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Modern Policing Training for Former Levies Is No Longer Optional — It Is Urgent

Syed Ali Shah Analysis:

Balochistan's decision to train 772 former Levies personnel under the Balochistan Police is not merely an administrative reform. It is a historical correction. For more than a century, security in large parts of the province relied on a tribal policing system introduced by Sir Robert Sandeman nearly 142 years ago — effectively one and a half centuries back. That system was designed around tribal customs, collective responsibility, and informal

dispute resolution, not contemporary law enforcement. While the Levies force earned respect within local communities, it was never equipped — not trained — for the complexities of today's crime, extremism, rural shrines, and urban policing. Many of these officers have never undergone structured professional police training. Expecting them to perform modern policing duties without proper preparation is unfair to them — and unsafe for the public.

This is why the ongoing program at Police Training

College Quetta is critically important. It must go beyond parade drills and weapons handling. The former Levies personnel need comprehensive training in investigation standards, human rights, evidence protection, intelligence-led policing, community engagement, and the ethical use of authority.

Equally important is training in First Information Reports (FIRs), complaint handling, victim support, and documentation — the backbone of justice. Without accuracy at the first point of contact, the en-

tire legal chain collapses. Upgraded hostels, mess facilities, sports grounds, and structured welfare support are welcome steps. A secure, dignified environment produces disciplined officers, and confident officers make better policing decisions. However, modernization must remain continuous, not symbolic.

Training must be supported with modern equipment, digital crime management tools, body cameras, forensic support, and performance accountability. But this is not easy. Most importantly, officers

should learn that policing today is not simply force — it is law, service, and trust.

Balochistan stands at a turning point. Transforming former Levies into professionals, community-oriented police officers can build public confidence, improve crime prevention, and strengthen rule of law across the province.

But success depends on sustained investment and a mindset shift — from tribal guardianship to professional policing. Reform is never easy. But in this case, it is necessary — and long overdue.

Five-stakeholder dialogue proposal meets scepticism amid political deadlock

NEWS DESK:

With Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) stepping up preparations for a street movement and the establishment of a parallel state against the opposition party, Pakistan's political landscape remains fraught with uncertainty and deepening mistrust.

Against this backdrop, a senior minister in the PML-N government has reportedly advocated the idea of a high-level dialogue involving the country's principal power centres, an idea that has surfaced before but never progressed beyond rhetoric.

Prime Minister's Adviser on Political Affairs, Sanaullah, recently outlined what he described as a meeting of the country's five key stakeholders.

According to Sanaullah, two of these are Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and PML-N Supreme Leader Sharif, and the third is President Asif Ali Zardari.

The fourth, he said, is incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan, adding that "everyone knows who the fifth is", a remark widely interpreted as a reference to the military leadership.

In effect, Sanaullah's remarks amounted to a call for dialogue between Pakistan's political leadership and the establishment. However, analysts note that identifying stakeholders is far easier than getting them to sit across the table.

Previous attempts at arranging such high-level engagements have failed, prompting scepticism over whether the latest proposal represents anything more than a political soundbite.

Former PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry dismissed the feasibility of the proposal under prevailing conditions.

"It is not possible in the current circumstances," he said, arguing that the real obstacle lies in the unwillingness of both the government and the establishment to engage in genuine dialogue.

His remarks underscore the depth of mistrust that continues to paralyse political engagement.

Senior journalist and political analyst Mazhar Abbas echoed that assessment, saying that Sanaullah's proposal lacked practical substance. "Rana Sanaullah's plan lacks practical follow-through," Abbas said, stressing that the responsibility for initiating dialogue rests with the government. He argued that confidence-building measures.

Blast damages railway track in Nasirabad, Balochistan

NEWS DESK:

A railway track near the national highway in the Notala area of Nasirabad in Balochistan was targeted by unknown individuals with a bomb.

The explosion occurred when no train was passing through the area. Although the explosion partially damaged part of the track, no loss of life or property was reported, officials said. The sound of the blast was reportedly heard from a long distance. A heavy contingent of police and security forces immediately reached the site after the incident, sealing off the area and launching a search operation to trace the culprits.

Train movement was temporarily suspended due to a portion of the track being damaged. However, railway authorities immediately began repair work to mend the damage.

Authorities stated that investigations into the incident are ongoing and the perpetrators will be brought to justice. Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, has also taken notice of the incident and sought a report.

Rickshaw Burnt in Protest: CM Bugti Assures Support, Suspends Officer

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: In a rare public gesture of compassion, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti met Abdul Nabi, a driver of a rickshaw in Mengal, hugged him, and announced financial assistance for the purchase of a new rickshaw — after the driver set his vehicle on fire in despair over alleged mistreatment by a traffic police officer. The encounter was taking place after the incident on Airport Road in Quetta, where Abdul Nabi — reportedly under severe stress — burned his rickshaw in protest.

The act followed what he described as harsh and disrespectful behaviour by police officers.

According to the Chief Minister's Office, Sarfraz Bugti immediately ordered the suspension of the officer involved and directed a transparent inquiry into the incident. He said in case of any mistake, the officer would be held responsible and citizens would not be tolerated under any circumstances. Bugti reassured the driver that the provincial government stands with working-class citizens, especially those struggling to earn daily live-



During the meeting, the Chief Minister embraced Abdul Nabi, consoled him, and symbolically kissed his forehead — signaling support and empathy. He also

approved immediate financial assistance to help the driver recover his livelihood by purchasing a new rickshaw. Bugti emphasized that the government is committed to preventing such incidents in the future and will take effective measures to ensure accountability and respectful policing across the province.



HESCO employees stage protest against privatisation

NEWS DESK: Employees of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) boycotted work on Tuesday in a preemptive protest against the proposed privatisation of electricity distribution companies, including HESCO. The call was made by the All Pakistan WAPDA Hydro and Electric Workers Union, which has given the government January 16 deadline to address their demands. Failure to do so, the union warned, could trigger protests across the country.

Hundreds of employees gathered at the union's hub hall at Haider Chowk, and led by CBA Union Central President Abdul Latif Nizamani

and General Secretary Iqbal Qaimkhani, staged a rally and sit-in. The protest disrupted traffic at Hyderabad Chowk, a commercial hub, for over an hour.

Speaking to the crowd, Nizamani said the union's demands - including halting privatisation, addressing workforce issues, and filling vacant positions - have been formally submitted to the government. He noted that 45 per cent of sanctioned posts in Distribution Companies (DISCOS) remain vacant, placing a burden on existing staff who have helped maintain services and implement a zero-load-shedding regime in certain areas.

Nizamani recalled that the union successfully resisted previous privatisation attempts between 2012 and 2017 and criticised international financial institutions, including the World Bank and IMF, for encouraging the government to pursue privatisation again.

He warned that if the government fails to meet the demands, union members are prepared to halt operations of the distribution companies nationwide.

The protest, which included participation from hundreds of HESCO employees across various departments, concluded peacefully after the rally, though traffic and office operations were temporarily affected.

KP CM calls for 'policy shift', urges consultation with province on counter-terrorism measures

NEWS DESK: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi on Wednesday sought a "policy shift" and urged the inclusion of the provincial government in counter-terrorism policy decisions. Federal authorities have criticised the PTI-led KP government for failing to ensure security in the province, with KP Governor Faisal Karim Kundi saying that the party was in disarray and unable to achieve any of its policy goals.

In a speech at Peshawar University's convocation ceremony, CM Afridi said that the people of KP had warned the Centre about the resurgence of terrorism in the province, but were brushed off as propaganda.

"We would issue warnings that they (terrorists) were in the mountains and they were coming, that they had reached our markets and homes," CM Afridi said. "We were told that we are spreading propaganda."

He highlighted that if there was going to be a military operation, then the people of KP needed to be taken into confidence and made part of the policy process.

"There needs to be a policy shift, but not behind closed

doors," he explained. "It [policy] needs to be formed after consulting KP's government, people and stakeholders."

"A clear policy formed in this manner will play a role in lasting and enduring decisions made behind closed doors will leave our people suffering, as we have for the past 17 years."

The CM noted that the KP government and the Centre had "different intentions", adding, "If they wanted to eradicate terrorism, then they would have sat with us and formed a policy."

"We gave Rs100,000 to our homes, so they committed that they would give Rs100,000 to people whose homes have been lost to terrorism," he said. "Imagine hearing that after sacrificing so much. They still have not received that money."

Highlighting the impact of military operations, CM Afridi noted that families would flee battles in collateral damage or terrorist attacks, causing them to suffer economically.

According to the Annual Security Report 2025 from the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS), comparative data for 2024 and 2025 reveal a sharp escalation

The police said a large quantity of hand grenades, explosives, pistols, various weapons and ammunition was recovered.

PTI pushes back against criticism of party leadership, policies

NEWS DESK: The PTI has pushed back against criticism of its party leadership and policies, terming such remarks "regrettable".

In a statement posted on the social media platform X late on Tuesday, the party referred to such remarks as the spokesperson's latest press conference.

It said that it was "regrettable" that the party, its leadership and an elected provincial government were subjected to such remarks.

The PTI maintained that consistent criticism "not only escalates political temperatures but also raises questions about the validity of the state apparatus".

The party said that terming opposition to a military operation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, where it is in power, as "support for terrorists" was contrary to ground realities.

It recalled that a peace jirga was organised by the provincial government on December 12, 2025, where participants "unanimously resolved that a military operation is not a sustainable solution to any problem, and a comprehensive, consensus-based, and inclusive na-



tional policy is indispensable for lasting peace".

It also took offence at the statement that terrorists do not target the PTI.

"This is completely contrary to ground realities," it said, adding that raising such questions would only add to the grief of the martyrs, and was contrary to ground realities.

The party maintained that the impression that the PTI was raised from terrorism reflected a "distortion of facts and is untrue".

The PTI noted that several state departments in the past had issued three alerts for party founder Imran Khan and other leaders on multiple occasions.

The party also objected to the "repeated targeting" of Imran, who was "not even a terrorist" and "never had an opportunity to respond to the allegations".

"Publicly criticising a political leader who is unjustly targeted is a fundamental right to defend himself, and whose voice is being deliberately suppressed is not appropriate in any way," the PTI said.

It further stated that the image and speeches shown during the military

spokesperson's press briefing of "one province and one political party" were not "befitting of the country's de-

fence institution".

"The PTI wants to make it clear that we are against terrorism, believe in the supremacy of the state, and are willing to cooperate with all state institutions within the framework of the law," the party said.

It warned that "bitter political differences and press freedom will always stoke instability". "There should be no politics on serious national issues such as terrorism," the PTI asserted, stating that "without press freedom, the nation on an issue like terrorism".

"History bears witness that despite internal political differences, the PTI has always cho-

osen to stand with the state on matters of Pakistan's security, sovereignty, and national interests," it said, adding that there could be no compromise on national security. "Whenever the country has come face-to-face with external threats or internal challenges, the PTI has played a responsible role on every platform and shown cooperation with the government," it said. KP CM calls for "policy shift" in combatting terrorism.

Meanwhile, KP Chief Minister Sohail Afridi, in a statement posted on X, said that opposition to a potential merger of the provinces was not limited to the PTI. He stressed that "all political and religious parties of KP, as well as individuals from different schools of thought, are in agreement that military operations are not a long-term solution". The issue is not merely that the state is not serious about combating terrorism, the problem lies in the decisions being made without taking into confidence the ground realities, elected representatives, local population, and the provincial government.

Sindh home minister announces 'massive operation' against Katcha area dacoits

NEWS DESK: Sindh Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjari on Wednesday announced a "massive" operation against dacoits in the Katcha area of the province.

Speaking to reporters in Sukkur, Lanjari said a meeting was held wherein it was decided that "we are definitely heading towards a massive operation".

"We will use whatever resources we have, with specific targets and take ruthless action against the infamous dacoits that you see on social media," he said.

Asked when the operation against the riverine dacoits was expected to begin, the minister replied, "You may have seen that the operation has begun today."

Lanjari said dacoits would be "given a chance" to surrender before the courts. "But the area where dacoits who consider themselves big champions, strict action will be taken against them, there will

be a fight, and they will get their just desserts," he warned.

As per the Sindh Police Policy for Dacoits and Larkana Divisions, a team of Sukkur and Larkana police areas where a no-go Katcha area was vacated.

Regarding a question about whether the army's help will be sought, Lanjari said, "The Sindh police is capable and the Rangers are with us in this, so I do not think the army will need the army in our internal matters here."

The minister further asserted that the re-

quired modern equipment will be provided to the personnel.

When a reporter mentioned that the dacoits employed drones, Lanjari said, "I do not think drones will reach them. Action is definitely being taken against their facilitators, too."

"On the possibility of a joint operation carried out by the Sindh and Punjab police, Lanjari said he has directed the Sindh inspector general to speak with his Punjab

counterpart and the Bahawalpur regional police officer regarding the matter.

"This will surely happen only after a joint effort," he stressed, noting that the area of Katcha extends to Punjab and that dacoits in the area have strong hopes that they will wipe out these dacoits," Lanjari said.

Asked about tribal disputes, the Sindh minister said that was also discussed in today's meeting, and they had made the relevant contacts regarding the Jatoi-Mahar clash as well.

Although the Katcha area extend to many districts of the central and southern Sindh, the districts such as Kashmore, Ghorki, Shikarpur, and Jacobabad are particularly notorious for high prevalence of crimes like dacoity, kidnap for ransom and tribal conflicts.

On December 16, around 25 dacoits had attacked a bus near the Sindh-Jabir border and kidnapped 20 passengers after injuring the driver.

Politicos urge govt-opposition talks, seek release of political workers as 'confidence-building measure'

NEWS DESK: A group of former PTI leaders and others on Wednesday proposed that the government and the opposition

ers, and prayed for the salvation of the martyrs' patience for the sake of the state.

Meeting reiterating demands for sovereignty, security, dignity and Pakistan's interest in the state.

Former and stan chief an Abbasi, leader Sheri, Jamaat-i, at Baloch, Wasim Akhtar and journalists Mohammad Malik and Kashif Abbasi were among those who attended the conference.

Speaking at the event, Shahid Khan said: "This is not an issue of Imran Khan's release, but of the country's release. If the country is in the right condition, then Imran Khan's issue will get resolved too."

Fawad, Ismail and Mouli's recent activities came into the spotlight in November when PTI's Shah Mahmood Qureshi at a hospital in Lahore during his short release from jail.

The trio, however, was reported to have remained in jail with Qureshi's lawyer saying that they had no political discussion with his client.



opposition in jail, will announce the names for the opposition committee."

While the NDC also extended a special invitation to Tehreek-i-Tahafuz-i-Ayyan-Pakistan (TTP), the opposition alliance reportedly refused to attend.

The NDC leaders also proposed that "comprehensive, concrete and practical steps be taken immediately for dialogue and confidence-building at the national level."

They included the immediate release of "political workers" who were behind bars and the quashing of cases against them since August 7.

Shahid Khan, Abid, Imran Ismail, among others, attended a conference in Islamabad on Jan 7, 2026 — via author.

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vised the media should be ended and restrictions imposed on anchors should be lifted."

The moot also expressed concern over the "political unrest in the country, the economic difficulties facing the country and its people, restrictions on political activities and the challenges of terrorism."

As per the statement, the meeting appreciated the NDC's efforts of "playing the role of a bridge between the government and the opposition", stressing the "importance of promoting unity and solidarity in the country and reducing political tension."

The meeting "paid tribute to the sacrifices against terrorism of all security forces, including Pakistan's armed forces, police and Range-

Maryam Nawaz invites DAMAC Group for investment in Punjab

LAHORE (INP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has formally invited the globally renowned DAMAC Group to explore investment opportunities in Punjab.

The invitation was

extended during a meeting between the chief minister and a high-level DAMAC Group delegation led by CEO Amin Hussain Sawjani and Managing Director Ali Hussain Sawjani.

Maryam Nawaz Sharif warmly welcomed the delegation, who expressed their appreciation for the gracious reception.

During the meeting, both sides agreed to accelerate the process of tokenisation of govern-

ment and commercial assets and discussed strategic investment opportunities across various sectors. A proposal for the pilot tokenisation of Maryam Nawaz Sharif IT City was also reviewed. The

DAMAC Group delegation was being developed as Pakistan's gateway for foreign direct investment in digital assets and advanced technologies. Maryam Nawaz highlighted that Punjab accounts for 65 percent of Pakistan's IT

exports and is the country's largest IT and digital economy. She noted that more than 25,000 IT graduates enter the market every year, strengthening the workforce, while cities including Lahore,

Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan and Gujranwala are rapidly emerging as vibrant technology hubs. She added that the government aims to position Pakistan as a global centre for IT and digital innovation.



QUETTA: Children busy in filling their water pots from seriyab road tube well.

Chinese solar power becomes must-have for Pakistani newlyweds

KARACHI (INP): Chinese solar power becomes must-have for Pakistani newlyweds, according to a China Economic Daily.

At dawn, as the first rays of sunlight touch the rooftops of Karachi, 27-year-old Raza and his wife Maryam, 25, quietly come to life.

Fifteen photovoltaic panels, a wedding gift from their parents installed on their roof, begin generating electricity, powering their daily routine long before the city fully wakes up.

Several major solar photovoltaic exhibitions are held in Karachi every year, making the city more receptive to solar energy than many other parts of Pakistan. A few months ago, the newlywed couple joined a massive crowd of approximately 800,000 Pakistani rupees to install a China-made solar power system in the couple's new home.

Raza and Maryam's home relies on solar power during the day

and switches to the national grid after sunset. Their monthly electricity bill has dropped from 60,000 rupees to 24,000 rupees.

Raza Rabbani urges Senate chairman, NA speaker to appoint opposition leaders

ISLAMABAD (INP):

Former Senate chairman Raza Rabbani has urged the Senate chairman and National Assembly speaker to move ahead with appointing leaders of the opposition in both houses of Parliament, warning that keeping these positions vacant marginalises dissenting voices.

The offices have remained unfilled since August last year, when then opposition leaders in the National Assembly and Senate – PTI's Omar Ayub and Shibli Faraz – were disqualified by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) after their corrections in cases linked to the May 9, 2023 riots.

Although the PTI has nominated Paktunkhwa Milli Awami Party chief Khan Achakzai as opposition leader of the National Assembly and Majlis Wabdat-i-Muslimeen's Allama Raja Nasir Abbas for the Senate, their appointments have yet to be officially notified.

In a statement issued on Monday, Rabbani said that "Parliament is not functioning" adding that "this exposes a contradiction in our democracy." He said that, despite frequent claims about the supremacy of Parliament, there is little willingness to truly uphold it.

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Jibran Hussain, a Pakistani doctoral graduate currently employed at an intelligent industry in China's Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, is a friend of the couple and has previous experience in the photovoltaic industry. "As living standards improve, households own more electrical

appliances and demand a more stable power supply," Hussain said. "Solar systems not only provide clean energy but also save a significant amount on electricity costs in the long run."

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sidered mid-range locally:

15 solar panels, each with a capacity of 585 watts, producing about 8 kilowatts per hour – sufficient for a small family's daily needs. Large houses often opt for systems of 10 to 15 kilowatts or more. "My own home in Karachi has a 10-kilowatt solar system," he added.

As Chinese-made

clean energy solutions become more integrated into Pakistani households, a new mindset is emerging among young people: saving money to buy solar panels before purchasing a car.

WALK IN INTERVIEW

The Government of Balochistan, Health Department invites suitable candidates for walk in interview at various locations of Newly Established Trauma Centre, Sprey Road, Quetta to be held in POMC

SPM/Quetta on date and time mentioned against each post as given below:

1. APBR Anesthetist

2. APBR Orthopedic Surgeon

3. APBR Neurosurgeon

4. APBR ICU/Pulmonologist

5. APBR Pathologist

6. APBR Ophthalmologist

7. APBR General Physician

8. APBR Cardiac Surgeon

9. APBR Cardiologist

10. APBR General Surgeon

11. APBR General Surgeon

12. APBR General Surgeon

13. APBR ENT Surgeon

14. APBR ICU/Pulmonologist

15. APBR ICU/Pulmonologist

16. APBR Physician

17. APBR Urologist

18. APBR Neurologist

19. APBR Endocrinologist

20. APBR Thoracic Surgeon

21. APBR Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon

22. AP Emergency Medicine

23. Specialist Medical Officer (M&F)

24. Criminal Medical Officer (M&F)

25. Medical Legal Officer (M&F)

26. Lady Medical Officer

27. Medical Officer

28. Dental Surgeon

29. Physiotherapist

30. Pharmacist

Required Qualification & Experience

No. of Posts

Maximum Age

Date of Interview

Time

16.00 AM

12.00 Noon

3.00 PM

10.00 AM

12.00 PM

4.00 PM

10.00

Meeting Held to Review Performance and Future Development Plans of Shaheed Nawab Ghous Bakhsh Raisani Memorial Hospital, Mastung



QUETTA: A crucial meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of Shaheed Nawab Ghous Bakhsh Raisani Memorial Hospital, Mastung, was held today under the chairmanship of Provincial Health Minister, Dr. Bakht Muhammad Akbar. The meeting took place at the Civil Secretariat in Quetta and was attended by Member of Provincial Assembly, Nawab Muhammad Aslam Khan Raisani, Secretary Health Muzib-ur-Rehman Panzai, senior officials from relevant departments, and hospital administration. "Review of Hospital Performance and Services" The meeting thoroughly reviewed the overall performance of Shaheed Nawab Ghous Bakhsh Raisani Memorial Hospital, Mastung, including administrative and financial matters, the availability of

medical services, medicines, and medical equipment, as well as the deployment of doctors and paramedical staff. Key discussions included staff attendance, discipline, and the quality of services provided to patients. "Focus on Hospital Reforms and Challenges" The meeting also delved into ongoing reforms at the hospital and addressed the challenges that are hindering its progress. Provincial Health Minister, Dr. Bakht Muhammad Akbar, emphasized the government's commitment to providing high-quality, timely, and modern healthcare services across the province.

He reaffirmed that improving transparency, discipline, and service delivery in government hospitals is a top priority.

"Development Plans for Hospital Expansion" During the meeting, future devel-

opmental plans for the hospital were extensively discussed, focusing on the provision of modern medical equipment, the establishment of new wards, enhancing diagnostic facilities, improving emergency services, and appointing specialist doctors.

In addition, the strengthening of the hospital's administrative structure and the efficient utilization of resources were also highlighted.

"MPA Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani's Support for Hospital Upgrades" Member of Provincial Assembly, Nawab Muhammad Aslam Khan Raisani, highlighted the importance of the hospital's role in the community and its contribution to the socio-economic development of Mastung and surrounding areas, stressing the need to provide modern healthcare services to the public with high-quality health services by effectively utilizing available resources.

Provincial Health Minister, Dr. Bakht Muhammad Akbar directed relevant authorities to ensure the immediate implementation of the recommendations discussed in the meeting and to submit a regular progress report.

"This initiative is part of the provincial government's broader efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure and service delivery in Balochistan."

Important DCC Meeting Held in Chaman Under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner CHAMAN

CHAMAN: An important meeting of the District Court & Chehray Sharai-e-Iqbal (DCC) was convened in Chaman under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Chaman Habib Ahmad Bangulzai. The meeting was attended by various government officials, including the Headquarters Chaman Scouts, Commanding Officer 40 Frontier Force (FF) Chaman, SP Chaman, Commanding Officer ISLAMIA, PWD Chaman, Commanding Officer CT Chaman, Commanding Officer MI 304 Chaman, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Chaman, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Chaman, Assistant Director IB Chaman, District Officer CTD Chaman, Circle Officer Special Branch Chaman, Anti-Narcotics Officer.

District Recruitment Committee Meeting Held in Hub to Review Recruitment Process for Education Department

HUB: A meeting of the District Recruitment Committee was held in Hub to review the recruitment process for various posts of required vacancies in the Education Department under Phase III.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Hub, Mr. Mohammad Ihsan Ibrahim, and was attended by key officials, including the Divisions Director of Education Kalash Division, Mr. Zakariah District Education Officer Hub, Mr. Mohammad Rahim Baledi, and District Education Officer (Female), Mrs. Nasreen Iqbal.

Key discussions and decisions:

The meeting focused on the interviews for candidates applying for various contract-based positions in the Education Department. Additionally, the committee reviewed the objections raised during the recruitment process and thoroughly examined the relevant

records. Mr. Ismail Ibrahim emphasized the importance of ensuring merit and transparency in the recruitment process in line with the Government of Balochistan's policies.

The committee made on-the-spot decisions and instructed that the recruitment process be completed in a transparent manner, adhering to all rules and regulations.

This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to ensure fairness and efficiency in the hiring process for critical educational positions in Hub, promoting better educational standards in the region.

Hub District Recruitment Committee, Education Department recruitment process, completed the various Balochistan government policy, transparency, merit, educational recruitment, District Education Officer, Balochistan.

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Polio Campaign Review Meeting Held in Loralai Under DC Miran Baloch's Leadership

LORALAI: A key meeting of the District Polio Eradication Committee (DPEC) was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Loralai, Miran Baloch at the DC Office in Loralai. The meeting reviewed preparations for the upcoming National Immunization Days (NID) and Polio campaign, scheduled to start on February 2, 2026.

Present at the meeting were several officials, including the District Health Officer Dr. Haleem, DSP Police Dr. Karim Mandokhai, Deputy District Health Officer Dr. Shahzaman, Stop Team Dr. Farhan Anjum, DSM PPHI

and a review of areas that may face challenges.

"Progress and Challenges in Polio Campaign" The Deputy Commissioner commended the team's efforts so far and emphasized the importance of improv-

ing both speed and quality of the campaign in the coming days. He stressed that no child is left without the polio vaccine. He also directed the concerned authorities to take immediate action in low-coverage areas, organize special activities, provide all necessary support to vaccination teams, and ensure accurate daily reporting of progress.

"Zero Tolerance for Negligence" The

success of the polio campaign is our collective responsibility. The future of our children depends on it," stated the Deputy Commissioner.

He stressed that any officer or staff member showing exemplary performance

during the campaign would be highly encouraged. On the other hand, negligence, slowness, or carelessness would lead to strict actions, including dismissal. He emphasized that there would be no compromise on the polio eradication effort, and all relevant departments must work collaboratively and efficiently to make Nasirabad a polio-free district.

The Deputy Commissioner's clear directives highlighted the urgency and commitment required to achieve the goals of the polio eradication campaign and ensure that Loralai, and the broader district, remains free of polio.



BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT & CHEHRAY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 24/2026

Bank Alfalah Limited, Plaintiff
M.A Jinnah Road Quetta.

VERSUS

1. Mst. Asma Bibi W/o Ghulam Mustafa, CNIC No: 54401-5297558-2

Resident of:
House No: 5-1279, Gawalmandi Chowk Mohallah Sirki Road, Quetta.

2. Ghulam Mustafa S/o Khalil Ahmed, CNIC No: 7245184-5

Resident of:
House No: 5-1279, Gawalmandi Chowk Mohallah Sirki Road, Quetta.

Loan #L2118000056, Contact No: 0331-1394051.

Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 670,165/- BEARING LOAN/C NO: LD2118000056/ALONG WITH 20% LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND COST OF FUNDS ETC. US\$ 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. 670,165/- principal & interest mark up/rent due to him/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 16-02-2026.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 7 day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT & CHEHRAY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 22/2026

Askari Bank Limited, Plaintiff
M.A Jinnah Road Quetta.

VERSUS

Muhammad Naeem S/o Kamal Khan.

Resident of:
House No: 4/6, Near Special School Gurdat Singh road Quetta.

Official Address:
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Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 2,230,633.55/- BEARING ACCOUNT NO. 010/703/MSH/0000044/ (NEW)/92/DMH/0000047/RS. 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. 2,230,633.55/- principal & interest mark up/rent due to him/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 10-02-2026.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 7 day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT DERA ALAH YAR SUIT NO. 1/2026

Bank Alfalah Limited, Plaintiff
Sibi Branch.

VERSUS

Zubair Ahmed S/o Nazeer Muhammad.

Resident of:
1. Subhal Sunay road, Muhalah Forest Colony Sibi.

2. Muhalah Koshli Hujak, Post Office Hujak, Tehsil & District Sibi.

Office Address:
Designation: Agriculture Credit Officer, ABL, Liaquat Bazar Sibi.

Local No: 40259/0455295/514, CNIC No: 54400-3583049-1.

Cell No: 0333-7702493/0833-500002.

Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF CREDIT CARD FACILITY RS. 226,534.74- AND OTHER SERVICES/ARGUMENTS/INTEREST/ADDITIONAL DAMAGES AND COST OF FUNDS/US\$ 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS/RECOVERY OF FINANCES)ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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Bethell slams maiden century to give England glimmer in final Ashes Test

NEWS DESK: Jacob Bethell fulfilled his rich potential with a chanceless maiden Test century Wednesday as England built a fragile 119-run second-innings lead with two wickets remaining to give themselves a glimmer of hope in the final Ashes Test.

At the end of day four of the Sydney Cricket Ground, England had reached 302-8 with Bethell in serious on 142 not out and number 10 Matthew Potts yet to score.

England are desperate for another morale-boosting win after victory in the previous Test at Melbourne. Australia lead 3-1 and have already retained the Ashes.

It was a 22-year-old Bethell who kept their faint hopes alive after Zak Crawley fell early and first-innings centurion Joe Root departed

FEELING:



cheaply. He powered his hundred off 162 balls by smashing a lofted drive over midwicket for four.

"It's pretty spe-

cial, it's not really sunk

in yet. I haven't really had time to sit and reflect," Bethell told reporters.

Bethell had his parents in the stands and raised his bat towards them as he

passed the milestone. "To do that and have the family there was very special," said the left-hander.

"My dad was a cricketer so he knows how it feels to be out

there batting, but I don't think he stops him from getting away less."

It was not just

Bethell's maiden Test ton but the only one he has scored in red-ball cricket, with his previous best 96 against New Zealand.

Bethell was recalled for Melbourne to replace the under-performing Ollie Pope, scoring a gritty 40 in

difficult batting conditions.

He proved to be England's rock, but soon saw wickets tumbling at the other end as Harry Brook was trapped lbw for 42 and Will Jacks caught without scoring in the space of three balls from part-time off-spinner Ben Stokes.

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after limping off with groin injury while bowling, but the captain lasted only five balls.

Australia were dismissed for 567 before lunch on the back of Travis Head's 163 and 138 from skipper Steve Smith, a first-innings lead of 183 runs.

England needed a solid start, but chief tormentor Mitchell Starc once again conjured up a first-over breakthrough – his 29th wicket for the series.

"There was a bit of wear and tear there from Starc's footmarks," he said.

"And we managed to make the most of it in that session."

"Need to be smart" a mix-up saw Jamie Smith run out for 24 just as he and

Bethell were threatening to take the game away from Australia with a sixth-wicket partnership that had reached 45.

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Ekitike in doubt for Arsenal clash

NEWS DESK: Liverpool

boss Arne Slot sounded

doubtful

that Ekitike will have

striker Hugo Ekitike

for Thursday's Premier

League trip to

Arsenal, with the

Frenchman yet to

return to training following a hamstring issue.

Ekitike, who has

eight league goals this

season, missed

Sunday's 2-2 draw at

Fulham due to

an injury, and the Dutchman

said time was running

out for the forward to

ready himself to face

a quick turnaround.

"He hasn't trained

with us up until now,"

Slot said. "Let's see if he

can train with us today.

Two or three days ago,

when we played against

Fulham, I'd seen he

wouldn't be out for long

but it's hard because the

games come so fast.

"He is in-between

maybe training with the

team or it maybe taking

him one or two days ex-

tra time."

Ekitike's potential

absence would be an-

other blow for Slot, who

is already without

Alexis Sánchez due to

a fracture, and

Mohamed Salah be-

cause of Africa Cup of

Nations duty.

In the absence of

Ekitike, Slot may again

turn to Cédric Gakpo as

his most advanced at-

tacker.

The Netherlands

forward has scored five

Premier League goals

and provided three as-

ists this season and

could lead the line as

holders Liverpool at-

tempt to derailed Arsenal's

title charge.

Slot's fourth-placed

team trail Arsenal by 14

points, with

the Gunners

head to north London on

a nine-game unbeaten

run in all competitions,

though Slot lamented

that not all those games

have been easy.

"It is nine games

unbeaten but we have

definitely had two draws

too many," Slot said.

"Where are we? I think

I've said so many times

that we are not where

we want to be, but

I feel we have a very tal-

ented squad.

"If everyone's

as good and ready,

then I think we can do

special things."



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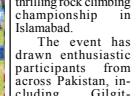
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Shadab, who comes back after recovering from a shoulder injury – having impressed in the ongoing Big Bash League (BBL) in Australia — is part of a Pakistan team that is missing the likes of star players Babar Azam, Shoaib Afridi and Haris Rauf.

The trio, who are also featuring in the BBL, however, are likely to return for next month's T20 World Cup with the current series serving as warm-up for both sides ahead of the showpiece, which is set to be co-hosted by

Sri Lanka along with India.

Pakistan, hence, will focus on testing their depth for the tournament they didn't fare well in last edition.

The have recruited the likes of hard-hitting batter Abdul Samad and uncapped Khawaja Nafay.

Batter Usman Khan and spinner Usman Tariq have

also made the cut following impressive shows in Pakistan's previous assignment; a tri-series title at home.

the tournament having involved Sri Lanka, the West Indies and the Netherlands.

"There are a few stars and they have done well for Pakistan but the people we have brought here are very good players as well," Usman told reporters on Tuesday.

"He came back from a long injury and has done well in the

"Big Bash," Salman said, while adding that choosing from a range of all-rounders available in the squad was a "good headache".

Shadab, meanwhile, after recovering from the injury, took seven wickets in six matches at 26.51 in the BBL and came in handily with the bat, scoring 104 runs across four innings.

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"Big Bash," Salman said, while adding that choosing from a range of all-rounders available in the squad was a "good headache".

"Managing all those spinners and all the all-rounders, I know it's going to be tough, but to be very honest it's a luxury to have all-rounders who can bowl and bat in any kind of conditions and situations."

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United States(US) secures \$2bn Venezuela oil deal after Maduro capture

NEWS DESK: Caracas and Washington have reportedly agreed to export up to \$2 billion worth of Venezuelan crude to the United States, US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday, a flagship negotiation that would divert US oil supplies from China while helping Venezuela avoid deeper oil production cuts.

The agreement is a strong sign that the Venezuelan government is responding to Trump's demand that they open up to US oil companies or risk more military intervention.

Trump has said he wants Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to give the US and private companies "total access" to Venezuela's oil industry.

Venezuela has millions of barrels of oil in storage tanks that it has been unable to ship due to a blockade on exports imposed by Trump since mid-2019.

The blockade was part of US pressure on the government of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro that cul-

minated in US forces capturing him this week.

Top Venezuelan officials have called Maduro's capture a kidnapping and accused the US of trying to steal the country's vast oil reserves. Venezuela will be "sanctioned" between 30 and 50 million barrels of "sanctioned oil" to the US, Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

Oil from Venezuela will be sold at its market price, and that money will be controlled by me, as President of the United States of America, to ensure it is used to benefit the people of Venezuela and the United States," he added.

Energy Secretary Chris Wright is in charge of executing the deal, Trump said, adding that the oil will be taken from ships and sent directly to US ports.

Supplying the trapped crude to the US could mean re-allocating cargoes originally bound for China, two sources had told Reuters earlier on Tuesday.

The Asian country

has been Venezuela's top buyer in the last decade and especially since US oil sanctions were imposed in 2010.

Trump has agreed to increase the volume of Venezuelan oil exported to the US.

"Trump wants this to happen early so he can say it is a big win for oil industry source said.

Chevron in control of Venezuelan oil flows

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Traders expect with the agreement expected to increase the volume of Venezuelan oil exported to the US.

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Hospital sources say 4 killed in airstrikes on Yemen; separatist leader flees

Yemen; separatist leader flees

NEWS DESK: At least four civilians were killed in Saudi-led coalition strikes in Yemen on Wednesday, a hospital source told AFP, as the force raided the home province of a separatist leader.

Yemen's coalition attacked the home province of a UAE-backed separatist leader on Wednesday, after he was kicked out of the presidency and accused of "high treason" for attempting to secede.

More than 15 airstrikes hit Dhale, the home governorate of Aider Al-Zubaidi, whose Southern Transitional Council (STC) grabbed swathes of territory last month before seeing the advance rolled back by the coalition and pro-Saudi forces. The initial toll

from the strikes on the province of al-Dhale is four civilian deaths and six wounded, "medical sources at the Al-Nasir and Al-Fadoum hospitals in al-Dhale told AFP.

Alzubidi fled and mobilised "large forces" in Yemen's southwest, around Aden.

After failing to attend talks in Riyadh, the coalition said.

Alzubidi "fled to an unknown location after he had distributed weapons and ammunition to dozens of elements inside Aden", coalition spokesperson Major General Turki al-Maliki said in a statement.

The coalition carried out new strikes to prevent Alzubidi from "escalating the conflict" and extending it into Dhale governorate, he said.

Alzubidi had been due to travel to the Saudi capital of Riyadh on Tuesday for talks aimed at easing the clashes.

But his plane was delayed and he was not on board when it departed, the coalition said.

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"guarantee the safety of its delegation currently in Riyadh."

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More than 100 people have been killed in the airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition on the newly seized separatist positions in the southern governorates.

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criticised the Israeli government for maintaining its ban on unrestricted military operations in Gaza, calling the move "unacceptable".

The Israeli government had told the country's top court in a submission last week that the ban should remain in place, citing "security risks" in the Gaza Strip.

The submission was in response to a petition filed by the Foreign Press Association (FPA) which represents hundreds of journalists in Israel and Palestinian territories. It sought immediate and unrestricted access to the Gaza Strip, the association said.

"We prepared a case and submitted it to the American side. No participation in peacekeeping forces is envisaged," Aliyev said.

"I am not considering participation in hostilities in the Gaza Strip at all," Aliyev said.

The Foreign Press Association expresses its profound disappointment with the Israeli government's latest response to its petition for full and free access to the Gaza Strip, the association said.

"Instead of presenting a plan for allowing journalists to work independently and letting us work alongside our brave Palestinian colleagues, the (Israeli) government has decided

once again to lock us out" despite the ceasefire in the territory, it added.

Since the outbreak of the Gaza conflict in Oct 2023, Israel has barred foreign journalists from independently entering the devastated territory.

Instead, Tel Aviv has allowed only a limited number of reporters to enter Gaza on a case-by-case basis, embedded with its military in the occupied Palestinian territory.

The FPA filed its petition in 2024, after which Israel's supreme court granted the government several extensions to submit its response.

Last month, however, the court set Jan 4 as a final deadline for the government to present a plan to the Foreign Media Access to Gaza.

In its submission, the government maintained that the ban should remain in place.

"This is for security reasons and the composition of the defence establishment, which maintains that a security risk associated with such entry still exists," the Is-

raeli government's submission said.

The government also said that the search for the remains of the two journalists held in Gaza was ongoing, suggesting that allowing journalists in at this stage could hinder the operation.

The remains of Ramzi Givli, whose body was taken to Gaza after he was killed during the Hamas raid on Oct 7, 2023, have still not been recovered despite the ceasefire.

The FPA said it planned to submit a "robust response" to the court, and expressed hope the "judges will put an end to this chapter."

"The FPA is confident that the court will provide justice in light of the violation of the fundamental principles of freedom of speech, the public's right to know and free press," the association added.

It is not clear when or if the court is expected to issue a ruling on the matter, though it is unclear when a decision will be handed down.

Swiss officials admit bar inspection lapses



people celebrating the New Year raised glasses in a bar, some holding balloons. A man in a blue shirt is visible in the background.

Feraud told a press conference Relatives of the victims received the "right to dignity", Romain Jordan a lawyer representing several families, told AFP.

Although inspections including fire safety were carried out in 2016, 2017 and 2019, "periodic inspections were not conducted between 2020 and 2025. We bitterly regret this," Trans-Montana mayor Nicolas

Lenovo unveils AI agent to bridge PCs, phones and wearables at CES



Unlike rivals focused on single categories, Lenovo was the only major manufacturer whose offering spanned laptops, tablets and smartphones — under its Motorola brand, acquired in 2014 — as well as servers and even supercomputers. The company also unveiled prototypes of connected glasses and an AI-powered pendant that features "important moments" with user consent by recording conversations, said Motorola's Angelina

Lenovo's new artificial intelligence agent, dubbed Qira, is designed as an autonomous interface capable of performing a range of tasks, simply generating content on demand, a move Lenovo hopes will showcase the breadth of its product portfolio.

It can start via the pendant, continue on a smartphone and end on a laptop, with the agent retaining user context across devices. It can summarise the highlights of a user's day, draft and send emails, or even select photos from archives to post on social media to

social media.

Lenovo stressed it is not proposing using Qira to "replace" its Copilot and announced the integration of Copilot into Motorola smartphones.

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