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Pakistan Wins Global Recognition for Facilitating US-Iran Peace Agreement

By Our Correspondent:

Pakistan has received widespread international recognition for its diplomatic efforts in helping facilitate a landmark peace agreement between the United States and Iran, a development being described as a major achievement for regional and global stability.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced that Pakistan will host the formal signing ceremony of the peace memorandum in Geneva on June 19, marking the end of more than three months of conflict between Washington and Tehran. The prolonged confrontation had disrupted global energy markets, affected international trade routes, and created economic uncertainty across several regions, including Pakistan.

Leaders from around the world welcomed the breakthrough and acknowledged Pakistan's role in encouraging dialogue between the two sides. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan praised Islamabad's diplomatic engagement, while British Prime Minister Keir Starmer welcomed the agreement and appreciated the efforts of the mediating countries.

China also commended Pakistan's sustained diplomatic outreach, noting that its engagement helped create conditions for renewed negotiations.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres described the agreement as an important step toward reducing tensions in the Middle East and promoting long-term peace.

Several other countries, in-



Pakistan got global recognition after the country ensured cease fire and peace in the Middle East

cluding Canada, Australia, Kuwait, New Zealand, Italy, Japan, and the Netherlands, also expressed support for the peace initiative and recognized the constructive role played by Pakistan during the negotiation process.

Addressing the National

Assembly, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif termed the development a significant milestone in Pakistan's diplomatic history.

He said Pakistan remained actively engaged in peace efforts following an earlier ceasefire and facilitated

several high-level contacts aimed at preventing further escalation.

The prime minister also acknowledged the contributions of Pakistan's civil and military leadership, particularly Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, for supporting diplomatic initiatives

aimed at sustaining dialogue. Analysts view the agreement as a major foreign policy success for Pakistan, strengthening its image as a responsible stakeholder committed to regional peace, conflict resolution, and international cooperation.

Former PM Imran Khan Undergoes Further Eye Treatment in Islamabad

By Our Correspondent:

Former Prime Minister Imran Khan was taken to a federal medical facility in Islamabad on Monday to continue treatment for an eye condition that has required ongoing specialist care over recent months.

Medical officials confirmed that Khan underwent another scheduled procedure involving an anti-VEGF injection, a treatment commonly used to manage retinal disorders and help preserve vision.

Doctors reported that a detailed examination conducted before the procedure showed encouraging signs, with diagnostic imaging indicating improvement in his condition.

According to the hospital, the treatment was performed under established medical guidelines and close supervision by ophthalmology specialists.

Khan remained in stable condition throughout the process and was later discharged with recommendations for future check-ups and continued care.

The PTI founder has been receiving treatment since earlier this year after being diagnosed with a retinal vein-related eye condition affecting his right eye. Monday's procedure was part of a series of treatments aimed at supporting recovery and preventing further complications.

Following the hospital visit, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) renewed its concerns about Khan's health, stating that repeated medical interventions have heightened public interest in his condition.

The party urged authorities to ensure complete transparency regarding his treatment and medical progress.

PTI leaders maintained that clear and timely information should be shared with the public and Khan's family, arguing that partial disclosures only fuel uncertainty and speculation.

Balochistan Governor Urges Rights-Based Climate Action at United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Dialogue

SYED ALI SHAH:

Governor Balochistan called for practical, people-centered climate action and stronger institutional cooperation while addressing a policy dialogue on rights-based climate security organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Quetta.

Speaking to UNDP officials, vice chancellors, senior government representatives and development partners, the governor emphasized that climate resilience requires tangible outcomes, evidence-based policymaking and applied research rather than theoretical discussions.

Highlighting Balochistan's vulnerability to climate change, he said the province remains on the frontline of environmental challenges, including droughts, water scarcity, deforestation, land degradation and coastal stress.

He noted that the devastating floods and forest fires of 2022 caused widespread damage to livelihoods and infrastructure, underscoring the urgent need for effective climate adaptation measures.

The governor said communities in Gwadar and the Makran coast are facing grow-



Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail interacting with experts on the eve of UNDP organized event

ing challenges linked to fisheries, drinking water shortages and changing marine conditions, requiring scientific and sustainable solutions.

He stressed that climate policies must prioritize the rights and needs of vulnerable populations, arguing that resili-

ence can only be achieved when citizens are actively involved in decision-making and public institutions are empowered to respond effectively.

Referring to the Balochistan Climate Change Policy 2024, the governor described it as a significant step

forward and urged all stakeholders to focus on its implementation through better coordination, community engagement and practical planning.

He also praised UNDP's contributions to disaster recovery, housing reconstruction, livelihood support and climate

resilience initiatives across the province.

Expressing optimism about Balochistan's future, the governor highlighted the province's vast coastline, natural resources, forests, universities and youthful population as key assets for sustainable

development.

Concluding his remarks, he called for global cooperation to tackle climate change, stating that environmental challenges transcend borders and require collective international action to protect the planet and future generations.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

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 Sarfraz 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 wastage of

funds, and faster implementation of development projects. When resources reach the people instead of corrupt pockets, infrastructure, education, and health services improve. This is a calculated strategic move. Apple is prioritizing its most profitable models and giving the foldable iPhone room to breathe at launch. If you typically buy a base-model iPhone, you will need to wait until 2027. Here is everything credible leaks, supply-chain reports, and analyst forecasts point to as of June 2026. Apple has not officially confirmed these specifications. The standard iPhone 18 and iPhone 18 Pro, meanwhile, are deliberately being held back until spring 2027. Apple wants maximum press attention on its premium tier and needs the manufacturing bandwidth that Samsung Display's foldable OLED panels will demand.

iPhone 18 Pro Max: Complete Guide to Specs, Features, Price, and How It Compares to Samsung and Google

By Tech Desk QUICK SUMMARY: The iPhone 18 Pro launches September 2026 with Apple's first 2nm A20 Pro chip, a mechanical variable aperture camera, under-display Face ID, and a 5,200mAh battery on the Pro Max. It starts at approximately \$1,099, \$200 cheaper than the Galaxy S26 Ultra, and outperforms both Samsung and Google on raw processing power.

Table of Contents: Release Date and Launch Strategy; Full Specs: iPhone 18 Pro and Pro Max; Design and Display A20 Pro Chip and Performance; Camera System; Variable Aperture Explained; Battery and Charging; iPhone 18 Pro vs Galaxy S26 Ultra vs Pixel 10 Pro; Price and Availability; Pros and Cons; Final Verdict; Frequently Asked Questions. 1. Release Date and Launch Strategy: Apple is breaking from tradition in 2026. Rather than unveiling its entire iPhone lineup simultaneously, the company is pursuing a deliberate split-release strategy for the first time in its history. The iPhone 18 Pro and iPhone 18 Pro Max will debut alongside Apple's first-ever foldable iPhone, the rumored 'iPhone Ultra', in early September 2026. The announcement event is expected between September 8-14, 2026, following Apple's consistent fall launch calendar. Pre-orders should open the Friday after the announcement, with devices shipping in late September to early October. The standard iPhone 18 and iPhone 18 Pro, meanwhile, are deliberately being held back until spring 2027. Apple wants maximum press attention on its premium tier and needs the manufacturing bandwidth that Samsung Display's foldable OLED panels will demand.



Key dates at a glance: Milestone expected Window: Apple announcement event September 8-14, 2026; Pre-orders open September 18-25, 2026; Shipping begins Late September 2026; iOS 27 release: Alongside iPhone 18 Pro launch Standard iPhone 18 launch Spring 2027; iPhone Fold (Ultra) launch September 2026 (possibly delayed to early 2027). This is a calculated strategic move. Apple is prioritizing its most profitable models and giving the foldable iPhone room to breathe at launch. If you typically buy a base-model iPhone, you will need to wait until 2027. Here is everything credible leaks, supply-chain reports, and analyst forecasts point to as of June 2026. Apple has not officially confirmed these specifications. The standard iPhone 18 and iPhone 18 Pro, meanwhile, are deliberately being held back until spring 2027. Apple wants maximum press attention on its premium tier and needs the manufacturing bandwidth that Samsung Display's foldable OLED panels will demand.

the display. Even so, the visible interruption will be dramatically smaller than anything Apple has shipped before. Display Quality: Both Pro models retain the ProMotion LTPO panel with variable refresh from 1Hz to 120Hz. Peak brightness is expected to reach 3,000 nits for HDR content, matching the best displays in the Android world and surpassing most. Color accuracy, always a strength of Apple's display calibration, is expected to improve further with the next-generation OLED panels supplied by Samsung Display. New Colors: The standout new colorway for 2026 is Dark Cherry, a deep, rich burgundy red that is visually unlike anything Apple has offered in the Pro lineup before. It joins Black Titanium, Natural Titanium, and White Titanium as the four available finishes. 4. A20 Pro Chip and Performance: The Apple A20 Pro is the headline hardware story of 2026, and it genuinely deserves the attention. World's First 2nm Mobile Processor: Built on TSMC's cutting-edge 2nm fabrication process, the A20 Pro is a generational leap from the A19 Pro's 3nm node. TSMC's 2nm process packs more transistors into the same die while simultaneously reducing power consumption. The practical result: approximately 15% faster CPU and GPU performance compared to the A19 Pro, with meaningfully better efficiency under sustained workloads. In real-world terms, this means faster video exports, smoother real-time rendering, quicker AI inference, and better gaming frame rates, all while running cooler and consuming less battery than the previous generation. N2 Neural Engine and Apple Intelligence 2.0: The A20 Pro's N2 neural engine is specifically designed to accelerate Apple Intelligence 2.0 workloads.

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. 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

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prosperity. The severe restrictions on basic rights and freedoms make Communism unsustainable in modern nation-states. The Problems with Capitalism: On the other end lies 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 resource depletion, and climate crises. It prioritizes wealth accumulation over social equality. These internal contradictions — with rapid industrialization and profit maximization has led to environmental destruction, resource depletion, and climate crises. Capitalism is an unfit model for an equitable, sustainable society. The Islamic Socio-Economic Philosophy: A Balanced Approach: Both Capitalism and

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.

Chief Secretary Balochistan Reviews Strategy to Boost Olive Cultivation and Global Market Presence

QUETTA: An important meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Shaukat Qadir Khan was held in Quetta to discuss measures for promoting olive cultivation across Balochistan, increasing production, and strengthening the province's position in international olive oil markets.



Balochistan's agricultural output and economic growth. The meeting was also informed that the province is home to nearly 8 million wild olive trees, representing a valuable natural resource that supports biodiversity and local livelihoods.

Officials stated that once these plantings reach full maturity, they are expected to produce approximately 250,000 liters of olive oil, significantly contributing to

nutrition management to increase olive yields and enhance oil quality. Participants recommended strengthening agricultural research initiatives and organizing training workshops for farmers to provide technical support and improve production levels and olive oil standards.

The Chief Secretary Shaukat Qadir Khan emphasized the need to adopt modern agricultural practices to maximize productivity. He highlighted the importance of advanced cultivation techniques, efficient irrigation systems, balanced fertilization, and improved plant

region's increasing prominence in premium olive oil production. He also instructed authorities to launch district-level pilot projects to establish best practices and replicate successful models across the province.

Furthermore, he called for farmer training programs, stakeholder conferences, and continued technical assistance to improve plant health and ensure the production of high-quality olive oil. Speaking on the broader economic impact, Chief Secretary Shaukat Qadir Khan said that olive cultivation has the potential to significantly increase agricultural diversification, funding mechanisms, and effective monitoring systems.

Quetta Administration Reviews NOC Compliance for Businesses Along N-25 Highway

QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Mehruallah Badini, chaired an important meeting to review the status of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for petrol pumps, shopping malls, educational institutions, commercial cen-

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importance of bringing businesses into full compliance with safety, planning, and operational standards prescribed by relevant authorities. Joint Committee Formed to streamline implementation and oversight, the meeting

approved the formation of a joint committee comprising officials from the district administration and the National Highway Authority.

The committee will work collaboratively to review existing NOCs, identify regulatory gaps, and recommend measures to ensure that all businesses and commercial facilities operating along the N-25 corridor meet legal requirements. Key Highlights Deputy Commissioner Quetta chaired a meeting on NOCs for businesses along N-25.

Joint Efforts to Ensure Regulatory Compliance Deputy Commissioner Mehruallah Badini directed all concerned departments to strengthen coordination and cooperation to ensure that all commercial establishments operating within NHA limits comply with legal and regulatory requirements.

He emphasized the importance of ensuring that all businesses and commercial facilities operating along the N-25 corridor meet legal requirements.

Southern Balochistan Road Infrastructure Projects Reviewed Under Development Package

QUETTA: Secretary Communications and Works, Babar Khan, has reaffirmed the government's commitment to integrating the underdeveloped and remote areas of Southern Balochistan into the national development mainstream through improved infrastructure and connectivity.



Detailed Review of Road Development Projects During the meeting, participants reviewed a comprehensive briefing on the progress of road infrastructure schemes currently under development under the Southern Balochistan Development Package.

He expressed these views while chairing a high-level meeting to review the progress of ongoing road projects being implemented under the Southern Balochistan Development Package.

Discussions focused on construction progress, technical challenges, project quality standards, implementation timelines, and administrative matters. Officials also provided updates on the current status of various projects, completion stages, and future action plans aimed at accelerating development

across the region. Improved Connectivity Key to Regional Development Speaking at the meeting, Babar Khan emphasized that Southern Balochistan covers a vast geographical area comprising remote and underserved communities, making the development of modern and reliable road infrastructure essential for long-term growth.

He noted that enhanced road networks would not only improve transportation and mobility for local residents but would also stimulate trade, attract investment, and create new economic opportunities throughout the province.

Upgrading road infrastructure is critical for ensuring sustainable development and prosperity in Southern Balochistan. The Secretary directed all concerned departments and project stakeholders to resolve technical and administrative bottlenecks on a priority basis to ensure that projects are completed within the stipulated timelines. He further in-

structed officials to maintain strict quality standards throughout the construction process and accelerate work where possible so that local communities can benefit from the projects at the earliest opportunity.

Key Highlights High-level review meeting held on Southern Balochistan road projects. Government reiterates commitment to developing remote and underserved regions. Progress, technical issues, and project timelines reviewed in detail. Road infrastructure seen as a catalyst for trade, investment, and economic growth.

Deputy Commissioner Fareaed Tareen conducted a detailed inspection of the under-construction multi-purpose hall in Sohbatpur, reviewing the progress, quality, and implementation of the project.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner closely examined the ongoing construction work and received a comprehensive briefing from project officials regarding the pace of development, construction standards, and project planning.

She emphasized the importance of maintaining high-quality workmanship and ensuring that the project is completed according to approved specifications.

She highlighted the need for the facility to meet modern requirements and effectively serve both public and governmental needs. Expressing her commitment to the project's successful completion, Fareaed Tareen said that the timely delivery of the hall would provide Sohbatpur with a modern venue for administrative, social, and community events.

As part of the enforcement drive, special teams led by Excise, Taxation and Anti-Narcotics Officer-IV conducted operations in various areas of the province, a number of commercial establishments and residential units were sealed after owners failed to clear substantial property tax arrears.

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Commissioner Nasirabad Reviews Education Recruitment Complaints, Emphasizes Merit and Transparency

NASIRABAD: Commissioner Nasirabad Division, Salahuddin Naurzai, chaired a CRC (Complaint Redressal Committee) meeting regarding the Education Department recruitment process in Sohbatpur to ensure transparency, fairness, and merit-based appointments.



The meeting was attended by Divisional Director Education Abdul Wasir Kakar, District Education Officer Sohbatpur Panhal Khan Khosa, and other committee members.

22 Candidates Present Recruitment Objections During the session, a total of 22 candidates, including both male and female applicants, appeared before the committee to present their objections and seek redress regarding the recruitment process.

The committee, led by Commissioner Salahuddin Naurzai, carefully heard the concerns raised by the candidates and conducted a detailed review of their educational credentials, supporting documents, and recruitment-related records.

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Kech Administration Moves to Reactivate Dasht Drug Rehabilitation Center

TURBAT: Deputy Commissioner Kech, Yasir Iqbal Dasht, chaired an important meeting to review plans for the reactivation of the Dasht Drug Rehabilitation Center, aiming to strengthen efforts against drug addiction and expand recovery and rehabilitation services across the district.



Review of Drug Rehabilitation Facilities in Kech During the meeting, participants conducted a detailed review of the current status of drug rehabilitation centers established for the treatment of individuals struggling with substance abuse in District Kech.

He stated that the Turbat center is fully operational and currently providing treatment and rehabilitation services to the public. However, the Dasht and Balida centers remain non-functional due to budgetary constraints and lack of operational funding.

The reactivation of the Dasht Center to be Reactivated as Priority Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Yasir Iqbal Dasht described drug addiction as a serious social chal-

enge and emphasized the urgent need to make treatment and rehabilitation facilities fully operational. He assured participants that budget-related issues would be addressed on a priority basis and announced that the Dasht Drug Rehabilitation Center would be reactivated in the first phase.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER. 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 1500/- and Bid security 2% for each work. Time limit three months.

Balochistan Budget 2026-27: Total Outlay, Salary Increase, and Key Highlights

Quetta Voice Report: QUETTA — The Balochistan provincial government has finalized a historic, surplus, and tax-free budget for the fiscal year 2026-27. Totalling an expected Rs 1,200 billion, the new Balochistan budget will be officially presented in the provincial assembly on June 17, 2026, by Provincial Finance Minister Shoab Noshervani.

According to exclusive details obtained by QuettaVoice.com via senior sources in the Finance Department, the upcoming budget prioritizes massive relief for government employees and a record-breaking allocation for the education sector.

Record Rs 150 Billion Allocated for Balochistan Education Budget

In a landmark move to strengthen human resources, the provincial government has allocated over Rs 150 billion for the education sector.

This is the largest educational budget in the history of Balochistan. Senior officials confirmed that this heavy funding is substantially targeted to:

Upgrade infrastructure for schools, colleges, and universities across rural and urban Balochistan.

Launch modern digital learning initiatives and new educational projects.

Improve the overall quality of public sector education.



Government Employees Salary and Pension Increase Update

Amid rising inflation, the Balochistan Budget 2026-27 brings good news for public servants.

Following the federal government's model, the Finance Department has finalized a comprehensive relief package.

Government employees in Balochistan will receive a substantial increase in salaries, allowances, and pensions to cushion the impact of inflation.

The exact percentage of the ad-hoc relief allowance will be announced during Minister Shoab Noshervani's budget speech.

Tax-Free and Surplus Budget Strategy

To maintain economic stability, the Balochistan government is continuing its strict surplus budget policy.

The government has chosen not to introduce new provincial taxes, keeping the budget completely tax-free.

Simultaneously, existing tax exemptions will remain unchanged.

This strategic move aims to provide breathing room to local businesses and the public while ensuring steady provincial growth.

Health, Roads, and Infrastructure Development. Aside from education, the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for FY 2026-27 focuses heavily on public utility sectors. Major funds are being set aside for:

Healthcare Up-

grades: Better equipment and medicine supply in district hospitals.

Clean Drinking Water: New water supply schemes for drought-hit regions.

Road Networks: Connecting remote districts to Quetta to boost local trade.

Live Balochistan Budget Speech on June 17 The Finance Department has confirmed that all budget documents are finalized and approved.

Finance Minister Shoab Noshervani will deliver the comprehensive budget speech on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

The speech will provide a detailed breakdown of developmental targets, revenue generation, and a review of the previous fiscal year's performance.

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PM Shehbaz says Pakistan to host US–Iran signing ceremony in Geneva on June 19

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that the formal signing ceremony of the US–Iran understanding will be held in Geneva on June 19 and will be hosted by Pakistan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced early Monday that the US and Iran had reached an agreement following intensive negotiations, with both sides declaring an immediate and permanent end to military operations across all fronts, including in Lebanon.

Opening his address at the National Assembly, the prime minister said, "Today, by the grace of Allah, the world has crossed a historic milestone. Describing the development as a turning point after a period of intense conflict, he said, "After the night of war, the sun of peace has risen."

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"success of diplomacy, and the failure of war." He stated that Pakistan's civil and military leadership had played an important role in supporting peace efforts, including Field

marshals Asim Muneer and National Security Adviser Lt Gen Asim Malik. The prime minister also praised international leaders, including US President Donald Trump, Iran's leadership, including Supreme Leader Mojtahab Khamenei, Iranian President Dr Masoud Pezeshkian, and other members of negotiating teams. He said Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani had played a key role, along with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. He also thanked China's President Xi Jinping for supporting diplomatic efforts.

The prime minister said Pakistan had supported negotiations through its diplomatic channels and foreign

ministry teams. He said the crisis had placed global economic pressure, including on Pakistan, but added that timely decisions had helped manage the benefits and protect citizens from se-

vere inflationary shocks. He urged unity among federal and provincial governments and political forces. He said Pakistan would work to ensure that the benefits of improved global conditions reached ordinary citizens.

Concluding his address, he said Pakistan would continue to play a constructive role in promoting peace and stability.

Earlier in the session, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif described the peace agreement between Iran and the United States, scheduled to be signed on Friday, as a major diplomatic achievement for Pakistan, state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

Speaking in the National Assembly today, he said that the country's leadership has, through its vision,

Criticising the timing of the election schedule, he said the announcement just three days before the protest call was inappropriate.

"Under the current circumstances, holding elections appears difficult. The Election Commission should withdraw the schedule and move the consultative process forward."

The PPP is not in favour of any confrontation or clash. Twelve refugee seats cannot be more valuable than human lives," he said.

He also warned that hostile forces, particularly India, could exploit the situation.

The PPP AJK core committee unanimously decided to prioritise reconciliation and political harmony over confrontation.

Two people were killed and eight others injured in a clash between protesters and law enforcement personnel near Eidgah Ground in Rawalakot during the early hours of Sunday, according to Poonch Divisional Commissioner Sardar Waheed Khan.

JAAC has been holding nightly gatherings at the site since Wednesday.

It added that the former prime minister was discharged after the treatment with instructions for further care and follow-up.

Later, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said that Imran was taken to the PIMS and after the procedure.

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Two officers martyred in PAF trainer jet crash near Mardan: ISPR

NEWS DESK: Two pilots were martyred on Monday when a Pakistan Air Force Super Mushshak trainer aircraft on a routine training sortie crashed near Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Mardan, the military's media wing said.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the pilots have been identified as Flight Lieutenant Muhammad Qasim Abdullah of the Pakistan Air Force, who was an instructor pilot, and Lieutenant Taha Abbasi of the Pakistan Navy, who was a trainee officer.

ISPR said "A board of inquiry has been constituted by Air Headquarters to ascertain the cause of accident."

Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Asim Muneer, along with the Services Chiefs and all ranks of the Pakistan Armed Forces,

expressed deep grief over the loss of lives and extended condolences to the be-

reaved families, ISPR added.

President Asif Ali Zardari, in a post on X, expressed deep grief and sorrow over the crash and paid tribute to the martyred pilots. The president said the nation would always remember the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in the defence of the country.

He also expressed heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the grieving families.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also expressed deep sorrow over the crash, and he conveyed condolences

over the deaths of two officers in the incident, in a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office.

He prayed for the elevation of the ranks of the deceased and said he stood in solidarity with the bereaved families. He further said the professionalism of the Pakistan Armed Forces in defending the country remains "unparalleled."

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, in a statement, expressed sorrow over the crash of the training aircraft and paid tribute to the two pilots who were killed.

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NEWS DESK: In what appears to be a rethink of the elections in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), the PPP swung into action on Sunday, with its chairman urging the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) to end its protests and its AJK chapter asking the Election Commission to withdraw the election schedule.

The developments came as two people were killed and eight others injured in a clash between protesters and law enforcement personnel in Rawalakot.

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istry added.

He urged protesters to end their demonstrations peacefully and asked those who had "taken the law into their own hands" to surrender to the authorities and allow "due process to take its course."

The PPP chairman stressed that political grievances should be resolved through democratic, constitutional, and peaceful means.

Parliament and the political process — not the streets — are the appropriate forums for addressing and settling such issues," he said.

Recalling that the PPP had already asked the AJK Election Commission to withdraw its

premature election schedule" for polls set for July 27, he said the party remained committed to a political solution and would seek the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to address outstanding grievances.

In an apparent reference to the June 5 decision to proscribe the AJK, he said the government could re-

view notifications issued against protesting groups if all stakeholders, including the federal government, reached a consensus.

Meanwhile, PPP AJK President Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin urged the Election Commission to immediately withdraw its

night and returned to Adiala Jail after receiving treatment.

In a post on X, Barrister Gohar said he was informed that Khan was taken last night to PIMS once again for an injection and then shifted back to Adiala." He said the party was renewing its

demand for Imran to be shifted from jail to a hospital for treatment under medical supervision.

Barrister Gohar also called for immediate access for the former prime minister's family to meet him. "We demand meeting with family immediately," he said.

This is the second time Barrister Gohar has taken to X to announce that it was confirmed to him that Imran was taken to PIMS last night for an eye injection and a medical check-up. On April 28, PIMS issued a statement saying Khan was brought to PIMS to be administered the fourth intravitreal injection for his eye condition.

Climate ministry secures Rs2.48bn Public Sector Development Programme allocation for green projects

NEWS DESK: The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) has secured an allocation of Rs2.478 billion under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for the fiscal year 2026-27 beginning July 1.

The allocation will support four ongoing projects aimed at ecological restoration, green skills development, urban climate resilience, and strengthening institutional capacity for climate action, according to a statement issued by the ministry. The lion's share of the allocation, Rs2.335bn, has been earmarked for the flagship Up-scaling of Green Pakistan Programme, which focuses on large-scale afforestation, biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration and the restoration of natural ecosystems. The allocation also underscores the government's renewed emphasis on strengthening

Pakistan's climate resilience and integrating environmental sustainability into the country's development agenda. Officials said the PSDP allocations reflected the prime minister's resolve to equip the country to cope with escalating climate threats, including glacial melting, glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), water scarcity, deforestation, heatwaves, forest fires and land degradation, which have become increasingly frequent and severe in recent years.

MoCC&EC spokesperson and climate policy advocacy specialist Muhammad Saleem Shaikh said the prime minister had consistently advocated climate action as a national priority and ensured that environmental concerns were embedded in development planning. "Under the prime minister, climate resilience has become a central pillar of Pakistan's develop-

ment strategy. These investments are aimed at protecting people, restoring ecosystems and ensuring that the country is better prepared to confront emerging threats posed by glacial retreat, GLOFs, water stress, heat extremes, forest fires and environmental degradation," he said. He said the budget reflected the government's growing commitment to climate resilience and nature-based solutions at a time when Pakistan remained among the countries most vulnerable to climate-induced disasters.

The PSDP allocation for FY2026-27 demonstrates that climate action is no longer a peripheral issue but a national development priority. These investments are designed to strengthen ecosystems, create green economic opportunities and protect communities against the growing impacts of climate change," Mr Shaikh told Dawn.

Imran Khan administered fifth intravitreal injection: Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS)

NEWS DESK: The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) on Monday confirmed that the imprisoned founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan underwent a scheduled eye procedure on Sunday, describing the treatment as his fifth intravitreal injection.

In a press release issued by PIMS administration, the hospital said the 74-year-old former premier was brought from Central Jail Adiala for follow-up ophthalmic treatment.

It stated that prior to the procedure, he was first examined by ophthalmologists and was found to be "clinically stable." The hospital added, "His Optical coherence tomography was performed, which showed clinical improvement."

According to the statement, informed con-

sent was obtained before the procedure, and standard protocols were followed in the operating theatre. The injection was administered under microscopy using a one-day-care procedure. PIMS said "He remained vitally stable before, during and after the procedure."

It added that the former prime minister was discharged after the treatment with instructions for further care and follow-up.

Later, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said that Imran was taken to the PIMS and after the procedure.

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