PPP, PML-N split widens over plan to remove AJK PM

MUZAFFARABAD (INP): A new political deadlock has emerged between the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) over the no-confidence motion against the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu

and Kashmir (AJK). The PML-N has made its support conditional on holding early elections, sources confirmed on Thursday. According to party insiders, the PML-N has informed the PPP that it will only back the no-confidence move if

early elections are held after fulfilling all constitutional requirements including the appointment of a new Chief Election Commissioner. PML-N leaders maintain that fresh elections are the only way to ensure political stability in Azad

Kashmir. They argue that delaying polls could deepen the crisis and allow misuse of public resources. Sources within the PML-N said the party fears that the PPP could exploit billions of rupees in government funds for political and

electoral purposes. They also expressed concerns that the PPP would influence upcoming elections by leveraging thousands of available government jobs in AJK. "If we support the PPP now, we may end up sitting in the opposition

again," one senior PML-N member remarked. "Immediate elections are the only fair solution." PPP insists on completing its term. On the other hand, the PPP remains adamant about completing its full constitutional term in power. Party

sources say the PPP leadership wants the PML-N to join the government rather than push for elections. "The PPP believes that stability requires continuity, not confrontation," a party insider told reporters. According to

sources, top leaders of both parties are expected to meet again once Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif returns home. The meeting aims to break the ongoing impasse and decide on a unified political strategy for Azad Kashmir.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding reforms in FBR.

Will secure borders by force if cross-border terrorism doesn't stop: Sanaullah

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Prime Minister's Adviser on Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah on Thursday made a firm statement regarding Pakistan's stance toward Afghanistan, declaring that the country's demand is "clear, lawful, and non-negotiable."

"Pakistan has a direct demand according to international law," Sanaullah said, emphasizing that Afghanistan must ensure its land is not used for terrorism against Pakistan. He added, "We have presented evidence that cannot be denied by anyone."

The former interior minister urged the Afghan authorities to "stop these activities

and establish a proper mechanism" to prevent the use of their soil for militant operations targeting Pakistan.

"This is a one-line demand. There is no flexibility in it," Sanaullah said, underscoring that Pakistan's position is firm and based on legitimate security concerns.

Despite the strong tone, Rana Sanaullah reiterated that Pakistan still views Afghanistan as a brotherly Islamic country. He acknowledged, "Pakistan has observed, hosted, and served them for 40 years," referring to the decades of Afghan refugee support and cooperation between the

two nations.

However, he expressed concern that the current Afghan rulers have adopted a troubling stance. "The group in power in Afghanistan is the Fitna al-Khawarij, who are hesitant to get involved with India," he remarked, pointing to growing external influence over Afghan policy.

Sanaullah claimed that India is exerting pressure on Afghanistan's current leadership and even offering money and facilities to sustain anti-Pakistan policies.

"India is inciting them to continue this policy," he said, accusing New Delhi of manipulating the situation to destabilize Paki-

stan.

The senator emphasized Pakistan's right to self-defense, asserting that the armed forces and military leadership are fully prepared to act.

"We will protect ourselves from terrorists — there is no other option for us," he declared. Sanaullah praised the country's military leadership, saying they have "taught them a lesson once before" and are ready to do so again if necessary.

He continued, "Our forces have already conveyed that if they (Afghans) do not take responsibility for keeping our borders safe, we will secure this guarantee ourselves."

18 Indian-sponsored terrorists eliminated in two Balochistan gunbattles

RAWALPINDI (INP): As many as 18 Indian-sponsored terrorists were eliminated in gunbattles during two intelligence-based operations carried out by security forces personnel in Balochistan.

According to an ISPR statement released on Thursday, on 28 and 29 October 2025, 18 terrorists belonging to Indian proxy, Fitna al-Hindistan, were killed in two separate operations in Balochistan.

An intelligence-based operation (IBO) was conducted in general area Chiltan Mountains in Quetta District on reported presence of terrorists. During the operation, the conduct of the operation,

own troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location, and after an intense fire exchange, 14 Indian-sponsored terrorists were sent to hell. In another IBO conducted in general area Buleda in Kech District, a terrorist hideout was busted and four terrorists were successfully neutralized.

Weapons, ammunition and explosives were also recovered from the killed terrorists, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities. Sanitization operations were being conducted to eliminate any other Indian-sponsored terrorists found in the area as relentless counter-terrorism campaign under vision

"Azam-e-Istehkam" (as approved by Federal Apex Committee on National Action Plan) by security forces and law enforcement agencies of Pakistan will continue at full pace to wipe out menace of foreign-sponsored and -supported terrorism from the country, the ISPR statement concluded.

It may be mentioned here that six soldiers including Captain Noman Saleem were martyred and seven terrorists belonging to Indian proxy were sent to hell in Kurram district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday.

According to ISPR, on 29 October 2025, security forces conducted an intelligence-based operation in general area Dogar, Kurram District, on reported presence of Khawarij belonging to Indian proxy, Fitna al-Khawarij.

During the conduct of operation, seven Indian-sponsored Khawarij were sent to hell due to effective engagement by own troops.

However, during the intense fire exchange, Captain Noman Saleem (age 24 years, resident of District Mianwali) a brave young medical officer who besides performing the duties of medical care also fought gallantly and embraced Shahadat along with his five men.



ISLAMABAD: Tarik Ali Khan, High Commissioner of Canada to Pakistan, called on Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, at the Ministry of Commerce.

PA Desalination Plant produces over one million gallons of clean water

GWADAR (INP): The Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) Seawater Desalination Plant has produced more than one million gallons of potable water in the past 24 hours, significantly helping to ease the port city's ongoing water crisis, officials said, according to Gwadar Pro.

The plant converted 1,006,400 gallons of seawater into clean and drinkable water during the period. "The plant is playing a highly effective role in overcoming Gwadar's water shortage," the authority said in an official

statement. The 1.2 million gallons per day (MGD) plant has been steadily ramping up operations and is now running at nearly 84 percent capacity, resulting in a notable improvement in the city's water supply.

A flagship project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the desalination facility was constructed with a \$12.7 million grant from the Chinese government.

The plant was inaugurated on December 4, 2023, and is providing sustainable

drinking water to Gwadar, which has long struggled with water scarcity due to prolonged dry spells and minimal rainfall. Meanwhile, the Gwadar district administration reported that multiple water sources are being utilized to ensure supply across the city and its surrounding areas.

The Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) delivered 1.1 million gallons of water through a pipeline from Shadi Kaur Dam, while Mirani Dam supplied 1.137 million gallons via 101 water tankers dispatched across the district.

Additionally, the Public Health Engineering Department provided 112,000 gallons of water to Chab Rekani, Chab Kalmati, Nigor, and nearby villages through 23 tanker trips. From Kalatu to Jiwani, 18 water bowlers delivered another 157,250 gallons to local communities.

"All available resources are being mobilized to ensure uninterrupted water supply and to overcome the crisis at the earliest," the district administration said.

Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital, Lions Club join hands to promote breast cancer awareness

ISLAMABAD (INP): A powerful message of hope and health awareness echoed through the Rawalpindi Arts Council as the Islamabad Founder Lions Club, in collaboration with Dr. Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital (ANTH), organized an engaging Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar aimed at empowering women through education and early detection.

The event was graced by Tahira Aurangzeb, Member National Assembly, as Chief Guest, alongside distinguished Guests of Honor including Yasir Akbar Niazi, Group CEO of GAK HealthCare International and ANTH, Shazia Rizwan, Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Culture Punjab, Dr. Muhammad Arif Masood, District Governor Lions Clubs

International, Muhammad Naveed Malik, Former President Islamabad Founder Lions Club, Malik Najeib, President Islamabad Founder Lions Club, and Muhammad Faleem Khan, Zone Chairman Lions Clubs International. The seminar was attended by over 350 female students along with women from different walks of life who actively participated in the awareness session. Participants were provided with breast self-screening guides, awareness materials, and pink ribbons, symbolizing solidarity with breast cancer fighters and survivors.

Delivering the keynote lecture, Dr. Munazzah Aziz, Assistant Professor of Surgical Oncology at ANTH, spoke in detail about the causes, symptoms, risk factors, diagnosis, treat-

ment, and prevention of breast cancer. She highlighted that early detection significantly improves survival rates and urged women to conduct regular self-examinations. Speaking on the occasion, Yasir Niazi stressed the importance of community-driven awareness efforts, saying that early detection not only saves lives but also helps reduce the heavy burden of treatment on the healthcare system and government.

He also said that youth is the hospital's target for creating healthcare ambassadors for disease prevention. He thanked the Islamabad Founder Lions Club for organizing a meaningful event and for inviting ANTH to be part of this noble cause. Addressing the audience, the Chief Guest Tahira Aurangzeb lauded the

initiative, emphasizing that awareness and education are the strongest shields against breast cancer. She appreciated the efforts of the organizers for reaching out to young women and spreading life-saving information in an accessible way. In his vote of thanks, Muhammad Naveed Malik expressed his gratitude to Dr. Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital, the Chief Guest, and all Guests of Honor for their active participation and contributions toward the success of the seminar.

The Lions Club leadership reaffirmed their resolve to serve the community through health awareness and preventive initiatives, underscoring that collaboration between public and private sectors is key to winning the fight against breast cancer.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chaired a meeting to review the existing infrastructure of the petroleum sector, including LRNG and alliance area.

Pakistan 'agrees' to resume peace talks with Afghanistan in Istanbul

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has agreed to resume peace talks with Afghanistan in Istanbul aimed at finding a way to pursue the Taliban regime in Kabul to stop supporting the terrorists launching attacks inside Pakistan.

It reported in media that the Pakistani delegation which was about to board a return flight home will now stay back in Istanbul. By restarting the dialogue process, the sources maintained, it was decided to give peace another chance.

However, the negotiations will focus on Pakistan's original demand asking Afghanistan to take clear, verifiable and effective action against terrorists. On Wednesday, Federal Minister for Information and Public Relations Akhtar Iqbal announced that after four days of long, intense discussions between Pakistan and Afghanistan in Istanbul, aimed at ending a tense and violent standoff at border, had ended in failure.

In a message posted on social media platform X, Attaullah Tarar blamed the Af-

ghan delegations for the failure of the talks, accusing them of resorting to "deflection and ruses."

"The dialogue thus failed to bring about any workable solution," he wrote. Mediated by Qatar and Turkey, the negotiations followed an initial round of dialogue in Doha, which produced a temporary ceasefire on October 19 after a week of fighting that left dozens dead. Hours later, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif warned Afghanistan's Taliban regime of strong retaliation if any terror-

ist attack on its soil originates from Afghan territory.

Khawaja Asif issued a blunt warning in a statement posted on X, saying the Afghan Taliban had probably misread Pakistan's "resolve and courage" by not agreeing to address its security concerns. "Any terrorist attack or any suicide bombing inside Pakistan shall give you the bitter taste of such misadventures," Mr Asif said. "Be rest assured and test our resolve and capabilities, if you wish so, at your own peril and doom."