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BUIITEMS Graduates Torchbearers Of Progress: Governor

Syed Ali Shah, Education Desk:

QUETTA, DECEMBER 24: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail said that convocation ceremonies are not merely formal gatherings; rather, they represent important milestones that signify intellectual growth, personal achievement, and readiness to serve society.

The graduates passing out

from BUIITEMS today embody the aspirations of Pakistan and Balochistan, serving as torchbearers of knowledge and development. Under the visionary leadership of Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez and his team, the university has continued to emerge as a symbol of academic excellence and innovation.

BUIITEMS Enjoys Global Ranking

He said he was pleased to learn that BUIITEMS has been placed in the global 1500 band in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026 — the only university from Balochistan ranked internationally.

This, he added, reflects the university's consistent commitment to quality education, research, and institutional growth. The Governor expressed

these views while addressing the 21st convocation of BUIITEMS University. Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durani, Vice Chancellors of all public sector universities of Balochistan, faculty deans, distinguished guests, parents, and graduating students attended the ceremony.

Gold Medals Awarded To 10 PhDs

It is worth mentioning that during the 21st convocation, degrees and gold medals were awarded to 10 PhD, 685 BS, and 41 MS and MBA graduates.

Governor Mandokhail said he was pleased to attend the convocation as Governor of Balochistan, terming the event a moment celebrating educational excellence, perseverance and hope for the future.

He also praised BUIITEMS

for its role as United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) SDG Hub 8 Vice Chair for Teaching and Education, highlighting its active contribution to global discourse and sustainable development through academic leadership.

He added that the university's future vision includes developing Centres of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change, Smart Structures, and Disaster Risk Management to address local challenges with global solutions. The expansion of academic opportunities through sub-campus in Zhob and Muslim Bagh further reflects BUIITEMS' commitment to inclusive growth and regional empowerment.

Addressing the graduates, the Governor said their success is the result of commitment and discipline. As they move forward, they should view challenges as

opportunities, serve their communities with integrity, embrace innovation, and strive for excellence.

VC BUIITEMS Dr. Khalid Hafeez Hails Students

He urged them to stay curious, keep learning, and adapt to a rapidly changing world — pursue their passions, take calculated risks, and aim for the best in everything they do.

The Governor congratulated all graduates, their families, and faculty members, praying that their journey ahead remains filled with success, purpose, and meaningful contribution to the progress of the province and the country. Earlier, the Governor awarded gold medals to scholars and distributed degrees among graduates.

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Quetta Local Government Elections Postponed: Federal Constitutional Court Orders



NEWS DESK:

QUETTA: The Federal Constitutional Court has ordered the postponement of local government elections in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan.

The decision was made during the hearing of a petition

filed by Abd-ul-Qadir Shah and Munir Ahmad, who argued that the 2017 census was being used for the elections, despite the 2023 census being notified, which is a violation of the law.

The Election Commission had earlier rejected the request of the Balochistan Chief Min-

ister to postpone the elections, stating that they would be held on December 28 as scheduled.

However, the Federal Constitutional Court has now ordered the postponement of the elections.

with the hearing adjourned until the third week of January 2026.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

How Long Will Quetta Pay the Price for SSGC and Federal Negligence?

Editorial: Quetta is once again at the mercy of a winter crisis that has become all too familiar: low gas pressure, unannounced load shedding, and complete administrative silence. Every year, citizens are told to "bear with the situation" as temperatures fall and heaters, stoves, and geysers turn useless. Yet the authorities responsible — Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) and the federal energy managers — continue to operate without accountability.

A City Freezing While Authorities Look Away

The people of Balochistan are right to ask: Why must Quetta suffer the same crisis every winter while no structural reform is introduced? Why are consumers forced to pay heavy bills for a service that barely exists? And why do officials in Karachi and Islamabad continue to treat Balochistan's gas issues as a seasonal inconvenience rather than a governance failure?

Desperate Balochistan being an energy-producing region, its residents struggle every winter for the very resource extracted from their own soil. This contradiction reflects a deep-rooted policy imbalance in the federation,

where Balochistan remains last on the priority list — not because of a shortage of resources, but because of a shortage of political will.

SSGC's Repeated Excuses and Decades of Mismanagement

The SSGC's performance adds another layer of frustration. Each year, the company offers the same explanations — "excessive demand," "pipeline pressure issues," "technical challenges."

Yet no one explains why these problems remain unresolved despite decades of complaints. Why have there been no significant infrastructure upgrades? Why has the company failed to introduce a clear winter management plan for Quetta? Why is communication with consumers absent?

The unannounced nature of the load shedding exposes a complete disregard for public convenience. When outages are not scheduled or announced, families cannot plan meals, heating, or even basic daily routines. Hospitals and clinics struggle to maintain warm environments for patients. Small businesses suffer. And in a city where temperatures can drop below freezing, such negligence is not

just inconvenient — it is dangerous.

Federal Government's Weak Oversight and Balochistan's Low Priority

The federal government cannot escape responsibility either. Energy management is a national issue, and the pattern of winter mismanagement in Balochistan reflects weak oversight, poor planning, and an unfair allocation of resources. The silence of policymakers during these crises sends a clear message: Quetta's suffering is not a priority.

What Quetta needs is not another round of hollow statements. It needs a transparent winter gas plan, proper infrastructure investment, honest communication with the public, and real accountability for SSGC. Most importantly, it needs the federal government to finally treat Balochistan as an equal stakeholder in national resource management.

The people of Quetta have endured enough. Their patience should not be mistaken for acceptance. Without decisive action, this recurring winter crisis will continue to expose not only the inefficiencies of SSGC but also the federal government's unwillingness to address long-standing injustices.

The Looming threat of Climate Crisis in Pakistan



Sardar Mengal:

Climate change is unleashing its worst effects in the form of heavy rainfalls and disastrous floods. Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change had already warned multiple times about dire consequences of climate change in Pakistan. The authorities should have been on their toes in response to the contours of the crisis but we witnessed everything otherwise.

Balochistan Vulnerable to Climate Crisis

It is noteworthy that almost 30 districts of Balochistan have been badly hit by the current climate emergency. People who were already drowning in man-made disasters of inflation, poverty,

political crisis are currently drowning in a natural disaster. Nushki, Khuzdar, Lasbela, Bolan and Jhal Magsi received much of the inflictions of flash floods.

People were left stranded to flow with the waves as seen in footages, circulating on social media. Unfortunately, disturbing pictures of dead bodies of children covered with mud, families who were sitting helplessly on debris of their houses and sinking

valuable of the people couldn't awaken the government from its stupor. Even more gloomily, the enraging waves of floods engulfing lives and property, converting everything into dust & debris and wreaking havoc all

around — couldn't merit breaking news on national media.

Prior disregard and later delayed response have multiplied inflictions of the catastrophe.

Loss of land communication has further isolated the stricken areas making true estimation of destruction more exhausting.

Timely decision and act can reduce the effect of Climate Change.

To stop ballooning problems into crisis; rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations should be carried out on full scale as the current pace is insufficient to meet the requirement. NDMA and PDMA need to reach out to the peripheral areas that are out of the

radar.

It's high time for the provincial and federal coalition government to pay special attention to those whose lives are at the stake. Political parties need to rise above the traditional politics and launch concerted efforts to help out the calamity-stricken at the earliest. Social welfare organisations should come forward to heal the lesions of suffering humans. On national media, there should be special discourse and discussion on settlement and rehabilitation of the affected people.

In addition to ensuring: re-building of eroded infrastructure, compensation for losses, clean water, adequate supply of food, there should be numerous

measures in pipeline to overcome the post-flood outcomes such as increased risk of infectious diseases. The flood-stricken area can become a breeding ground for many health-related problems. Supplying preventive medicines and upholding precautionary measures can halt the onslaught of infectious diseases.

The state machinery in its all forms should come into play to navigate a safe passage out of this hurricane of climate emergency enveloping us now.

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IRC reaches to 29,000 out of school girls in Balochistan

By Shakoor Khan: International Rescue Committee (IRC) under its Teach & Educate Adolescent Girls with Community Help (TEACH) project, reached out to 29,000 out-of-school girls of 5 districts of Balochistan including Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Nushki, Kharan and Chagai.

"IRC is striving hard to promote girl's education in Balochistan besides imparting vocational trainings on financial literacy and trades to make them financially independent," said Shareef Mengal, Head of IRC Balochistan during a policy dialogue titled "Improving future of girl's education in Balochistan held in collaboration with UK aid at local hotel here."

Balochistan Education Minister Naseebullah Mari was the chief guest while representatives from the Education Ministry, Directorate of Special Education,

Literacy, Non-Formal Education & Human Rights Department, Balochistan Assessment and Examination Commission, Balochistan Textbook Board, Policy Planning Implementation Unit, Provincial Institute of Teachers Education, Education Support Programme, Global Partnership of Education, German Agency for International Cooperation, United Nations Children's Emergency Fund Society for Community Strengthening and Promotion of Education, Balochistan, Institute for Development Studies and Practices, Japan International Cooperation Agency also attended the event.

The event hosted conversations with multiple



stakeholders including education experts and government functionaries on the barriers faced by girls in the province in pursuing their education and business development solutions to combat those barriers.

salient feature of the project IRC

While highlighting the salient feature of the project IRC chief in Balochistan Shareef Mengal said under the 'Girls Learn' stream of the project, 22,000 girls received classes on Package A, B and C of non-formal curriculum, of them 4000 enrolled in mainstream formal schooling system.

Under 'Girls Earn' stream of the project, 7000 girls completed Package A of the non-formal curriculum, out of these 7000 girls, 5000 received training on financial literacy and business development planning. 2400 girls received training on 8 vocational trades and toolkits and 250 girls received financial grants to start a business.

Naseebullah Mari, Education Minister Balochistan, on the occasion urged that "We must do our part to remove the barriers faced by girls in the region so that every girl can pursue her education and become a valuable member of society."

"The Government is making all out efforts to combat the low literacy rate which has affected

girls from all ethnic groups, and socioeconomic backgrounds," he said.

We are committed to assist and contribute to building economically prosperous, and educated Balochistan, to every child has access to education.

He however welcomed the support extended by the International Rescue Committee for providing educational and vocational training opportunities, saying he is very grateful for the on-ground initiative of community-based schools in Balochistan."

Abdul Rauf Baloch — Secretary Secondary Education on the occasion appreciated the contributions of IRC for girl's education in Balochistan.

He shared that education is a complex subject which cannot be discussed without WASH, health and other facilities.

This makes it a responsibility of all relevant departments and stakeholders who should play their role effectively.

Zain Ul Abedin Khan, Deputy Director Programs, IRC, in his remarks said that "We as a society need to commit to prioritize and focus on Girls' Education through adequate resources. Girls' education in Balochistan is one of the biggest challenges faced by the country and to deal with it we must work with innovative methods like Non-Formal Education."

He further added that, "Over the years, we have realized that if girls are unable to reach school, all stakeholders need to fill the gap and provide access to life-long learning opportunities like productive skills and life-skills within communities."

Girl's education is correlated with lower rates of poverty

The panel discussions established an opportunity for the policy makers and practitioners to understand that girl's education is correlated with lower rates of poverty and improved health outcomes. While stimulating dialogue, the stakeholders pledged to work together to eradicate the barriers to girls' education by providing gender inclusive facilities and quality of education.

The event was a culmination of three sessions where the first was hosted to discuss the barriers faced by girls in pursuing their education. The panelists of the first session classified the barriers into 3 categories: Cultural, Economic and Service Delivery. The panelists recommended Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) as a viable option while integrated with skill-based trainings and digitalized education.

Initiatives to combat the barriers to education

Anam — client of TEACH project from Pishin shared that after joining TEACH ALP center, she can read books and newspapers. Simra from the same district shared that her parents don't allow travelling long distances to attend school but after opening of ALP center at doorsteps, she was able to join the classroom for first time in her life. Haleema from Nushki district shared that her mother is the only breadwinner of home and works at households of others to earn income. Haleema shared that she is the only child of her family who can read, thanks to joining ALP center.

The second session was focused on sustainable initiatives to combat the barriers with the help of Non-Formal Education in bridging the gap between primary and secondary schooling.

Chairperson of the session, Mr. Abdul Khaliq — Chief Planning Officer Policy, Planning, and Implementation Unit welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of solutions to these barriers.

Mr. Ashraf Gichki — Director Literacy and Non-Formal Education shared contribution of NFE department toward provision of second chance of education to out-of-school children.

Personal struggles in overcoming the barriers to education

The third and final session gave the TEACH clients an opportunity to express their personalized struggles in overcoming the barriers to education.

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New Superintending Engineer Irrigation Takes Charge in Naseerabad

NASEERABAD: Madhshar Zafar Khosa has taken charge as the Superintending Engineer Irrigation Circle Naseerabad Division and has begun his duties.

Speaking on the occasion, Khosa said that Nasirabad Division is known as the Green Belt of Balochistan, and its economy is largely dependent on agriculture.

Therefore, it is essential to make the

irrigation system effective, transparent, and modern.

He stated that providing timely and fair water supply to farmers will be his top priority, and efforts will be made to expedite the cleaning, repair, and maintenance of canals to prevent water wastage.

Khosa further said that the problems of farmers will be addressed on a priority basis through mutual consultation with irrigation officials and field staff.

He assured that government resources will be utilized transparently.

Ongoing and future development projects will be closely monitored to ensure their benefits reach the people.

He emphasized that joint efforts and better planning will not only promote agriculture but also improve the economic condition and prosperity of the people in the area.

Consultative Meeting between Local Government and NADRA to Enhance Digital Governance in Balochistan

QUETTA: A consultative meeting was held between the Local Government and Rural Development Department, Government of Balochistan, and NADRA Balochistan, chaired by Secretary Local Government and Rural Development, Abdul Rauf Baloch. The meeting discussed the provision of administrative boundaries and geographical data of local government offices to promote digital governance and enhance public services in the province.

The meeting was attended by Director General NADRA Balochistan, Naveed Jan Sahibzada, Additional Secretary Local Government and Ru-

ral Development, Syed Sanaullah Qureshi, Focal Person CRMS Local Government and Rural Development, Syed Abbas Shah, Assistant Director NADRA, Zia ur Rahman, and other officials from the Local Government and Rural Development Department and NADRA Balochistan. The meeting emphasized the importance of providing administrative boundaries, including provincial, divisional, district, tehsil, and union council GIS shape file data, and accurate locations of local government offices for effective governance, data ac-

curacy, and citizen-centric service delivery. Director General NADRA Balochistan, Naveed Jan Sahibzada, stated that linking local government data with NADRA's address library and citizens' CNIC data would significantly improve population planning, resource allocation, and public service delivery.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to strengthen the digital system through collaborative efforts between NADRA and local government on a phased basis, ensuring transparent, efficient, and effective services to the people of the province.



Provincial Minister for Food Meets with Public Delegations from Ziarat, Harnai, and Sanjawi

QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Food and Chairman Balochistan Food Authority, Haji Noor Muhammad Damar, met with public delegations from Ziarat, Harnai, and Sanjawi districts at his office. During the meeting, the public shared their issues, difficulties, and needs with the Provincial Minister, who listened attentively.

Haji Noor Muhammad Damar assured the delegations that resolving public issues is his top priority and that relevant departments will be instructed accordingly. He stated that every effort will be made to live up to the trust shown by the people of Ziarat, Harnai, and Sanjawi.

On the occasion of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's birthday, December 25,

the Provincial Minister for Food, Haji Noor Muhammad Damar, said that Quaid-e-Azam was a great leader, visionary, and champion of principles.

He said that Quaid-e-Azam's struggle, honesty, and sacrifices led to the creation of an independent homeland.

The Minister emphasized that Quaid-e-Azam's principles of honesty, rule of law, and

public service are still a guiding light for us. He urged the people to unite and work for the progress, prosperity, and stability of the country and province.

Haji Noor Muhammad Damar appealed to the public to play their role in the development of the province through mutual unity, patience, and respect for the law.



Provincial Minister for Communications and Works Emphasizes Development Projects

QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Communications and Works, Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa, has emphasized the importance of the Communications and Works Department in the development and prosperity of the province.

Addressing a review meeting via Zoom, the Minister stressed that the department's performance needs to be improved further, and technical issues should be resolved on a priority basis.

He directed the Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers to regularly review the progress of ongoing development projects and submit their reports.

The Minister re-



viewed the progress of the Hana Road project and directed that it be completed as soon as possible.

He emphasized that the quality of de-

velopment projects should not be compromised and that the department's responsibility is to provide modern facilities to the people of the province.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Communications and Works, Lal Jan Jafar, Chief Engineer, and other officials of the department.

The Minister assured that the government is committed to improving the infrastructure and providing better facilities to the people of the province.

Construction Ban Imposed on Major Roads



QUETTA: The Urban Planning and Design Committee, chaired by Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzeb Khan Kakar, has imposed a ban on new construction and building activities on major roads, including Airport Road, Sabzal Road, Sarayab Road, and Link Shahwani Road.

The decision was made during a meeting attended by officials from the Metropolitan Corporation, Deputy Commissioner Quetta,

Quetta Development Project, and other relevant departments. The committee reviewed ongoing development projects and

discussed issues related to traffic congestion, unplanned construction, and future city expansion.

The ban requires prior approval from the Commissioner's Office for any construction work, which will be reviewed by the Urban Planning Committee.

The meeting also

decided to restrict commercialization of residential areas and make parking facilities mandatory for new commercial buildings.

The Commissioner directed officials to ensure implementation of building codes and regulations, and to review NOCs for marriage halls and restaurants.

The meeting emphasized that no digging or excavation will be allowed on newly constructed roads without permission.

The Commissioner instructed relevant departments to prepare a comprehensive master plan for Quetta city, considering future expansion and urban challenges.

Important Meeting on Public Transport Issues Held in Qalat

QALAT: A crucial meeting regarding public transport issues was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Munir Ahmad Durrani.

The meeting was attended by Tehsil Qalat Haji Abdul Ghafur Lehi, Superintendent Harnai Muhammad Ibrahim

Bangalzi, Superintendent Malik Habib Muhammad Shahi, Senior Clerk Gulam Farooq Mengal, Traffic Sergeant ASI Sami Ullah, and representatives of Qalat to Quetta wagon and coaster owners, including Mir Muhammad Anwar, Abdul Samad, Dar Muhammad, Gulam

Nabi, Hazoor Bakhsh, Abdul Qadir, Darshan Kumar, Qasim Shahwani, and others. The meeting discussed the issues faced by transporters, including route permits, vehicle departure times, and new route permits. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that transporters

should make every effort to provide facilities to the public and that their issues would be resolved on a priority basis.

He urged transporters to resolve their issues mutually and co-operate with each other. The Deputy Commissioner stated that

those who have obtained permits can operate their vehicles, and the court's decision would be implemented.

Transporters should operate their businesses according to the law, and those who violate the rules would face cancellation of their permits and legal action.

Chief Executive Officer of the Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade

QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer of the Balochistan Board of Investment and Trade, Qaim Lashari, met with Additional Secretary and Executive Director General of the Federal Board of Investment (BOI), Zulfiqar Ali.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the establishment of a Business Facilitation Center (BFC) in Quetta, its strategic framework, and the adoption of modern technology and operational procedures.

The Additional Secretary assured full support for the establishment of the Business Facilitation Center in Balochistan and for making it effectively operational.

Both sides emphasized strengthening mutual cooperation, capacity building, knowledge sharing, and the adoption of best practices.

On the occasion, Qaim Lashari termed the formation of a dedicated work-

ing group, the development of clear implementation timelines, staff training, and the establishment of an integrated system as essential for making the BFC fully functional.

The meeting concluded with a strong mutual commitment to improving investment facilitation across Balochistan, which was described as an important step toward enhancing the province's business environment and promoting investor-friendly reforms. Meanwhile, Qaim Lashari also visited the Federal Business Facilitation Center, where he met with BFC Manager Meher Ali. During the visit, he closely reviewed the

ter provides a fundamental platform for local and international investors, making doing business in Balochistan easier, faster, and more reliable than

ever before. He emphasized that this initiative sends a clear and strong message that Balochistan is fully prepared and open for investment.

TENDER NOTICE

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PIA to be run by new owners from April subject to approvals, says PM's adviser

NEWS DESK: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) is expected to be run by a new owner from April next year, subject to approvals, and receive fresh capital under a deal to privatise the flag carrier, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Privatisation Muhammad Ali said on Wednesday.

A consortium headed by the Arif Habib Corporation emerged as the top bidder in a live-televated auction for a 75 per cent stake in PIA on Tuesday, marking a breakthrough for the government's long-delayed privatisation of the carrier.

The Arif Habib consortium offered Rs135 billion, surpassing a government reserve price of Rs100bn, in a sharp turnaround from last year's failed sale attempt. Muhammad Ali, the privatisation adviser to the prime minister, told Reuters in an online interview that the state-owned airline is expected to be run by a new owner from April, subject to approvals.

The process now moves to final approvals by the Privatisation Commission board and the cabinet, expected within days, with contract signing likely within two weeks and financial close after a 90-day period to meet regulatory and legal conditions.

Ali said the government would receive about Rs10bn in cash upfront and retain a 25pc stake valued at around Rs45 billion.

The deal was structured to inject fresh capital into the airline rather than simply transfer ownership, he said.

"We did not want a situation where the government sells the airline, takes its money and the company still collapses," Ali said.

The winning consortium also comprises fertiliser maker Fatima, private school network City Schools and real estate firm Lake City Holdings Limited.

Fauji Fertiliser was initially in the race to acquire PIA shares but it later opted out of the bidding process.

Ali said safe-



guards, including retained earnest money and an additional payment on signing, would allow the government to move to the second-highest bidder if the deal falls to zero.

On labour, Ali said the buyer must retain all employees for 12 months after the transaction, with contracts unchanged, adding that the PIA workforce has already shrunk in recent years.

The sale is closely watched by the International Monetary Fund, which has pressed Pakistan to halt losses at state-owned enterprises. Ali said the privatisation was a key test of Pakistan's reform credibility with the IMF, adding that failure to offload loss-making state firms risked renewed pressure on public finances. He said closing the deal would signal momentum on re-

forms and privatisations, adding that the government was working through a pipeline of future transactions once PIA closes.

He also addressed a press briefing on Tuesday, adding that the "strategic sale" of PIA was initiated 20 years ago. An attempt to sell the airline had also been made last year, which unfortunately had not been successful, he said.

recalled. The latest attempt, which resulted in the airline's sale, was a result of six months of persistent efforts, hard work, due diligence and cooperation of all stakeholders, he said, adding that the process was completed with the guidance of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, federal cabinet, Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar and Chief of Defence (CDF) Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir.

He recalled that there was a time, around 50 years ago when PIA was operating around 50 aircraft. The number should have increased to 100-115 by now, but the airline was presently operating just 18 planes, he added.

"We reached this stage because several mistakes have been committed in the past, over the years," Ali said, adding that the private sector was best-suited to run such businesses. "It's not the government's job to run businesses."

He further stated that now private entities

would invest in the airline, more planes would be added to its fleet, aircraft would be revamped and service quality would improve.

Ali once again lauded PM Shehbaz for his guidance and support, adding that CDF Munir also played an "important role" and there was "total commitment from his side. He also guided us".

He also acknowledged the support from Dar, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) and other members of the cabinet.

Ali also addressed the criticism on the transaction, adding that it was being said that the government was to renege just Rs10bn from the total bidding amount.

Under the transaction arrangement for PIA's privatisation, the government is to get 7.5pc of the total bidding amount, which adds up to around Rs10bn, and the rest 92.5pc is to be injected back into the airline.

Foreign loan inflows surge by 46pc in July-Nov

NEWS DESK: Inflow of foreign loans and grants to Pakistan increased 14 per cent to \$3.032 billion in the first five months of the current fiscal year (July-November) of the current fiscal year compared to \$2.667bn, mainly on the back of support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Inflows in November alone amounted to \$511m, relatively higher than \$471m in October, but almost 46pc lower than \$944m in the same month of last year.

Of the total, foreign loan inflows rose 46.2pc to \$2.521bn in 5MFY26 compared to \$1.724bn last year. Grants, on the other hand, fell by 43pc to \$54m from \$94m in the same period last year.

These inflows do not include \$1.2bn disbursed by the IMF early this month and would be accounted for later.

Mof reports Pakistan receives over \$3.03bn, including grants.

The target for total foreign inflows for the current year has been set at \$19.9bn compared to \$19.4bn last year.

In July-November of 2023, Pakistan was able to materialise more than \$4.3bn mainly because of signing of the 9-month Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) with the IMF. As a result, Pakistan received a major

injection of \$2bn in time deposit from Saudi Arabia. In fact, total inflows in July 2023 had amounted to \$5.1bn that also included \$1.2bn from the IMF and another \$1bn from the UAE.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs on Tuesday said that total foreign inflows in 5MFY26 stood at \$3.032bn compared to \$2.667bn last year. The EAD said that out of total inflows, \$1.157bn was received for project financing compared with non-project inflows amounted to \$1.875bn.

This meant about \$966m loans were received in five months for budget support. This is despite the fact that annual target for budget support this year was set at \$13.5bn compared to \$15bn last year. The authorities were also able to materialise \$500m against Saudi Oil facility in five months, at a set rate of \$100m each month of the fiscal year against an annual target of \$1bn. Against a full year target of \$5bn from multilaterals (excluding IMF), Pakistan got only \$1.258bn in five months from multilateral lenders against \$1.46bn of same period last year when the annual target was \$4.5bn. Total inflows from bilateral lenders

(other than three strategic friendly countries) in five months of the year amounted to \$808m against annual target of \$1.36bn but was 200pc higher than \$269m of same period last year when the full year target was \$523m.

Total inflows from bilateral and multilateral lenders amounted to \$2.066bn in five months of this year against the annual target of \$6.4b. Last year, the government had secured \$1.73bn from bilateral and multilaterals against annual target of \$5.05bn.

Inflows from overseas Pakistanis increased to \$966m in five months, up from \$735m of same period last year in the shape of Naya Pakistan Certificates. The government has targeted a total of \$609m through these certificates during the current year, which has already been surpassed by a wide margin.

The full year \$19.9bn target for current fiscal year includes \$6.4bn from both multilateral and bilateral lenders including \$5.05bn from multilaterals and \$1.36bn from bilateral lenders, \$400m in international bonds, \$3.1bn foreign commercial loans, \$8bn time deposit from Saudi Arabia and \$4bn SAFE deposit from China.

Speaking about the

Asif says govt satisfied with PIA sale, sees it having great 'symbolic value'

NEWS DESK: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Wednesday said that the government was satisfied with the sale of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), adding that it had great symbolic value.

He expressed these views on Geo News programme "Geo Pakistan" when asked whether the government was satisfied with the process.

"Yes, the government is satisfied. This is the first biggest transaction of our privatisation process. This transaction has a great symbolic value," he said, recalling that previously First Women Bank had also been privatised but that transaction was not as big.

A consortium led by the Arif Habib group won the auction for a controlling stake in Pakistan International Airlines Corporation Ltd (PIACL) on Tuesday with a bid of Rs135 billion after a competitive, five-day process, marking the country's first major privatisation in nearly two decades.

The sale is a central plank of the government's plan to offload loss-making state-owned enterprises and a key condition under Pakistan's \$7bn International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout programme.

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matter on "Geo Pakistan", Asif said the PIA sale had "symbolic value" because of the history of this transaction.

Four years ago, he said, the country's entire aviation sector had suffered following a statement by a then-minister from the PTL.

He was apparently referring to former aviation minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan's statement in June 2020 during a parliamentary session. Khan had said investigations revealed that more than 262 of the country's 860 active pilots either held fake licences or had cheated in their exams.

Following the then-minister's statement, European and UK authorities had ban-ned PIA from their territories, which were the airline's most profitable routes. A number of foreign air-

lines had also grounded Pak-istani-origin pilots over concerns about their licences.

The developments followed the crash of a PIA flight from Lahore near Karachi's Jinnah International Airport in 2020, killing around 100 people.

Asif said these events had led to PIA going "almost bankrupt" and that the government then restructured the company. "The government itself owned a big portion of its liability and only nominal liability remained," he said. "Against this backdrop, yesterday's transaction is a very successful one."

He also credited the civil aviation department for its considerable contribution in the matter and seeing the transaction through. "We went through a pains-

taking process," he said, adding that PIA was now operating flights to Manchester.

The minister further stated that the airline now also had permission to operate flights to Birmingham and London, but it did not have aircraft for those flights. Similarly, he continued, PIA now also had permission to operate flights to New York and London for 14-15 destinations in Europe.

The defence minister also appeared to be defending the arrangement under which the government is to receive just 7.5 per cent of the amount from the PIA sale, saying that investing a "bigger portion" back into the airline increased its value.

He said the government still held 25pc of PIA's shares and 92.5pc of the amount from the sale being invested back into the airline was actually an investment into a national asset.

"We did not give a handout to anyone," he asserted, adding that the country had borne losses for 50-55 years for its nationalisation of businesses.

He also blamed the bureaucracy for state-owned enterprises' losses, adding that politicians likely shared some responsibility for these losses as well.

"We have to construct such transactions as that PIA's sale to rid (the national exchequer) of these losses. We don't have a choice. We are beggars, not the choosers," Asif said, adding that several other transactions were to be carried out in the future.

In this connection, he also mentioned that two power distribution companies in Sindh and one each in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan were facing severe losses. When the anchorperson pointed out that Asif had held Khan responsible for losses in the aviation sector in recent years and asked whether action would be taken over such matters, Asif said action would be taken.

"There is no other option. These people should be held answerable," he said.

Trade deficit with nine states swells to \$6.22bn

NEWS DESK: Pakistan's trade gap with nine neighbouring countries widened by 39.33 per cent to \$6.221 billion in the first five months of 2025-26 compared to \$4.465bn in the same period last year.

The soaring deficit is mainly the outcome of a decline in Pakistan's overall exports to regional countries, mainly led by a drop in exports to China, followed by Afghanistan. Pakistan has suspended all kinds of trade, including exports to Afghanistan, since Oct 10.

A marginal increase was also recorded in exports to India, but in value its volume is very negligible. The shipments to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka registered negative growth during the period under review, according to the latest data compiled by the State Bank of Pakistan.

In FY25, Pakistan's trade deficit with nine neighbouring countries expanded by 29.42pc to \$12.297bn compared to \$9.502bn in the same period last year.

The value of Pakistan's exports to nine countries — Afghanistan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka,



India, Iran, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives dipped 17.05pc to \$7.135bn in July-November FY26 from \$1.971bn over the same period last year. In FY25, Pakistan's exports to nine countries rose 1.49pc to \$4.401bn from \$4.356bn the preceding year.

Contrary to this, imports surged to \$2.06pc to \$7.856bn in 5MFY26 from \$6.436bn in 5MFY25. Further analysis showed that imports from China grew by 22.98pc to \$7.135bn in 5MFY26 from \$6.275bn

in the same period last year. In FY25, imports from China stood at \$16.312bn, up by 20.79pc from \$13.504bn in the preceding year. The bulk of imports in the region are sourced from China, followed partially by India and Bangladesh.

Pakistan's exports to China fell by 6.4pc to \$982.984m in 5MFY26 from \$1.055bn over the same months in the preceding fiscal year. In FY25, Pakistan's exports to China dipped 8.6pc to \$2.476bn from \$2.709bn in the preceding fiscal year.

Imports from India dipped by 19.11pc to \$76.668m in 5MFY26 from \$94.784m over the last year. In FY25, import from India increased to \$20.58m from \$206.89m over the last year. Meanwhile, exports to India registered an uptick to \$259m in 5MFY26 from \$0.375m over the corresponding period last year.

Exports to Afghanistan dipped 94.72pc to \$210.556m in 5MFY26 from \$408.58m last year. Imports stood at \$8.527m in 5MFY26 against \$8.527m in FY25,

Govt sets two-month timeline for spectrum auction

NEWS DESK: The government on Tuesday approved the process for the auction of 600 megahertz (MHz) spectrum within two months, followed by the rollout of 5G internet in five to six months, on the recommendation of a US-based consultancy firm.

The decision was made at a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, which also approved a Rs200m (more than \$7m) bailout package for Pakistan International Airlines Investment Limited (PIA-IL) to discharge \$4m tax liability against Roosevelt Hotel, New York, and other domestic loan liabilities.

Speaking at a no-questions-asked recorded statement, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and Information Technology Minister Shaz Faatima Khwaja said the new spectrum auction, to be completed by early February, would be ten times larger than the 60MHz auctioned over all past auctions put together because internet congestion was a major

constraint to the nation's digitisation transformation.

The finance minister said recommendations for the spectrum auction were prepared by National Economic Research Associates (NERA), based on experiences in recent spectrum auctions in other countries, including process, pricing mechanism, auction and implementation strategies. He said the success of digitisation, digital inclusion and financial inclusion was linked to faster, cheaper and better processes, and unsold spectrum was directly translating into economic losses.

IT Minister Shaz Faatima said that under the ECC decision, the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) would complete all spectrum auctions by the end of January or early February because Pakistan was behind regional competitors due to the unavailability of spectrum capacity.

She said the upcoming auction would not only improve 3G and 4G services but also enable the launch of 5G and more international operators would enter the country.

The operators would be obligated, under the terms of the auction, to roll out all spectrum within four to six months.

so that service improvements become visible to the people in five to six months and to be followed by 5G rollout in six months.

Ms Khwaja said the internet was a basic ingredient to the government's digitisation efforts, for which the Digital Nation Pakistan Act 2025 had been passed but not in place.



'Govt wants to defuse protest momentum'

NEWS DESK: PTI founder Imran Khan's sister Aleema Khan on Tuesday accused the government of using dialogue as a pressure valve, saying that the ruling party revived talk of negotiations only when protest calls loomed, as she and other family members were once again denied permission to meet the incarcerated leader at Adiala Jail, triggering a sit-in.

The day designated for meetings at Adiala Jail where the party's supreme remains incarcerated, turned into a flashpoint as the sit-in protest brought traffic on Adiala Road to a standstill for hours.

Imran Khan's three sisters — Aleema Khan, Dr Uzma Khan and Noreen Khan — along with PTI leaders, were stopped at multiple police checkpoints and barred from proceeding towards the jail.

PTI chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan, party spokesperson for the party, founder Niazullah Niazi, secretary general Salman Akram Raja and lawyer Faisal Malik were halted at the Dahgal checkpoint and not allowed to move forward.

The sisters, travelling via Chakri Interchange, reached the Gorakhpur checkpoint, where those who,

in her words, held a "stolen mandate" panicked and rushed to negotiations whenever Imran Khan called for protests. She claimed that even the prime minister and his aides had begun floating the idea of talks, but insisted that authorities must first explain why meetings with Imran Khan were being blocked.

She questioned why the country's "most popular leader" was being kept isolated, said barriers erected on public roads exposed official fear, and claimed Imran Khan had already conveyed instructions to K-P leadership to prepare for street protests.

Separately, PTI chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said that, whether through resistance or reconciliation, "a path forward must be opened", acknowledging ongoing discussions about possible talks between the government and PTI, while noting that Aleema Khan's stance on negotiations was already on record.

Speaking to reporters at the Dahgal checkpoint near Adiala Jail, Barrister Gohar said it did not appear that meetings would be allowed that day but stressed that access to Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi should be ensured.

Healthcare crisis grips Hyderabad

NEWS DESK: Acute shortages of medicines, diagnostic facilities and functional medical equipment have left government hospitals across Hyderabad struggling to provide even basic healthcare, largely due to alleged apathy and poor oversight by officials of the Sindh Health Department.

According to reports, essential medicines have virtually disappeared from Civil Hospital Hyderabad as well as all taluka hospitals in the city. Even routine laboratory tests cannot be conducted at taluka-level facilities due to the absence or breakdown of basic machinery. As a result, patients are being forced to seek treatment at private hospitals and laboratories, where they are charged thousands of rupees even for preliminary check-ups, adding to their financial distress.

The situation has worsened to the extent that the trauma centre built on Hala Naka Road has remained non-functional, while large government hospital buildings present a deserted look at night. This has placed an ever-increasing burden

on Civil Hospital Hyderabad, the only major government healthcare facility for the city and interior Sindh, where patients arrive daily in large numbers from across the region. However, Civil Hospital itself is plagued by non-functional machinery and inadequate treatment facilities.

Hospital sources say that prolonged political interference and alleged appointments to senior administrative positions on the basis of influence rather than merit have resulted in chronic mismanagement. This has previously led to unrest by attendants and, more alarmingly, complaints related to the transfer and alleged sale of newborn babies. At present, Civil Hospital Hyderabad has only one MRI and one CT scan machine operational, while other diagnostic machines have remained out of order for months. Patients are advised to wait one to two months for MRI scans. In the emergency ward, only initial first aid is provided, after which critical patients are referred to Karachi. The burns ward faces a similar

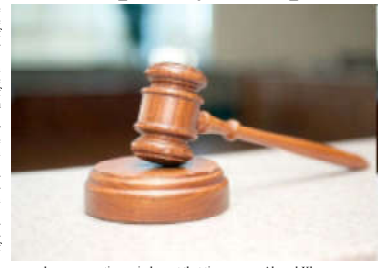
situation, lacking modern treatment facilities despite having a designated ward.

Sources further revealed that even in the Intensive Care Unit, immediate testing facilities are unavailable, forcing patients to get tests done privately. Hundreds of patients visit the hospital's OPDs daily, but due to the non-availability of government-supplied medicines, doctors often prescribe medicines to be purchased from outside.

Conditions at taluka hospitals in Hyderabad are reportedly even worse. Facilities such as Sindh Government Bhittai Hospital Latifabad, Government Hospital Qasimabad, Kohsar Hospital Latifabad, Government Hospital Pretabad and Government Hospital Hali Road, along with several basic health units, lack not only testing facilities but even essential medicines. Patients with serious conditions are routinely referred to Civil Hospital without proper examination, while OPD patients are advised to visit private medical stores and laboratories.



Is Punjab Property Ordinance suspension temporary hiccup?



NEWS DESK: After the suspension of the Punjab Protection of Ownership of Immovable Property Act 2025 by the Lahore High Court (LHC), and the subsequent reaction of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, speculation has begun over whether winds of change are starting to blow through the Punjab judiciary.

Some experts believe that so far the judiciary in Punjab has been "very accommodating" toward the Punjab government during the tenure of incumbent Chief Justice Aalia Nelum.

The Punjab government and powerful circles were visibly upset with the LHC chief justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan regarding his handling of appointments in the Anti-Terrorism Courts (ATCs), election tribunal nominations, and case allocations.

Even representatives from the bar were expressing dissatisfaction with Shahzad's decision. Upon assuming his role, then CJ Khan had successfully marked cases with political implications, assigning them to parties judges within the high court. These moves often resulted in outcomes unfavourable to the executive branch.

Notably, the PTI also received relief in

several cases, particularly those pertaining to election disputes.

Furthermore, then CJ Khan nominated five additional LHC judges to preside over election tribunals. Tension also persisted between the LHC chief justice and executive authorities regarding the appointment of five judges to ATCs in Punjab.

Meanwhile, the executive, with the support of then chief justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa, succeeded in elevating Khan to the Supreme Court in June last year.

Later, the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) suggested the appointment of Justice Aalia Nelum as the LHC chief justice. Justice Aalia was third in seniority among high court

judges at that time.

PTI lawmakers disagreed with her appointment on the grounds of ignoring the principle of seniority during a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Judges' Appointments.

Unlike her predecessor's tenure, the relationship between the provincial government and the Punjab judiciary has remained very cordial.

First, issues related to the appointment of the election tribunals were resolved in line with the wishes of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and executive authorities.

The PML-N had been visibly upset over the nomination of judges for election tribunals by then CJ Malik Shahzad

Ahmad Khan.

Secondly, Justice Aalia Nelum also transferred the ATC judges who were not in the good books of the executive but had been appointed by her predecessor.

Subsequently, dozens of PTI leaders and workers were convicted by ATCs in May 9 cases. Their appeals against convictions are still pending. Even their sentences were not suspended, and the majority of them remain behind bars.

Once when judicial members of the JCP suggested the elevation of Justice Aalia Nelum to the apex court during a meeting, members associated with the government vetoed the suggestion because the execu-

PIA to be run by Arif Habib-led consortium by April 2026

NEWS DESK: The national flag carrier, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), is expected to be run by a new owner from April 2026. It will also receive fresh capital under a deal to privatise the airline, the country's privatisation chief said on Wednesday.

A consortium headed by the Arif Habib Corporation emerged as the top bidder on Tuesday, in a five-telvised auction for a 75% stake valued at around Rs45 billion. The deal was structured to inject fresh capital into the airline rather than simply transfer ownership, he said.

"We did not want a situation where the government sells the airline, takes its money, and the company still collapses," Ali said. The winning consortium also comprises fertiliser maker Fatima, private school network City School and real estate firm Lake City Holdings Limited.

Ali said Fauji Fertiliser Company, a military-run conglomerate, did not bid but could still join the winning consortium as a partner, noting the buyer can add up to two partners — including a consortium partner or a foreign airline — if they meet the qualifying criteria.

Allowing partners

adds financial strength and could bring global aviation expertise, he said.

Ali said safeguards, including retained earnest money and an additional payment on signing, would allow the government to move to the second-highest bidder if the deal fails to close.

On labour, he said the buyer must retain all employees for 12 months after the transaction, with contracts unchanged, adding that the PIA workforce has already shrunk in recent years.

The sale is closely watched by the Inter-

national Monetary Fund (IMF), which has pressed Pakistan to halt losses at state-owned enterprises. Ali termed the privatisation a key test of Pakistan's reform credibility with the IMF, adding that failure to offload loss-making state firms risked renewed pressure on public finances.

He said closing the deal would signal momentum on reforms and privatisations, adding that the government was working through a pipeline of future transactions once PIA closes.

It is a fact that the PTI has so far failed to secure any kind of substantive relief during the tenure of Justice Aalia Nelum.

On the other hand, despite hue and cry over the activities of the Crime Control Department (CCD) in the province, the LHC has not passed any adverse order on the issue. Similarly, unlike in the past, provincial authorities did not face a tough time on issues related to maladministration and bad governance.

However, a controversy has now started after the LHC chief justice's Monday order suspending the Punjab Protection of Ownership of Immovable Property Act 2025.

Subsequently, CM Punjab Maryam Nawaz reacted to the LHC order by stating that the court's decision was not in line with the principles laid down by the higher judiciary.



Daytime movement of heavy vehicles banned in Karachi for 2 months

NEWS DESK: The daytime movement of heavy traffic vehicles has been banned in Karachi for two months, it emerged on Wednesday.

The development comes as the city has recently witnessed a steep increase in traffic accidents, with many resulting from collisions with heavy vehicles such as dumper trucks and water tankers.

A notification issued on Tuesday by Karachi Commissioner Syed Hassan Naqvi, a copy of which is available with Dawn, said that the deputy inspector general of the Karachi Traffic Police had requested the imposition of a ban on the movement of heavy vehicles during the daytime in order to resolve traffic congestion issues due to the influx of heavy vehicular traffic and to prevent road traffic accidents.



The notification added that in the interest of protecting human lives and ensuring the smooth flow of traffic, there were sufficient grounds to proceed under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code to regulate the movement of heavy traffic within the city.

As a result, the Karachi commissioner imposed a complete ban on dumper trucks carrying construction materials in all parts of the city, except between the hours of 10pm and 6am.

He also imposed a ban on the movement of heavy traffic within the city, except between 10pm and 6am. However, this excluded those carrying "essential commodities", including water, edible oil, liquid nitrogen, meat, skin and medical gases classed as life-saving drugs.

A complete ban was also imposed on the movement of heavy traffic on Jinnah Avenue from Super Highway (M-9 Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway) near Saima Pari Classic and Ruffi Global City up to Malir Halli.

Three routes were also designated for heavy traffic, excluding dumper trucks carrying construction materials. These included the Super Highway (to New Karachi Industrial area via Slip Road) and the National Highway (to Godown Chowrang, Younas Chowrang, Dawood Chowrang). The third route was the Northern Bypass, through which vehicles can access Gulbani and Mauripur en route to Karachi Port. An alternate route was also specified from Link Road Kathore to Sassi Toll Plaza. "The movement of dumpers equipped with approved tracking devices (trackers), which access data has been integrated with the Karachi Traffic Police monitoring system, is exempted from the restriction timings within the industrial zones of Karachi," the notification added.

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Caracas is using oil money to finance "drug terrorism, human trafficking, murder, and kidnapping."

Caracas, in turn, fears Washington is seeking regime change, and has accused Wash-



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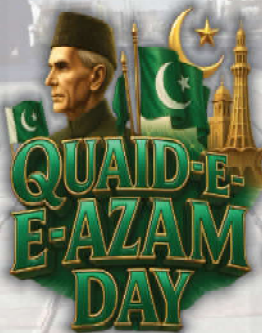
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