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ADB Warns of Severe Water Scarcity in Balochistan, Lauds Digital Climate System

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has issued an urgent warning about a growing water scarcity crisis in Balochistan, revealing that only 7 percent of the province's land is currently under cultivation.

The bank's latest report underscores the severity of the situation and outlines how a newly implemented digital water and climate management system is making a positive impact.

According to the ADB, a network of automatic weather stations now provides precise, real-time measurements of rainfall, temperature, and wind speed across the region.

Farmers are leveraging this data to optimize their irrigation schedules, which has led to significant reductions in water loss and measurable gains in agricultural productivity.

Early Warning for Floods and Drought
The digital system



is not only improving crop management—it is also enabling proactive disaster preparedness.

The platform can issue timely warnings of floods and droughts, giving government agencies reliable information to plan for fair water distribution and strategic emergency response.

Strengthening Governance and Local Capacity

The report also highlights stronger interdepartmental coordination and improved planning. Thanks to training efforts, local communities now possess the skills to operate and maintain the system independently. This capacity building ensures long-term sustainability and resilience.

Infrastructure Improvements and Sustainable Irrigation

In parallel with the digital system, ADB-funded dams and new canal infrastructure have boosted water supply for irrigation. Notably, solar-powered drip irrigation systems are being deployed to conserve water and support more stable agricultural output, further contributing to Balochistan's long-term water security.

Punjab forms 12 JITS to probe key TLP cases

NEWS DESK:

Twelve joint investigation teams have been formed by the Punjab Home Department to probe cases registered under the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 and the Pakistan Penal Code across Lahore and Sheikhupura districts.

A joint investigation team is a multi-agency group assembled to investigate complex cases.

The joint investigation teams (JIT) were established primarily on November 6, 2025, under the authority of Section 19(1) of the ATA, which empowers the government to utilize specialized forces for addressing terrorist acts and offenses.

Seven JITs are dedicated to cases in Lahore, while five will oversee investigations in Sheikhupura.

The JITs established for these matters comprise senior police officers, representatives of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in the rank of DSP, and often include members from intelligence agencies.

Each JIT is tasked with completing its in-



vestigation and submitting a final report, or "challan," under Section 173 of the Criminal Procedure Code, thereby advancing the cases for trial as required by the ATA. In the Sheikhupura district, JITs convened by the SP Investigation will handle cases from the Murtidke Circle, including:

FIR No. 2392/2025 (PS City Murtidke) Involves serious charges, including murder (302), attempted murder (324), kidnapping (365), and dacoity (395), in addition to violations of the ATA, MPO, Arms Act, and the Punjab Sound System Act. FIR No. 2393/25

(PS Sadr Murtidke) FIRs 2394/25 (PS Narang Mandi) and 2395/2025 (PS Manawala).

FIR 4139/2025 (PS Ferozowala).

These investigations are happening because of the violence that took place in October during the TLP's long march.

In Murtidke, the violence resulted in the martyrdom of Factory Area SHO Shehzad Nawaz, who was fatally shot by protesters. During the clashes, police and Rangers launched a counter-operation to disperse the crowds,

which had reportedly used stones, spiked sticks, and petrol bombs.

Forty-eight police and Rangers personnel were injured (17 from gunfire), while three TLP supporters and one passerby were killed, and eight civilians were wounded. Protesters reportedly set fire to approximately 40 government and private vehicles.

In Lahore, JITs have been set up for cases registered across the Iqbal Town and City divisions, covering:

PS Nawankot and City Nawankot (including FIRs 3279/25, 3272/25, and 3271/25).

Cases from Shahdara Town, Shahdara, and Ravi Road police stations.

Saudi Arabia joins 'major non-NATO ally' club

NEWS DESK: President Donald Trump on Tuesday designated Saudi Arabia as a major non-NATO ally, reviving a decades-old strategic partnership as the two countries signed sweeping agreements on arms sales, civil nuclear cooperation, artificial intelligence, and critical minerals.

The designation signals a return to traditional US-Saudi ties. While it doesn't provide the mutual defense guarantees enjoyed by NATO members, it grants the kingdom significant economic, military, and defense benefits, a status the US reserves for countries of strategic importance outside the Atlantic alliance. Pakistan received this designation from Bush post 9/11 in 2004. The meeting underscored Trump's determination to prioritize ties



between the world's biggest economy and its top oil exporter, even as the international outcry over journalist Jamal Khashoggi's 2018 killing has gradually faded from diplomatic discourse. Trump said he was "taking our military cooperation to even greater heights" by

granting Saudi Arabia the designation, adding that US strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities in June had made the kingdom safer.

Saudi Arabia paid a steep price for the honor, becoming the 20th country on the list. Under a Strategic Defense Agreement that "forti-

fies deterrence across the Middle East," Riyadh committed to new burden-sharing funds to offset US costs while making it easier for American defense firms to operate in the kingdom. The countries also completed negotiations on civil nuclear energy cooperation.

Federal Constitutional Court decides to adopt Supreme Court Rules 2025

NEWS DESK: The Federal Constitutional Court has decided to adopt the Supreme Court Rules 2025 for the court's practice and procedure. A meeting with Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan in the chair made the decision, The Express Tribune learned.

The full court decided that cases in the FCC will be heard by a bench of at least two judges while cases against the decision of a two-judge bench will be heard by a bench comprising at least three judges.

Lawyers of the Supreme Court will be eligible to appear before the FCC, the meeting also decided. The attorney general and advocates general of all four provinces have been informed about the decisions.



The adoption of the Supreme Court Rules clarifies how the newly formed FCC will structure its proceedings. The rules, framed by a committee formed by Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, were updated earlier this

month. The committee deliberated with the Pakistan Bar Council and the Supreme Court Bar Association to modernise the 1980 rules, presenting the final draft before the full court. The 2025 rules include 60 new

provisions while five outdated provisions were deleted.

The new set of guidelines aim to modernise and digitise the legal system, bringing procedural clarity in the justice system, according to the Supreme Court.

Pakistan Navy seizes over 2,000kg of crystal meth worth nearly \$130m in Arabian Sea drug bust

NEWS DESK: The Pakistan Navy (PN) seized over 2,000 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as ice, in a drug bust worth \$130 million in the Arabian Sea, according to a statement issued on Wednesday.

The statement from the navy's Directorate-General Public Relations (DG PR) said the PN Tabuk was conducting a regional maritime security patrol in support of the Saudi-led Combined Task Force 150 under the Combined Maritime Force (CMF), a naval partnership that includes the United States, when it intercepted a "suspicious dhow" operating in the Arabian Sea.

"Subsequently, the ship successfully conducted a major counter-narcotics operation onboard stateless dhow, resulting in the seizure of over 2000kg of ice,"

the statement said, adding that the capture was the third consecutive successful interdiction conducted in the last two months by PN ships.



The navy said these successful operations demonstrated its "enduring resolve and unwavering commitment" against illicit trafficking at sea.

"The scale of the operation, coupled with its flawless execution, underscores not only PN's professionalism but also the effectiveness of multinational coordination under CMF."

"PN remains steadfast in its resolve to safeguard national maritime interests and uphold principles of the

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea while contributing to the global commons through maritime security efforts," the statement concluded.

Last month, PN Yarmook seized narcotics worth more than \$972m from sailboats in the Arabian Sea.

In August, the navy and the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) had seized about 1.25kg of illicit drugs worth \$38m from smugglers near Balochistan's Pasni coast.

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Balochistan's Child Marriage Prohibition Bill: A Long-Awaited Step in the Right Direction



Editorial: The recent passage of the Child Marriage Prohibition Bill by the Balochistan Provincial Assembly is a landmark moment in the province's journey toward protecting children and promoting social justice. While many have long awaited this legislation, its adoption now is a cause for immense satisfaction, reflecting the government's commitment to addressing a critical societal issue. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti, the provincial government has demonstrated professionalism, transparency, and determination in ensuring that this bill was enacted through proper legislative procedures. The thorough review by assembly committees over the past six months shows a deliberate and consultative approach, prioritizing

consensus-driven lawmaking. This methodical process ensures that laws are not only enacted but are sustainable, widely supported, and rooted in the public interest. While opposition voices, including those from JUI-F, have criticized the bill on religious grounds, their dissent is part of a healthy democratic debate. However, it is crucial to note that protecting children from early and forced marriages is a universal concern. The government's decision to move forward, despite protests and a walkout by opposition lawmakers, underscores its dedication to the welfare of Balochistan's younger generations. Indeed, the enactment of this bill, though delayed, is a step in the right direction. It signals a commitment to ending

harmful traditional practices that compromise children's health, education, and future prospects. By taking this decisive action, the Balochistan government has set a precedent for social reform, human rights advocacy, and legislative responsibility in Pakistan. In conclusion, the passage of the Child Marriage Prohibition Bill is more than just a legal milestone—it is a moral and social imperative. The government deserves praise for prioritizing the welfare of children, implementing professional legislative processes, and taking a bold step that will benefit countless lives across the province. While dialogue and debate will always be part of democracy, today marks a day when governance acted in favor of justice, progress, and the future of Balochistan.

Malnutrition in Balochistan

Amber Munir Malnutrition in Balochistan shared in Quetta Voice on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 page 04. The article highlights the role of essential nutrients in human resource development along with a brief introduction of malnutrition, characterization of malnutrition, procedure of taking measurements of SAM and MAM cases, medical complications, community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM), infant and young child feeding (IYCF), etc.

Background: Surveys regarding Nutrition National Nutrition Survey (2001-2002): The National Nutrition Survey conducted in 2001-2002 assessed the nutritional levels and health status of mothers and children in Pakistan. Data was collected through a questionnaire consisting of four modules including a household questionnaire, biochemical and clinical questionnaires, and a dietary form. Additional biochemical samples including serum retinol, serum ferritin, and zinc, were collected from mothers and children under-5. Urine samples were collected from mothers and children ages 6-12 years for iodine deficiency. The survey sampled 10,656 households from 700 primary sampling units.

National Nutrition Survey (2019): The aim of NNS 2019 is to undertake a field survey and generate district-specific nutrition information related to malnutrition (both undernutrition and overnutrition) and micronutrient deficiencies among women and children in Pakistan.

Malnutrition status in Balochistan Balochistan is the most under-developed of Pakistan's provinces, with a high proportion of children under five years of age who are stunted (52%) and 16 percent of who are wasted. Moreover, the prevalence of anemia among children in this age group is 57%



is the largest national nutrition survey carried out in Pakistan. It is designed to provide policymakers, program managers, and academicians a unique set of nutrition-related data including environmental, anthropometric, and biochemical indicators. A survey conducted by the National Nutrition Cell revealed that 49% of women in Balochistan were suffering from malnutrition. Moreover, the ratio of maternal anemia was 49%, anemia among children below five years was 57% and iodine deficiency among women was 29%.

Balochistan Nutrition Program for Mother and Children (BNPMC) In response to the challenging nutrition situation in the province, the Department of Health (DoH) launched the Nutrition Program for Mothers and Children (BNPMC) in 2016. They implemented nutrition activities among the rural and urban population of seven selected districts. The total population of these districts is 1,654,613, of which estimated target populations include 132,369 pregnant and lactating women (PLW). Stakeholders include the DoH, Peoples Primary Healthcare Initiative (providing health services at Basic Health Units in the districts), and local NGOs.

The total cost of the above project was 1,492.62 million PKR (US\$14.21 million) of which 80% were provided by the World Bank and 20% by the Government of Balochistan. A major part of the funding

(41%) was allocated to strengthen institutional arrangements which include staffing, technical assistance for capacity building, strengthening coordination mechanisms, addressing malnutrition among children and PLW (37%), and addressing micronutrient malnutrition (13.6%).

Future Plans The aforesaid program ended in December 2019 and was limited to seven districts; whereas the malnutrition situation continues to exist in 22 districts of Balochistan.

Therefore, the Government of Balochistan has assigned DoH and PPHI to extend nutrition intervention in 22 districts for which project proposals are ready; implementation is expected from July 2021.

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THE DILEMMA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) WEAPONS

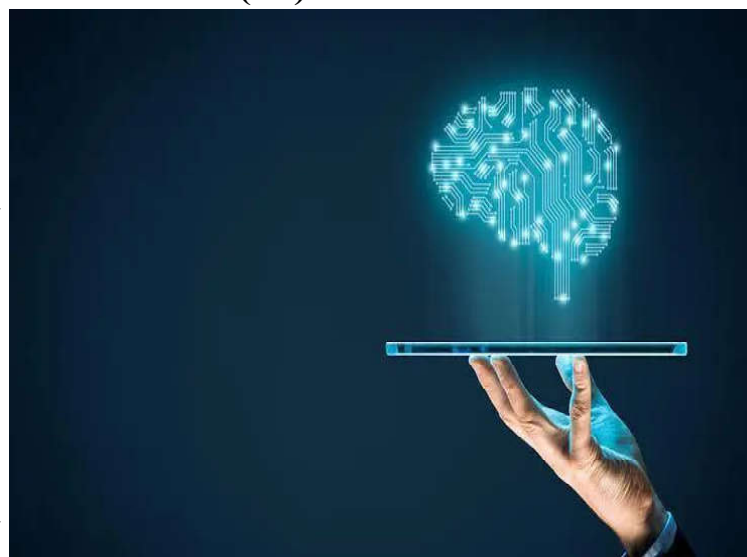
Masoor ul Hassan The danger associated with autonomous and semi-autonomous weapons systems is unacceptable. There exist a near consensus that such weapons must not be completely AI-controlled.

The design must include appropriate levels of human judgment while resorting to them. This line of thought gains more credence when the present degree of global polarization is taken into view. The international order is tilting towards autocracy and the likelihood of employment of these weapons is becoming a reality. The norms and values of world politics were subjected to heavy Trumpian Strain in the recent past when the competition of naked power showed its ugliness in international relations.

The Genesis of warfare

The history of warfare is as old as the human race. The Book of Genesis states that Cain killed Abel and practiced his vengeance. Ever since vengeance, confrontation and bellicosity have remained pervasive throughout human history. The perception of life as a zero-sum game breeds selfishness and consequent animosity between individuals, groups, or states. Instincts of survival and protection are reflexive, not natural for all living organisms including us humans.

War, being one of the forms of human relations, received due attention. However, what distinguishes Homo



sapiens from other living entities is the quest for controlling the forces of nature like wind, water, fire, and Sunlight for enhancing the level of physical comfort and peace of mind. This pursuit did improve amenities of life over time but alongside increased societal complexities. War, being

one of the forms of human relations, received due attention of social scientists for defining ethical and moral issues. Cain, who may have used a sharp stone, a strong branch of a tree, or simple brute force to strangle Abel, would be flabbergasted if he were to visit our times. The civilization we live in

today took centuries over centuries to materialize. The use of electromagnetic spectrum was considered a game-changer

The use of electromagnetic spectrum was considered a game-changer before Counter Measures (ECM) were developed which then was countered by Electronic Counter Measures (ECM).

When the lethality of weapons created a situation of mutually assured destruction (MAD) the situation became unacceptable. Various treaties like Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), and many more were signed to avert the unacceptable destruction of the human race. Exercising restraint was never so important. Exercising restraint was never so important before the development of autonomous weapons: chemical, biological, radiological, and

nuclear. The Perils and Promises of Artificial Intelligence

Harnessing the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in warfare brought a paradigm shift in

the modus operandi of warfare. It eliminated the requirement of direct human involvement in selecting and engaging targets. Even the smartest of the weapons were hitherto launched and guided by humans.

This development has given rise to the debate of ethics and morality all over again. António Guterres, the UN Secretary-General joined the skeptics on Twitter where he

wrote in March 2019, "Autonomous machines with the power and discretion to select targets and take lives without human involvement are politically unacceptable, morally repugnant and should be prohibited by international law."

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Federal Minister for science and Technology Khalid Hussain Magsi attends convocation of COMSATS University

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Khalid Hussain Magsi, attended the Convocation of COMSATS University Wah Campus as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, he termed the graduating students the bright future of Pakistan, stating that education is the most powerful asset of any nation. He added that Pakistan's development is deeply linked with modern research, innovation, and the strong intellectual foundation of its youth.

Roundtable Discussion on "Youth and Social Media: Vulnerabilities and Safeguards" Held at PID Peshawar



Peshawar: A roundtable discussion titled "Youth and Social Media: Vulnerabilities and Safeguards" was held today at the Press Information Department (PID) Peshawar under the Media Cell to Counter Violent Extremism (CVE), an initiative launched by PID to address the issues related to social media. The session was presided over by Director General PID Peshawar, Ms. Tahira Saad, and formally opened by the In-Charge Information Officer PID Peshawar, Sabiha Chand. Senior journalists and business community members from Peshawar participated in the discussion. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Tariq Waheed, Bureau Chief of TV Channel in Peshawar spoke about the growing influence of social media on young people and explained how misleading or harmful content can affect their thinking. He stressed the need for strong digital awareness so that youth can protect themselves online.

For his part, Shah Shiraz, senior journalist, said that social media has become a major source of information for the youth, but without proper verification, they can easily believe false information. He called for more cooperation between media and institutions to guide youth toward safe and responsible use of social media. Another senior journalist from Peshawar, Farid Ullah Khan noted that social media shapes opinions very quickly, sometimes faster than traditional media. He warned that constant exposure to aggressive or misleading posts can increase division among young people. He encouraged journalists and teachers to take part in training programmes that build digital awareness. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Tariq Waheed, Bureau Chief of TV Channel in Peshawar spoke about the growing influence of social media on young people and explained how misleading or harmful content can affect their thinking. He stressed the need for strong digital awareness so that youth can protect themselves online.

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INVITATION TO BID

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the bid submission date and time alongwith following details for the subject case have been extended as mentioned below:

ENDS-8	Description	Bid Submission/ Bid Opening Date & Time
7-20110004	Procurement of 15 HP (400 Tonnes) 50 Watt (VDF) Compressor Airships Airborne AC Unit Accessories PC/EVHV System (1 No.) (H2PA/1100232/1000)	15-12-2025 11:00 hours (Lsg. AGS Branch)

All other clauses would remain the same. This corrigendum is also available on PRA's website www.pra.gov.pk and www.eprocure.gov.pk and PRA's website www.pra.gov.pk and www.eprocure.gov.pk

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Finance Minister Calls for Strengthening Pakistan's 'Moral Economy' Through Corporate Philanthropy

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, while addressing as Chief Guest at the Launch and Award Ceremony of the Corporate Philanthropy Report 2024 organized by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) in Islamabad today, highlighted the centrality of compassion, shared prosperity, and national responsibility to Pakistan's "moral economy," stressing that philanthropy, both individual and corporate, continues to be a defining feature of the nation's identity.

The Minister began by noting that he is frequently asked about economic recovery, macroeconomic stabilization, and the roadmap for structural reforms aimed at achieving inclusive and sustainable growth. He emphasized that while these issues remain critical, it is equally important to participate in a ceremony that celebrates Pakistan's philanthropic spirit and the collective commitment to social welfare.

He remarked that Pakistan is regarded globally as a remarkably giving nation, with the World Giving Index placing it 17th among 101 countries which is an acknowledgment of the country's deeply ingrained culture of generosity, especially in health and education sectors. Reflecting on his years living and working in Karachi, the Minister observed that the city



has long led the country in philanthropic activity and corporate giving. He stated that Karachi would rank among the top globally if international city-wise comparisons of philanthropy were conducted. He appreciated that while other regions of the country are increasingly contributing, Karachi's leadership remains noteworthy and exemplary.

Senator Aurangzeb also commended the resilience of corporate philanthropy in Pakistan, noting that despite economic fluctuations and business cycles, corporate giving has consistently trended upward. He referred to recent data indicating that out of more than 400 public companies, over 300 engaged in corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, and about one-third formally disclose their contributions. He urged companies that have not yet disclosed their philanthropic work to do so, reminding them that

transparency benefits both society and the spirit of giving itself. He emphasized that declarations of corporate giving support role modeling and encourage wider participation, without the need for legislation or directives, which he believes should remain a last resort.

Drawing from his own private-sector experience, the Minister recalled leading an organization where 1% of annual profitability was consistently directed toward a corporate foundation, later increased to 1.5% by the board. He praised today's award-winning companies setting the standard for others. He committed to social investment, he said, strengthens Pakistan's social development foundations and reflects the country's collective values.

In his remarks, the Minister paid tribute to Mr. Zafar Khan for his integrity and

ment is shifting from generalized spending toward results-based, impact-linked financing. The framework brings together public, private, and philanthropic capital to achieve measurable outcomes. He expressed gratitude to Ms. Mehnaz Akhtar and Ms. Shazia Amjad for their technical guidance and field expertise, which significantly contributed to designing the framework.

The Minister announced that Pakistan's first Skills Impact Bond—developed in partnership with the British Asian Trust and implemented through NAVTTC—would soon be launched, aimed at advancing skills development and moving towards sustainable social-sector financing through capital-market instruments rather than traditional funding channels.

Concluding his address, Senator Aurangzeb congratulated all award recipients for their leadership in corporate philanthropy and reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting PCP in fostering a strong culture of giving in Pakistan. He assured the audience that the government remains fully committed to exploring innovative financing frameworks that encourage responsible and purposeful giving. He expressed appreciation for the invitation and extended best wishes to the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy for its continued efforts in the coming year.

Pakistan and China Deepen Strategic Ties, Focus on Energy and Mineral Cooperation

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Petroleum, Mr. Ali Pervaiz Malik, and H.E. Jiang Zaidong, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan reaffirmed the unwavering strength of the Pakistan-China partnership and discussed avenues to enhance cooperation in the energy and mineral sectors in a meeting held at Chinese Embassy Islamabad.

The discussions centered on mutual support, economic collaboration, and the shared vision for regional stability and prosperity.

Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik extended a formal invitation for the upcoming Pakistan Mineral Investment Forum (PMIF) 2026. He emphasized that the mining sector is a priority area for Pakistan and represents a significant opportunity for deepening bilateral cooperation.

In response, the Chinese Ambassador warmly welcomed the invitation and gave his assurance.

PRO No 247/19-11-2025

واک ان انٹرویو (محکمہ صحت ضلع دکی)

انٹرویو کے لیے درخواست دہندگان کو 2025ء کے 10-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک اپنا درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 11-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 12-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 13-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 14-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 15-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 16-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 17-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 18-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 19-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 20-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 21-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 22-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 23-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 24-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 25-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 26-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 27-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 28-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 29-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 30-11-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 01-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 02-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 03-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 04-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 05-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 06-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 07-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 08-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 09-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 10-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 11-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 12-12-2025ء کو 10:00 بجے 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کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 02-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 03-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 04-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 05-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 06-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 07-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 08-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 09-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 10-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 11-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 12-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 13-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 14-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 15-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 16-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 17-02-2026ء کو 10:00 بجے تک درخواست نامہ جمع کروانے کے بعد 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20-member AJK cabinet administered oath

MUZAFFARABAD (INP): The 20-member cabinet of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) has taken oath of office on Wednesday.

As per details, the

oath-taking ceremony was administered by Speaker of the Azad Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Chaudhry Latif Akbar.

Prime Minister of

Azad Kashmir, Raja Faisal Muntaz Rathore, attended the ceremony held at the President House in Muzaffarabad. Due to the illness of

President Barrister Sul-

tan Chaudhry, the speaker administered the oath.

The new cabinet includes Sardar Javed Ayub, Mian Waheed, Javed Budhanvi, and

Malik Zafar. Other ministers taking oath were Shauq Chughtai, Chaudhry Arshad, Qasim Majeed, Zia-ul-Qamar, and Chaudhry Rashid.

Additionally, Nabeela Ayub, Rafiq Naeem, Yousuf Sultan, Ijaz Naqvi, Amir Yaseen, Muhammad Hussain Chaudhry, Ikhtlaq Faheem, Akhtar

Rabbani, and Ali Shan Sony also took oath as ministers.

Acting President

Pakistan People's Party's Faisal Muntaz Rathore on Tuesday administered oath to the new prime minister of Azad Kashmir.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shohar Sarfar addresses a banquet he hosted in honour of cricket teams of Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, who are currently participating in the Tri-Nations Series.

Chinese tech support spurs Pakistan's IT export to \$386 million in October

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan's Information Technology (IT) exports climbed to historic \$386 million in October 2025, marking a 17% year-on-year and 5% month-on-month increase, according to official figures.

The performance stands well above the 12-month average of \$332 million and marks the fifth consecutive month of annual growth, reflecting rising global demand and Pakistan's expanding international client base. Economists and analysts believe this impressive momentum is closely linked to China's expanding role in Pakistan's digital transformation, especially under CPEC Phase II, which prioritizes technology, connectivity, human-resource development, and innovation partnerships. Gwadar port reported on Wednesday.

As Pakistan works to deepen its presence in software development, global outsourcing, and cloud-based services, Chinese support has emerged as a central pillar.

New digital infrastructure, enhanced connectivity, and strengthened talent pipelines created through Sino-Pak cooperation are increasingly viewed as key drivers of export growth. Chinese tech leaders, including

Huawei and ZTE, have played a fundamental role in shaping Pakistan's next-generation IT workforce.

Through AI training labs, cloud-computing programs, and long-standing university collaborations, they have trained thousands of young Pakistani professionals in advanced digital skills that are in growing global demand.

Talking to Gwadar Pro, Sohail Sarwar, a Pakistani IT specialist who worked with Chinese technology companies in Shanghai and Beijing for several years, said these initiatives are helping Pakistan overcome a long-standing skills deficit. "Our workforce is increasingly entering fields like AI, cybersecurity, and cloud services—areas where Chinese companies have consistently supported training and capacity building," he said.

Sarwar added that China's digital contribution extends far beyond training. "China's involvement is not limited to hardware projects. The new fiber-optic corridor, cloud-computing initiatives, and data-center development have given Pakistani IT firms the bandwidth, speed, and reliability they need to compete internationally." He highlighted the \$20-kilometer CPEC fiber-optic cable

from Khunjerab to Rawalpindi as a major breakthrough, improving data quality and significantly reducing latency—critical for software exports and global outsourcing operations.

A major contributor to this transformation is China Mobile Pakistan (CMPAK-Zong), now one of the country's most active digital enablers. Zain ul Abidin, Senior Executive at CMPAK, said the company continues to support Pakistan's IT growth by nurturing local talent and developing advanced digital infrastructure. Zong's nationwide graduate program annually recruits top students from major universities, providing hands-on training, mentorship, and exposure to state-of-the-art technologies. The company is also building high-standard data centers and encouraging Pakistani firms to develop cloud solutions, digital tools, and hardware innovations. According to Abidin, these efforts are helping local companies improve product quality, strengthen competitiveness, and secure more international clients.

"This ecosystem-building approach is enabling Pakistan's IT exports to expand steadily," he noted.

Government officials

signed Sino-Pak MoUs on artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, IT frameworks, 5G deployment, and digital-economy cooperation. These agreements form part of the 2025–2029 Pakistan-China Innovation Corridor, designed to attract more Chinese investment into software parks, data-industry zones, and joint R&D centers. A senior Ministry of IT official said these steps will "accelerate Pakistan's transition from basic outsourcing to high-value digital exports."

Industry analysts share this view. "Chinese-backed cloud platforms and cybersecurity frameworks are enhancing Pakistan's credibility with international clients," said tech market researcher Omar Khan. "This is improving contract volumes, service quality, and overall client confidence." Economists broadly agree that China's strategic digital cooperation has been a major factor behind Pakistan's record export performance. With stronger talent pipelines, improved connectivity, and expanding bilateral technology initiatives, Pakistan's IT sector is well positioned to sustain its upward trajectory as the country aims to cross \$5 billion in annual IT exports in the coming years.

FBR uncovers massive sales tax evasion in tile manufacturing sector

KARACHI (INP): The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has uncovered massive sales tax evasion, amounting to Rs30 billion annually, in the tile manufacturing sector, prompting authorities to introduce strict monitoring measures, including the installation of cameras at production units.

According to FBR, monitoring cameras will now be installed across 17 key production sectors to block sales tax leakages.

The revenue authority expects an additional Rs76 billion from the sugar sector

and Rs102 billion from the cement sector following the implementation of monitoring mechanisms.

FBR Chairman Rashid Langrial, during a briefing to the Senate Finance Committee chaired by Senator Saleem Mandiwalla, stated that tile manufacturers had been resisting the installation of surveillance cameras. He said tile companies routinely underdeclare production, which contributes to monthly revenue shortfalls faced by the FBR.

The chairman clarified that no additional taxation mea-

sures have yet been finalized to cover January's anticipated revenue shortfall. He said that camera monitoring has already begun in sugar mills and will soon be extended to all major industrial sectors.

Highlighting vested interests, Langrial noted that several government ministers own sugar mills, but Prime Minister has issued clear directives for uniform monitoring across all units. FBR aims to ensure transparency in production reporting by installing cameras in every major manufacturing sector.

SHC restrains KMC from collecting MUCT in Karachi's cantonment boards

KARACHI, Nov 19 (INP): The Sindh High Court (SHC) has restrained the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) from collecting Municipal Utility Charges and Tax (MUCT) in areas falling under Karachi's cantonment boards.

KMC had been recovering the municipal tax through K-Electric (KE) by incorporating MUCT into monthly electricity

bills.

The court announced its decision while hearing a petition filed by residents of Cantonment Board Malir, who challenged the inclusion of municipal taxes in KE bills.

The SHC ruled that the authority to collect municipal taxes in cantonment areas lies solely with the cantonment boards, and ordered KE to stop collecting

MUCT through electricity bills in those jurisdictions.

During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel argued that the Malir Cantonment Board was already charging conservancy tax, while Karachi Metropolitan Corporation had additionally imposed municipal charges through electricity bills. The lawyer contended that two separate bodies were

collecting municipal taxes simultaneously and that Karachi Metropolitan Corporation had no legal authority to levy taxes in cantonment areas, where the cantonment board already imposes higher charges.

He requested the court to bar both KMC and K-Electric from collecting any municipal taxes from residents of the cantonment areas.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum, Mr. Ali Pervaiz Malik, and H.E. Jiang Zaidong, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan in a meeting.

Tobacco remains major public health concern in WHO latest report: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (SPARC) organized a discussion on "WHO Global Tobacco Epidemic Report 2025 and Best Practices on Tobacco Advertisement, Promotion and Sponsorship (TAPS) and Graphic Health Warnings (GHWs)" to review Pakistan's progress in implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and its MPOWER measures.

Addressing the participants as chief guest, Murtaza Solangi, Spokesperson to the President of Pakistan, noted that the latest WHO report delivers an important reminder that tobacco remains a major public health concern.

He shared that Pakistan can further strengthen its efforts, particularly by reducing all avenues of to-

bacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship (TAPS) and by expanding the visibility of graphic health warnings (GHWs) to help prevent avoidable health risks.

He highlighted that tobacco causes over 8 million deaths globally each year, exceeding the combined toll of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. In Pakistan, 27 million people use tobacco, leading to more than 166,000 deaths annually.

Solangi underscored the substantial social and economic impact of tobacco use and expressed confidence that Pakistan can make meaningful progress through awareness building, education, and the implementation of global best practices. He emphasized the importance of informing communities about tobacco's harmful effects and promoting a culture of prevention.

Dr. Mahesh Kumar Malani, Chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee on NHS&C, reflecting on the WHO report, said that the statistics highlight the need for further safeguard young people.

He noted that promotional activities, appealing packaging, event linkages, and online visibility can influence youth.

Dr. Malani emphasized that countries starting with comprehensive TAPS restrictions have observed promising reduction in tobacco use, particularly among younger populations.

He called for strengthened measures, including GHW enhancement and policy improvements to ensure effective implementation.

Dr. Shazia Underwood, who is effective to encourage smokers to reflect on their habits and help deter youth from initiating tobacco use.

She emphasized the importance of large, image based warnings that are updated regularly.

Barrister Dr. Muhammad Ali Saif, Former Advisor to the Chief Minister (PKP) on Information & PRs, shared that TAPS remain an important area for continued attention.

He mentioned that marketing at points of sale and online visibility still poses challenges.

NIH warns of surge in respiratory illnesses across Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Institute of Health (NIH) has issued an advisory warning of a possible surge in respiratory illnesses across Pakistan, ARY News reported on Wednesday.

According to details, the NIH has released guidelines regarding precautions against smog and air pollution, cautioning that cold weather combined with polluted air can pose serious

health risks.

The advisory states that this situation may persist from November to February and can lead to respiratory diseases, heart-related conditions, pneumonia, and other health complications. It further highlights that toxic particles in the air, along with the impact of low temperatures, can adversely affect health, the economy, and overall quality of life.

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erly, and individuals with pre-existing medical conditions are particularly vulnerable.

The NIH warned that the risk of smog is highest in Lahore, Multan, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, and Islamabad, with Lahore facing the most severe air pollution levels—making strict precautionary measures essential for residents.

The institute has

appealed to citizens

and authorities to ensure that children in affected areas spend minimal time outdoors while adults and children should use masks. Health departments and relevant authorities have also been urged to enforce all necessary safety measures related to smog.

The advisory emphasizes that adopting preventive measures is crucial for protection against the harmful effects of smog.



MULTAN: Chairman Senate of Pakistan, Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani, inaugurates the Roots Millennium Education Group Multan Campus.

Balochistan turns to tech for water security

NEWS DESK Balochistan, Pakistan's largest and driest province, is racing to modernise its water management systems in the face of groundwater depletion, erratic rainfall and rising climate stress. With 75% of its population living in rural areas and dependent on agriculture, chronic water scarcity now threatens livelihoods and long-term socioeconomic stability.

Arid conditions dominate the province, where only 7.2% of land is cultivated and most districts rely almost entirely on groundwater. Years of over-extraction, deterioration of traditional karez systems and limited surface water storage have worsened the crisis. Climate variability, prolonged droughts, flash floods and unpredictable rainfall have further strained an already fragile system.

To address these challenges, the provincial government, with financing from the Asian

Development Bank (ADB), the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction and the High-Level Technology Fund, has launched the Balochistan Water Resources Development Project. The initiative blends new infrastructure with digital technologies to support climate-smart, data-driven water governance.

Central to the reforms is the Balochistan Water Resources Information System (BWRIS), a satellite-supported platform in Quetta. The system integrates hydrological, meteorological and remote-sensing data into a secure GIS platform that provides real-time information on groundwater, surface water and climate conditions. Officials say the platform is designed to support evidence-based decision-making, improve irrigation scheduling, and strengthen drought risk assessments across the province.

Speaking to The Express Tribune, Dr Muhammad Arshad, Deputy Country Representative of IFWMI in Quetta, said groundwater depletion remains the most urgent challenge. Except for Nasirabad and Jafarabad, the rest of the province depends entirely on groundwater, making recharge essential.

The rapid spread of subsidised solar panels has unintentionally intensified extraction. "People now pump water for 12 hours a day. Previously, load shedding limited extraction to three or four hours. With no regulation and no implementation, the problem is worsening," he said. He said 10 of 18 river basins face severe decline, driven by severe water-intensive practices such as flood irrigation. He recommended precise water-flow measurement, soil moisture sensors at farm level and a strong digital regulatory framework to monitor depletion and forecast needs.

A crucial step toward improved governance is the Balochistan



Integrated Water Resource Management Policy 2024, which aims to shift the province toward a low-water economy. The forthcoming Balochistan Water Act, developed with the FAO and World Bank, has been approved by the provincial cabinet and is expected to introduce a regulatory framework for equitable allocation and responsible use of water.

Experts say improved groundwater recharge is critical. Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) techniques could help harvest floodwater through infiltration wells, riverbed interception structures, and recharge ditches. Although more than 300 Delay Action Dams constructed in past decades suffered from sedimentation issues, specialists argue that modified designs combined with catchment-specific watershed management can revive their utility. Research has identified high MAR potential in river basins such as Porali and Hingol.

Balochistan's harsh climate complicates recovery. With annual rainfall around 250mm and evaporation above 1,500mm, losses far exceed replenishment. Dr Arshad said small underground structures often outperform large surface dams, which quickly fill with sediment. Meanwhile, rapid depletion has created space for a thriving tanker water market, especially in Quetta, where prices range from Rs1,500 to Rs3,000 per tanker and rise to Rs5,000 in summer. The lack of rainfall since 2023 has worsened shortages and accelerated migration to urban areas, further straining civic systems.

Under the ADB-supported project, Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) have strengthened BWRIS, feeding real-time data on temperature, humidity, rainfall and wind. This information helps farmers plan planting and supports government decisions.

Sibi DC Reviews District Health Services in Committee Meeting

News Desk Sibi: A meeting of the District Health Committee was held under the chairmanship of Sibi Deputy Commissioner Major (R) Ilyas Kabzai, attended by officers from the Health Department. During the meeting, a detailed briefing was given on the overall performance of district hospitals, BHUs, RHCS, and civil dispensaries, as well as the medical services being provided.

Medical Superintendent of the Teaching Hospital, Dr Umar Hussain, reported that over 9,000 OPD visits were recorded this month.

DSM PPHI Mumtaz Ali Rind informed that OPD visits at all BHUs had exceeded 12,000. Approval was also granted to supply medicines to each health facility based on its performance and needs. It was further decided that a proposal for establishing a Trauma Center at the DHQ Teaching Hospital will be submitted.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of ensuring staff attendance and

ordered action against absent doctors and employees, including salary deductions, explanations, and issuance of show-cause notices.

He appreciated the efforts of Deputy DHO Dr. Qadir Haroon in the EPI program, noting that covering over 625 under-dosed children was commendable. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that providing quality healthcare to the public is a top priority and urged all officers to perform their duties with full responsibility.

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Road, officials informed him that the road stretches 4.5 km, out of which 3 km of blacktop work has been completed, while the remaining segment is progressing rapidly.

The project's total cost is Rs. 500 million. The Commissioner ordered that the remaining work be completed by December 31, emphasizing that this road is an essential project and must be expedited to deliver better travel facilities to the public.

Visit to FG Girls & Boys College Quetta Cantt. At FG Girls & Boys College, Commissioner Kakar reviewed ongoing edu-

cational infrastructure upgrades. Officials briefed him that the lecture halls, offices, and BS program block have been completed. Construction of the science block, costing Rs. 111.1 million, is underway.

Additionally, a multipurpose hall and sports facilities for female students are being built at a cost of Rs. 132.4 million.

The Commissioner instructed authorities to maintain high quality and ensure timely completion so students can benefit from a modern academic environment. The college administration and stu-

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Balochistan Speeds Up Drug-Free Initiative with INL Training

News Desk Quetta: The Balochistan Excise, Taxation & Anti-Narcotics Department has intensified its efforts to make the province drug-free, launching advanced Anti-Narcotics Training with the support of INL (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement).

The training aims to equip officers and personnel with international-standard investigation skills, case preparation techniques, and operational expertise. The program includes

modern methods of information-based operations, scientific investigation procedures, accurate registration of cases under relevant legal sections, and practical training on the latest amendments in the Anti-Narcotics Act.

Officials expect that these improved skills will ensure more professional handling of drug-related cases and help eliminate previous procedural gaps.

The training, conducted under the supervision of senior officers, is being carried out with

dedication and professionalism. After each phase, participants are required to take a written test to evaluate their performance, capability, and learning outcomes—ensuring the program remains impactful and result-oriented.

According to the department, such structured and high-quality training will significantly enhance future anti-narcotics operations, making them stronger, more transparent, and fully aligned with legal standards.

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Pakistan enters bunkering market with first facility

NEWS DESK: The country has launched its first standardised bunkering operations at the Karachi Port, aligning Pakistan's largest port with global maritime safety and operational standards.

Bunkering at a port is the process of supplying ships with fuel (such as marine gas oil, heavy fuel oil, or alternative fuels like LNG) for propulsion and onboard machinery.

It is a critical, tightly regulated operation that involves transferring fuel from land-based facilities, tanker trucks, or bunker vessels to the receiving ship's fuel tanks.

Maritime Affairs Minister Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Tuesday said the initiative was launched to accelerate the modernisation of port services and a broader upgrade of Pakistan's maritime infrastructure.

He said the introduction of regulated bunkering would fill a long-standing gap in Karachi Port's service offering, enabling it to compete more effectively with established bunkering hubs in the region and beyond.

Vitol begins refuelling ships with its barge at Karachi Port as Cheryvco starts supplying low-sulphur fuel the minister said the availability of safe, reliable, and efficiently managed bunkering facilities is expected to attract more international shipping lines to Karachi, particularly those seeking streamlined port calls and predictable service standards.

Earlier, there was no refuelling facility for commercial shipping in the country, and ships had to obtain fuel from Fujairah or Singapore. The fuel supply and bunkering facility will be executed by Vitol, a Swiss-based Dutch



multinational energy and commodity trading company, through its Karachi-based Cheryvco refinery has started producing world-class 'very low sulphur fuel oil' (VLSFO) for ship refuelling. The facility has also become essential as India has banned ships that enter or leave its ports from carrying any Pakistani port.

Sources at the Karachi Port Trust (KPT) said that the availability of bunkering facilities would increase vessel traffic at the port, thereby improving revenue too.

Meanwhile, the maritime minister said that the move would

translate into higher foreign-exchange earnings through port fees, marine services, and ancillary commercial activity such as repairs, supplies and maritime logistics. Mr Chaudhry added that the new service would enhance Pakistan's visibility in the international maritime market by demonstrating the country's commitment to modern, environmentally responsible and globally competitive port management.

He said compliance with international standards covering fuel quality, safety procedures, documentation and

transparency was essential for building confidence among ship-owners and global trading companies.

The minister said the first phase of operations would begin in collaboration with one of the world's leading energy trading houses, which will conduct bunkering at Karachi Port in accordance with internationally certified practices.

He said the venture is expected to expand as domestic refineries supply larger quantities of refined fuel meeting global specifications, a development he described as a direct benefit to the national exchequer.

The minister noted that KPT had assessed existing bunkering practices, reviewed global procedures, drafted new documentation and engaged stakeholders to bring the service online.

He said the milestone reinforces KPT's ambition to operate as a leading regional hub and signals the government's intention to continue expanding port capabilities in line with international benchmarks.

German envoy, petroleum minister discuss cooperation in Pakistan's mining, energy sectors

NEWS DESK: German Ambassador to Pakistan Ina Lepel met Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik on Tuesday to discuss prospects for cooperation in Pakistan's mining, minerals and energy sectors.

According to an official statement, the ambassador praised Pakistan's recent efforts to reform its resource sector and said international interest in the country's minerals was growing, saying that,

interest in Pakistan's mining sector is encouraging, and the Reko Diq project stands as a crucial test case for attracting further international investment."

Lepel also pointed to opportunities for technical collaboration. She said the Geological Survey of Pakistan and Germany's Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources

had considerable scope to work together, recalling Germany's past support for mapping geohazards in Pakistan.

The federal petroleum minister briefed the delegation on the

government's plans to modernise the mining sector. "Our vision is clear: we are focused on promoting sustainable and mechanised mining practices. In this regard, the Reko Diq project is the torchbearer, setting a new benchmark for large-scale, responsible mining in Pakistan," said Malik.

He added that the government intended to build on the momentum from the Pakistan Mineral Summit and planned a larger Pakistan Mineral Investment Forum to showcase investment opportunities.



RLNG gets costlier for third time in November

NEWS DESK: On top of about a 4.4 per cent increase over the past two months, the Oil and Natural Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Tuesday notified up to 2pc further increase in the price of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) for sales at the distribution stage by the two private companies for November, mainly because of higher system losses.

This was decided on the fact that the average LNG price delivered at ship (DES) in November was about \$0.75 per unit (million British thermal unit) lower than in October, as the utilities' losses went up.

Karachi-based Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd (SSGCL) serves consumers in Sindh and Balochistan, and its system losses at the distribution stage stand at 12.5pc when compared to 10.6pc a month earlier. On the other hand, Lahore-based SNGPL provides gas to consumers in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and its system losses at the distribution stage were also reported at almost 9pc against 7.7pc last month. According to the notification, the RLNG's sale price for SNGPL at the transmission stage came down by 0.7pc to \$11.43 per mmbtu for November against about \$11.44 per

mmbtu for October and \$11.24 per unit in September. The sale price at distribution stage for SNGPL was, however, raised by 1.4pc to \$12.4 per mmbtu for November against \$12.23 per mmbtu in October and \$12.01 in September.

On the other side, the RLNG sale price for SSGCL has been increased at the transmission stage by 0.07pc to \$10.06 per mmbtu for November compared to \$10.08 in October and \$9.86 in September. The sale price at the distribution stage for the company was also increased by 1.97pc to \$11.45 per mmbtu for the current month.

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PSX rebounds strongly with 1,300-point rally driven by retail, institutional buying

NEWS DESK: Renewed optimism swept through the Pakistan Stock Exchange as the benchmark KSE-100 index posted a strong gain of nearly 1,300 points, supported by broad-based buying across key sectors.

The rally was evident in automobile assemblers, cement, commercial banks, fertiliser, oil and gas exploration, oil marketing companies, power generation and refinery stocks, signalling robust interest from both retail and institutional investors.

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Throughout Wednesday's session, the benchmark index oscillated between an intraday high of 162,741.73 and a low of 161,279.02 before closing at 162,226.28, up 1,291.15 points, or 0.80%.

In its market wrap, KTrade Securities noted that the PSX

has recently been reclassified as a Shariah-compliant stock. The

stock outperformed in an otherwise muted market, while mutual fund buying added further support.

Fertilisers remained the largest contributors to the index's gains, followed by the oil and gas sector. Major positive movers included Fauji

Oil, Engro Fertiliser and Maple Leaf Cement.

Market activity remained strong, with the KSE All Share Index recording a turnover of 1.02 billion shares, reflecting healthy participation. KTrade said the index is expected to track developments in law and order, broader political shifts and macroeconomic indicators. Investor focus will remain on the upcoming IMF tranche and regional geopolitical developments, which are likely to shape near-term market direction.

Overall trading volume declined to 1 billion shares, down from 1.5 billion on Tuesday. Shares of 484 companies were traded, with 194 closing higher, 244 lower and 46 unchanged. WorldCall Telecom led the volume chart with 160.2 million shares traded, slipping Rs0.14 to close at Rs1.91.



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Fertiliser, Pakistan Petroleum, Oil & Gas Development Company, Pakistan State

Nepra flags CPPA power proposal as 'deficient' as consumers face potential tariff hike

NEWS DESK: Electricity consumers are bracing for an increase in their monthly bills because of a potential spike in the power purchase price.

The power-sector regulator held a public hearing on Tuesday to consider a proposal for revising the national power purchase price, which industry representatives warned would keep energy expensive and stifle economic growth.

The Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guarantee (CPPA) presented its case to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), chaired by Wasim Mukhtar. In the proposal for setting the purchase price for fiscal year 2026, the CPPA estimated that the cost of electricity purchase would range between Rs25.69 and Rs26.69 per unit.

Price determination is a critical process that directly influences the tariffs paid by households and industries across the country.

During the hearing, the CPPA based its pre-

sentation on projections for electricity demand, the rupee-dollar exchange rate and fuel price estimates. However, the presentation

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Gold prices surge as international rate hits \$4,092 per ounce

NEWS DESK: In the international bullion market, gold price rises by \$79 per ounce to \$4,092. Gold prices increased today in both global and local markets.

Due to the global increase, the local price of gold per tola also rose by Rs7,900, reaching Rs431,562. Additionally, the price per 10 grams of gold increased by Rs6,773 to Rs369,994. On Tuesday, gold prices fell even as the

international market saw a rebound from a one-week low, supported by softer US employment data and expectations of a Federal Reserve rate cut in December.

According to the All-Pakistan Gems and Jewellers Association (APGISA), the price of gold per tola dropped by Rs7,000 to settle at Rs423,662. Similarly, the rate for 10-gram gold decreased by Rs6,002,

closing at Rs363,221.

The decline comes a day after domestic bullion rates remained stable, with the per-tola price standing at Rs430,662.

In the international market, gold recovered after touching a one-week low, trading between \$3,997 and \$4,080. Adnan Agar, Director at Interactive Commodities, said global prices showed a mild correction following two days of upward movement.



England face daunting task to break Ashes drought in Australia

NEWS DESK: Arch-ri-vals Australia and England resume Ashes hostilities on Friday in Perth with the hosts weakened by injuries but favourites to inflict more pain on a side with a dire record Down Under.

The highly anticipated five-Test series gets under way on a fast, bouncy track at a sold-out Perth Stadium and with Ben Stokes's visitors insisting they are not scarred by past failures.

It has been 15 years since England last clinched an away Ashes series and since then they have failed to win a Test on Australian soil, losing 13 and drawing two.

This time they touched down on the back of a thumping 3-0 one-day defeat in New Zealand and criticism over scheduling — just a single three-day red-ball warm-up on a dole pile.

Skipper Stokes said they were starting with a clean slate, despite their miserable record in Australia.

"They're a phenomenal team, especially in their home, so we know the next two-and-a-half months is going to be tough for us," he said.

"All the series that have gone past, whether that be in Australia or England, I don't think count for much."

There may never be a better chance to snap the long winless streak with the hosts' pace spearheads — Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood injured and out of at least the first Test.

Former Australia fast bowler Mitchell Johnson said their absence "starts to rewrite the whole script for the Ashes".

"It narrows Australia's margin for error and it forces selectors into decisions they'd hoped they wouldn't have to make this early," he added.

At least England have been spared an opening match in Brisbane, where they have won just twice since World War II.

The Gabba will in-



stead host the day-night second Test before the series moves to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

Speed over swing England are relying heavily on their own car-

tel of express pacemen led by Jofra Archer, Mark Wood, Gus Atkinson, Brydon Carse, Matthew Potts and Josh Tongue, with Shaoh Bashir the only recognised spinner.

But it is a gamble, with Wood the only one

to have experienced Test cricket in Australian conditions and he has barely played since knee surgery earlier this year.

Alongside Scott Boland, wily campaigner Mitchell Starc will shoulder the hosts' attack

with Cummins and Hazlewood out, with Nathan Lyon the spin option and seamer Brendon Doggett tipped to make his debut.

Former Australia captain Greg Chappell said in a newspaper col-

umn that the Ashes would be decided by the superior fast bowling unit.

"History is unequivocal — to win in these vast, sun-baked arenas, you need ex-

press pace bowlers who can intimidate, extract bounce, and shatter partnerships on pitches that reward raw speed over subtle swing," he said.

"If England's attack fires and dismantles Australia's batting order, the McCullum-Stokes masterplan will have them join the list of suc-

cessful English leaders in Australia."

But he cautioned against England em-

ploying the ultra-aggressive "Bazball" cricket favoured by the captain and coach Brendon McCullum.

"Their incendiary style might work on the small grounds in Aus-

tralia but on pitches prepared to be as flat as one-day pitches," he said. "But it won't be as easy to throw caution to the wind on the bigger grounds and more bowler-friendly pitches

here."

Top-order worries A lot of England's hopes rest on the shoulders of Joe Root and Harry Brook, ranked as the world's top two Test batsmen.

Brook has never played a Test in Australia while Root has failed to score a century in his 27 innings Down Under where he averages 35.68, well below his career average of 51.29.

Australia will similarly be relying on Steve Smith to be in the runs.

The 36-year-old, who will be captain in Perth, has plundered 18 of his 36 Test tons on home soil, averaging a formidable 59.70.

"If Smith gets on a roll and he starts scoring runs, it's going to be a challenge for England," his long-time former team-mate David Warner warned.

Australia's batting vulnerability is at the top, with an ageing Usman Khawaja potentially padding up to a sixth opening partner since Warner retired early last year.

No regrets on swapping UAE for Pakistan, says Usman Khan after crucial knock against Zimbabwe

NEWS DESK: Usman Khan knew he had to grab the chance on offer with both hands. He did, and with an unbeaten 37 against Zimbabwe, he saw Pakistan through to victory in the Twenty20 tri-nation series opener at the Pindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday night.

The wicket-keeper-batter, who had chosen to represent United Arab Emirates in international cricket back in 2021 before switching allegiance back to his homeland last year after catching the eye in the Pakistan Super League, hadn't made much of an impression on his return to the team for the national team since April, made 12 as Pakistan suffered a heavy defeat. Pakistan was the only game of the series he got a chance to



show the work he'd done on himself during his time away — Usman, who had been away from the national team since April, made 12 as Pakistan suffered a heavy defeat. Pakistan was the only game of the series he got a chance to

series but as the team continues to finalise its shape for the next year's Twenty20 World Cup, Usman knew he had to make it count against Zimbabwe. Pakistan had slipped to 54.4 in their pursuit of 148 when Usman joined Fakhar

Zaman (44) at the crease and provided the ideal foil in a 61-run partnership that set Pakistan on their way. Shuttled out of Pakistan's central contracts list for this year, Usman was asked about whether he regretted swapping UAE for Paki-

stan when he appeared for the post-match press conference.

"No, I don't think it was a mistake because it's everyone's dream to play for their home country, so if I'm getting the chance to play [for Pakistan] then naturally I will accept it," Usman, who would've qualified to represent UAE this year had he stuck to his initial decision, told reporters.

"You know that in the UAE, no matter how much time you spend there, you will only be an associate player since it isn't a Test nation. Obviously when you play here and perform, now in the age of social media your performance is for all to see, and likewise those who work hard are rewarded."

Multan Sultans owner threatens legal action against PCB for 'ghosting' franchise on valuation process

NEWS DESK: Fault lines in the rift between Pakistan Super League (PSL) franchise Multan Sultans and the country's cricket board grew deeper on Wednesday as the former's owner Ali Khan Tareen threatened legal action against the latter for failing to hand over the franchise's valuation and renewal process.

Last month saw escalating tensions between the two entities, with Tareen publicly accusing the PSL administration of mismanagement, selective leaks, and valuation opacity.

PSL announced two new franchise teams last week for which the chairman, "He noted that the representatives

would be initiated shortly, while the independent valuation process for the existing PSL franchises and other commercial assets had been completed.

Tareen took to X yet again today to air his grievances "since the PCB will not communicate with us." "Over the past month we have sent multiple emails to the PSL management, asking for our valuation and renewal letter (which every other team has already received). But there has been no response," he wrote fur-

ther, "No response to our legal letter, no response to our emails, no response to my letter to the chairman." "He noted that the representatives

of the other franchises had also asked why Multan were not being included in the valuation and renewal process, to which there was no response as well.

"For those asking why this is not being handled behind closed doors, it is simply because the PSL management refuse to engage with us," said Tareen. He affirmed that legal action would be taken if the "ghosting" continued, though it was the "absolute last thing" the franchise would want to do. "This entire situation is unnecessary and could have easily been solved over tea and biscuits. But fragile egos make simple things difficult," Tareen said.

2026 FIFA World Cup draw picture gets clearer after dramatic night of action

NEWS DESK: A dramatic night of qualifying for the 2026 World Cup across the globe ended with joy and heartbreak in equal measure, and with 42 of the 48 teams at next year's showpiece in the United States, Canada and Mexico now known.

Scotland, in hair-raising fashion, and Austria, after snatching a late equaliser, ensured they will be appearing at the World Cup for the first time since 1998, joining Spain, Belgium and Switzerland as the final five of the 12 automatic qualifiers from Europe.

Across the Atlantic, Curacao became the smallest country to ever win a berth at the finals, joining Haiti and Panama in locking up the three automatic berths from the North and Central American region.

In Asia, Iraq kept their World Cup qualification dream alive with a penalty in the 17th minute of injury time to secure a place in the six-team inter-confederation play-off tournament in March.

Bolivia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, New Caledonia, Suriname and Jamaica are the other teams in the playoff with two spots up for grabs. The remaining four berths at the World Cup will be filled from Europe, through UEFA's 16-team playoffs.

List of teams qualified for the 48-team 2026 World Cup after Tuesday's matches:

Host nations: Canada, Mexico, United States.

North America, Central America and Caribbean (CONCACAF): Curacao, Haiti, Panama.

Africa (CAF): Algeria, Cape Verde, Egypt, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Mo-

rocco, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia.

Asia (AFC): Australia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Uzbekistan.

Europe (UEFA): Croatia, England, France, Norway, Portugal, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Scotland.

South America (CONMEBOL): Argentina, Brazil, Colombia,

Andy Robertson told the BBC. "Never say die. We just keep going right to the end and one of the craziest games."

"We put the country through it, but I'm sure it's worth it. We're going to the World Cup."

Earlier, Napoli midfielder Scott McTominay had given the hosts a third-minute lead with a towering overhead kick.

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games, including the home draw with Belarus on Saturday, which opened the door for Scotland to seal an automatic place with victory on Tuesday.

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Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay. At a rocking Hampden Park in Glasgow, injury-time wonder-goals by Kieran Tierney and Kenny McLean handed Scotland a stunning 4-2 win over Denmark that secured top spot in Group 'C'.

Level at 2-2 as the clock ticked past 90, Denmark were set to advance to the World Cup as group winners until Tierney curled in an exquisite finish from distance three minutes into injury time.

McLean then put the match beyond doubt as he lifted the ball over Danish goalkeeper Kasper Schmeischel, who was well off his line, from the halfway line on 98 minutes.

"That just sums up this squad," captain

clubmate Rasmus Hojlund levelled for Denmark from the spot just shy of the hour, before his side went down to 10 as Rasmus Kristensen picked up a second booking.

An anxious Hampden Park let out a roar of ecstasy and relief in the 78th minute as Lawrence Shankland turned in from close range.

But Denmark struck back again through Patrick Dorgu four minutes later before Tierney and McLean stole the headlines.

Denmark, who only needed to avoid defeat to make sure of their third successive World Cup finals appearance, were left crestfallen.

From a position of control in the group they managed only one point from their last two

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Needling a win to top the group and avoid automatic qualification to their second World Cup after their maiden appearance in 2014, Bosnia stunned the home crowd when Hris

Tabakovic headed in from close range to give them a 12th-minute lead.

Roger Federer elected to International Tennis Hall of Fame



NEWS DESK: Tennis icon Roger Federer has been inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame by the next generation of champions at Swiss Tennis, where he first began his career," the Hall said in a statement.

"Hall of Famers Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker, two of Federer's inspirations as a child, were joined by over 20 fellow Hall of Famers in sharing their congratulations.

Federer is one of only eight men in tennis history to achieve a career Grand Slam in singles, and was the first male player in tennis history to win 20 major singles titles. He held the world No. 1 ranking for a record 237 consecutive weeks, ultimately

holding that spot for 310 total weeks throughout his career. During his ATP career, he captured 103 singles titles, received the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award 13 times, and was voted as ATP Fan Favorite for a record 19 consecutive years.

Federer captured an Olympic gold medal in doubles in 2008, led Switzerland to the 2014 Davis Cup title and created the Laver Cup to honor Hall of Famer Rod Laver's global legacy.

"It's a tremendous honour to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame and to stand alongside so many of the game's great champions," Federer said.

"Throughout my career, I've always

valued the history of tennis and the example set by those who came before me. It was very special to receive the news at Swiss Tennis, surrounded by the next generation of players — the place where my own journey first began."

"To be recognized in this way by the sport and by my peers is deeply humbling. I look forward to visiting Newport next August to celebrate this special moment with the tennis community."

Sportscaster and journalist Mary Carillo has also been elected into the Contributor Category, which recognizes individuals who have made a transcendent impact on the sport of tennis, the Hall said.

Epstein files bill to be sent to Trump after approval from Congress

NEWS DESK: Both chambers of US Congress have agreed to order the US justice department to release its files on late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the measure in a 427-1 vote. The Senate said it would pass the bill before it officially received it.

President Donald Trump must ultimately sign off the measure, which he has said he will do. He recently reversed his position and urged fellow Republicans to vote to disclose the records, following pushback from many of his supporters. Earlier on Tuesday, survivors of Epstein spoke in support of the measure at the US Capitol. One of them said they had suffered "institutional betrayal" for years.

The "Epstein files" refer to the vast trove



of documents that were amassed during criminal investigations into the financier, including transcripts of interviews with victims and witnesses, and items confiscated from raids of his various properties.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune told CNN that he expected the upper chamber to receive the bill from the lower one on Wednesday morning, after which the bill would be passed and then sent to Trump for the presidential signature.

Trump said the timing did not matter to him and has continued to cast the issue as a distraction. "I just don't want Republicans to take their eyes off all of the Victories that we've had," he wrote in a social media post late on Tuesday afternoon.

Trump's own historical relationship with Epstein has again been the subject of recent headlines after US lawmakers released more than 20,000 pages of documents from Epstein's estate—including some that mention Trump and other prominent figures, without indicating any wrongdoing by those individuals.

Trump's reversal at the weekend—from attacking those on Capitol Hill who wanted the files released to saying there was "nothing to hide"—surprised some in Washington.

The Republican congressional leadership was caught off guard after aligning their message with the president for the past few weeks and opposing the release of the files.

House Speaker Mike Johnson had repeatedly called the push to release the Epstein files a "Democrat hoax". But on Tuesday, he voted in support of release.

Republican Clay Higgins, of Louisiana, and cited his concern about innocent people being hurt with the release of the information.

Russian spy ship pointed lasers at RAF pilots tracking it, says Healey

NEWS DESK: Allusion spy ship on the edge of UK waters has used lasers for the first time to disrupt RAF pilots monitoring its activities, the defence secretary has said.

John Healey told a press conference in Downing Street the government was taking the "deeply dangerous" move "extremely seriously".

He added that the vessel, named Yantar, was north of Scotland and had entered UK waters over the last few weeks, for the second time this year.

The ship is "designed for gathering intelligence and mapping our undersea cables", Healey told journalists.

"My message to Russia and to Putin is this: we see you. We know what you're doing. And if the Yantar travels south this week, we are ready," he added.

Giving more details on the vessel, Healey said: "It is part of a Russian fleet designed to put and hold our undersea infrastructure and those of our allies at risk."

"It isn't just a naval operation. It's part of a Russian programme driven by what they call the Main Directorate of Deep-Sea Research, or GUGI, and this is designed to have capabilities which can undertake surveillance in peacetime and sabotage in conflict."

"That is why we've been determined, whenever the Yantar comes into British waters, we track it, we deter it and we say to Putin we are ready, and we do that alongside allies."

He said this was a demonstration of Britain's capability and "readiness to act".

The defence secretary issued a warning in January about the ship after it was spotted in UK waters.

At his Downing Street press conference, he said this was the first time Yantar had used lasers in an effort to "disrupt" RAF pilots, which he described as a "deeply dangerous" and "very seriously".

He said he had changed the Royal Navy's rules of engagement so that it could follow the Yantar more closely "when it's in our wider waters".

"We have military options ready should the Yantar change course. I am not going to reveal those because that only makes President Putin wiser," he said.

The UK and its NATO allies are concerned about the risk Russia poses to offshore cables, pipelines and other infrastructure critical to internet connectivity.

He added that any financial contribution to take part would have to be "good value for money for our taxpayers and our industry".

He said Britain should "pick up the pace of our commitment" and that was something Labour has been doing since it came to power last year.

The report comes as British negotiators race to agree a deal with the EU to enable British defence companies to contribute to projects funded by a new €150bn (£130bn) EU defence loan scheme set to launch next year.

The Labour government wants to conclude a deal in the coming weeks to allow British companies to take part in the first round of bids from EU countries, with applications due by the end of this month.

Healey told reporters the UK wanted to be part of the programme, but not "at any price", amid reports the two sides are at odds over the entry fee the UK could pay to enable British firms to take part.

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Epstein saga reveals Republican rifts - and the power of Trump's base

NEWS DESK: After Congress voted to force the justice department to release its files on Jeffrey Epstein, the legislation will now move to the White House.

Donald Trump's desk. And if Trump does sign it into law as expected, it will mark the final action in what has been a remarkable and abrupt change in his position.

For months, Trump was dismissive of calls to release the government's full trove of documents about the late financier and convicted sex offender. He described the case in July as "pretty boring stuff".

That was until Sunday, when—with a snowballing number of Republicans in the House signalling they would vote to release them—his persistent relent and encouraged them to do so. His shift opened the floodgates for an overwhelming 427-1 vote on Tuesday.

His reversal was a rare instance of Republican politicians pressuring Trump into action, and into a very public change in stance, rather than the other way around.

Regardless of what new information any future files may contain, the saga exposed fractures within the Republican Party and highlighted the power of Trump's Make America Great Again (Maga) base. It also has shown that, despite his best efforts, he may have struggled to maintain attention away from the Epstein case if he had not backed the vote.

"I think he sees that this is an issue he's underwhelmed in with average Republicans," said Martha Zoller, a conservative radio host and Republican strategist in Georgia.

"I think Trump had to do this in this point in time because he wants to be back on the right side," she added.

An NPR/PBS News/Marist poll taken at the end of September when Trump was yet to back the release of the files—suggested that 67% of Republican registered voters supported the release of all Epstein files with victims' names redacted.

Another 18% supported releasing some of the files with similar redactions.

"Transparency on what happened is extremely important to the voters," Chris Ager, the former chair of the New Hampshire Republican Party, told the BBC.

He praised Trump's reversal, arguing it was the sign of a healthy party "that you can have a disagreement on an issue... and come to a conclusion where essentially everyone is agree to let's release the files".

For much of this year, however, there were sharp disagreements on the issue. Trump's reversal came

as it looked increasingly likely he could face a revolt in the House.

The most notable defector, Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, said at a press conference with Epstein survivors on Tuesday that the saga had "tripped Maga apart".

Due to her vocal opposition, Trump dubbed her a "traitor" on Truth Social. Typically, such a public attack from the president would quiet dissent from a Republican, especially one up for re-election. But in a sign of the political potency of the Epstein issue, Greene pushed back.

"He called me a traitor for standing with these women and refusing to take my name off this discharge petition,"

Greene said on Tuesday. The House would advance the legislation, Greene said, "because the American people who we serve as representatives here in Congress demanded this vote happen".

Greene, who first broke with Trump in the spring, has been the public face of building dissent within Trump's Maga movement—not

just on Epstein, but on other issues such as the US bombing of Iranian nuclear sites in June and the president's continuing focus on foreign wars.

But on the Epstein issue in particular, Greene and others in the movement have called for greater transparency despite Trump's desire to focus on other issues.

And after Tuesday's votes in Congress, they can claim real success.

"The saga reveals how much power the Republican base now wields," party strategist Rina Shah told NPR in the summer. "MAGA voters are furious."

"This pressure is forcing even the most loyal Trump allies to break ranks. And it signals a Republican Party that's increasingly porous."

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The Epstein issue has also overshadowed other White House initiatives. Last week, President Trump announced he would roll back tariffs on groceries like coffee, bananas and beef as Americans' cost of living concerns increased.

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Children among 25 killed in one of Russia's deadliest strikes on western Ukraine

NEWS DESK: At least 25 people have been killed including three children in a Russian drone and missile attack on the western city of Ternopil that hit two blocks of flats, Ukrainian rescue officials say.

Another 73 people were wounded, 15 of them children, officials said, in one of the deadliest Russian strikes on western Ukraine since the full-scale war began in February 2022.

Two other western regions were hit, Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk, and a drone attack targeted three districts of the northern city of Kharkiv, wounding more than 30 people. Photos posted online showed buildings and cars ablaze.

Power cuts were affecting a number of regions across the country, Ukraine's energy ministry said.

Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky said Russia had fired more than 470 drones and 47 missiles, leaving "significant destruction". He warned that people could be trapped under the rubble in Ternopil.

The devastation caused by the Russian strikes on Ternopil soon became clear. A video shared by Zelensky showed that one of the two blocks of flats had completely caved in. The interior minister Ihor Klymenko said it had been destroyed between the third and the ninth floor. A giant smoke cloud rose in the distance behind the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ternopil, as sirens blared throughout the city. Energy facilities, transport and civil infrastructure were damaged elsewhere in western Ukraine. The energy

sector came under attack in Ivano-Frankivsk region where two of three people reported wounded were children. The head of Lviv region said an energy facility had been struck.



The Russian strikes came a day after Ukraine's military said it had fired US-supplied longer-range Atacms missiles at military targets inside Russia, the first time they have admitted using the Atacms on Russian soil.

Russia's defence ministry accused Ukraine of firing four of the missiles at the southern city of Voronezh but said they had all been

shot down by air defences. Meanwhile, Zelensky is heading to the Turkish capital Ankara, in an attempt to revive a US bid to end the war. He will hold talks

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