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# QUETTA VOICE

## Quetta Wahdat Colony Tragedy: FIR Registered, 2 Arrested After Six Family Members Found Dead

### Web Desk:

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has ordered an immediate and impartial investigation into a shocking family tragedy in Quetta's Wahdat Colony, where six members of a family lost their lives in a suspected murder-suicide incident.

### All involved officers suspended

Following directives from the Chief Minister of Balochistan, all officials involved in the case have been officially suspended. A formal notification has been issued by the government to implement the orders immediately. An inquiry into the matter is expected to follow.

According to police, a man identified as Asif Ali allegedly shot and killed his wife and four children inside their home before taking his own life. The incident has sent shockwaves across the provincial capital and raised concerns about the circumstances leading to the deaths.

Law enforcement officials said the bodies were shifted to hospital for post-mortem examinations and other legal formalities.

An FIR has been registered, while investigators have begun collecting evidence and recording statements to establish the motive behind the inci-



File Photo: A man speaks on mobile in the aftermath of a blast in Quetta

dent. Taking strict notice of the tragedy, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti directed authorities to conduct a transparent, professional, and comprehensive inquiry. He instructed relevant departments to examine every aspect of the case and submit a detailed report.

Balochistan government spokesperson Shahid Rind said the provincial administration is committed to uncovering all facts surrounding the incident. He described the deaths as deeply tragic and said all available resources are being utilized to ensure a fair and thorough investigation.

"The government believes in complete transparency and the rule of law," Rind said, adding that no individual or institution would be exempt from scrutiny if found connected to any aspect of the case.

He further stated that the findings of the investigation would be shared publicly after its completion to prevent speculation and ensure accountability. Police officials said investigations are ongoing, and authorities are examining all possible angles to determine what led to one of the deadliest family-related incidents reported in Quetta in recent years.

## JAAC strike: Markets, streets deserted in AJK's Muzaffarabad but no demonstrations held

### NEWS DESK:

Shops and markets were largely shut and vehicular traffic remained minimal in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), on Tuesday as the newly proscribed Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) observed a strike.

Meanwhile, AJK Prime Minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore urged a return to the negotiating table in a bid to end the tensions that have gripped the region over the past few days. During the day, Muzaffarabad's streets were deserted, with hardly any vehicles on the roads. Riot police and paramilitary personnel remained deployed in the city.

However, no demonstrations were witnessed in the capital.

Meanwhile, reports from Mirpur said that hundreds of people had gathered in the town's Quaid-i-Azam stadium. "Shops are closed here and traffic is off the roads," local journalist Sajjad Jarral told Dawn by telephone.

Witnesses in Kotli said that while the area observed a complete shut-down and wheel-jam strike, hundreds of people led by JAAC core member Intiaz Aslam were heading towards Poonch district via Taita Pani.

Another big rally led by JAAC core member Khawaja Mehran from Dardyal also entered Kotli for onward march towards Poonch. The legal fraternity of AJK boycotted judicial proceedings on AJK Bar Council's call to protest the alleged arrest of senior lawyer Anjad Ali Khan.

## Dr MahNoor's Family Shares Health Update After Quetta Acid Attack

### News Desk:

Quetta: The family of Dr. Mah Noor has shared a hopeful update on her condition following the acid attack that shocked people across Pakistan.

According to her relatives, her eyesight remains safe, and she is conscious, alert, and able to communicate with those around her.



Family members said that while Dr. Mah Noor continues to undergo treatment, doctors are satisfied with her progress so far.

They clarified that reports suggesting damage to her vision are inaccurate, reassuring well-wishers that her eyes were not affected by the attack.

Doctors treating her have reportedly described the burns as superficial and are carrying out necessary medical proce-

dures to remove damaged skin. As part of her recovery process, skin grafting surgeries are being performed in stages under the supervision of a specialized medical team.

The family expressed gratitude for the prayers and support received from across the country and asked the public to rely on verified information regarding her health.

They remain optimistic about her recovery and con-

tinued to stand by her during this difficult time. The attack has sparked widespread concern and renewed discussions about the safety of women and healthcare professionals. Many people have taken to social media to express solidarity with Dr. Mah Noor and to call for justice in the case.

As treatment continues, supporters across Pakistan are hoping for her full recovery and a swift return to normal life.

### NEWS DESK:

Pakistan and Lebanon discussed regional security, defence cooperation, and prospects for strengthening bilateral military ties during talks between the Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of Army Staff, Field Marshal Asim Munir and Lebanese Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief, General Rodolphe Haykal, the military's media wing said on Tuesday.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the two army chiefs met at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, and "the visiting dignitary was presented guard of honour by a smartly turned-out Tri Services contingent upon his arrival at GHQ."

"During the meeting, both dignitaries exchanged views on matters of mutual interest, evolving regional security environment, defence cooperation and prospects for enhancing bilateral military relations," the statement added.

The statement said that the discussions focused on strengthening professional interactions, training cooperation and institutional linkages between the armed forces of the two countries.

"CDF Munir reaffirmed the importance Pakistan attaches to its longstanding and cordial relations with Lebanon and underscored Pakistan Army's commitment to expanding defence collaboration with the Lebanese Armed Forces," said ISPR.

It added that General Rodolphe Haykal appreciated the professionalism and operational excellence of the Pakistani Armed Forces and acknowledged their contributions to re-

## CDF Munir, Lebanese army chief review regional security, defence cooperation: ISPR

gional peace, stability and international peacekeeping efforts. "The visit reflected the shared commitment of both armed forces to fostering closer military-to-military cooperation," the statement concluded.

War on Lebanon  
Israel invaded Lebanon in March after Iran-backed Hezbollah fired rockets and



drones across the border. Lebanon and Israel said on June 3 that they had agreed to a ceasefire following negotiations in Washington.

Israel struck the outskirts of Beirut on Sunday for the first time since the US announced a truce plan for Lebanon last week, and an Iranian lawmaker threatened to retaliate, putting talks to end the wider war into new jeopardy.

Iran has long said any peace

deal with the United States would depend on a ceasefire also holding in Lebanon,

which Israel invaded in March in pursuit of Iran-backed Hezbollah fighters who fired across the border in solidarity with Tehran.

Trump has leaned on Israel to scale back its campaign in Lebanon to allow room for a

party to the truce and would be dismantled under its terms, has also continued attacks and said it would not give up its weapons unless Israel halts fighting and withdraws.

The wider war has been stalemated since the United States and Israel paused their attacks on Iran in early April, with Tehran blocking most

shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, the main transit route for Middle East oil. Washington has imposed its own blockade of

Iranian ports.

Though the sides have both said they are close to a preliminary agreement that would re-open the strait, they have repeatedly traded strikes, with es-

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### QUETTA VOICE

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## Balochistan's Historic Shift to Merit-Based Government Jobs: Ending Corruption and Empowering Youth



#### Editorial:

In a province long plagued by nepotism and job-selling scandals, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has taken a bold and welcome stand. He has declared zero tolerance for corruption, favoritism, and the sale of government posts — and he is backing his words with action.

The announcement of filling 111 Finance Department vacancies through a fully online, paperless, and 100% merit-based recruitment process marks a genuine turning point for transparent governance in Balochistan.

For the first time in the province's history, candidates will apply and be tested entirely online.

Qualifications will be verified instantly, and successful applicants will receive appointment letters within an hour. This fast, fair system eliminates middlemen,

backdoor deals, and bribery — the very practices that have robbed deserving young people of opportunities for decades. This merit-based recruitment drive in Balochistan is more than administrative reform; it is a lifeline for the province's educated youth.

By ensuring government jobs go to qualified candidates rather than relatives or those who can pay, the initiative restores hope and dignity.

As Chief Minister Bugti has promised, the model will soon expand to all departments, creating a culture where talent, not connections, determines success.

The broader impact on Balochistan's development and stability could be profound.

Transparent hiring means better-qualified civil servants, leading to more efficient public services, reduced wast-

age of funds, and faster implementation of development projects.

When resources reach the people instead of corrupt pockets, education, and health services improve — laying the foundation for sustained economic growth.

Equally important, fair job opportunities address a major source of youth frustration in the province. Giving young Baloch the chance to serve their homeland on merit can reduce alienation and contribute to lasting peace.

Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti's focus on merit, technology-driven transparency, and accountability offers real hope. If these anti-corruption reforms in Balochistan are implemented with consistency, they can transform governance, unlock the potential of the province's youth, and set a powerful example for the rest of Pakistan.

## Land Law and Its Importance in Pakistan

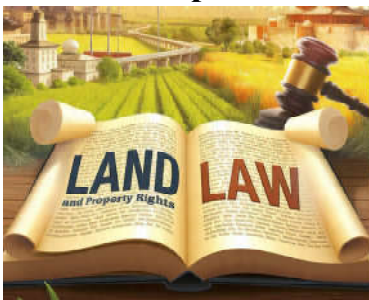
By Amir Hamza Bashir:

Land is one of the most valuable and contested assets in Pakistan. The legal framework that governs the ownership, possession, and transfer of land is known as Land Law. It ensures that property rights are protected and that disputes over land are resolved through legal and transparent means.

### Historical Background of Land Law in Pakistan

The foundation of land laws in Pakistan was laid during the British colonial era through legislation such as the Land Revenue Act and the Registration Act.

After independence in 1947, these laws continued to guide Pakistan's land management system. Today, major statutes like the West Pakistan



Land Revenue Act, 1967, and the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, remain the cornerstone of land governance and property transfer in the country. Despite reforms, records across Pakistan. However, it has often been criticized for corruption, manipulation, and lack of transparency. In recent years, the government has initiated significant reforms through the Punjab Land Records Authority (PLRA) and other provincial projects to digitize land records and reduce human interference in property registration and ownership verification.

### Challenges in Pakistan's Land System

Pakistan continues to face issues like illegal possession (land grabbing), forged documents, and slow judicial processes. These problems create un-

certainty for investors and ordinary citizens alike. To overcome these challenges, there is a strong need for comprehensive digital record-keeping, specialized land tribunals, and public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about their property rights.

Land law is not just a legal framework — it is the foundation of economic stability and social justice in Pakistan. A fair, transparent, and efficient land management system encourages investment, infrastructure development, and public trust in state institutions. Strengthening land laws and ensuring their effective implementation are vital steps toward achieving legal certainty and sustainable growth in Pakistan.

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## Quetta's Traffic Chaos: Urgent Reforms Needed to Fix the Crisis

Anjeela Kaynat:

Quetta, once a city known for its peaceful ambience, now faces an escalating traffic crisis. Every day, thousands of commuters endure hours of gridlock, navigating congested roads, reckless drivers, and deteriorating infrastructure. From rickshaws and motorcycles to private cars, the overwhelming number of vehicles clogs major roads, while encroachments and illegal parking worsen the situation.

The city's transport system is on the brink of collapse, demanding immediate intervention from both authorities and residents. This article explores the root causes of Quetta's traffic woes, identifies the most affected areas, and outlines urgent solutions to restore order to the roads.

### The Strain on Quetta's Road Infrastructure

Quetta's road network, originally designed during the colonial era, was never in-

tended to accommodate the city's rapid population growth and rising number of vehicles. Although the city was rebuilt after the 1955 earthquake, its road capacity has remained largely unchanged, struggling to support over 1.2 million residents and the thousands of vehicles added each year.

Key roads such as Jinnah Road, Sariab Road, Liaquat Bazaar, Masjid Road, and Zarghoon Road have become perpetual bottlenecks, choked by illegal encroachments, unregulated parking, and an ever-increasing number of vehicles. Without a structured urban transport model, these roads remain gridlocked, affecting daily life and economic activity.

Major Traffic Challenges in Quetta

### Severe Congestion on Key Roads

Traffic congestion is worst in commercial hubs such as Liaquat Bazaar, Masjid Road, Jinnah Road, and

Zarghoon Road, where vehicles move at a snail's pace during peak hours.

With no alternative routes or bypasses, all traffic is funneled through these roads, causing massive delays. Key intersections, including Baloachistan University Chowk, Meezan Chowk, and Prince Road, frequently experience severe traffic jams.

The Surge of Non-Custom Paid (NCP) and Unregistered Vehicles

The unchecked influx of non-custom paid (NCP) and unregistered vehicles has compounded the traffic crisis.

A 2010 report estimated over 50,000 NCP vehicles on Baloachistan's roads, causing an annual revenue loss of Rs 15 billion to the national exchequer.

By 2024, this number has surged to nearly 80,000, with a significant concentration in Quetta (Excise and Taxation De-

partment, 2024).

Despite periodic crackdowns, including the 2023 seizure of 115 NCP vehicles worth Rs 982 million (ARY News, 2023), enforcement efforts have failed to stem the tide. Quetta's traffic police estimate that 40% of vehicles in the city are either unregistered or NCP (Think Transportation, 2023), worsening congestion and lawlessness on the roads.

Lack of a Proper Public Transport System

Unlike other major cities in Pakistan, Quetta lacks an organized public transport system. With no buses or mass transit options, residents rely on rickshaws, motorcycles, and private cars, further clogging the roads. Over 50,000 rickshaws operate within the city, creating congestion in already packed areas like Masjid Road and Liaquat Bazaar (Traffic Survey: Quetta Smart and Safe City, 2023).

Although the gov-

ernment has revisited the Quetta Mass Transit Train project,

financial constraints have delayed its execution, leaving residents without an efficient alternative to private transport.

### Encroachments and Illegal Parking Worsen Congestion

Unauthorized stalls and illegal parking occupy nearly 30% of road space in busy commercial zones such as Prince Road and Jinnah Road (Think Transportation, 2023). Street vendors set up shops on sidewalks, forcing pedestrians onto the roads, while shopkeepers extend their businesses onto public spaces, further restricting traffic flow.

### Deteriorating Road Conditions

Over 60% of Quetta's roads are in disrepair, riddled with potholes, cracks, and poor drainage systems (Traffic Survey: Quetta Smart and Safe City, 2023). Sanab Road,

# Neither Capitalism nor Communism

Aziz ur Rehman Agha: The Cold War may have ended, but the ideological clash between Capitalism and Communism continues to shape global politics, economics, and international relations. Even today, global alliances reflect these old ideological divisions.

However, both Capitalist and Communist systems have failed to manage political and socio-economic affairs effectively. One system suppresses personal freedom; the other deepens inequality. Both carry serious structural flaws that make them unsuitable for modern societies.

This calls for a new, balanced approach — one found in the Islamic socio-economic and political philosophy, which follows a middle path between the two extremes.

### The Flaws of Communism

Communism lies at one extreme of the ideological spectrum. It suppresses individual freedoms such as speech, press, and trade. Historical examples from Maoist China during the Cultural Revolution (1966–1976) show how intellectual expression was crushed — books and music not aligned with party ideology were banned, and private libraries were destroyed. Similarly, in the USSR, any deviation from party thought was treated as a crime.

# NEITHER CAPITALISM NOR COMMUNISM

## THE ISLAMIC MIDDLE PATH

Economically, Communism eliminates private property and discourages entrepreneurship. Without personal incentive, individuals lose motivation to innovate and work for economic growth. As a result, this system hampers development and limits prosperity. The severe restrictions on basic rights and freedoms make Communism unsustainable in modern nation-states.

The Problems with Capitalism

Capitalism, which has enabled just 1% of the world's population to control more wealth than the remaining 99% combined. This system inherently promotes economic inequality, empowering elite industrialists while exploiting the working class. Under Capitalism, profit takes precedence over people — workers are overburdened, and ethical values are often sacrificed for industrial gains.

Further more, Capitalism's obsession with rapid industrialization and profit maximization has led to environmental destruction, resource depletion, and climate crises.

It prioritizes wealth accumulation over sustainability. These internal contradictions —

growing inequality, moral decay, and ecological harm — make Capitalism an unfit model for an equitable, sustainable society.

Communism fail because they represent extremes — one suffocates freedom; the other breeds inequality. Islam, however, offers a balanced socio-economic philosophy that harmonizes justice, freedom, and social welfare.

The Islamic economic system allows private ownership and business freedom, but regulates them through moral and legal checks. The obligation of Zakat (charity) redistributes wealth, preventing concentration in the hands of a few.

Meanwhile, the prohibition of Riba (usury) ensures financial fairness and discourages exploitation. Together, these principles foster economic justice, social cohesion, and sustainable development.

### Conclusion

Neither Capitalism nor Communism provides a complete solution to humanity's political and economic challenges. Both contain inherent flaws — one curtails human freedom, the other destroys social equality. The Islamic socio-economic model, however, offers the ideal middle path — balancing individual rights with collective welfare. With its emphasis on justice, equality, and moral responsibility, Islam presents the most sustainable and humane political and economic philosophy for the modern world.

## National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq, Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti Discuss Development and Federal-Provincial Coordination

ISLAMABAD: Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, held an important meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti at Parliament House to discuss national and provincial affairs, matters of mutual interest, and the country's overall political and parliamentary situation. The meeting was also attended by Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail and Mir Saleem Khan Khosa. "Focus on Development and Coordination During the meeting, participants discussed measures to further strengthen collaboration and communication between the federal government and the Government of Balochistan. Particular emphasis was placed on ensuring the timely completion of develop-



ment projects and improving the collaboration and communication between the federal government and the Government of Balochistan. Particular emphasis was placed on ensuring the timely completion of develop-

the country. Addressing Balochistan's development and administrative challenges, with participants emphasizing the need for a coordinated strategy to address public issues and implement priority development projects more effectively.

The leaders highlighted the importance of adopting practical and sustainable solutions to improve governance, infrastructure, and public services throughout the province.

Appreciation for Provincial Efforts Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti appreciated the efforts of the Balochistan government in promoting development, peace, and stability in the province.

## World Environment Day: DC Loralai Launches Crackdown on Polluting Marble Factories and Crusher Plants

Loralai: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Haseeb Shuja announced that the district administration is actively implementing environment-friendly policies and taking practical measures to combat environmental pollution across the district.

As part of these efforts, the district administration launched a special inspection campaign targeting marble factories, crusher plants, and other industrial units operating in Loralai. Acting on the Deputy Commissioner's directives, officials from relevant departments conducted detailed inspections to ensure compliance with environmental laws, government SOPs, and safety regulations. During the inspections, several marble factories and crusher plants were found violating



environmental standards, including inadequate dust-control measures, non-compliance with environmental protection requirements, and deficiencies in safety protocols. Legal action was taken against the violating industrial units, and substantial fines were imposed. The collected penalties have been deposited into the government treasury.

Factory owners and management were strictly instructed to ensure full compliance with environmental and safety regulations, with a warning that stricter legal action would follow in cases of continued violations. Deputy Commissioner Captain (R) Muhammad Haseeb Shuja emphasized that a clean and healthy environment is a fundamental right of every citizen. He stated that the district administration will not tolerate any carelessness that threatens public health and environmental sustainability. He further highlighted the importance of balancing industrial development with environmental protection to ensure a safe, healthy, and pollution-free environment for

future generations.

The Deputy Commissioner added that the district administration is continuing various initiatives, including tree plantation drives, public awareness campaigns, and enforcement of environmental regulations.

On World Environment Day, he appealed to citizens, industrialists, and business owners to play their role in protecting the environment and follow government guidelines aimed at reducing pollution.

The Loralai district administration reiterated its commitment to taking immediate action against activities harmful to human health and the environment.

Authorities affirmed that strict monitoring and enforcement efforts will continue to promote public health, environmental protection, and sustainable development throughout the district.

## DC Jaffarabad Reviews Blocked CNIC Cases, Vows Action Against Illegal Identity Documents

JAFFARABAD: A key district-level committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Khalid Khan to review cases related to blocked Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) and identity cards alleg-

edly issued in the names of Afghan refugees. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Husoor Bakhsh Bugti, representatives of the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), and other relevant departments. Holders of blocked CNICs also appeared before the committee, where their cases were examined individually. During the session, committee members thoroughly reviewed applications, supporting documents, and evi-

dence related to blocked identity cards. The meeting also discussed the procedures and legal requirements governing the issuance of CNICs to ensure compliance with national laws and regulations. The committee reaffirmed its commitment to resolving all cases on merit, with transparency and in accordance with legal requirements, ensuring that no citizen faces injustice while maintaining the integrity of the national identification system.

The Deputy Commissioner made it clear that individuals who obtained CNICs through forged or fraudulent documents would face legal consequences, while genuine and deserving citizens would receive full support in resolving their identification-related issues. The district administration, NADRA, police, and other concerned institutions are working in close coordination to investigate all cases and establish the facts.



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## Khuzdar Shooting Incident: Injured Shifted to Jhalawan Teaching Hospital, Emergency Response Activated

KHUZDAR: Individuals injured in a firing incident in Nall were immediately shifted to Jhalawan Teaching Hospital, Khuzdar, where emergency medical services were promptly activated to provide urgent treatment.

Upon receiving information about the incident, the hospital administration issued an emergency alert and mobilized all available resources to ensure timely medical assistance for the injured.

Medical teams, doctors, and paramedical staff were placed on high alert to handle the emergency situation efficiently. Deputy Commis-

sioner Khuzdar, Abdul Razzaq Sasoli, Medical Superintendent of Jhalawan Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sarmad Saeed, and District Health Officer Khuzdar, Dr. Abdul Hameed Lehr, visited the hospital to inquire about the condition of the injured patients and review the healthcare facilities being provided.

During the visit, Deputy Commissioner Abdul Razzaq Sasoli directed doctors and paramedical staff to ensure that no negligence occurs in the treatment process and that all necessary medical facilities are provided free of charge to the victims.

He assured the families of the injured that the district administration stands with them and will utilize all available resources for their treatment and recovery. Medical Superintendent Dr. Sarmad Saeed stated that the injured were admitted to the Emergency Ward and provided immediate treatment upon arrival. He added that the hospital's oxygen supply, medicines, and surgical facilities are fully operational and available to meet the needs of the patients. Authorities continue to monitor the situation closely while ensuring the best possible medical care for those affected by the incident.

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## DC Nasirabad Conducts Surprise Midnight Visit to Trauma Center, Reviews Healthcare Services

Nasirabad: Deputy Commissioner Virender Lal paid a surprise late-night visit to the Trauma Center to inspect the quality of healthcare services being provided to patients and review the overall functioning of the facility.

During the visit, doctors and paramedical staff were found present on duty.

The Deputy Commissioner toured various wards, met patients undergoing treatment, and inquired about the medical care and facilities being offered at the center.

Virender Lal conducted a detailed inspection of medicine availability, cleanliness, standards, medical equipment, and staff performance. Taking serious



notice of the shortage of medicines, he directed the concerned authorities to immediately report the situation and implement long-term measures to resolve the issue permanently. He emphasized that providing timely and quality healthcare ser-

vice to patients remains a top government priority and warned that any negligence or dereliction of duty would not be tolerated. Sub-Divisional Officer Abid Ali Panhwar and the Deputy Commissioner's Personal Secretary Manzoor Shirazi accompanied him during the visit. The officials inspected different departments, reviewed administrative affairs, and checked staff attendance. Speaking with doctors and paramedical staff, the Deputy Commissioner said that serving humanity is a

noble responsibility and urged healthcare professionals to perform their duties with dedication, honesty, and professional competence.

He stressed the importance of ensuring prompt medical assistance and quality treatment for patients visiting public hospitals.

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## DPS School Loralai Marks World Environment Day with Tree Plantation Drive and Awareness Program

LORALAI: A grand ceremony was organized at DPS School Loralai to commemorate World Environment Day, promoting environmental protection, tree plantation, and public awareness about climate change challenges.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, parents, and senior district administrative officials.

The chief guest on the occasion was Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Bareeh, while Additional Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ismail Mengal and Assistant Commissioner Loralai Nadeem Akram attended as special guests.

Officials highlighted Environmental Challenges Addressing the gathering, the distinguished guests emphasized that environmental pollution, deforestation, and climate change have become serious global challenges requiring immediate collective action. They stressed that raising public awareness, encouraging tree plantation campaigns, and adopting environmentally friendly lifestyles are essential steps toward addressing these issues. Students were urged to act as ambassadors of environmental protection within their homes, schools, and communities.

Protecting the environment is a shared responsibility, and the

younger generation has a vital role to play in building a greener and healthier future," the speakers remarked. "Students Showcase Environmental Awareness The event featured a variety of performances by students, including Speeches on environmental conservation, National songs, Tableaux, and awareness presentations. Creative messages promoting sustainability. Students highlighted the importance of conserving water, planting trees, and protecting natural resources through innovative and engaging presentations, earning appreciation from the audience.

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## Patwari Recruitment Interviews Begin in Nasirabad Division Under Strict Merit and Transparency Policy

Nasirabad: The interview process for recruitment against vacant Patwari positions in the Revenue Department has officially commenced under the supervision of Commissioner Salahuddin Noorzai, with authorities emphasizing transparency, fairness, and merit throughout the selection process.

During the interviews, candidates' academic qualifications, identification documents, and Patwari certifications were thor-

oughly scrutinized to ensure compliance with eligibility criteria and to eliminate any possibility of irregularities or non-transparent practices.

The interview committee included Accounts Officer Anjad Bahari, Superintendent Abdul Samad Khosa, and Babu Sherullah Khosa, who conducted detailed assessments of candidates' credentials, professional skills, and overall suitability for the positions. The committee en-

sured that all applicants were provided equal opportunities and evaluated strictly in accordance with established rules and regulations.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Salahuddin Noorzai stated that the recruitment process for vacant Patwari posts is being conducted with complete transparency, integrity, and adherence to merit. He emphasized that the government has issued clear directives to ensure that all stages

of public sector recruitment remain fair, impartial, and free from favoritism so that deserving and qualified candidates receive their rightful opportunities.

The Commissioner further highlighted the importance of the Revenue Department as a key public-service institution directly linked to citizens' needs and land administration matters. He noted that selecting competent, honest, and capable individuals is essential for

improving service delivery and effectively addressing public concerns. He added that merit-based recruitment not only strengthens institutional performance but also enhances public confidence in government departments. Expressing optimism, he said that the successful candidates would fulfill their responsibilities professionally and contribute significantly to the growth and effectiveness of the Revenue Department.

# Court Reissues Non-Bailable Warrants for KPK Chief Minister Sohail Afridi in PECA Case

### News Desk:

A local court on Monday issued fresh non-bailable arrest warrants for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi after he repeatedly failed to appear before the court in a cybercrime case registered under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA).

Senior Civil Judge Muhammad Abbas Shah

ordered law enforcement authorities to ensure the arrest of the chief minister and produce him before the court at the next hearing.

The judge took the step after Afridi remained absent despite previous court directives and summons.

The case was filed by the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA),

which is investigating allegations related to the dissemination of online content reportedly targeting state institutions.

Authorities claim the material violated provisions of Pakistan's cybercrime



the chief minister. During the hearing, the court expressed concern over the accused's continued non-appearance and decided to renew the non-bailable warrants. The matter was subsequently ad-

joined until June 18.

In a separate cybercrime-related development, the same court granted the NCCIA four days of physical custody of vlogger Sohrab Barkat to facilitate further investigation.

Investigators informed the court that Barkat is facing legal action over a video uploaded to his YouTube channel concerning the Joint Action Committee.

According to the agency, the content prompted the registration of a case under relevant cybercrime provisions.

After reviewing the NCCIA's request, the court approved a four-day physical re-

mand, allowing investigators to continue questioning the accused and gather additional evidence.

The latest proceedings highlight the growing focus on enforcement of Pakistan's cybercrime regulations,

with authorities pursuing cases involving digital content and alleged violations of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act.

## JUI-F chief Fazlur Rehman rejects G-B election results

NEWS DESK: Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Monday rejected the results of the recent Gilgit-Baltistan general elections.

During a press conference alongside Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Asad Qaiser in Peshawar, Fazl said the electoral outcome in Gilgit-Baltistan was not acceptable. "Based on the initial information we have received, we have decided that we jointly reject the results of the elections held in Gilgit-Baltistan," he said. He stressed the need for political unity on key national issues, saying, "The federal government must take all parties into confidence, including on matters of law and order. The PPP emerged in the lead in the G-B elections, as unofficial results showed the party ahead on 11 of the 24 seats contested in Sunday's polling."

The PML-N was leading in five constituencies, the PTI in three, and its ally, MWM, in one seat. Independent candidates were ahead in two constituencies. However, no party was able to secure a major-

ity. PTI Chairman Barister Gohar Ali Khan, speaking at a separate press conference on Monday, said the party would observe a "black day" on oath-taking day in Gilgit-Baltistan and issue a white paper on alleged electoral irregularities. He claimed PTI was "winning 100 per cent in eight seats" before the final results and accused authorities of pre-poll rigging and a systematic plan to exclude the party from the electoral process.

Senate Opposition Leader Raja Nisar Abbas in result announcements and praised the Election Commission for ensuring a fair and impartial process.

The Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ayeen-e-Pa-

kistan alliance, led by Mahmood Khan Achakzai, also held a consultative meeting and alleged that opposition parties, particularly PTI, were deliberately sidelined during the electoral process. In its post-meeting declaration, the alliance termed the elections a "replay of the 2024 general elections" and rejected the results outright.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif congratulated the people of Gilgit-Baltistan, calling the elections "successful, transparent, peaceful and politically vibrant." Chairing a review meeting in Islamabad on the privatisation of power distribution companies (DISCOs), the prime minister reiterated that the privatisation of loss-making public-sector entities remains a top government priority.

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## PM directs to accelerate privatisation process of power DISCOs

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed the relevant authorities to accelerate the privatisation process of electricity distribution companies (DISCOs), reiterating that offloading loss-making State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) was a priority for the government, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office.

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Supply Company (FESCO), would be privatised in the first phase. Expressions of interest for the three DISCOs had already been published in both national and international newspapers. The Cabinet Com-

mittee on Privatisation has also approved the transaction structure for the process. Loss-making state-owned enterprises are our priority for privatisation," PM Shehbaz said, according to officials present at the meeting. He directed relevant authorities to expedite the process and ensure it is completed with full transparency. The meeting was informed that

roadshows would be launched that month to attract investors, with international sessions also planned for potential investors from Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and China. PM Shehbaz also instructed officials to establish a robust regulatory framework following the privatisation of the DISCOs and stressed that transparency must be maintained at every stage of the process.

The meeting was informed that



the chief minister. During the hearing, the court expressed concern over the accused's continued non-appearance and decided to renew the non-bailable warrants. The matter was subsequently ad-

## Pakistan urges Afghan take 'verifiable, non-reversible action against terrorist'

NEWS DESK: Pakistan called on Afghanistan's Taliban authorities to take "verifiable and non-reversible action" against terrorist groups operating from Afghan territory, as its envoy to the United Nations, Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, said Pakistan had consistently supported Afghanistan through humanitarian relief, political engagement and efforts to strengthen bilateral trade. Pakistan's envoy

said that in support of what he described as our Afghan brethren, Islamabad had taken "numerous steps to support Afghanistan, including humanitarian relief efforts, political engagement, and providing incentives to boost bilateral trade." It was expected after the end of the civil war that the Taliban would evolve into a responsible governing authority. "It was anticipated that the Taliban would take positive steps to transition into a responsible governing authority by adhering to their international obligations and commitments," the envoy said.

However, Pakistan's envoy remained deeply en-

**TENDER NOTICE**

TSE-25206109783 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Chief Officer Municipal Committee Naraal invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2026 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates. Tender Fee: 3,000 PKR

Sr.	Name of Works	Bid Security
1	SUPPLY AND LAYING OF WATER TANK 400 GALLON FOR WARD NO.05, MCHARNALI	3%

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must be the manufacturer and procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 assignments of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 10,50,000 PKR Amount in 3 consecutive previous years showing financial capacity of the firm JV ON Rs.300 Stamp and also attached Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee. Deposit of Call of 3% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under signed 3,000 PKR. Resumation of tender documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 23 June, 2026 during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The tenders must be submitted latest by 23 June, 2026 at 09:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 10:00 AM. Address: Chief Officer Municipal Committee Naraal. Phone No: 080332017 Fax No: 08041 943@gmail.com

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Chief Officer Municipal Committee Naraal

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Urban Planning & Dev. Department Quetta Division Quetta

PRO No.5448/09-6-2026

**TENDER NOTICE**

The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Dera Bugti invites Sealed tenders/bids from the firms/contractors for the following works 2025-26: Tender Fee 15000/- and Bid security 2% for each work. Time limit three months

Sr.	NAME OF WORK	Qty	APP COST/RS	Ts No
1	SUPPLY OF MACHINERY FOR PEST CONTROL	1-SET	1400000/-	25206109783
2	SUPPLY OF MACHINERY FOR PEST CONTROL	1-SET	2500000/-	25206109783
3	PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL SPARE PARTS FOR M35 MOTOR	1-Set	300000/-	25206109783
4	PURCHASE OF ESCAVATOR	1-Set	2500000/-	25206109783
5	PURCHASE OF SINGLE CABIN PICKUP VEHICLE	1-Set	800000/-	25206109783

Procurement will be finalized as per BPPRA Rules and regulations, the firm must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category and relevant discipline who have renewal for the year 2025-26 and registered with tax authorities i.e. BRA, NTN & Sales Tax Department active files where applicable who are on ATL of FBR. The bidder must have completed 03 assignments of similar nature of work and turnover of previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. For Serial No. 4 (Purchase of Escavator) and Serial No. 5 (Purchase of Single Cabin Pickup Vehicle), the additional conditions shall apply. The bidder shall be authorized manufacturer/supplier/distributor of the offered vehicle/equipment in Pakistan. The offered Escavator and Single Cabin Pickup Vehicle shall be brand new, unused, and latest model. The bidder shall provide valid warranty and after-sales service support. The bidder must have successfully supplied at least three (03) similar vehicle/equipment during the last five (05) years. Complete technical specifications, brochures, and authorization certificates shall be attached with the bid. The Procuring Agency reserves the right to inspect and verify the offered vehicle/equipment before award of contract. Fee must be deposited in favor of account C-0271 - 0278 Through Green channel in any National Bank of Pakistan. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage, One envelope procedure. BIDDING DOCUMENTS / TENDER DOCUMENTS: Can be downloaded from BPPRA Website or on Production of tender Fee and tender documents cost Rs. 15000/- for each work. (ISSUANCE) The tender form will be issued to bidders after publication of notice in newspapers in the presence of requisite documents or tender fee (Non-refundable). Bid security deposit mentioned above, original valid Engineering Council Certificate in relevant / required category, registration with BRA income tax certificate (NTN) etc. SUBMISSION: Last date for submission of bids 22-06-2026 at 12:00 PM. OPENING: The sealed bids will be opened on 22-06-2026 at 01:00 PM. Place of issuance, submission requires and opening will be: ADDRESS: Office of the Executive Engineer Division Dera Bugti Telephone No. 0835 - 410333 0835 - 410433 E-Mail: D24262@ppra.gov.pk Other terms and conditions are attached with tender documents.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Public Health Engineering Division Dera Bugti

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**TENDER NOTICE**

Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid required. The Executive Engineer, Urban Planning & Development Department Quetta Division Quetta invites the electronic tenders based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2023. Government of Balochistan, amended up-to-date from interested Contractors / Firm who have the renewal for the year 2025-26, for the following works:

Sr.	Name of Works	Estimate
1	Construction of BT Road / T/F and sewerage system solar street lights at different street of Ghorbani Chowk Road and Larkana Quetta	37,567,710 TSE-25206109783
2	SOLARIZATION OF REMAINING MASJID / MADARASA IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF P644 QUETTA TSE-25206109783	49,986,960
3	Construction of BT Road / T/F and Sewerage System Solar Street Lights Adjoining Streets Kalar Town Haji Rahmatullah Kalar Street Quetta Saeed Sabzal Road Quetta TSE-25206109783	49,504,758
4	Construction of BT Road / T/F and Sewerage System Solar Street Lights Adjoining Streets Kalar Town Haji Rahmatullah Kalar Street Quetta Sabzal Road Quetta TSE-25206109783	49,503,320
5	Construction of BT Road / T/F and Sewerage System Solar Street Lights Adjoining Streets Kalar Town Haji Rahmatullah Kalar Street Quetta Sabzal Road Quetta TSE-25206109783	49,504,114
6	Construction of BT Road / T/F and Sewerage System Solar Street Lights Adjoining Streets Kalar Town Haji Rahmatullah Kalar Street Quetta Sabzal Road Quetta TSE-25206109783	49,504,114

The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014 amended up to date. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Firm/Contractors must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council who also has deposited case for renewal (2025-26) in relevant Category. Firms (Single Entity) having valid registration with NTN/ATL Valid Registration with income Tax & Presence in Active Tax Payer List in FBR (ATL) Turnover at least of last three years. The bidder must have completed 2 assignments of similar nature of work. The bids must accompany the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of 3% specified above in the name of the designated from a scheduled bank. Other Mandatory conditions and Detail Criteria mentioned in the Bidding Documents. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure. ISSUANCE: The firm/contractors can also download the bidding documents from the BPPRA website at www.bppra.gov.pk. The tender processing fee of Rs. 2000/- & 3000/- tender fee must be deposited in the government treasury under the head of account C-03870 through the Green Channel Form at the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP). Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 09:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 10:00 PM on EPPS System. Place of issuance and submission will be: Place of issuance and submission will be - Address: Office of the Executive Engineer Urban Planning & Dev. Department, Quetta Division Quetta. Bid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days.

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