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Balochistan High Court Suspends Government Move Granting 22-A, 22-B Powers to Commissioners, DCs

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court on Monday suspended a provincial government notification that had authorised divisional and district administration officers to exercise powers under Sections 22-A and 22-B of the Criminal Procedure Code.

A two-member bench

comprising Chief Justice Muhammad Iqbal Khan Malakhail and Justice Gul Hassan Tareen issued the order while hearing constitutional petitions filed by advocates Rahib Khan Buledi, Iftikhar Ahmed Langove and Abdul Baseer Kakar.

The petitions challenged the Home Department's December 30, 2025 notification which designated commission-

ers, additional commissioners, deputy commissioners, additional district commissioners and assistant commissioners as "Justices of Peace" with authority to perform functions under the cited CrPC provisions.

The petitioners argued that the notification was issued unilaterally.

without consultation with the provincial chief justice, and

violated Articles 175(3), 202 and 203 of the Constitution. They further contended that judicial functions already

rest with sessions and additional sessions judges acting as ex-officio justices of peace,

and that conferring such powers on executive officers amounted to creating a "parallel judicial system".

Finding the points raised

worthy of consideration, the court issued the petitions, noticed

to the respondents and or-

dered that the impugned noti-

cification remain suspended un-

til the next hearing following the winter recess.

The court also directed that copies of the order be sent to the Advocate General's office for information and compli-

Islamabad to get three mayors under new local govt system

NEWSZ DESK:

The federal cabinet has approved a new local government system for Islamabad and decided to replace the existing metropolitan corporation by dividing the city into three separate town corporations. Sources indicate that the new system will establish a structure with three mayors and six deputy mayors for the capital, each serving a four-year term.

Elections for these positions will be conducted by the chairmen of union councils. The summary has been sent to the president for his signature, after which the Election Commission will announce the new boundaries and an election schedule based on the amended framework.

The government has forwarded a summary to the president for his assent. Once the president gives his approval, an ordinance will be issued to implement the new local government structure in the federal capital. According to sources, the capital will be divided into three town corporations based on the three constituencies of the National Assembly. Under the proposed system, town corporations will be granted administrative and financial autonomy, with many powers currently held by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) being transferred to the town corporations.

In the new setup, mayors will be given significant powers over municipal services, such as sanitation, drainage, and development projects. Each town corporation will have one mayor and two deputy mayors. However, the mayoral and deputy mayoral elections will not be held directly. Instead, the chairmen of the union councils will elect the mayors and their deputies.

The proposal also includes a four-year term for both mayors and deputy mayors. Following approval from the federal cabinet, the presidential ordinance is expected to be issued soon. Afterwards, the Election Commission will delineate new electoral boundaries and announce the election schedule.

Under the new system, Islamabad's 125 union councils will be distributed among the three town corporations based on population. The proposed structure is expected to improve local governance and enhance the provision of urban services to residents.

Bomb blast destroys ANP district president's community hall in Tirah Valley

NEWS DESK:

Terrorists carried out another act of violence in the Tirah Valley of Khyber district, blowing up the hujra (community hall) of Awami National Party (ANP) district President Abdul Raaziq Sunday night. According to police, the attackers used explosive material, completely destroying the structure and reducing all valuable items inside to rubble.

Abdul Raaziq's residence had previously been set ablaze by militants about two years ago. Due to the worsening law and order situation in the area, he had vacated the hujra about four years ago because of persistent security threats. Authorities further revealed that the ANP leader had been receiving continuous threats from terrorists for a long time. Fortunately, no casualties were reported in the incident as the hujra had remained uninhabited for an extended period. After the explosion, security forces and police cordoned off the area and launched a search operation to trace the perpetrators.

Trump Threatens Higher Tariffs on India Over Russian Oil Purchases

NEWS DESK:

The United States may impose additional tariffs on Indian exports if New Delhi does not significantly scale back its imports of Russian crude. President Donald Trump warned on Sunday, adding pressure as stalled trade negotiations drag on. Speaking aboard Air Force One, Trump said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had "told me that India's administration, noting that U.S. authorities could raise duties on Indian products 'very quickly' if required. India's commerce ministry did not immediately comment.

The remarks follow months of uneasy talks after the United States doubled tariffs on a range of Indian goods to 50% last year, citing India's energy dealings with Moscow.

Financial markets reacted nervously, with India's IT index sliding on fears the dispute could delay a potential trade agreement. U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, traveling with Trump, argued that sanctions on Russian oil companies and steeper duties on India



had already reduced Indian purchases of Russian crude.

He is backing legislation that would autorise tariffs of up to 50% on countries that keep buying discounted Russian oil, saying such imports help sustain Russia's war effort.

Trade analysts caution that India's cautious approach may be costly. Ajay Srivastava of the Global Trade Research Initiative said Indian exports are already burdened by high tariffs,

half of which are applied to Russian oil. Although refiners have trimmed purchases, he said India remains in a "grey zone," and ambiguity may weaken its negotiating position. Srivastava added that even a complete halt might not end U.S. pressure,

which could shift toward other trade demands.

Meanwhile, despite tariff headwinds, India's exports to the U.S. rose in November, though shipments have declined sharply since mid-2025.

Talks between the two countries continue, but a breakthrough remains elusive.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Balochistan Government Abolishes Levies Force After 142 Years: Historic Merger with Police Sparks Debate

Editorial: In a landmark administrative reform, the Government of Balochistan has abolished the historic Levies Force after 142 years, merging it into the Balochistan Police. The decision, proposed by the Balochistan Cabinet, aims to modernize the province's law enforcement system and enhance its law and order capacity—but has also sparked reservations and opposition from several political parties.

A Force Rooted in History

The Levies Force of Balochistan was established in 1883 by Sir Robert Sandeman, the British political agent and administrator of the region. The force's core responsibilities included maintaining law and order, protecting vital installations, and collecting taxes and livestock revenue in tribal areas.

Previous Reforms and Political Reversals

The merger of the Levies Force with the police is not unprecedented. During the tenure of General Pervez Musharraf, the force was initially merged with the police under then-Chief Minister Jamil Muhammad Yousaf. However, the move was reversed in

2008 by Nawab Aslam Raissani of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), restoring the Levies to their traditional structure.

Now, more than a decade later, the Balochistan government has proposed to merge the Levies with the police, signaling the government's intent to build a unified, modern, and well-equipped law enforcement system in the province.

The provincial government describes the decision as part of a larger strategy to enhance professional policing, better coordination, and modern security management.

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti stated that integrating the Levies with the police will enhance counterterrorism capacity, digital monitoring, and administrative efficiency.

Critics argue that merging a tribal community-based security structure into a centralized police institution could disrupt local dynamics and alienate the community. Some critics have demanded a parliamentary review of the cabinet's decision before full implementation.

A Diverse View Despite the opposition, the Balochistan Government describes the merger as a step toward institutional modernization, national integration, and professional law enforcement. Supporters of the merger believe it will enhance accountability and transparency, and ensure better governance and combat conflict-prone districts. Reservations and Political Opposition

However, the decision has not been met with universal approval. Levies personnel across several districts have expressed strong reservations, arguing that the

merger undermines their historical role, tribal identity, and trust-based relationship with local communities.

A number of political parties in Balochistan have also opposed the merger, describing it as a "hasty and non-consultative decision." They claim that the Levies Force has historically played a crucial role in maintaining peace in tribal areas where the police system remains ineffective.

Globally, NGOs are no longer perceived merely as charitable entities. In advanced economies and developing countries alike, their function as professional service providers, major employers in education, health, humanitarian response, climate adaptation, and social protection is well-recognized.

They provide direct jobs to teachers, doctors, nurses, field mobilizers, researchers, data analysts, and other professionals, while also supporting local suppliers, trainers, and entrepreneurs.

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Pakistan's development landscape already offers strong examples of NGO impact. Organizations like the Aga Khan Foundation operate the world's largest volunteer ambulance network, while the Indus Hospital and Health Network delivers high-quality health care to the poor.

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These programs are central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). According to estimates from the United Nations and development partners, Pakistan receives more than USD 1 billion annually in foreign NGO assistance, making the sector a significant contributor to the national economy.

Beyond funding, NGOs alone have the potential to attract over one billion job opportunities. While their transformative implications for underserved regions, such as Balochistan,

have strengthened democracy, accountability, and civic engagement. Women- and youth-focused organizations, including Today's Woman and the Christian Study Center, have provided direct jobs to teachers, doctors, nurses, field mobilizers, researchers, data analysts, and other professionals, while also supporting local suppliers, trainers, and entrepreneurs.

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A Billion Dollar, Million Jobs Opportunity: Why Pakistan Must Recognize NGOs as an Economic Industry

by Gul Hassan

Pakistan today faces a convergence of serious challenges: rising unemployment, fiscal pressure, climate vulnerability, and widening social inequalities. While the state continues to pursue foreign investment in traditional sectors such as energy, mining, and infrastructure, a powerful and already existing engine of inclusion and growth has largely been overlooked—the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and social development sector.

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NGO Service Contracts should be introduced, where NGOs deliver verified outcomes in education, health, nutrition, and climate services, and are compensated accordingly.

For clarity, clear categorization is essential. NGOs should be classified as international, national, provincial, and local organizations, with proportional contributions, requirements, and funding thresholds. Such categorization would improve regulation, prevent monopolies, enable grassroots organizations to operate directly, and support evidence-based planning by federal and provincial governments.

Public trust and transparency must also be strengthened. Mandatory disclosure of audited governance structures, and project outcomes through a national online portal would allow citizens and stakeholders to track credible organizations from weak ones. Investment in digital transformation—mobile monitoring, shared service delivery, and impact data systems—would significantly improve efficiency and performance, especially for community-based NGOs.

While the NGO sector is not charity, it is sound economic and social policy. Development challenges today are too complex for any single actor to address alone.

A tri-sector partnership model—combining public financing, private sector expertise, and NGO implementation—is the most effective path forward.

If treated as a regulated, professional, and growth-oriented industry, Pakistan's NGO sector can become a major driver of economic growth and social development.

Second, financial sustainability must be addressed. The government should expand tax incentives for individual and corporate donations, mandate CSR spending for large corporations, and establish federal and provincial NGO development funds.

While NGOs are a major constraint. Most Pakistani NGOs remain heavily dependent on short-term foreign funding, leaving them vulnerable to policy shifts and donor fatigue. Local philanthropy mechanisms remain underdeveloped, corporate social responsibility spending is inconsistent, and NGO endowment models are

underfunded.

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Sindh CTD says major terrorist plot in Karachi foiled; 2,000kg of explosive material seized

NEWS DESK: The Sindh Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) said on Monday that a major terrorist attack had been averted in Karachi.

Addressing a press conference, a lone male CTD Additional Inspector General (KGM) Zulhaq Ali Larki in Karachi, CTD Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Ghulam Azfar Mahesar said that law enforcement agencies and the "premier intelligence agency" received information that terrorists were planning a attack to target the city.

Mahesar said that the terrorists were planning to attack specific targets in Karachi to "destabilise" national security. He said that intelligence agencies, the Sindh Counter Terrorism Bureau as well as Sindh and Balochistan CTD designed a strategy to thwart these plans.

He said that intelligence officials were deployed in different locations, while focusing on Karachi's west region.

Mahesar said that after several days of robust efforts, officials succeeded in getting information on a terrorist

hideout in Rases Colony, Karachi where terrorists had prepared a large amount of explosive material.

He said that upon receiving the information, the CTD and the agency" conducted a joint raid.

"We captured one terrorist, while three or four of them managed to escape during the raid," Mahesar affirmed that the agencies had initiated a search operation to ensure their capture.

The officials recovered a Mazda truck containing explosive materials," he said. He said 30 drums filled with explosives, five cylinders filled with explosives, 2,000kg of explosives and detonators had been seized.

CTD Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Ghulam Azfar Mahesar addresses a press conference in Karachi. — DawnNews

Mahesar said that raids were conducted on six sites on the information provided by the terrorist who was arrested, after which two terrorists were captured, who were also in possession of explosive materials.

Student critically injured in fall at Lahore university, second such case in weeks

NEWS DESK: A female student at the University of Lahore was critically injured on Monday, after she allegedly attempted suicide by jumping from the fourth floor of a campus building, officials said, in the second such incident at the university in less than two weeks.

The student, identified as 21-year-old Fatima, was enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy programme. Initial reports said she fell from where another D-Pharmacy student, Muhammad Owais, had earlier jumped and died.

University and hospital officials said she survived the fall but suffered critical injuries.

She was first taken to the university's teaching hospital for emergency treatment, and later shifted to a private hospital on Defence Road due to the severity of her condition.

Hospital officials said the student is on a ventilator in a critical condition. She has sustained fractures to her arms, legs and ribs, along with serious

Social media posts case: Cross-examination of key witness completed by Imaan, Hadi

NEWS DESK: The cross-examination of Amanullah Hadi, a key official of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) and a key witness in the controversial social media posts case against lawyer Zainab Zainab Mazhar Hadi and her spouse Hadi Ali Chatta, was completed on Monday.

During the proceedings, Rehman referred comment on previous statements by incumbent ministers and an ex-army official that touched upon the issue of missing persons, negotiations with rights activists and criticism of the military.

The statements were referred to by Chatta, who along with Mazari, cross-examined Rehman during today's hearing from the defence's side.

Chatta and Mazari have been facing legal proceedings, the case on accusations of attempting to incite public opinion on linguistic grounds through social media posts and of creating the impression that the armed forces were engaged in terror-



BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 19/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Complex Branch, M A Jinnah Road Quetta. Plaintiff

VERSUS

Tariq Ahmed S/o Taj Muhammad. Designation: Clerk. Department: AIT Police. AIT Head Quarters Quetta Cantt.

Address: Muhalah Arbab Ghulam Ali Road Deba.

Cell No: 0332-83772795. CNIC No: 54400-0044593-9. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 483,979/12-BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 0974-79001760-03 U/S 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 483,979/12-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 09-02-2026.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5th day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 17/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Complex Branch, M A Jinnah Road Quetta. Plaintiff

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Muhammad Saad S/o Raja Azhar Hussain. Designation: Airman. Department: BRK 128 Room No. 7, AIRMED MESS PAF Base Peshawar. CPL/T M Saad Pak:876961.

Address: Post Office Khas Faneed Khera Tehsil Chakwal.

Cell No: 0301-1736395. CNIC No: 37201-784005-9. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 475,830/33-BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 2412-7000182-03 U/S 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

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Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 09-02-2026.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5th day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 14/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M A Jinnah Road Quetta. Plaintiff

VERSUS

Mansoor Ahmed S/o Manzoor Ahmed. Resident of: 3, Kucha Sher Muhammad, Jan Muhammad Road District Quetta, 2, House No: 49 2 Motahallah Command and Staff Collage Quetta Cantt, Tehsil Ozehal Quetta.

Official Address: Designation: Jr. Clerk. Department: Pakistan Navy Civilian.

CNIC No: 54401-0465327-1. Cell No: 0353-0330277-70332-7823424. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 251,201/01 BEARING ACCOUNT NO: 19AKP0084907 PERSONAL FINANCIAL FACILITY U/S 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 13/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M A Jinnah Road Quetta. Plaintiff

VERSUS

Noor Ul Haq S/o Haji Abdul Wadood.

Resident of: 3, Chanun housing Custom Colony Airport Road Quetta.

2, Airport Road Qaschi House Mandokhailabid Circle No. 4, Tehsil and District Ziboh.

Official Address: Designation: XEN, BPS-17.

Department: Energy Gas Division Spiny Road Quetta.

CNIC No: 54401-1976675. Cell No: 0332-2560044/0331-8317439/0308-1379443. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF PERSONAL LOAN RS: 280,115/77-BEARING ACCOUNT NO: 119AKP0083062 PERSONAL FINANCIAL FACILITY U/S 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

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WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 378,081/24-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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President, PM reiterate Pakistan's moral, political, diplomatic support for people of IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif have reiterated Pakistan's moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just and peaceful fight for right to self-determination.

In their separate messages on Right to Self-Determination Day being observed on Monday, they said this day marked the birth of a United Nations resolution in 1949 that recognized the right of people in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir to determine their free and impartial plebiscite.

The President said the solemn commitment

Muqam reiterates resolve to stand with Kashmiri people

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON, Engineer Amir Muqam has said that Pakistan stands shoulder to shoulder with the Kashmiris in their just struggle for freedom and will make every possible effort to ensure that the people of Kashmir are granted their right to self-determination.

In his message on the occasion of the Right to Self-Determination Day of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Federal Minister Engineer Amir Muqam termed all measures taken by the Indian government on August 5, 2019, as unilateral and illegal, and in violation of the United Nations Charter, the Four Geneva Conventions and international laws.

He emphasized that the Kashmir issue must be resolved in accordance with the UN Charter and the resolutions passed by the UN Security Council.

Praising Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for raising the Kashmir issue at the United Nations General Assembly, Engineer

ANF arrests 14, seizes over 90 kg of narcotics in nationwide operations

R A W A L P I N D I (INP): The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), conducting 12 operations across the country, arrested 14 suspects, including 2 women, and seized 90.73 kilograms of narcotics with an estimated value of Rs10.4 million, the force said Monday.

In operations carried out at educational institutions, the ANF recovered 1.2 kilograms of hashish from a suspect near Sakhi Sarwar Road in Dera Ghazi Khan district. The arrested suspect confessed to selling drugs to students of educational institutions.

Under international drug interdiction efforts, 28 grams of weed were seized from a panel van coming from the United Kingdom at the International Mailing Office in Rawalpindi.

Near the Kala Shah Kaku Toll Plaza in Sheikhupura, 30 kilograms of hashish were recovered from a vehicle, and 2 suspects were arrested. On Raiwind Road in Lahore, 20.4 kilo-

grams of hashish were seized from a man and a woman travelling in a rickshaw.

At Jamshoro Toll Plaza, the ANF recovered 8 kilograms of hashish from a suspect in an operation, while a separate raid at the same location resulted in the seizure of 6 kilograms of hashish from another suspect.

In Lahore, 3 kilograms of hashish, along with a drone and a remote control, were recovered from a suspect on Gulberg Road. Near No. 26 Bus Stand, 7.2 kilograms of hashish and 1.5 kilograms of ice were seized from a man and a woman.

Further recoveries included 7.2 kilograms of hashish from a vehicle near Sangrial Toll Plaza in Islamabad. 4.8 kilograms of hashish from a suspect near Raiwind Road in Kasur, and smaller quantities from motorcyclists near Mullah Mansoor Toll Plaza (946 grams) and Teen Mela Chowk (204 grams) in Attock district.

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Security Concerns Escalate as Kech Sit-In Continues, Baloch Leaders Hold Provincial Government Accountable

News Desk

KECH: The ongoing sit-in protest in Kech has intensified concerns over law and order, with political leaders and civil society organizations sharply criticizing the Balochistan government for administrative failures and inadequate protection of citizens.

According to local reports, the protest has received support from Jamaat-e-Islami, the Doctors Association, and various social and professional groups. Participants have raised alarms over worsening security conditions.

Repeated incidents of unrest, and growing public anxiety across Kech district.

Addressing the protest gathering,

former Chief Minister of Balochistan and National Party leader Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch stated that ensuring peace, safety, and maintaining law and order are constitutional responsibilities of the state.

He said the prevailing situation in Kech reflects serious governance and administrative shortcomings.

Protest leaders, including Maulana Haji Yaseen and Shah Nawaz, emphasized that demonstrators are exercising their democratic right to peaceful protest.

They warned that any harm to protesters would place direct responsibility on the state and its institutions, stressing that the



BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 6/2026

Bank Alfalah Limited, through Team Leader SME & Commercial, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta.

Plaintiff

VERSUS

Sheraz Ahmed S/o Atta Ullah Jai

Resident of:

1. House No. 8-40/47, Tareen Post Office Gwalmandi, Quetta.

Official Address:

2. Pacific Oil Mills Pvt Ltd, Al-Shafi Enterprises Street road Quetta.

Demandant

CNIC No: 54400-04532969-3.
SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 665,477/15- FOR INSTANT LOAN FACILITY & Rs: 292,371,60- FOR CREDIT CARD FACILITY TOTAL RS: 957,848/75- U/S 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

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Banking Court Quetta

movement is aimed at protecting public rights rather than creating instability.

Speakers highlighted that incidents of insecurity and mismanagement negligence have continued despite repeated assurances from the authorities.

They claimed that commitments made by the provincial government to address public grievances in Kech have yet to be implemented.

They also called for meaningful dialogue to resolve long-standing issues faced by the people of Kech.

Political analysts note that the Kech sit-

in has evolved into a broader challenge to governance, public safety, and transparency in the district.

The situation has increased pressure on the provincial leadership to take concrete steps toward restoring public trust and ensuring stability.

The sit-in remains ongoing, while expectations are growing for negotiations between government representatives and protest leaders as public scrutiny continues to rise.

Kech Sports and Fitness Festival 2026 Inaugurated in Turbat

TURBAT: Deputy Commissioner Kech Bashir Ahmed Baraich inaugurated the 12-day Kech Sports and Fitness Festival 2026 at Kech Stadium.

The festival, running from January 5 to 16, features football, cricket, volleyball, and traditional games. Dignitaries in Attendance:

Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, former Chief Minister of Balochistan and Honorable Legal Advisor to the Chief Minister, Commissioner Makran Qadir Baksh Perkani-District Police Officer, Zuhaiib

Promotes youth engagement, sports culture, and healthy lifestyles. Features 20+ sports, including traditional games like Kappi and Choki*- Teams from Karachi, Quetta, Chaman, Gwadar, and Iran participating.

Dr. Baloch emphasized the importance of creating a civilized society while DC Baraich highlighted the festival's impact on promoting positive activities.

Dr. Baloch, and

DC Baraich, and

Commissioner Makran Qadir Baksh Perkani-District Police Officer, Zuhaiib



BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 4/2026

Askar Bank Limited, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta.

Plaintiff

VERSUS

Rooz Uddin S/o Saif Uddin.

Resident of:

GSA Communication Civil Aviation Authority

Official Address:

2. Mitra Chowk, Pashawar Abad, District Quetta.

Demandant

CNIC No: 54302-2023275-1.

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 256,734/25- BEARING ACCOUNT NO: 19KPKP0002698 PERSONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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Head hits back for Australia after Root's majestic 160 in fifth Ashes Test

NEWS DESK: An impulsive Joe Root hit a towering 160 to lead England to 384 in the fifth and final Ashes Test on Monday before Travis Head let rip to haul Australia back into the contest with a rapid-fire unbeaten 100 in the ninth innings, his 41st ton to match Ricky Ponting, was only ended courtesy of a brilliant caught-and-bowled by Michael Neser. With the score at 446, Australia were left to negotiate the final session of day two at a sold-out Sydney Cricket Ground, which they did for the loss of Jake Weatherholt (21) and Marcus Labuschagne (48).

By stumps, the hosts had raced to 166-2 with nightwatchman Naseem Shah also dismissed. Head, who needed a big score to stave off the critics, again failed to live up to expectations since making his debut at the first Test in Perth.

He was dropped twice in the space of



three balls, by Root then Ben Duckett, before Ben Stokes trapped him lbw. But Head, who like Root has earned two centuries this series, was in the zone.

He clattered three boundaries off the second over from Matthew Parris, in the space of four runs. Once again, there was no let-up, blitzing a quickfire 50 off

55 balls. Labuschagne was also in good touch, stroking seven boundaries before thick-edging Stokes to Jacob Bell. Root joins Ponting and Steve Smith (46) at 111-3 but lost Harry Brook (84), Stokes (0) and Steve Smith (46) for four runs.

Australia lead the series 3-1 and have already retained the Ashes, with England desperate for another victory at the previous Test in Melbourne.

Root joins Ponting and Brook came together with England in trouble at 57-3 on Sunday, with both eyeing big centuries on an ideal batting track.

Will Jacks (27), Brydon Carse (1) and Josh Tongue (0), along with Root, departed the scene.

The day belonged to Root, who started on 72 and reached an almost

Galaxy's Puig to miss 2026 MLS season



NEWS DESK: Spanish midfielder Raúl Pérez Puig will miss a second straight Major League Soccer season in 2026 after another surgery on his left knee, the Los Angeles Galaxy said Sunday. He missed all of the 2026 campaign after tearing his left anterior cruciate ligament in the 2024 MLS Cup Western Conference final, leading Galaxy to a 1-0 winning victory in the MLS Cup final a week later.

The 26-year-old had returned to training with the Southern California club last month, and his coach, Santi Poncet, said Friday he'd suffered a setback.

"It's not easy to find

the words after everything I've been through. Without a doubt, it's one of the hardest and most complicated moments I've had to deal with in my life, both personally and professionally."

"Puig has undergone a successful anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction surgery on his left knee, just over a year after a similar procedure in late 2024," the team said in a statement.

"Puig is expected to make a full recovery and be ready to rejoin the team for the start of the 2027 MLS season."

"Now I only have one thing on my mind: to start working right away, train with more enthusiasm than ever, and try to get back to the Raul Pérez Puig all know again. With more desire, more hunger, and more strength."

"Puig, a product of Barcelona's famed La Masia academy, arrived in the United States in 2022."

In 82 matches across all competitions for the Galaxy he has scored 29 goals with 32 assists.

Without him in 2025, the Galaxy struggled, winning only seven games.

FACI invites applications for 2026 chess development project

NEWS DESK: Following Pakistan's successful participation in the Free Asian Chess Initiatives (FACI) 2025, applications have now officially opened for the FACI Project 2026, offering renewed opportunities for Asian chess federations to benefit from international-level training, grants and institutional support.

The Kazakhstan Chess Federation has announced the opening of the application process for FACI 2026. FACI is an international chess development project implemented by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation with the support of Freedom Holding.

In partnership with FIDE and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF),

The initiative aims to promote the sustainable development of chess by strengthening national federations, expanding chess education and enhancing international cooperation.

In 2025, Pakistan was among seven national chess federations selected for sup-

port under FACI, alongside Oman, Cambodia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Sri Lanka and Jordan.

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China and Pakistan Renew Commitment to 'Ironclad' Partnership

Syed Muhammad

Qaseem: China and Pakistan have renewed their commitment to deepen cooperation, which both nations describe as an "ironclad" relationship even as Pakistan's ties with the United States appear to be waning.

Islamabad has long supported Beijing on a range of sensitive global issues, including Taiwan, Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong Kong and disputes in the South China Sea. In turn, China has invested billions of dollars in Pakistan through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a central pillar of the Belt and Road Initiative.

However, targeted

militant attacks targeting

Chinese workers in

involved in CPEC projects

have created tensions in recent years.

The situation is fur-

ther complicated by im-

proving relations be-

tween Pakistan and

Washington since

Donald Trump's return



to office, giving the U.S. renewed influence in a region China considers strategically important. Pakistan even suggested nominating

Peaces Prize after he helped ease tensions with India.

In a joint statement, both nations pledged to uphold their existing economic collaboration in areas such as industry, agriculture, mining, finance and banking. China also commended

Pakistan for measures taken to enhance the security of Chinese citizens and projects.

The statement urged more concrete and verifiable steps to promote a mantle war against IS in Islamabad with the help of the Islamic State.

Despite changing regional dynamics, Beijing and Islamabad have decided to maintain strategic trust and pursue new opportunities despite the challenges they shared in helping

Crans-Montana ski season continues after tragedy

NEWS DESK: Painfully aware of the fire tragedy in Crans-Montana, ski tour said it would opt to stay in the Alpine Swiss resort whose tourism-dependent community remains open for business as it mourns the many victims.

His group's resort town has turned down the party who out of respect for the victims of Thursday's blaze at Le Constellation bar, with concerts cancelled and music and DJs muted.

But the resort's resort to keep going. Skiers heading to and from the slopes voiced sympathy for victims of the horrific bar inferno that killed 40 and injured 119 others out celebrating the New Year.

Some have visited the scene of the tragedy, while others have purposefully stayed away.

"It's everywhere you can't help but feel it would be terrible; it would help the community here" at all after the "shocking" tragedy, said one 39-year-old Australian tourist, visiting London on a four-night stay.

"It would be a double whammy for the town," which relies on tourism.

'Heartbreaking'

A 58-year-old Swiss woman who now lives in the United States, said she had been coming to Crans-Montana since her youth -- and intended to keep visiting a place she loves.

"I also went to these bars when I was young," she said.

"Why stop coming? It's an accident, it's tragic, but ... this can happen."

anywhere; it's happened in other places around the world. It will not stop me from coming here, that's for sure."

Sofiane, 31, from

Toronto, was visiting

Crans-Montana for the

first time, during a trip to Europe, and arrived the day after the blaze at Le Constellation bar, where his group considered cancelling and said it would have been difficult to do, having already paid up for the New Year.

Seeing that life in Crans-Montana was continuing, and the resort had stopped the music and DJs in bars at the bottom of the slopes, but had kept the venues open to give people something to do, he decided to stay there.

"Especially in such hard times, the personal contact exchange is so important. So, give them a place, but it must not be with a party."

So, slower, and re-

specifical for all these victims."

Bruno Hugger, Crans-Montana's executive, told AFP that the resort would try to strike the right tone in the busy winter weeks ahead.

The town is muting the public's out of respect for the victims of Thursday's blaze at Le Constellation bar, where many young people had gathered to see in the New Year.

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