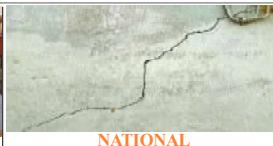


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Balochistan Introduces 30% Subsidy Electric Bike Program for Students

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Electric bikes will be provided to students in Balochistan under a newly approved provincial government initiative aimed at easing transportation challenges and promoting affordable mobility.

The decision was taken during a meeting convened by the Balochistan provincial cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti. Under the scheme, students will be eligible to receive electric bikes with a 30 percent government subsidy, while the program will be implemented through bank financing to ensure access on easy installment plans.

The scheme will also cover working women and gov-

ernment employees, with provisions allowing members of the general public to benefit as well. Officials said the initiative is designed to reduce travel costs, support education continuity, and encourage the use of environmentally friendly transport.

During the meeting, the cabinet emphasized that public transportation should be utilized transparently and in a manner that benefits a broad segment of society. The provincial government reaffirmed its commitment to public welfare, youth facilitation, and sustainable development through practical policy measures.

Health Insurance for Government Employees

The cabinet was informed that the annual medical expenses for approximately 250,000 government employees amount to billions of rupees.

To address this, it approved the introduction of a comprehensive health insurance scheme aimed at ensuring transparent, efficient, and sustainable healthcare coverage.

The cabinet approved the audit of advance medical payments and the public endowment fund to strengthen financial accountability.

Youth Empowerment and Merit-Based Governance

To promote economic independence among young

people, the cabinet approved the expansion of the Enterprises Development Programme, extending its reach to Gwadar, Keen, and Awaran districts.

Emphasizing good governance, the cabinet reaffirmed its commitment to merit-based appointments, declaring that no compromise would be made on transparency.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that public funds are a trust and must be utilized fairly and responsibly.

He stressed that development resources should benefit the wider population rather than a select few.

Adding that youth empowerment and public welfare remain top priorities of the pro-

vincial government.

Balochistan Food Authority Intensifies Action Against Unsafe Food

In a separate development, the Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) intensified its crackdown against substandard and unsafe food items across the province.

According to a BFA spokesperson, inspection teams carried out a comprehensive food safety operation in Quetta, Kuchlak, and Sibi, inspecting a total of 79 food establishments.

Serious violations were identified at several locations, leading to immediate action against 33 food outlets.

No hostility with Kabul, terror sole concern: FO

NEWS DESK:

Pakistan has reiterated that it does not seek hostility with Afghanistan and made clear that any meaningful improvement in bilateral relations hinges on Kabul providing concrete, verifiable and written assurances that its territory will not be used for terrorism against Pakistan.

The position was articulated on Thursday during the weekly press briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where spokesperson Tahir Andrabi underscored that Islamabad's concerns with Kabul are exclusively focused on security and not rooted in political or ideological differences.

"Pakistan does not wish to be hostile to Afghanistan," the spokesperson said, adding that the demand from Kabul is the fulfilment of its basic responsibility as a state: preventing terrorist groups and individuals from using Afghan soil to carry out attacks in Pakistan.

He said Pakistan had no bilateral dispute with Afghanistan comparable to those it faces with India, adding that once the terrorism issue is addressed through credible assurances and demonstrated action, there exists tremendous potential for cooperation in trade, connectivity and regional integration.

Andrabi said that Pakistan welcomed recent positive statements from Kabul, but could not yet confirm them. "Statements must be backed by concrete, verifiable and written assurances," he said, adding that the absence of such commitments explained Islamabad's continued caution despite its willingness to engage by participating in tri-lateral mechanisms involving China.

He said that diplomatic channels with Kabul remain open, with embassies and consulates functioning normally, and that Pakistan continues to engage Afghanistan positively in regional forums, including the China-Afghanistan-Pakistan tri-lateral dialogue. Turning to defence cooperation with Saudi Arabia, he denied unconfirmed reports suggesting that Pakistan was in talks to convert Saudi loans into a deal involving JF-17 Thunder fighter jets. "Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have a robust, multifaceted relationship, including defence," Andrabi said, but added that he was not aware of any specific agreement regarding the sale of aircraft or the adjustment of financial obligations.

Punjab schools and colleges will open from Jan 12, says education minister

NEWS DESK:

Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat on Friday clarified that all schools and colleges across the province will reopen on Jan 12.

The clarificatory comes after a reportedly fake notification circulated on social media claiming that winter vacations in Punjab had been extended from January 10 to 17. However, the education minister clarified that the extended

vacation was to "avoid fake news." Earlier this week, he had also denied any extension of the winter holidays.

The Punjab government had announced a two-week vacation for all public and private schools and colleges from December 22 to January 10.

According to the official notification, schools and colleges were scheduled to reopen on January 12.

A day ago, a fake notification claiming to have been issued by Punjab's School Education Department went viral on social media, spreading confusion among parents and students.

Achakzai faults PTI discipline for Imran's jailing

NEWS DESK:

Mahmood Khan Achakzai, head of Tehreek-e-Tahrik-e-Ain Pakistan (TTAP), strongly criticised state conduct, saying that while Pakistan was described as a "forerunner of Islam," Islam itself appeared to have been imprisoned within it.

Addressing the Awan-e-Adl gathering in Lahore on Friday, he condemned violence against women and children and denounced the use of live ammunition against protesters at D-Chowk.

He also rebuked police actions, alleging mistreatment of detainees, and questioned claims of Pakistan being an Islamic state under such circumstances.

Speaking about political unity, Achakzai said he has not come to Lahore to abuse other political parties, but to support the oppressed. He stated that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) enjoyed unprecedented public support, yet its founding leader remains behind bars due to a lack of discipline within the party. Political movements required organisation and discipline to succeed.

Referring to recent protests, he noted that despite the presence of MNAs and MPAs, no loudspeakers were used, highlighting organisational weaknesses. Addressing the youth, he appealed for roads to remain empty on February 8 as a form of peaceful protest, stressing that their movement would remain non-violent and free from abuse or hate speech.

Allama Raja Nasir said Allah had granted human beings the right to freedom, which was also guaranteed in the Constitution of Pakistan, but an oppressive regime had undermined the justice system, people's right to defence and

public mandate through constitutional amendments.

He urged the public to stand against those who snatched freedom and voting rights, stressing that "Hussainiyat" was not a slogan but a principled stand against oppression, adding that the country could not survive without protecting people's rights.

Calling on authorities to acknowledge their mistakes, Achakzai urged them to come forward to protect the Constitution. Addressing the lawyer's community at the Awan-e-Adl, Achakzai warned that anyone who violated or opposed the Constitution deserved rejection, declaring that every individual acting against it is what he called "murdha baad."

He concluded by saying that while institutions such as the army and intelligence agencies were necessary, they must remain within constitutional boundaries, warning that any violation of the Constitution would be openly opposed.

He also announced his support for Irfan Hayat Bajwa, the presidential candidate of the Hamid Khan group, in the Lahore Bar Association elections scheduled to be held on January 10.

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Balochistan High Court Opens the Doors of Justice Wider Than Ever Before

Editorial:

The Balochistan High Court's latest initiative — introducing a dedicated WhatsApp number and email address for public complaints — marks a significant shift toward openness, accessibility, and public empowerment within the judicial system.

This is not just a procedural reform; it is an invitation for citizens to engage directly with the judiciary in ways that were previously difficult, time-consuming, and often intimidating.

For decades, obtaining certified copies of court judgments as a frustration for clients and even for experienced lawyers.

Long queues, procedural delays, and administrative hurdles made the process difficult, especially for people from outside the province. With digital communication now formally integrated, citizens, litigants, and counsel will be able



to request and access judgment copies far more easily.

This single step reduces barriers that have existed for years and ensures that justice is not just done, but also seen to be done.

Equally important is the ability for citizens to file complaints directly against lower judiciary officials or court staff if they face misconduct, delays, or unfair treatment.

Many people lacked the courage, resources, or channels to raise such concerns.

Forced Marriage in Islam: A Clear Violation of Women's Rights and Human Dignity

By Musavir

Durrani: Forced marriage remains one of the most damaging cultural practices in parts of the Muslim world today, despite being justified by the culture of honor, tradition, or family unity. Islam itself strictly forbids forcing any woman, or man, into a marriage they do not want. Islamic teachings make consent the

core of marriage, while coercion makes a marriage batil (invalid).

The Qur'an Clearly Forbids Forced Marriages. Allah states in Surah An-Nur:

"O you who believe, it is not lawful for you to inherit women against their will."

(Qur'an 4:19)

This verse was revealed to abolish the jahiliyyah practice of controlling or forcing women into marriages.

Islam replaced oppression with dignity, choice, and responsibility.

Prophetic Example: Forced Marriages Declared Invalid.

A woman once came to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) complaining that her father had married her

without her permission. The Prophet (PBUH) gave her the full right to reject or accept the marriage, which was mandatory.

Hadith: Refer-

ences: Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 5138. Sahih Muslim, Hadith 1419.

These narrations all confirm that the Prophet (PBUH) allowed the woman to remain married and her forced marriage.

One narration even states that she chose to remain married but wanted to teach women that fathers

have no right to force their daughters.

Parents Can Advise, But They Cannot Force.

Islam highly respects parents, but marriage choice is not a right. They can guide, suggest, and advise.

but they have absolutely no power to force their child into marrying someone. Even if parents think they

know what is best, they cannot override the choice of their daughter or son. The final decision always belongs to the person getting married.

Statements such as: "If you don't marry this one, who will marry you?", "You have no choice," "Do it for family honor," "You must obey your parents."

These are pure emotional manipulation, and Islam does not allow it. Emotional or Psychological Harm.

Parents is Also Harmful. Forced marriage is not only when

the dignity that Islam gives to every woman and man. Parents must love, support, and guide, but never

control or force marriage decisions.

"Allah gave you this right, and no one can take it away".

Forced marriage has no place in Islam. It is against the Qur'an, against the Sunnah, and against

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Withering Public Institutions

Aghbar Harif:

The beleaguered public offices have come under a new wave of employee associations broadening the turf war. The new rallying point is to assert the right for the coveted packages in wages given to the provincial secretariat. Guided by the tools employed by secretariat employees to secure bloated wages in comparison with the matched department, the number of associations has multiplied and the pre-existing ones have coalesced into a broader alliance.

They have further asserted to arrogate the positions of head of attached departments claimed by provincial secretariat employees.

A few days back Balochistan Secretariat Employees Association (BSEA) withdrew from a grand alliance of other employees' associations. The alliance was formed to put pressure on the government for demands they all shared, which included the rise in pay and allowances and to address the discrepancies.

A growing number of employees are addressing public grievances.

The growing number of employee associations and their welfare, underscores the growing utility of forming pressure groups to protract



spheres of influence. Taking a cue from the past, the growing trend will bring serious pressure on the traditional institutional framework adding to public grievances.

One of the phenomena, engendered by growing pressure groups in the public sector, is that their age-old catchphrases have faded and there is a self-servicing superstructure and lost relevance to the common man.

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welfare the same are created. The resources placed at the disposal of these institutions with the aim to alleviate the issues of citizens, are arrogated to themselves and have turned into a bone of contention for members of the institutions. Speaking of personal experience of a department, with district and divisional level offices, it was noted that more than 90% of the correspondence made with that office was related to the personal affairs of the employees working in that department. It is the case with every public sector institution.

The resistance to change has not left the public sector unworkable, the private sector has overtaken it in the market. When private sector services are required from the market, the public sector functions are found totally clueless about the trend in the market.

The element of powers among employees has also increased, the common man.

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Jacobabad, One of the hottest cities on earth



Aqsa Arshad

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It is the second largest town in Sindh after Hyderabad. It is a major center of economic activity in Sindh and has a highly diversified economy ranging from heavy industry and finance centered in and around Karachi to a substantial agricultural base along the Indus.

The region is rich in rice and grain cultivation. Jacobabad consists of shrubs (cono, carpus) small plants not many trees, and fauna cows, buffalos, camels.

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Sindh is the richest province in natural resource production.

Weather Conditions:

Weather is a bit dusty because of polluted air, open drainage, and garbage open on roads which have a direct impact on the environment after contributing largely to water and air pollution.

The Jacobabad District head should plant more trees in the city to overcome such environmental issues. Jacobabad will be an attractive place for visitors.

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Punjab freezes 680 TLP leaders' assets, IDs; blocks 740 vehicles

LAHORE (INP): The Punjab Excise Department has blocked more than 740 vehicles belonging to 680 leaders placed on the Fourth Schedule of the banned organisation Tehrik-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).

Following directives issued by the Punjab Home Department, the Excise Department's officials confirmed that the move is part of a broader trend down aimed at restricting both movable and immovable assets of individuals deemed a security risk. Home Department had shared detailed lists seeking the blocking of properties associated with the TLP leaders. Excise Department officials said that the affected vehicles had been impounded and then moved to the same individual's used to register any new ownership under the same National ID cards.

Excise sources added that owners of the blocked vehicles had been dispatched back to the Home Department, while all Excise and Taxation Officers across the province were also notified to ensure implementation on the ground. Officials further said that details of the immovable properties connected to the same individual had been sent to the relevant authorities so that they may also be frozen in the system. The development follows a formal communication from the Home Department last month directing the Excise Department to initiate the process, which has now been completed. The action is part of an ongoing effort to tighten oversight of individuals listed on the Fourth Schedule for their alleged involvement.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets Sajwani Business delegation of UAE and holds a luncheon in its honor.

KPCM Afzidi announces PTI rally at Mazar-e-Quaid on Sunday

PESHAWAR, Jan 09 (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Sohail Afzidi has announced that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) will hold a massive public rally at Mazar-e-Quaid in Karachi on Sunday (January 11). The rally is part of the party's street movement ahead of the protest call scheduled for February 8.

In a statement issued on Friday, CM Afzidi said the rally would begin at 4:30pm.

He added that his visit to Sindh aims to take the message of jailed PTI founder Imran Khan to every part of the province. He also called on the people of Sindh to fully

support PTI's street movement, claiming the gathering would be the biggest rally Karachi has ever seen.

CM Afzidi who was due to depart for Karachi from Islamabad Airport on Friday got his flight delayed which will not be expected to land at Karachi Airport after 2:00 pm.

Meanwhile, CM Afzidi's aide on information, Shafiq Jan, said the chief minister will meet Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah on Monday, January 12.

During his stay in Sindh, Afzidi is also expected to meet party leaders at the Insaaf House, visit the

press club, and travel to Hyderabad. According to Shafiq Jan, CM Afzidi will also visit prison facilities in Karachi's District South.

Korangi, and Mithi to meet inmates. In Hyderabad, he will address the bar association and press club, attend an Islamic Students Federation (ISF) convention, and hold meetings with the party's local leadership.

PTI has formally requested permission to hold a public gathering near Mazar-e-Quaid. Karachi Region PTI President Raja Azhar wrote to the deputy commissioner of District East, seeking approval for a peaceful rally at Bagh-e-Jinnah and assuring that all rules and codes of conduct would be followed.

Speaking on a private TV channel, Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Meman said the provincial government would ensure free movement, security, and protocol for the KP chief minister.

Meanwhile, CM Afzidi would be free to carry out political and official activities as long as they remain within the law.

He added that the Sindh government is willing to facilitate public gatherings if informed in advance, but warned against any activities that may disrupt public order due to citizens' inconvenience.

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Motorways across Pakistan closed due to dense fog

LAHORE (INP): Dense fog continues to blanket most parts of Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The closure of several motorway sections as a precautionary measure to ensure public safety. According to details, Motorway M-1 of close to 100 km of traffic from Swabi to Burhan, M-4 from Sher Shah to Sham Kot, M-5 from Sher Shah to Sukkur, and M-14 from Fateh Jang to Kot Badin. The thick fog also engulfed different sectors of Islamabad and its adjacent areas. Thick fog was also reported from Jaffarabad, Sabi, Battian, Lakot, and Bolan due to low visibility. Motorway Police spokesman Syed Imran Ahmed said the closures were necessary to protect lives and property, and ensure smooth weather conditions. Fog has also been reported in several cities along the National Highway.

Authorities have warned that lane violations during fog can lead to severe accidents, causing drivers to strictly follow lane discipline. Motorists have been advised to use for lights, reduce speed, and maintain a safe distance from vehicles ahead. Citizens planning to travel have been instructed to prefer daytime journeys. The Motorway Police has also issued a stronger order to strictly follow lane discipline. Motorists have been advised to use for lights, reduce speed, and maintain a safe distance from vehicles ahead. Citizens planning to travel have been instructed to prefer daytime journeys.

The court further advised the public to avoid driving at night to travel and contact the Motorway helpline 130 for guidance or assistance during fog-related disruptions.

Motorway Police said that monitoring teams have been deployed to major routes to ensure safety and manage traffic flow as weather conditions evolve.

Remember, whoever is responsible, I will register a case against him, Justice Shahid Karim remarked.

The hearing of the case has been adjourned until January 12 Lahore.

Azhar Siddique Advocate told the court that trees have



LONDON: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan Meets Chester King CEO British Sports Association 9th January 2026.

Sindh govt allows Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally at Jinnah ground

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh government has decided to allow Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to hold a political rally at Jinnah Ground in Karachi, provincial minister Nasir Hussain Shah said on Saturday.

Talking to media, Nasir Shah said that Chief Minister Khawar Pakhtunkhwa Sohail Afzidi would be warmly welcomed in Sindh and is free to carry out political activities anywhere in the province.

He said that the peaceful struggle of any political party, including PTI, cannot be stopped. However, he warned that problems could arise if the law is violated.

The provincial minister clarified that there is no ban on PTI's rally. He added that the party has also

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Meanwhile, PTI Karachi President Raja Azhar said that the Sindh government has verbally informed the party that permission for the rally is being granted, but the Assistant Commissioner has not yet issued the formal 'No Objection Certificate (NOC)'.

He urged the people of Sindh to ac-

tively participate in all programs and fully support the street movement.

Sohail Afzidi said that during his visit, he would convey the message of PTI founder and Chairman Imran Khan to every corner of Sindh.

He further announced that on Sunday at 4:30 pm, what he termed the largest rally in the city's history would be held at the Quaid-e-Azam shrine in Karachi.

Separately, PTI Secretary General Barrister Salman Akram Raja has arrived in Karachi on a visit to Sindh. In his message upon reaching the city, he termed the visit an important milestone.

According to him, the schedule has been released by PTI Sindh President Haleem Adil Sheikh and the party organization.

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Naqvi orders crackdown on beggars and immigration mafias

I S L A M A B A D (INP): Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Friday directed the FIA Immigration Wing to launch an effective crackdown against professional begging networks and the people facilitating them, stressing that no leniency would be shown toward those

involved in human smuggling deserve no leniency.

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structed the FIA to strict and immediate against mafias involved in illegal immigration.

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structed the FIA to ensure the effective enforcement of immigration laws and stressed that the airport immigration

should be strengthened, with enhanced screening of travel documents.

The meeting was attended by the federal interior secretary, the additional interior secretary,

the FIA director general, and zonal director from Karachi and Lahore.

Naqvi's directives come months after Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Saad Ahmed Al-Maliki of decisive action against professional Pakistani beggars travelling to Saudi Arabia.

During his visit to the Saudi Embassy last August, he told the ambassador that the mafias sending beggars abroad was damaging Pakistan's international image.

The interior minister said the FIA had already been instructed to launch a nationwide crackdown against organised groups.

In a second visit to the Saudi Embassy in the same month, Naqvi held follow-up discussions on the issue and informed the ambassador that a full-scale operation was underway against the beggar mafia, adding that a zero-tolerance policy had been adopted.



ISLAMABAD: His Excellency Nawaf bin Saad Ahmed Al-Maliki, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, called on the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musaik Malik.

Campaign to eradicate pollen allergy in Islamabad launched

I S L A M A B A D (INP): The Ministry of Health has launched a comprehensive and historic campaign to eradicate pollen allergy.

As part of the initiative, a three-phase, science-based operation targeting pollen-causing trees and plants have been successfully completed.

A total of around 29,115 sub-trees identified as the primary source of pollen allergy—have been removed from various areas of Islamabad, including F-9 Park, Shakarpur and several major sectors of the city, it further stated.

Authorities clarified that only pollen-allergy-causing trees

were removed, while local and non-allergenic trees remain fully protected. It was also announced that three new indigenous trees will be planted to replace each uprooted tree.

So far, more than

40,000 eco-friendly trees have already been planted in the affected areas.

In addition, tenders

have been issued for plantation of more trees with the support of private sector and the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), it added.

Rehabilitation

work is currently underway across 81 acres land in Shakarpur, with the project scheduled for completion by April 2026, it underscored.

The initiative has yielded encouraging health outcomes, with a report of around 23 percent reduction in pollen vaccination cases over the past two years.

Comparing to 2023, the allergy cases dropped to less than half in 2025. While pollen-related cases in November and December 2025 were recorded at historic lows, it added.

Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail Stresses Public-Centric Politics and National Unity



QUETTA: Governor of Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail has said that he views politics as an important social responsibility aimed at improving the lives of ordinary people, raising their political capacity, and freeing society from superstition and misconceptions.

He expressed these views while speaking to delegations from various districts at the Governor House Quetta.

The Governor

stated that even today, national unity can be strengthened through people-friendly politics by ensuring public rights and empowerment. He emphasized that it is the duty of all elected representatives to unite people instead of dividing them, and to become the voice and support of the voiceless and marginalized segments of society.

He added that serving

the spirit of public service marks the beginning of a healthy and progressive society.

Reflecting on his

long political career, the Governor said that he always believed in cooperation without discrimination, stressing that fostering awareness of rights and responsibilities in society is a fundamental prerequisite for sustainable development.

Ziarat DC Chairs District Education Group Meeting, Announces Teacher Appointments This Month



ZIARAT: A meeting of the District Education Group was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ziarat Muhammad Riaz Khan Dawar, to review educational affairs and ongoing development in the district.

The meeting was attended by District Education Officer Latifullah, DDO Female, Female, Male, DDO, Sanjivi Ghulam Rasool Kakar, DDO Female

Farzana Arbab, Accounts Officer Abdul Ghani Panzai and DDO Naqeebulah Kakar. All DDOs presented their performance reports and briefs to the Deputy Commissioner on current progress and challenges. Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Riaz Khan Dawar announced that the process of recruitment of temporary teachers will be completed within this month,

which will help overcome the shortage of teachers in government schools across the district.

He further directed education officials to conduct daily visits to the education department schemes included under the Balochistan Special Development Initiative (BSDI) to ensure all projects are completed on merit and within the given timelines.

Emphasizing the importance of education, the Deputy Commissioner stated that no compromise will be made on quality or merit, and that all efforts will be taken strictly in accordance with established rules. He reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to promote education throughout Ziarat and warned that any negligence in this regard will not be tolerated.

Quetta DC Chairs Review Meeting on Non-Functional Schools, Orders Immediate Restoration

QUETTA: A review meeting of the District Education Group was under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Mehrukh Badini, to assess the status of non-functional schools in the district.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Dis-

trict Education Officer, District Treasury Officer, and other concerned officials.

In the meeting, a detailed briefing was presented on the number and condition of non-functional schools in Quetta.

Deputy Commissioner Mehrukh Badini further stated that district administration officers will extend full cooperation to the Education Department in resolving the issues

faced by non-functional schools.

He reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to restore all non-functional schools in Quetta will be completely restored and made operational in the coming days, ensuring better educational facilities for students across the district.

Balochistan Food Authority Cracks Down on Unsafe Food Practices in Quetta, Kuchlak, and Sibi 79 Food Outlets Inspected; 33 Issued Violations for Health and Safety Lapses

QUETTA: The Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) continues its rigorous inspections to eliminate substandard and unsafe food practices across the provinces. In a comprehensive food safety inspection drive in various areas of Quetta, Kuchlak, and Sibi, a total of 79 food outlets were thoroughly examined. During the inspections, multiple violations of food safety regulations were uncovered.

According to a

spokesperson for the

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DC Kech Chairs Meeting on Arrangements for Turbat Marathon Race



TURBAT: An important meeting of councilors of the Municipal Corporation Turbat was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kech, Bashir Ahmed Baloch, to review arrangements for the upcoming marathon race.

Key issues discussed

included cleaning and preparation of race routes, road re-arrangements, placement of water points at various locations, and provision of facilities for spectators. Emphasis was also placed on maintaining smooth traffic flow and ensuring effective coordination with security agencies.

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SE Irrigation Circle Vows Timely Supply of Agricultural Water to Balochistan



NASIRABAD: Sub-Divisional Officer Mumtaz Ali Soomro called on Superintendent of Irrigation Circle, Musadar Zafar Khoso, and congratulated him on assuming charge.

During the meeting, SDO Mumtaz Ali Soomro briefed the Superintendent on the supply of agricultural water to Balochistan from Guddu Barrage.

The briefing covered the current situation.

challenges being faced, and matters related to the fair distribution of water among agricultural areas.

Speaking on the occasion, SE Irrigation Circle Musadar Zafar Khoso said that all available resources would be utilized to ensure the timely and rightful supply of agricultural water to Balochistan, adding that no negligence in this regard would be tolerated.

He appreciated the efforts of SDO Mumtaz Ali Soomro for consistently keeping the authorities informed about the situation of agricultural water supply.

At the conclusion

of the meeting,

both officers reaffirmed their commitment to work in close coordination to improve water delivery systems and safeguard the interests of farmers across the region.

Gwadar DC Chairs Key Meeting to Finalize Preparations for February 2026 Anti-Polio Campaign



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Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to probe cooking oil industry

NEWS DESK: The government has directed the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to investigate the allegations of cartelisation in the cooking oil fast track industry on a fast track.

The National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC), in a recent meeting, directed the CCP to submit its preliminary report in the next meeting.

The committee said that it had noticed that health issues were increasing due to the sub-standard quality of cooking oil in the market. Furthermore, it stated that the issue may be taken up seriously by the relevant ministries and provincial departments.

The price control committee also reviewed the cooking oil price trend in compliance with the Economic Coordination Committee's (ECC) decision taken on July 25, 2025.

The CCP informed meeting participants that an investigation into alleged cartelisation in the cooking oil sector had been initiated in November 2025.

The CCP was in the process of collecting requisite information and preliminary report in a couple of months.

The committee decided that the Ministry

of Industries and Production, in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology (Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority), should coordinate with the provincial governments (food control authorities/ departments) to ensure compliance with prescribed standards for the vegetable oil sector, which is produced domestically and submit a report to the NPMC in the next meeting.

The committee agreed that the Ministry of National Food Security and Research and the food and agriculture section of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives should take the initiative of the consultant food and agriculture, may prepare a policy paper for the potential agricultural products, such as tea, coffee, dried fruits, dried products, pulses, juices, etc, which could be incentivised to reduce Pakistan's import bill and save foreign exchange.

Additionally, it may increase the excise tax sales of processed food that was impeding the development of value-added markets.

The committee said that the presentation to be made by the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration

was deferred and the chair held that the directorate that the ICT chief commissioner would give a detailed briefing on the movement of the administrative measures planned for Ramazan in the concerned ministry and provincial governments to enable them to effect-

tively control price movements.

The NPMC decided that the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) would

prepare a weekly/monthly report on the ranking of districts in terms of food inflation and share it with the concerned ministry and provincial governments to enable them to effect-

olishes.

He informed the meeting that prices of key commodities such as wheat, chicken, potato, onions, tomatoes, eggs, etc., were reviewed with particular focus on comparing the current rates with previous levels.

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) presented a comprehensive report on loan disbursements to farmers for the sowing of Rabi crops in flood-affected areas, along with district-wise details.

Meeting participants expressed the de-

sire that the SBP may also provide a complete disaggregated breakdown of farm and non-farm credit and the types of credit disbursed under various categories, so that the NPMC may have a clearer picture of the effective utilisation of agri-credit.

The committee emphasised the need for strengthened collaboration between the provincial governments and the Ministry of National Food Security to accurately assess the situation.

It was emphasised that the demand and supply of essential food items, especially ahead of Ramazan and festive seasons, be evaluated for timely and targeted supply at stable prices.

The food ministry apprised the meeting of consultations held with the Ministry of Industries and provincial governments and identified the measures to be taken before and during Ramazan to provide essential food items at stable prices.

The provincial department

Banks engage with 'viable' agri-loan initiative

NEWS DESK: The Pakistan Banks Association (PBA) says banks are willingly engaging with the recently-launched Zarkeze (Asaan Digital Zarai Qarza) initiative because it is structured as a commercially viable incentive scheme.

Referring to a Dawn story titled "The flaws of coercive sustainability", published in the Business and Finance Weekly on Jan 5, a PBA spokesman said that a key distinction of Zarkeze is that eligibility of the borrower does not equate to entitlement.

The decision of who to lend to and who not to lend to, rests squarely with banks, he said.

He said banks also remain free to obtain security and collateral in line with their internal risk policies.

He insisted that the banking industry's participation in this scheme was not a result of pressure from the State Bank or the Ministry of Finance.

The PBA, however, acknowledged that a weak recovery framework was indeed a challenge for the banking sector.

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Govt fixes dollar rate, shifts to KIBOR for 5G

NEWS DESK: The Ministry of IT and Telecom has achieved its long-standing demands of the telecom sector by easing payment terms and fixing exchange and interest rates in its policy directive for the upcoming 5G spectrum auction, a move that clearly sets the way for the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority to issue the Information Memorandum for existing operators and new entrants to participate in the process.

Under the approved framework, the spectrum fee has been denominated in US dollars, but the exchange rate will be calculated at the National Bank of Pakistan's TT selling rate prevailing at the close of business on the day of bidding, said a source.

At least 50% of the spectrum price will be payable within one year of the license issuance date, while the remaining 50% will be paid in five annual installments carrying interest at the KIBOR offer rate plus three percentage points.

The directive also revises the benchmark

used for deferred payments.

Unlike the 2021-era policy that linked the spectrum fee to the London Interbank Offered Rate, the current framework shifts to a domestic interest rate structure, a change sought by operators amid global rate volatility.

The spectrum licence will be valid for a period of 15 years.

According to the policy, the PTA will auction multiple frequency bands, including 15 MHz of paired spectrum in the 700 MHz band, 3.6 MHz paired in the 1800 MHz band, 200 MHz in the 2300 MHz band, and unpaired spectrum of 50 MHz in the 2300 MHz band, 19 MHz in the 2600 MHz band, and 280 MHz in the 3400 MHz band.

Base price ranges from \$6.5 million per MHz for paired 700 MHz spectrum to \$0.65 million per MHz for unpaired 3500 MHz spectrum.

At the same time, the IT ministry has sought federal measures, in consultation with stakeholders, to address industry concerns.

It proposed tax reductions to promote local manufacturing of 5G smartphones and duty exemptions of 50% to 70% to accelerate adoption. The ministry also recommended industrial power tariffs for telecom operators through a joint task force.



approximately Re.4,000 per mmBtu, which is "wholly unjustifiable and economically damaging".

Gas supplied to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) for heating and processing purposes is being billed at an "excessively high rate" of around Rs.2,300 per mmBtu, forcing many units to shut down and causing unemployment, they said. They also raised alarm over

the unannounced increase in RLNG mix in gas supply to industries.

While industries were earlier informed of a 10 per cent RLNG price increase, they said, this portion has been increased to 20pc, significantly raising the cost of gas, they added.

The KCCI leaders urged the government to immediately revisit its gas pricing

policy, rationalise tariffs in line with actual costs, reverse the unjustified increase in RLNG mix and deliver real relief to industry.

Meanwhile, Fed-

ereral of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) President Atif Ikrar Sheikh attributed recent economic stability and improvements in macroeconomic indicators to an improved security environment.



Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) begins hockey club scrutiny before Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) elections

NEWS DESK: The Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) has formally initiated the process of scrutiny of hockey clubs across the country in coordination with the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) as part of governance reforms aimed at ensuring transparency and credibility in the upcoming PHF elections.

Speaking to *Quetta Voice*, a spokesperson for the Pakistan Sports Board said that the scrutiny process has been launched under a PSB-approved, jointly agreed mechanism, which will be implemented by PHF under PSB oversight.

"The scrutiny of hockey clubs has formally begun under the umbrella of Pakistan Sports Board."

This is a transparent, uniform and rule-based process being carried out jointly with the Pakistan Hockey



Federation to ensure fair and credible elections," the PSB spokesperson stated.

The spokesperson explained that the scrutiny of the clubs seeking eligibility for participation in the PHF elections will be examined

strictly in accordance with approved criteria. A joint National Committee for Scrutiny of Clubs, comprising representatives of PSB and PHF, has been constituted for this purpose.

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Noor advances to squash quarterfinal after Egyptian opponent gets aggressive with referee, abandons match

NEWS DESK: Tempers flared and expletives were hurled across the squash court faster than the ball itself in a second game as Noor's coach gave him a pep talk that ostensibly helped him win the third game, which automatically advanced him to the quarterfinal of the Karachi Open.

The PSB spokesperson added that random physical verification of selected clubs will also be conducted to confirm their physical existence and declared home grounds, terminating it an important step to strengthen the credibility of the process.

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Jahangir Khan sitting in the front row to the action, murmured that the score should be 5-4. Farouk Dessouky got into a heated argument with the referee and abandoned the match in the fifth game, which automatically advanced him to the quarterfinal of the Karachi Open.

Home favourite Nour El-Sherbini had no hope to make it to the quarterfinals after Ashab Irfan and Nasir Iqbal were eliminated from the tournament earlier in the day.

Tension had been building throughout the match, with Dessouky in the second game questioning how the score had reached 6-4 when a shot was ruled a foul. Spectators and international athletes alike, as well as squash icon

Victory after he took the lead and ran with it. The king of comebacks had clawed his way back to 12-12 in a similar fashion last year after being two games down from his opponent. Having reached his career-best world ranking last year, and defeating France's Melville Sammamish in the fifth set on Tuesday, Noor was in the zone to win today's match. At 6-3, Dessouky slammed his racket on the floor in frustration against the referee's stroke decision.

Referee Sajjad Khan, a member of the Asian Squash Referees, gave him a warning for his behaviour. No sooner had the fifth game continued that Dessouky blew a fuse and opened the door mid-game, which is standard procedure and resulted in a penalty decided on the referee's decision.

Hamza Khan wins Mr Rawalpindi title at district bodybuilding championship

NEWS DESK: Hamza Khan clinched the Mr Rawalpindi title as district-level bodybuilding championships were held at the Rawalpindi Arts Council auditorium, organisers said on Tuesday.

The event, organised by the Rawalpindi District Bodybuilding Association, also featured competition for Mr Rawalpindi, Mr Bodybuilder and Junior Mr Physique.

Both the amateur and

the Junior Mr Physique title

Pakistan Muslim League-N leader Chaudhry Usama Tanveer attended the event as chief guest and praised the standard of competition.

"All the athletes

who took part in these competitions deserve congratulations, and their efforts serve as a guiding light for other young people," Tanveer said.

He stressed the importance of sports alongside education, saying, "For managing life's challenges effectively, it is essential to have a healthy body along with a healthy mind."

Tanveer also

lauded the organisers

for successfully stag-

ing the event and as-

serted his full support

for the promotion of

sports.

President of the

Rawalpindi Chamber of

Commerce and Industry Usman Shaukat, along with officials of the Rawalpindi District

Bodybuilding Association, also attended the ceremony.

Judging duties

were performed by

former Mr. Pakistan

and former Mr. Olympian Ishaq Ali, former Mr. Rawalpindi Bilal Malik and former Mr. Rawalpindi Jameel Ahmed Qureshi.

At the conclusion

of the competitions,

cash prizes and tro-

phies were distributed

among the winners,

while all participating

athletes also received

awards, organisers

said.



Historic Rs 1.85bn bid buys Sialkot as new PSL franchise, Hyderabad snapped up for Rs 1.75bn

NEWS DESK: Two new franchises were added to the Pakistan Super League (PSL) as OZ Developers and a consortium of Rs 1.85bn bid to win Sialkot moments after the FKS Group secured Hyderabad for Rs 1.75bn at the league's auction on Tuesday.

OZ Developers were in a bidding war with software company i2c as they went head-to-head in the second round of the auction taking place at the Jinnah Convention Centre in Islamabad. OZ's final bid was Rs 1.82bn, before OZ Developers and a consortium ended the night at Rs 1.85bn, the highest ever bid for a PSL franchise.

The first round of the auction was won by FKS, which was also in a bidding war with i2c, whose final bid was Rs 1.7bn.

The base price for the first franchise—the seventh team being added to PSL—was set at Rs 1.1bn, while the base price for the eighth team, which will be Hyderabad and Sialkot's first appearance since the league's inception in 2015, with

Akram hosted the auction as PSL CEO Salman Naseer joined him on stage. "Ten years of PSL have lead us to this moment, and we are at the start of the auction."

Akram coaxed the bidders by reminding them that winning a bid was more than just ownership, it was the ability to design new logos, kits, interact with players and much more.

Ahead of the bidding, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi awarded a cash prize of Rs 90 million to the team that won the Rising Star Asia Cup.

The team that won the Hong Kong Sixes title was also awarded a cash prize of Rs 18.5m.

Arsenal miss chance to stretch lead

NEWS DESK: Arsenal wasted the chance to move eight points clear at the top of the Premier League as Liverpool came to life in a 0-0 draw at the Emirates.

The Reds are one of only two sides to beat Mikel Arteta's men this season and came closest to breaking the deadlock when Conor Bradley hit the crossbar.

Arsenal failed to score for the first time at home all season but did enough to extend their advantage over second-placed Manchester City to six.

Three consecutive

draws for City over the past week had opened the door for Arsenal to close in on their first league title in 22 years.

The visitors were

knocked out in much of the top 45 minutes but

still came closest to

opening the scoring before the break.

William Saliba's

backpass nearly caught

out David Raya and

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keeper strangled Conor

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off the underside of the crossbar.

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Visa sections of 3 Bangladesh missions in India closed on security grounds

NEWS DESK: The visa sections of three Bangladesh missions in India have been closed temporarily on security grounds. Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid Hossain said on Friday.

"What I have done is that I have asked our three missions to keep their visa sections closed for the time being. It's a security issue," he told reporters at the foreign ministry, responding to a question on whether Bangladeshi missions in India had restricted tourist visas for Indians.

He did not name the missions. However, diplomatic sources said the visa sections of the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi, the Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, and the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala have been closed.



Sports Adviser Asif Nazrul's stance on not sending the team to India for safety reasons and demanding that Bangladesh's matches be relocated to co-host Sri Lanka.

"We will certainly play outside India," Touhid said.

He added that both players and supporters would have to travel to India and said the government must consider their security.

Asked about the impact on bilateral relations, Touhid said such issues arise from time to time and each has some impact.

He said Bangladesh would take decisions based on its national interest.

"We have an interest in our players' safety in not sending them to India. If we have interest in buying rice from India, we will buy it," added.

Cambodia extradites alleged 'scam centre' don to China

NEWS DESK: Accused scam boss Chen Zhi has been extradited to China from Cambodia, being confined on Thursday after he was indicted by the United States over alleged multibillion-dollar fraud.

Cambodia said earlier on Thursday that the bank founded by Chen, Prince Bank, had also been placed under liquidation.

The bank is a subsidiary of China's Prince Holdings, one of Cambodia's biggest conglomerates, which Washington alleges has served as a front for "one of Asia's largest transnational criminal organizations."

China's Ministry of Public Security said Chen had been "escorted" back to China from Phnom Penh and lauded the "major achievement in China-Cambodia law enforcement cooperation."

Chinese authorities will soon issue arrest warrants for "the first

at Bangladesh missions in Chennai and Mumbai, however, remain operational.

Police said over the

past few weeks, protests have taken place near Bangladesh missions in India. Following the

ouster of the Awami League regime, the Indian High Commission restricted tourist visas to Bangladeshis, citing

security concerns.

Touhid was also

asked about the dropping of Bangladeshi cricketer Mustafizur

cricket team to India for the upcoming T20 World Cup.

The adviser said he fully supported

Riyadh says Yemeni separatist leader has fled

NEWS DESK: The Saudi-led coalition

Yemen said on Thurs-

day that Adrians

al-Zubaidi, has fled

the country by boat, as

government forces ad-

vanced on the port city

of Aden.

The coalition said in a statement that Zubaidi travelled from Yemen to Somalia, where he boarded an aircraft to Mogadishu.

The coalition stated

the plane was later tracked to a military airport in Abu Dhabi.

imposed a nighttime curfew in the city.

Aden served as the seat of Yemen's internationally recognized government since Houthi forces seized the capital, Sanan, in 2014, but leaders of the Saudi-backed government left Aden last month after the STC took control of it.

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claimed he had

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In a statement, the

Southern Transitional Council (STC),

claimed he had been

a senior official of the

group.

Meanwhile, the Presiden-

tial Leadership Council on

Thursday ousted the

separatist leader from

his ranks and referred

him for

inves-

igation on charges of high treason after he fled the country, according to Arab News.

The council held an emergency meet-

ing in Riyadh in 2015 to sup-

port the government

against the Houthis, an

intervention that led to

one of the world's

worst humanitarian cri-

ses.

The STC was es-

tablished in 2017 and

joined the govern-

ment coalition.

An STC delega-

tion in Riyadh said it had

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the Saudi ambassador

to Yemen, according to

comments by

Mohammed Al Ghaith,

Authorities have also

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