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Deadly Explosion Hits Imambargah in Islamabad During Friday Prayers

Zeehan Ali, News Desk:

Islamabad: At least 31 people lost their lives and 169 others sustained injuries after a powerful explosion struck an imambargah in Islamabad on Friday, according to officials from the district administration. The blast occurred at

Imambargah Khadijah al-Kubra in the Tariq area while a large number of worshippers were present for Friday prayers.

The sudden explosion caused chaos inside the prayer hall, leaving the floor covered with debris, shattered glass, and personal belongings.

Eyewitnesses described

scenes of panic as injured worshippers tried to escape the building, while others rushed to help those who had fallen.

Several wounded individuals were also found lying in the garden area outside the imambargah,

awaiting medical assistance as calls for help echoed across the premises.

Rescue teams and law enforcement agencies reached the site shortly after the incident and began shifting the injured to nearby hospitals.

Emergency measures were enforced at major medical facilities in the capital to handle the large number of casualties.

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Police Officer Martyred in Attack on Polio Team in Chaman



Sardar Muhammad Khondai:

Chaman: A police officer was martyred on Friday after unknown assailants opened fire on a polio vaccination team in the Roghani area of Chaman, officials said.

According to initial reports, the polio workers remained un-

harmed during the attack.

However, the police officer assigned to provide security to the team sustained critical injuries as a result of the firing and later succumbed to his wounds.

Following the incident, security forces rushed to the scene and launched a search operation in the area.

The body of the martyred

officer was shifted to Chaman

Hospital for legal formalities. Authorities have demanded the attack and stated that investigations are underway to identify and apprehend those responsible.

Polio vaccination activities in the area have been temporarily reviewed as a precautionary measure.

Balochistan CM Condemns Suicide Attack on Imambargah in Islamabad

News Desk:

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarifzai Bugti has strongly condemned the suicide blast that struck an imambargah in Islamabad's Tariq locality during Friday prayers, describing the attack as a barbaric and cowardly act of terrorism.

In a statement issued on Friday, the chief minister expressed profound grief over the loss of innocent lives and extended heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims. He said that the attack on a peaceful and sacred congregation reflected the ruthless mindset of terrorists linked to the Fins Khawarij, who aim to destabilize peace, religious harmony, and tolerance in the country.

Bugti reaffirmed that the people and government of Balochistan stand in full solidarity with the bereaved families and pray for the swift recovery of those injured in the attack. He added that such heinous acts

cannot under the nation's resolve in the fight against terrorism.

The chief minister stressed that the entire nation and its security institutions remain united and determined to eradicate terrorism. He vowed that the perpetra-

tors will not be allowed to achieve their malicious objectives, and that law enforcement agencies will continue their counterterrorism operations with full strength to ensure lasting peace and stability across Pakistan.



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A Step Forward, But Transparency Must Become the Rule in Balochistan



Editorial:

The recent initiatives taken by the Government of Balochistan toward transparency and reform deserve a **ppreciation**. Whether in climate governance, environmental planning, or administrative decision-making, the intent to move away from opaque practices sends a positive signal to a province long plagued by mis-trust and institutional weakness.

Acknowledging challenges openly and taking the first steps to address them is not easy—especially in a region facing climate vulnerability, limited resources, and decades of governance deficits. Efforts such as structured planning, public engagement, and an emphasis on accountability reflect a growing recognition that business as usual is no longer sustainable.

However, appreciation and transparency must be accompanied by honesty. While these measures mark progress, a great deal still needs to be done to ensure true transparency and merit-based decision-making, particularly in the appointment of public servants across Balochistan. For years, public perception has been shaped by allegations of favoritism, political influence, and non-merit appointments. These practices have not only weakened institutions but also eroded public trust and discouraged capable, educated youth who seek fair opportunities to serve.

If transparency is to become more than a slogan, it must be institutionalized across all departments, not limited to isolated initiatives. Recruit-

ment, promotions, posting, and policy decisions should be governed by clear rules, digital systems, and independent oversight. Only then can merit truly rule influence. Good governance is not built overnight. It is a continuous process that requires political will, administrative reform, and public vigilance. Balochistan stands at a critical point where small but sincere steps must now evolve into systemic change.

The people of the province do not expect perfection—but they do expect fairness. Strengthening transparency and merit in public service appointments will not only improve governance but also restore confidence in the public sector. This is the path toward a stronger, more credible, and more hopeful Balochistan.

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

By Gul Hassan Durani

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

Globally, NGOs are no longer perceived merely as charitable entities. In advanced economies and developing countries alike, they function as professional service providers, vocational hubs, and major employers in education, healthcare, humanitarian response, climate adaptation, and social protection. If properly recognized and regulated, Pakistan's NGO sector alone has the potential to attract over one billion dollars annually in foreign funding and generate more than one million jobs nationwide. With transparent and accountable implementation for underserved regions, such as Balochistan.

In Pakistan, NGOs play a critical role as both providers of basic services, particularly in remote and marginalized areas where state capacity is limited.

They operate schools, health facilities, vocational training centers, disaster response systems, and climate resilience programs.

Through social mobilization, community engagement, and advocacy, NGOs enhance ownership of public initiatives, strengthen accountability, and ensure sustainability at the grassroots level.

These actions are not peripheral; they are central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). According to estimates from the United Nations and development partners, Pakistan receives more than USD 1 billion annually in foreign NGO assistance, making the sector a significant contributor to the national economy. Beyond funding in cash, NGOs are major employers. They provide direct jobs to teachers, doctors, nurses, field mobilizers, data analysts, engineers, and climate activists, while indirectly supporting local suppliers, trainers, and entrepreneurs.

In low-employment provinces such as Balochistan, this job creation potential is especially critical.

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

The Alhukm Foundation has empowered millions through interest-free microfinance, Rural Support Programs, including NRSP, BRSP, and RSP, which have transformed livelihoods through community-driven development.

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Despite these contributions, the NGO sector continues to face systemic challenges. The regulatory environment is fragmented and opaque, involving multiple federal, provincial, and district authorities.

Lengthy registration and renewal processes, overlapping mandates of regulators, arbitrary NGO requirements, and inconsistent legal frameworks discourage legitimate organizations and deter investment. Law-abiding NGOs are often treated with suspicion rather than respect, which hinders the development of a vibrant NGO sector.

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

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

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

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

At a time when Pakistan's NGO sector is not charity, it is sound economic and social policy. Development challenges today are too complex for any single actor to address alone. A tri-sector partnership—combining public financing, private sector expertise, and NGO implementation—offers the most effective path forward.

If treated as a regulated, professional, and growth-oriented industry, Pakistan's NGO sector can become a cornerstone for development and social innovation, mandate CSR spending for large corporations, and establish federal and provincial NGO development funds. This should be followed by adopting social enterprise models, generating a portion of their income through training institutes, micro-services in health and education, and impact products. In parallel, Government-

of democracy and socialism towards pragmatic approaches that address our unique challenges. Special economic zones,

coupled with initiatives for youth development and the expansion of remittances, offer short-term relief while perpetuating reforms to broaden the tax base and reduce dependency on electoral politics.

South Asia, in particular, requires a concerted effort towards regional connectivity, resource exploration, harnessing youth potential, and fostering transparent governance free from corruption. The path forward does not demand extraordinary intellect but rather sincere leadership committed to implementing existing solutions.

The concept of Basic Democracy warrants reevaluation, with a focus on strengthening local bodies to eradicate poverty and pursue enduring prosperity through perpetual reforms.

It is incumbent upon all stakeholders responsible for the nation's development to prioritize this agenda and steer Pakistan towards a brighter future.

Addressing Poverty and Inequality: A Call for Sincere Leadership and Perpetual Reforms

By Amjad Rashid: Poverty and inequality, much like man-made disasters, afflict societies worldwide, including Pakistan. These are not natural phenomena; rather systemic issues rooted in human actions and policies. To eradicate this disease, national governments must craft comprehensive strategies aimed at safeguarding future generations from its scourge.

In Pakistan, the onus lies heavily on our political elite, spanning all parties, to recognize the gravity of the situation and redirect their efforts towards combating this man-made affliction. Without a collective awakening and a shift in approach, the cure will remain elusive. Moreover, at the international level, institutions such as the IMF, World Bank, and the UN must prioritize social and cultural rights over neoliberal agendas, especially as the global order undergoes significant decolonization.

The challenges of poverty alleviation, malnutrition, stunted growth, inadequate sanitation, and unemployment are pervasive across South Asia and Africa. Collaborative efforts between these regions, bolstered by partnerships



with nations like China, hold promise in addressing these issues. However, reliance on the failing neoliberal order is futile; instead, a paradigm shift towards sustainable solutions is imperative.

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sess a window of opportunity to empower local bodies and enact pro-poor policies.

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model serves as a beacon of inspiration, demonstrating the efficacy of such strategies when implemented effectively. Regional connec-

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Hasina's absence alters Gopalganj's political landscape ahead of February 12 Polls

NEWS DESK: For the first time in decades, the image that once defined the Awami League's ousted premier Sheikh Hasina during elections, her Awami League party's "boat" symbol, is absent.

In its place, posters of rivals like the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), the Jamaat-e-Islami party and independent voters in Gopalganj to back them in the February 12 election.

The Gopalganj district has long been considered the Awami League's strongest base.

Hasina, the country's longest-serving prime minister, and her father, Bangladesh's founding leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, have died for more than 15 straight years until 2024, with the opposition either boycotting elections or marginalised through mass arrests of their leaders. A youth-driven uprising toppled Hasina in August 2024 and sent her into exile in India. Her party has since

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Moscow, Kyiv swap 300 prisoners after talks in UAE

NEWS DESK: Ukraine and Russia swapped over 300 prisoners for low-level "productive" talks in Abu Dhabi on Thursday, as a US mediator conceded that "significant" work lay ahead in the quest for a broader deal to end the war.

The negotiations are the latest bid in diplomatic efforts to halt the fighting — Europe's deadliest since World War II, with hundreds of thousands killed, millions forced to flee their homes and much of eastern and southern Ukraine destroyed. As talks were underway, large swathes of the Ukrainian capital were still without heating in sub-zero temperatures, after successive Russian strikes

knocked out energy supplies to hundreds of thousands of homes.

Russia's defense ministry later confirmed the two sides exchanged 157 prisoners each.

While Witkoff described the negotiations as "detailed and productive," he did not say if a breakthrough signified work remains. On Wednesday, Kyiv had described the first day of negotiations as "substantive and productive."

Russian negotiator Kirill Dmitriev also said talks had been "productive."

"There is definitely progress, things are moving forward in a good, positive direction," he said.

But there was no update on any issue of the contentious issue of territory, or any sign of concession from Moscow, which entered the talks refusing to compromise on its demands.

The Russian envoy also slammed what he

called attempts from European nations to "disrupt the progress," without elaborating.

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CM Balochistan's Aide Shahid Rind Condemns Suicide Blast in Islamabad, Calls It an Attack on National Security

QUETTA: Advisor to the Chief Minister of Balochistan, Shahid Rind, has strongly condemned the suicide bombing inside an Imambargah in Islamabad's Tariq area, terming it a direct attack on national security and social harmony.

In his statement, Shahid Rind said that such cowardly acts are aimed at spreading fear among the public and inciting religious hatred, but emphasized that hostile elements will never succeed in their malicious objectives.

He said that targeting a place of worship during Friday prayers clearly shows that terrorists have no connection with any religion, humanity, or moral values.

He added that elements like Fita-e-Khawarij are, in fact,



enemies of Pakistan's peace, stability, and interfaith harmony.

Shahid Rind

stated that the entire nation stands united with the families of the martyrs in this difficult

time, while prayers are being offered for the speedy recovery of the injured.

He also appreciated

the timely response of the concerned institutions and

condemning the incident, Shahid Rind

said that the Government of Balochistan strongly denounces this terrorist attack and reiterated its firm resolve to stand against terrorism in all its forms.

Condemning the

incident, Shahid Rind

urged the concerned

Provincial Minister Haji Ali Madad Jatak Visits Family of Martyred Private Security Guard

QUETTA: On the directives of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarifaz Bugti, Provincial Minister Haji Ali Madad Jatak visited the residence of a private security guard who was martyred in a recent terrorist incident.

During the visit, the Provincial Minister expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and paid tribute to their patience, courage, and resilience in the face of tragedy.

Speaking on the occasion, Haji Ali Madad Jatak said that the Government of Balochistan stands shoulder to shoulder with the families of martyrs and will not leave them alone under any circumstances.

stances. He conveyed the Chief Minister's assurance of full support and assistance to

the family of the martyred security personnel. The Provincial Minister emphasized

that the sacrifices of

the martyrs will not go in vain, reaffirming the government's commitment to combating terrorism and ensuring peace and security in the province.

Balochistan Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshewani Condemns Suicide Bombing at Imambargah in Islamabad

QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Finance and Minister Mir Shoaib Noshewani has strongly condemned the suicide bombing at an Imambargah in the Tariq area of the federal capital Islamabad. He stated that targeting innocent worshippers during Friday prayers is the worst form of terrorism and a grave crime against humanity. Expressing deep sorrow and grief over the loss of precious human lives in the attack, the provincial finance minister said,

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I. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Program (BIDI) Phase I – Community Hall, Gharib Niazai, Tariq, Kohki, District Pishin. TSE-25692096005

Rs. 15,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

II. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Program (BIDI) Phase I- Construction of 2 Classrooms Along With Boundary Wall Forgoor Ghulaz Aharza Tariq, Kohki, District Pishin. TSE-25692096005

Rs. 10,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

III. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Program (BIDI) Phase I- Construction of 3 Classrooms And 2 Washrooms For Govt. Primary School, Gharib Niazai, Kohki, District Pishin. TSE-25692096005

Rs. 10,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

IV. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Program (BIDI) Phase I- Construction of 3 Classrooms For Govt. High School Niazai, Kohki, District Pishin. TSE-25692096005

Rs. 6,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

V. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Program (BIDI) Phase I- Construction of 3 Classrooms For Govt. Mabroor New (Road) And Health Centre For Kili Kili, Kohki, District Pishin. TSE-25692096005

Rs. 6,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

VI. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Program (BIDI) Phase I- Rehabilitation of Old Heritage Building At Tehsil Office Pishin. TSE-25692096005

Rs. 12,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

VII. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Program (BIDI) Phase I- Repair and Rehabilitation of Officer Club, Dera Balochistan, At Tariq, Pishin. TSE-25692096010

Rs. 12,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

VIII. Balochistan Special Development Initiative Phase I, Repair And Rehabilitation Of Office Art Residce Of At Tehsil Kharai District Pishin. TSE-25692096010

Rs. 10,00 Million/- Rs.150/- C-6 & Above

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Rs. 69.00 Million/- Rs.300/- C-4 & Above

II. SCHOOL PROJECTS PACKAGE - II, Tariq, Srigol, District Ziarat, UNDER BALOCHISTAN SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM (BIDI) Phase I- Repair and Rehabilitation Of Govt. Primary School, Tariq, Srigol, District Ziarat. BEMIS -1016 | Ziarat 3. Construction of two odd classrooms for Govt. School Kili Kili, Kohki, District Pishin. TSE-25692096043 (E-44)

Rs. 35.00 Million/- Rs.300/- C-4 & Above

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Rs. 73.00 Million/- Rs.300/- C-4 & Above

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Spin woes, injury and poor form dog Australia

NEWS DESK: Captain Mitchell Marsh and Australia are still in their spin woes behind them at the T20 Cricket World Cup after a morale-sapping series defeat to Pakistan in their preparations in tatters.

The 2021 champions are title contenders at the tournament. India and Sri Lanka begin on Saturday. Australia has a long road ahead. They capitulated to Pakistan in Lahore by 22 runs, then 90 and lastly by a crushing 111 – their heaviest-ever T20 defeat.

Outplayed with bat and ball, they were strangled by Pakistan's spinners.

Marsh defended the team's record in the spin-friendly conditions they will encounter, insisting they learned some lessons from their Pakistani hosts.

"In isolation, purely in this series, we struggled," he said. "But over the last 18 months, we've been one of the best teams in the world, and we've played spin really well."

Ruthless City thump Newcastle to reach League Cup final

NEWS DESK: Omar Marmoush scored twice as Manchester City set up a League Cup final date with Arsenal after a comprehensive 3-1 second-leg victory over visiting Newcastle United secured a 5-1 aggregate win in their semi-final of Wednesday.

The visitors were ruthless in the first half as Tijani Reijnders also got on the scoresheet and now face Arsenal at Wembley on March 22 in a battle between City manager Pep Guardiola and his protege Mikel Arteta.

"We showed a very good mentality," Marmoush told Sky Sports. "We came together as a team, from the first minute we were very focused on the job. We showed our mentality and passion and attitude."

Goals from

a rampant City scored a third to win the trophy. We give our best every time we play these final wins and silverware. Hopefully we can do it for all the new players and also the players that were here."

Trailing 2-0 from the first leg, the visitors from Newcastle needed to concede early at the Etihad Stadium, but Marmoush's shot deflected off defender Dan Burn and into the net inside six minutes.

The Egypt international added a second on the night with a close-range header from Antonee Semenyo's cross.

Guardiola has now scored 12 goals for City in the League Cup, a record between 2018 and 2021 and have eight in all, only Liverpool (10) have won it more.

Arsenal have not

lifted the trophy in 33 years and have two previous wins.

The League Cup was the first trophy of Guardiola's City reign when they beat Arsenal in the final, with Arteta then working as the Spaniard's assistant.

City went on to win the title in the following three years, but haven't lifted the League Cup since 2021.

"We will travel to London again, they will want to win."

They never travel to the north for the final, but I am really happy to be back. Five [League Cup] finals in a milestone," a Guardiola fan said.

"It will be good. You have to live this experience. The first title we won here was in the League Cup."

"When you win something, you want to win more. It's a pleasure to play against Arsenal, the best team right now in Europe and maybe the world."

Guardiola also expressed his opinion that the Frenchman, Marc Guehi should be allowed to play in the final, saying the club will ask organisers to reconsider eligibility rules.

"You buy a player for a lot of money and he is not able to play, for a rule I don't understand. Hopefully they can change it."

Zampa reportedly has a

spin-heavy squad at the

arm's length. Matt Dohmen and Cooper Connolly complement

Zampa, should he be fit, and part-time

Maxwell Ellis, Xavier Bartélémy, Ben Dwarshuis, a last-minute replacement for

Cummims, provide the

team options, with Sean Abbott cover.

The batting will be

speared by Matt

Head, David

Marcus Stoinis

and Cameron Green,

although none of them

have fired in the game's

shortest format in recent

years. Controversially,

one of Australia's

batters against spin,

and a form player, will not be

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