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## Iranian Authorities Issue Strong Security Warning as Protests Spread

### News Desk:

Iran's Revolutionary Guards on Saturday reiterated that maintaining law and order is a "red line," while the country's armed forces vowed to protect public property and key infrastructure, as the government intensified efforts to suppress the most widespread protests in years.

The warnings came as international pressure mounted, with U.S. President Donald

Trump issuing fresh remarks toward Iran's leadership and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio expressing support for democracy in the country.

Inside Iran, unrest continued overnight. State media reported that a municipal building in Karaj, west of Tehran, was set ablaze, blaming the incident on protesters. State television also aired funeral scenes of security personnel reportedly killed during clashes in Shiraz, Qom and Hamedan.

What began nearly two

weeks ago as demonstrations across major cities and economic hardship has evolved into open political dissent, with protesters calling for an end to clerical rule.

Iranian officials have accused the United States and Israel of stirring unrest, while human rights groups say dozens of demonstrators have been killed. Authorities have also maintained widespread internet restrictions.

In a statement broadcast on state television, the Islamic

Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed that "terrorist elements" had targeted military and police facilities over recent nights, causing fatalities and damage to property.

The Guards stressed that protecting national security and the legacy of the 1979 Islamic Revolution was non-negotiable, warning that continued instability would not be tolerated. Iran's regular military, which operates alongside the Revolutionary Guards under the authority of Supreme

Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said it would ensure the protection of national interests, strategic infrastructure and public assets.

Meanwhile, Reza Pahlavi, son of Iran's last monarch, has emerged as a prominent voice abroad, urging protesters to escalate their actions. In recent remarks, he called for preparations to take control of city centers and appealed for nationwide strikes in vital sectors, including transportation and energy.

### Raids, clash in three KP districts leave 12 terrorists dead

#### NEWS DESK:

At least 12 terrorists were killed in multiple anti-terrorist operations carried out in different parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Saturday, while violence elsewhere in the province left two Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) personnel martyred in targeted attacks. The killing of a senior JUI-F leader who succumbed to injuries from a bomb blast a day earlier in South Waziristan. In a statement, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said security forces carried out two operations and killed 12 terrorists on Thursday after receiving information about the presence of terrorists.

It said the first operation was conducted in North Waziristan, where troops surrounded terrorists' location and pinned down six of them in an exchange of fire. The second operation, conducted jointly by police and security forces in Kurram district, resulted in the killing of five terrorists, the statement said.

ISPR said weapons and ammunition were recovered from the dead terrorists, whom it described as "Indian-sponsored khawari". It said the terrorists had been involved in attacks on security forces and law enforcement agencies, as well as the targeted killing of civilians.

The military's media wing said sanitisation operations were being conducted to eliminate any remaining traces of the attack, adding that the counterterrorism operations under the "Azm-i-Ittehad" vision would continue. Separately, one terrorist was killed, and one injured and two others arrested during an exchange of gunfire in the Malakai area of Khyber district, sources told Dawn on Saturday. Residents alerted security forces after spotting a group moving towards the hilly locality of Mullah Danda, a statement said.

The sources said security forces, aided by local armed volunteers, engaged the terrorists, while gunship helicopters and artillery were also called to fire on the terrorist position.

A video circulating after the clash showed two blindfolded suspects in custody amid a crowd of residents, while an army official urged local volunteers not to shoot at the terrorists. Local sources said it was the first such clash in Malakai, where Chinese engineers and workers are stationed for maintenance work at the Warsak Dam and the construction of an irrigation canal.

### Villagers set dogs on cops during raid in Punjab

#### NEWS DESK:

A police raid to arrest a suspect involved in an electricity theft turned violent in Mianwali when villagers attacked a police team, set dogs on them and injured three officers, including an assistant sub-inspector.

Assistant Sub-Inspector Ali

led a raid in Chak 02-GB to arrest

Sikandar, son of Noor Ahmed,

nominated in an electricity theft

case.

The suspect was arrested outside his house and raised an alarm, prompting dozens of villagers to gather at the scene.

Police said at least 41 people, including 10 women, attacked the police party with sticks, clubs and axes, and unleashed their pet dogs on the officers.

The assailants, forcibly freed the arrested suspect and severely beat ASI Ahmed Ali, Constable Zakaria and Constable Ghulam Farid, leaving them injured. The attackers also tore their uniforms and snatched cash and mobile phones.

Upon receiving information, SHO Mamunkhan and a heavy police contingent reached the spot and rescued the injured officers.

### Balochistan Govt Orders Crackdown on Unlicensed Child Nurseries

#### News Desk:

QUETTA: The Balochistan government has decided to launch a strict crackdown on unlicensed and substandard child nurseries operating across the province to ensure child safety and protect parents' trust.

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The provincial health minister made it clear that a zero-tolerance policy will be strictly enforced against unregistered and non-compliant child nurseries.

He warned that no negli-

gence related to child protection would be tolerated and that those undermining parents' confidence would face action without discrimination.

He further directed the authorities to carry out a comprehensive inspection of all child nurseries across Balochistan and to fast-track the licensing process so that only institutions meeting prescribed standards and legal requirements are allowed to operate.

Bakht Muhammad Kakar cautioned that nursery owners found violating the law would face strict legal action, stressing that no leniency would be shown in this regard.





## Pakistan Medical Association seeks PM's intervention on FBR raids at clinics

**NEWS DESK:** The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has taken exception to the raids by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) at private healthcare centres, asking the prime minister to take notice of "aggressive", "commando-style" searches by tax officials.

In a statement, the representative body of healthcare professionals said the "unannounced and aggressive entry of FBR teams into private healthcare facilities — particularly across Punjab — has reached an intolerable level of harassment".

Such measures threaten the very fabric of healthcare delivery in the country, said PMA Secretary General Dr Abdul Ghafour Shoro. A statement issued by PMA highlights that recent raids, which forced the immediate suspension of Outpatient Department (OPD) services, as well as other administrative issues; they constitute a direct interference in patient management and a violation of the sanctity of life-saving institutions," according to the statement.

It said the presence of enforcement officials in clinics "creates an atmosphere of fear, causes psychological distress to patients, and disrupts surgical teams".

## Naeem Gujjar re-elected as Islamabad bar president

**NEWS DESK:** In the annual elections of the Islamabad Bar Association (IBA) for the year 2020, Chaudhry Naeem Ali Gujjar was elected president, while Raja Khawar Aslam secured the post of secretary, according to unofficial results.

Polling was held at the Islamabad Judicial Complex, and voting continued from 8am to 4pm, with a break for food and prayers from 1pm to 2pm. More than 4,200 lawyers were eligible to exercise their right to vote, as key office-bearer positions, including president, vice president, secretary, joint secretary, additional secretary, and library secretary.

The presidential contest had become a four-way race following the withdrawal of Hafiz Malik Mazhar Javed, Chaudhry Naeem Ali Gujjar, Raja Aslam Shah, and Arsalan Javed, and Shabana Rafique were in the run for the top slot.

According to the unofficial results announced by the election



Board Chairman Qazi Rafiuddin Babar and other members, Chaudhry Naeem Ali Gujjar clinched the presidency with 1,214 votes. His rivals Raja Aslam Shah, Arsalan Javed, and Shabana Rafique obtained 812 votes.

Raja Khawar Aslam, won the secretary's seat with 1,595 votes, while his opponent Muhammad Khurshid Gujjar bagged 654 votes.

In the contest for joint secretary, Imran

## Girls school bombed in Koh-e-Suleman area

**NEWS DESK:** Unidentified militants blew up a girls' primary school with explosive material in the remote Koh-e-Suleman border region of Dadu Ghulam Khan, partially damaging the school building and spreading fear in the area. According to officials, the attack took place in the Jotan of Union Council Mithwan, within the jurisdiction of Border Military Police (BMP) Police Station Lakhani.

The Government Girls' Primary School

hosted a device used.

Sources said the attackers are suspected to be linked to the banned militant group Fitrat ul Khawarij, with the apprehension of its members and the disruption of girl's education in the area. Deputy Commissioner Dera Ghazi Khan and Senior Commandant Border Military Police, Arsalan Farid, told The Express Tribune that the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has registered an FIR at CTD Police Station DG Khan under relevant sections, including the Anti-Terrorism Act.

The bomb disposal squad has been directed to submit a detailed report regarding the nature and quantity of the ex-

## KPCM heads to Mazar-i-Quaid for PTI rally, party says roads blocked to bar workers from reaching venue

**NEWS DESK:** PTI leaders are set to hold a public gathering at Mazar-i-Quaid in Karachi today with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afzadhi on his way to the mausoleum while the party says that authorities have blocked the routes to bar its workers from reaching the venue.

The rally is being planned as part of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afzadhi's three-day visit to Sindh, who is leading his party to protest against the government's policies.

"Tax collection must never come at the cost of human life. Doctors are not 'traders', and hospitals are not 'retail outlets'. The private sector gave birth to 70% of Pakistan's population. When we treat patients for ailing, the healthcare crisis will rest solely on the shoulders of the FBR and the relevant authorities," he added.

In December 2025, the FBR deployed 1,000 Revenue Service (IRS) officers to the premises of commercial hospitals and clinics, marking a shift toward on-site monitoring. The initiative gained momentum in the wake of the poor tax compliance of doctors in the tax year 2025.

Official figures compiled by the FBR show that a large share of Pakistan's medical profession remains outside the tax net, while a minimal number of those on the tax rolls declared extremely low annual income in their tax returns.

Of the 319,572 registered doctors nationwide, only 130,243 are registered on the income tax rolls, representing 40.75 percent of the total. Even within this already narrow base, just 56,267 doctors file income tax returns.

It called upon the PM and the finance minister to take immediate notice. "We demand an immediate cessation of

these aggressive tactics," Dr Shoro stated. "We warned that if the FBR does not immediately halt the harassment, the PMA will be forced to take the final, definitive step of a nationwide suspension of services." The responsible authority for addressing the healthcare crisis will rest solely on the shoulders of the FBR and the relevant authorities," he added.

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## Pakistan, Indonesia to set up JTC to boost trade

**NEWS DESK:** Pakistan and Indonesia have signed a memorandum of understanding to establish an Indonesia-Pakistan Joint Trade Committee (JTC) to strengthen trade dialogue, facilitate cooperation and address opportunities and challenges in bilateral trade.

The MoU was signed after high-level talks in Islamabad on Friday, led by Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan and visiting Indonesian Vice Minister of Trade Roro Esty Widya Putri, said a press release.

The development coincided with a reception hosted by the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi in honour of the visiting vice minister, attended by government officials and representatives of the business community from both countries.

During the talks, Mr Kamal described Indonesia as strategically important within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Pakistan as a future as a regional hub for fostering trilateral and regional economic cooperation.

The federal minister emphasised that Paki-

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stan could serve as a reliable source for mineral, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, agri-food commodities for the Indonesian market.

He also conveyed

Pakistan's intention to organise a single-country exhibition and busi-

ness forum in Jakarta, with invitations to be extended to Asean members, importers and export promotional agencies to showcase Pakistani products and strengthen regional business linkages. Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) Chief Ex-

ecutive sought Indonesian facilitation for the early amendment of the import and export rationalisation of certification requirements for Pakistan exports, notification of rice import quotas and improved market access for indus-

trial-grade potatoes. Both sides agreed to work jointly towards expanding preferential trade agreement (PTA) to agree on the substantive objective of progressing towards a Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Agreement to unlock greater trade and investment opportunities. Kamal noted that impeded edible oil, primarily from Indonesia, forms an essential part of Pakistan's food chain and daily life and appreciated the continu-

ued contribution of Indo-nesian and Pakistani stakeholders to sustaining bilateral trade.

Growth in auto sales Separately, the minister on Wednesday expressed optimism that sales of locally manufactured vehicles would improve in the coming years, citing policies aimed at encouraging imports of used cars.

Mr Kamal said Pakistan's annual production of vehicles, currently below 200,000 units, could rise to between 500,000 and one million units, creating new investment opportunities. He also stressed the need to strengthen auto-financing to support higher sales of locally made vehicles. During a visit to the Bin Qasim automotive cluster of the Pakistan Association of Automobiles and Accessories Manufacturers, he reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting domestic automobile manufacturing and exports.

### Govt to shift high-loss power feeders to solar energy

**NEWS DESK:** The federal government has decided to convert electricity feeders operating at high losses to solar power to save a lot of effort to improve electricity supply and curb financial losses in the energy sector.

The decision was taken at a high-level meeting between Federal Minister Shehbaz Sharif, which reviewed ongoing power sector reforms and strategies to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply, particularly in remote areas.

The prime minister directed that high-loss feeders be shifted to solar energy in coordina-

tion with local communities and provincial governments, saying the move would help reduce losses by ensuring a reliable power supply in affected regions.

He also ordered the

immediate launch of pi-

lot projects for loss-

making feeders of the

Peshawar Electric Sup-

ply Company (PESCO),

stressing that consulta-

tions with elected repre-

sentatives and active

citizen participation

were essential for the

projects' success.

Officials briefed the

meeting that converting

these feeders to solar

power would lead to the development of environment-friendly, low-cost and sustainable energy projects in local communities, provincial governments and the federal government key stakeholders.

They added that the initiative would not only provide affordable electricity to the poor but also significantly reduce future financial losses of power distribution companies.

PME Shehbaz ap-

proved the plan and in-

structed that the par-

liamentary secretariat

begin work on the pilot

projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan without delay.

working on a framework to regulate cryptocurrency transactions.

The government has expressed support for cryptocurrency trading and is willing to legalise it, according to the State Bank.

Selling dollars to the general public is not straightforward, as exchange companies typically issue cheques for encashment through banks or directly transfer dollars into buyers' bank accounts instead of

working on a framework to regulate cryptocurrency transactions.

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The highest inflow was received in June, when banks received \$408m.

At the start of FY26, sales stood at \$279m in July, falling sharply to \$163m in August.

They recovered to

\$187m in September, rose

to \$243m in October,

dipped slightly to \$238m

in November and in-

creased again to \$271m in December.

Despite rising remittance inflows this year, dollar sales by exchange companies to banks have declined.

"Special apps available on websites are attracting dollars from Pakistanis,"

the current US dollar rate offered by these

apps is around Rs292,

which is highly attractive for dollar holders,"

Mr Bostan said, adding that these platforms guide holders either to

sell at these rates or invest in cryptocurrencies.

Exchange rate out-

look

"The latest liquidity

profile of the SBP shows

aggregate short posi-

tions of less than \$2bn,

broader in line with the

IMF's target and sug-

gests that reserve accu-

mulation has not been

driven by buy-sell

swaps but by mopping

up excess liquidity from

the interbank market,"

said Faisal Mansa, CEO of OFC.

The current trajec-

tory implies a potential

breach of the Rs280 to a

US dollar.

However, with the real effective ex-

change rate at 104.8,

competitiveness already

appears limited.

In this context, the

central bank should re-

sist a decisive break be-

low Rs280,

preferring stability over

signalling strength, particu-

larly as import demand gradu-

ally recovers and longer-

duration external pres-

sure remain unresolved,

said.

"For now, the dol-

lar-rupiah parity is likely

to remain range-bound,

with two-way move-

ment increasingly com-

ing into play," he added.

### Modern seafood processing zone planned at Korangi harbour

**NEWS DESK:** Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Mohammad Junaid Arain Chaudhry, has announced plans to establish a 100-acre \$80 million Seafood Processing and Export Zone at the Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority (KofHA) with a view to boosting the blue economy and global seafood trade.

In a statement on Saturday, the minister said the proposed project is aimed at developing, financing and operating a modern seafood processing and value addition complex under KofHA.

He said the initiative would be a bridge between medium-scale seafood processors and value-added plants, and global buyers by providing modern infrastructure, certification standards and efficient export logistics. The project reflects the government's intent to move away from raw

seafood exports towards higher value processed products.

The minister noted that the project would cover 100 acres of dedicated seafood processing and cold storage infrastructure in the Korangi Fisheries Harbour in Karachi.

He said the estimated project cost would range between \$40 million and \$80 million, based on regional and global benchmarks from countries such as Vietnam, China and Ecuador, which have developed similar seafood

private partnership or build-operate-transfer (BOT) concession model, under which private investors would develop, operate and maintain the processing zone, under the supervision of KofHA. It would keep regulatory oversight and provide facilitation.

Elaborating on the development components, he said the zone would be divided into 25 and 25 medium to large-scale seafood processing units designed for fish and shrimp processing, value addition and export-grade packaging.

### Sugar deregulation risks flagged

**NEWS DESK:** Pakistan's plan to fully deregulate its sugar sector after nearly eight decades of state control has entered a decisive phase, with the Inter-Services Taxation Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA) cautioning that market freedom without strong oversight could deepen long-standing problems instead of resolving them.

In a detailed policy report, ICMA has proposed a gradual and controlled deregulation framework at a time when the government, under pressure, is seeking to reduce price controls, fiscal subsidies and ad hoc interventions in the sugar sector.

The sugar sector has long been a point of contention between the government and the sugar industry, with periodic price controls, fiscal subsidies and ad hoc interventions in the sugar sector.

While the government now plans to let demand and supply determine prices, the report argues that deregulation alone will not maintain the integrity of market power or prevent manipulation.

The push for reform is closely linked to Pakistan's ongoing IMF programme. The report emphasises market-based pricing, reduced subsidies and improved governance.

Recent government announcements that long-standing restrictions on new sugar mills may be lifted, price-setting mechanisms relaxed back and exports and imports liberalised. Officials see the move as a way to attract private investment, improve efficiency and align Pakistan with global practices. However, the report stresses that

international experience shows deregulation works best when supported by strong institutions. It recommends the creation of a national data and monitoring system to track sugar production and inventories in real time, allowing authorities to detect artificial shortages early and trigger rule-based import and export decisions. Without transparent and verifiable data, the report warns, powerful players could continue to exploit information gaps.

Farmer protection is another major concern highlighted in the study. In past seasons, growers have complained of delayed payments, cutbacks into billions of rupees, despite official support prices for sugar cane. The report proposes enforceable payment schedules by escrow accounts or bank guarantees to ensure that farmers are paid on time in a deregulated environment. It also suggests a hybrid cane pricing system that reflects regional production costs while linking part of farmers' returns to market outcomes, as seen in countries such as Brazil and India.



## Turkiye seeks entry into Pak-Saudi defence pact: Bloomberg

**NEWS DESK:** Turkiye is reportedly seeking to join a strategic mutual defence agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, a move that could change regional security dynamics in the Middle East and beyond, according to a Bloomberg report.

Citing people familiar with the matter, Bloomberg said discussions are at an advanced stage and that an agreement is likely. The defence pact, signed by Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in Riyadh in September last year, commits both countries to treat any aggression against one as an attack on both.

The report said

Turkiye views the arrangement as a means to strengthen security cooperation and deterrence at a time when questions persist over the reliability of the United States and US president Donald



Trump's commitment to Nato, despite Washington's strong military ties with all three countries. According to Bloomberg,

Turkiye's strategic interests increasingly align with those of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia across South Asia, the Middle East

and parts of Africa, making its inclusion in the pact a logical expansion. Analysts cited in the report highlighted

the complementary strengths of the three countries, with Saudi Arabia providing financial resources, Pakistan offering

nuclear capability, ballistic missile capacity and manpower, and Turkey contributing military experience and a developed de-

fence industry. Nihat Ali Ozcan, a strategist at Ankara-based think tank TEPAV, was quoted by Bloomberg as saying that shifting regional dynamics and the fallout from ongoing conflicts were prompting Turkey to develop new frameworks to identify allies and security partners.

Pakistan's information ministry and Turkiye's defence ministry declined to comment on the development, while Saudi authorities were not immediately available for comment, Bloomberg said. The report noted that Turkiye's potential entry into the pact could usher in a new phase in its relations with Saudi Arabia, following years of strained ties. The two countries are now expanding cooperation in the economic and defence sectors and recently held their first-ever

naval meeting in Ankara. Pakistan and Turkiye already maintain close defence ties. Ankara has been involved in building corvette warships for the Pakistan Navy and upgrading Pakistan's fleet of F-16 fighter jets. Turkiye is also sharing drone technology with both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia and has proposed their participation in its Kaaifi fifth-generation fighter jet programme, according to Bloomberg. The trilateral defence discussions follow a ceasefire between Pakistan and India that ended a brief but intense military confrontation in May 2025. Bloomberg also noted ongoing tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as mediation efforts by Turkiye and Qatar that have so far failed to yield a breakthrough.

## Death toll climbs after trash site collapse buries dozens in Philippines

**NEWS DESK:** Hard-hat-wearing rescue workers and backhoes dug through rubble in search of survivors on Saturday in the shadow of a mountain of garbage that buried dozens of landfill employees in the central Philippines, killing at least 15.

About 50 sanitation workers were buried when refuse toppled onto them on Thursday from what a city councilor estimated was a height of 20 storeys at the Binaliw Landfill, a privately operated facility in Cebu City.

Rescuers were now facing the danger of further collapse as they navigated the wreckage, Cebu rescuer Jo Reyes told AFP on Saturday.

"Operations are ongoing as of the moment. It is expected that [the] bin from time to time, the landfill is moving, and that will temporarily stop the operation," she said.

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