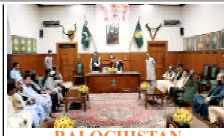


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Balochistan Government's Digital Business Model Achieves Major Success, Generates Rs1 Billion Revenue from Rs200 Million Investment

NEWS DESK:

Quetta: The Government of Balochistan has achieved remarkable success through its innovative digital economy initiative, generating more than Rs1 billion in revenue from an initial investment of Rs200 million. The achievement highlights the province's growing focus on digital transformation, IT development, and youth empowerment.

A prestigious ceremony was held at the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Quetta to recognize this success, where ten leading digital influencers from Balochistan were awarded honorary certificates for their contributions to promoting the province's digital economy.

Representing Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Provincial Minister for Planning and Development Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi distributed certificates among the top-performing influencers.

The event was attended by Provincial Interior Minister Mir Ziaullah Langove, Parliamentary Secretary for Information Technology Mir Abdul Samad Gorgij, Adviser for Youth Affairs and Sports Meena Majeed Baloch, senior government officials, and representatives from various sectors.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi stated that generating over Rs1 billion in revenue from a Rs200 million investment demonstrates how smart investments,

digital innovation, and technology-driven economic strategies can deliver exceptional financial results.

He emphasized that the global Information Technology (IT) sector offers enormous opportunities and urged young people to equip themselves with modern digital skills.

According to him, nearly 500 million job opportunities are available worldwide in the technology sector, and Balochistan's youth have the potential to benefit from



Balochistan Planning and Development Minister, Mir Zahoor Buledi awarding a shield to the Secretary IT Ayaz Khan Mandokhail : Photo DGPR

these opportunities through talent, innovation, and professional training.

The minister highlighted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, significant efforts are being made to integrate underprivileged communities, youth, and remote regions into the mainstream of economic development.

He noted that alongside physical infrastructure, investment in human capital development, digital skills training, research, and innovation has become a key priority.

He further revealed that more than 3,000 schools have been activated across the province to improve educational standards, while Rs8 billion in grants were allocated to public universities during the previous fiscal year.

The upcoming provincial budget will place special emphasis on Artificial Intelligence (AI), emerging technologies, research and development, and digital education programs.

Buledi also highlighted the role of the Balochistan Education Endowment Fund, which provides opportunities for students from minority communities, transgender individuals, and other marginalized groups to access education at leading international universities.

The ceremony concluded with participants appreciating the provincial government's efforts to strengthen the digital economy, technology sector growth, youth entrepreneurship, AI adoption,

and digital skills development.

They reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Balochistan's journey toward sustainable economic growth and digital prosperity.

During the event, shields were presented to the top ten performers of the DG Biz program, while Program Director Javad Khan received a special shield from the Parliamentary Secretary and Secretary of Information Technology for his outstanding contributions.

PM directs authorities to expedite work on 100MW solar power project in GB

NEWS DESK:

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed that work on a 100 megawatt solar power project in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) be expedited and that it be completed at the earliest.

The directives came as the premier chaired a meeting in Islamabad reviewing the project, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

The prime minister directed that the work on the project be accelerated and completed as soon as possible, adding that an independent third-party validation be conducted to ensure transparency at every stage of the project, the PMO said.

According to the statement, the premier also said that the Centre would bear all the expenses for the project.

During the meeting, the relevant authorities briefed participants on the federal government's solar energy project in GB, the statement said. The meeting was told that an 18MW solarisation project for government buildings was being implemented across the region. The statement said that the 18MW solarisation project for government buildings in Gilgit and Diamer divisions was scheduled to be completed by December, while the solarisation project for government buildings in Baltistan division was expected to be completed by October.

The meeting was also told that work was underway on an 82MW solar energy project for houses in Gilgit, Skardu, Chilas and Khaplo, the statement said.

In August 2025, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council approved the 100MW power project for GB. In December, PM Shehbaz had formally approved the project to ensure uninterrupted, affordable and sustainable power supply to the region.

Balochistan Enforces Section 144 During Muharram, Announces Strict Security Measures Across Province

By News Desk:

In a major move to maintain peace and security during Muharram-ul-Haram, the Government of Balochistan has imposed strict restrictions under Section 144 across the province, introducing a series of security measures aimed at preventing sectarian tensions and ensuring public safety.

According to an official notification issued by the provincial Home Department, the restrictions will remain in force from 1st Muharram to 10th Muharram.

Authorities have also reserved the right to extend or withdraw the restrictions depending on the prevailing security situation.

The notification prohibits the publication, distribution, display, and online circulation of any sectarian, provocative, hateful, or inflammatory material that could incite unrest or disturb public order.

The ban covers all forms of communication, including social media platforms and other digital channels.

To strengthen security arrangements during the holy month, authorities have also imposed a ban on the public display and carrying of arms



Policemen stand alert to maintain law and order situation in Quetta: Photo Quetta Voice

and ammunition throughout the province. However, personnel from law enforcement agencies and other authorized officials have been exempted from this restriction.

In Quetta, additional precautionary measures have been introduced, including a complete ban on pillion riding. Moreover, large sound systems and branded loudspeakers brought from outside the district will not be allowed without prior approval from the concerned authorities.

The government has also restricted unauthorized individuals from gathering on rooftops, balconies, windows, and other elevated locations situated along the routes of Muharram processions and religious congregations. Only residents of such buildings and individuals specifically authorized by the district administration will be permitted access to these areas.

The Home Department has directed all Deputy Commissioners, police officials, and other law enforcement agencies to ensure strict enforcement of these orders and to take immediate action against any violations.

Officials warned that anyone found violating the provisions of Section 144 would face legal proceedings under Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code and other relevant laws.

The provincial government reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining law and order during Muharram and urged citizens to cooperate with the authorities to ensure peaceful observance of the holy month.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Balochistan's Tree Plantation Drive Must Go Beyond Ceremonies



Editorial: Every spring, usually between February and March, Balochistan witnesses the launch of tree plantation campaigns. Saplings are planted at official ceremonies, photographs circulate on social media, and hopeful statements are issued about a greener future.

While these efforts matter, they fall short of what the province truly needs.

Balochistan is one of the most climate-vulnerable regions in Pakistan and ranks among the hardest-hit areas globally by climate change.

Rising temperatures, recurring droughts, shrinking water resources, and disappearing wildlife are no longer distant threats—they are daily realities across the province.

In such circumstances, tree plantation cannot remain a symbolic activity limited to headlines and hashtags.

What is required is a serious shift toward sustainable plantation. Planting a sapling is only the first step.

Ensuring its survival—through protection, irrigation, monitoring, and community ownership—is what makes a difference.

The success of plantation drives should be measured by how many trees survive after one, three, or five years, not by the number of photo sessions held.

The Forest and Wildlife Department must move beyond publicity-driven campaigns and focus on long-term environmental impact.

Native and drought-resistant species should be prioritized, while schools, universities, and local communities must be made partners in protecting and nurturing plantations.

At a time when climate change threatens livelihoods, Balochistan does not need unnecessary construction projects or decorative infrastructure.

It needs a large-scale, province-wide plantation initiative—similar to a plantation tsunami—with clear targets aimed at reducing the effects of global warming, improving air quality, and restoring ecological balance.

A genuinely sustainable tree plantation campaign can help secure Balochistan's future. The province's environment cannot wait for another season of symbolic planting; it needs action that takes root and grows.

BUIITEMS Organizes Open Day to Inspire Students Across Balochistan

Syed Dara Shikoh Amir, BUIITEMS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez reaffirmed the university's mission of inclusive education and knowledge sharing.

The event attracted an enthusiastic response, with more than 2,000 students from 18+ colleges attending. Visiting students and their teachers explored BUIITEMS' facilities, interacted directly with professors, and participated in detailed career-guidance and counseling sessions designed to help them choose the right academic path.

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South-West Asia and the War Against Narcotics: Where Does Pakistan Stand?

By Dr. B. Sultan: Lady Macbeth once remarked that "a little water clears us of this deed" after the assassination of the King. Yet, with time, she remained haunted, obsessively rubbing her hands in an attempt to cleanse the imagined stains of blood. The persistence of narcotics production and trade in South-West Asia resembles this unending struggle—a dark reality that cannot be easily washed away.

Afghanistan has long been recognized as the world's largest producer of opium, with its roots tracing back to the early 1900s. Over the decades, the repercussions of this industry spilled into neighboring Pakistan and Iran. In the late 2000s, Taliban leader Mullah Omar imposed a strict ban on poppy cultivation through threats, forced eradication, and severe punishments. However, as revealed by the UNODC Opium Survey 2007, the ban primarily targeted cultivation while the trade continued. After the fall of the Taliban, opium again became a major source of funding for logistics, weapons, and militia payments.

In 2022, the Taliban leadership once again announced a ban on poppy cultivation, with Hibatullah Akhundzada officially declaring significant reductions. Some Western reports, supported by satellite imagery, showcased de-



clining poppy fields in southern Afghanistan. However, this raises critical questions: Can Afghanistan realistically abandon such a central economic resource while facing sanctions? And what consequences does this shift have for Pakistan? While certain

international outlets hastily claim that Pakistan has become a new hub for narcotics, such narratives ignore key realities. The issue is not a simple matter of "shifting sands" but a complex regional security challenge. The porous border between Pakistan and Afghani-

stan, coupled with cross-border networks of drug traffickers, means temporary shifts in cultivation are often strategic rather than permanent. Moreover, Afghanistan's pivot towards methamphetamine production—highlighted by satellite

evidence of expanded ephedra processing hubs—reflects adaptive strategies of traffickers rather than genuine eradication. In Pakistan, however, the situation is markedly different. Since 2001, the country has largely maintained its "poppy-free"

status, despite sporadic spillovers from Afghanistan. Following the Taliban's 2022 ban, some illicit cultivations did emerge in border areas, particularly within Balochistan and Khlyber Pakhtunkhwa. Yet, these were swiftly addressed through

Pakistan's Poppy Elimination Campaign (PEC-2025). This multi-agency effort, led by the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) and provincial administrations, successfully destroyed thousands of acres of illegal poppy fields. Over 250 FIRs were registered.

dozens of arrests were made, and awareness campaigns were launched across educational institutions. Importantly, independent surveys after March 2025 confirmed the effectiveness of these eradication drives.

Pakistan's determination to combat narcotics often remains under-reported internationally, overshadowed by outdated or selective portrayals.

The fact remains: Pakistan continues to fight this menace not only for its own stability but also for global security.

What is urgently needed is greater recognition of these efforts by the international community and enhanced cooperation from agencies such as the UNODC.

As South-West Asia remains at the heart of global narcotics trade routes, Pakistan's role is both frontline and decisive. Balochistan, in particular, holds the potential to transform from a vulnerable transit zone into a hub of opportunity, stability, and resilience. Just as Lady Macbeth's imagined guilt could not be washed away with water, the global community cannot absolve itself of responsibility by ignoring Pakistan's sacrifices and achievements in this ongoing struggle. The fight against narcotics requires collective recognition, support, and action—not selective narratives.

Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail Highlights Importance of Tolerance, Respect, and Social Harmony in Balochistan

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has emphasized that despite differing political viewpoints and diversity...



The Governor expressed these views during separate meetings with former Federal Minister Sardar Yar Muhammad Rind...

He noted that they not only tolerate differences of opinion but also build bridges between communities...

He emphasized that improved road networks, access to clean drinking water, quality healthcare and education services...

Chief Secretary Balochistan Reviews Strategic Development Projects, Emphasizes Infrastructure and Public Welfare

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan chaired a high-level meeting to review development priorities...



The meeting focused on assessing the progress of various strategic projects being implemented at provincial and district levels...

These initiatives include the installation of advanced surveillance cameras, command and control centers, and modern security systems...

He noted that such investments directly contribute to family welfare, better educational outcomes for children, improved public health, and overall socio-economic development...

Under the initiative, additional classrooms are being constructed across the province, and 704 out of 3,000 planned classrooms are expected to be completed during the current month.

Addressing the participants, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan stated that the timely and transparent completion of strategic projects not only strengthens infrastructure but also creates...

The meeting also reviewed efforts to expand irrigation facilities in agricultural command areas and implement modern farming practices.

Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad Reviews Revenue Collection Progress, Directs Officials to Achieve Targets

JAFFARABAD: Deputy Commissioner Khalid Khan chaired an important meeting of revenue officials to review revenue collection of government dues and assess progress toward achieving revenue targets across the district.



The meeting was attended by all Tehsildars and relevant revenue officers from across Jaffarabad. Participants conducted a detailed review of the current status of Ushr, Abiana (water charges), and Agricultural Income Tax collections...

He directed all concerned departments to submit their development proposals in a timely manner and with complete preparation so that planning can be finalized according to the district's needs and priorities.

Deputy Commissioner Barkhan Chairs DCC Meeting to Accelerate Public Welfare Projects Under BSDI Phase III

BARKHAN: Deputy Commissioner Saeed ur Rehman Kakar chaired an important meeting of the District Coordination Committee (DCC) to review development priorities and discuss proposed public welfare projects under the Balochistan Special Development Initiative (BSDI) Phase III.

He highlighted the importance of improving education, healthcare, access to clean drinking water, road infrastructure, and other essential sectors that directly impact the quality of life of local communities.

He further instructed departmental heads to ensure that local requirements and public interest remain central to the selection of development projects.

During the meeting, participants discussed a detailed review of proposed projects from various sectors under BSDI Phase III and discussed recommendations for their final approval.

SSP Loralai Chairs High-Level Meeting to Finalize Muharram 2026 Security Arrangements

LORALAI: District Police Loralai has intensified preparations to ensure the peaceful observance of Muharram 2026, with a comprehensive security plan being finalized to maintain order and ensure safe and safeguard religious...

Addressing the participants, SSP Dr. Fahad Ahmed stated that ensuring the safety of citizens and facilitating the peaceful conduct of religious rituals during Muharram remains the district police's top priority.

He added that Balochistan is not only rich in natural resources and valuable minerals but is also blessed with a remarkable history, strong cultural traditions, and enduring bonds of friendship among its people.

He emphasized that the development projects being carried out under BSDI Phase I and Phase II across the district are addressing key public needs. He noted that ongoing schemes include drinking water supply projects, road infrastructure development, construction and renovation of additional classrooms and washrooms in schools, maintenance and painting works, improvement of streets and neighborhoods, and the installation of streetlights along the National Highway and other important routes.

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FinMin sees upsides to 2027 economic outlook after US-Iran deal, but says too early to revise budget

NEWS DESK: The government could improve economic projections for 2027 after the end of the Iran war, but it is still too early to revise the budget, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb told Reuters, hours after the US and Iran signed a deal to end the fighting.

Damaged energy infrastructure meant supply chains would take time to return to normal, after the conflict pushed inflation back into double digits, Aurangzeb said.

"We were looking at how we manage the second, third-order impact in case this conflict continues," he said.

"The energy infrastructure has been hit externally, therefore, it will take time before we return to normal in terms of supply chains."

He added, "I do see upsides in what we have projected for next year," but cautioned it would be "way too premature" to revise the budget.

Pakistan's FY27 budget, presented in parliament on Friday, targets growth of 4% and inflation of 8.2%.

It raised defence spending 18% to Rs3 trillion (\$10.8 billion), while relying on higher tax revenue to keep a \$7-billion IMF programme on track.

Commercial borrowing to change creditor profile Islamabad may use commercial borrowing in fiscal year 2027 to change its creditor profile



file without increasing external debt, Aurangzeb added in comments on Monday.

"Ideally what we want to do is see if we can replace some of the bilateral through commercial."

"We do not intend to increase the size of our external debt."

Pakistan repaid \$3.4 billion in bilateral UAE deposits last month but has also tapped the emirate-linked dollar-settled issues, though the sizes have yet to be decided, he said.

The FY27 budget envisages \$2.82 billion in commercial and eurobond financing, while Pakistan has approval for \$1 billion equivalent in Panda bonds after a \$250 million debut that was 95% backed by the ADB and AIB.

Former banker Aurangzeb has presented three consecutive budgets, achieving a rare 'run in Pakistan, where governments often fail to complete their terms as finance ministers are frequently replaced.

Interest has surged in Pakistan's burgeoning defence industry after last year's conflict with India, but Aurangzeb said it was too early to project any defence-export upside.

The government's immediate focus is on all locations, given two "active" borders, he

added, as the South Asian nation is flanked by Afghanistan and India.

Pakistan's defence manufacturing industry is running red-hot since its jets, drones, and missiles earned the coveted 'combat tested' tag in the India conflict, drawing a slew of buyers.

Pakistan has moved to formalise the digital-asset sector this year, for example by signing 'pacts with Binance' and World Liberty Financial.

Aurangzeb said Pakistan would regulate crypto transactions and digital-asset exchanges before taxing the sector, saying revenue gains would follow once it was formalised.

"Yes, at some point we have to bring it into the taxation timeframe," he added. "But this was not the time to do it."

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United Kingdom (UK) MP backs Pakistan's response to attacks from Afghanistan

NEWS DESK: Pakistan has the right under international law to defend itself against attacks originating from Afghanistan, British Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan Hamish Falconer said on Monday, while stressing the need for dialogue and regional stability.

Speaking during a visit to Islamabad to discuss security concerns with senior Pakistani officials, the British official noted that any country facing cross-border threats was entitled to protect its citizens within the framework of international law.

The remarks came amid rising tensions and recent incidents of violence that Pakistani authorities say were linked to terrorist groups operating from Afghan territory.

Talking to Dawn, the visiting dignitary expressed condolences over the recent loss of life in Pakistan, describing the security situation as deeply concerning.

"Sustainable solutions," "No one wants to see civilian casualties anywhere, whether in Pakistan or Afghanistan," the official said, adding that the challenges faced by Islamabad were not isolated but had wider regional implications.

Acknowledging Pakistan's concerns, the official said British authorities had been in

close contact with their Pakistani counterparts to better understand the evolving situation.

"It is clear from our discussions that Pakistan believes some of the threats it faces originate from across the border," the official said.

"That is a serious concern, and one that requires careful assessment and cooperation."

While refraining from commenting on the details of private discussions with Dar, Falconer reiterated that the priority should be to prevent further escalation.

"Diplomatic engagement," He emphasised the importance of diplomatic engagement between Islamabad and Kabul to address mutual security concerns.

"The most effective way forward is through dialogue," the official said, while recognising Pakistan's frustration over the current state of bilateral coordination with Afghanistan.

"There must be a shared

understanding between both countries to ensure that their territories are not used to harm each other."

The longstanding relationship between Pakistan and the United Kingdom was another key theme. The official described ties between the two countries as "deep and enduring", extending beyond diplomacy to strong people-to-people connections.

"Our relationship is not just a foreign partnership, it is built on community links that resemble a family bond," the official said.

On the issue of Afghan refugees in Pakistan, the official emphasised the importance of upholding international legal standards while acknowledging the complexities involved. He noted that the matter remained primarily for Pakistan and Afghanistan to address jointly.

The official said the trip had helped reinforce cooperation and deepen

both the jail manual and high court orders," she said.

Aleema said that according to the jail manual, Imran was entitled to a weekly telephone call with his sons; a weekly meeting with family members; a weekly meeting with his legal counsel; access to books;

She went on to say that court orders stipulated that he be allowed to speak with his sons on the phone and that lawyers, family members and party representatives can meet him on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We demand the immediate restoration of all of Imran's lawful rights as a prisoner, with access to independent medical treatment in the presence of family as the highest and most urgent priority," Aleema said.

On Monday, Imran was brought to PIMS for a 15-day eye treatment, which included the administration of a fifth anti-VEGF intravitreal injection to him. According to the hospital, he was examined by the ophthalmologists and was found to be clinically stable.

Imran last underwent the anti-VEGF intravitreal injection on April 28.

His eye ailment vein occlusion

addressed the issue of terrorism in Balochistan, saying that the situation had not been created yesterday or the day before but that lots of people had contributed to it.

"I will not take names but it is everyone's responsibility," he said, stressing that if Balochistan's

Talking about Islamabad's role in brokering the agreement between the US and Iran, Asif said that the "greatness" of Pakistan had been recognised by the whole world within one year, stressing the efforts of the army leadership as well as the prime minister and the "whole team" working with them in this regard.

"I think the whole nation should be thankful to them, because they steered us through an issue that seemed impossible," he said.



5 suspected terrorists killed during intelligence-based operation in Attock: CTD

NEWS DESK: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Tuesday said that it had killed five alleged terrorists during an intelligence-based operation in the border area of Mankor, a remote locality in Attock district's Jand talish.

According to a CTD spokesperson, security personnel launched the operation after receiving credible intelligence regarding the presence and activities of terrorists allegedly involved in planning terrorist attacks in Punjab. As the CTD team moved in, the suspected

terrorists reportedly opened fire, triggering intense exchange of gunfire with law enforcement personnel.

The spokesperson said CTD officers responded effectively, resulting in the killing of all five individuals.

A cache of weapons, explosive material and hand grenades was recovered from the site following the operation. Preliminary investigations suggest that the slain individuals were allegedly linked to plans for carrying out terrorist activities in Punjab, the spokesperson said.

The operation was conducted on the basis of sensitive intelligence reports concerning movements and operational planning, he added.

The spokesperson said authorities had launched an extensive search operation in the border regions of Attock to locate any remaining terrorists, facilitators or accomplices who may have escaped during the raid. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif appreciated the department for the successful operation against Fitna al Khawarij in Attock, according to Radio Pakistan.

SC judge advocates stricter safeguards in drug cases

NEWS DESK: Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan of the Supreme Court has expressed concern over the common practice of falsely implicating innocent individuals — including opposition politicians and those having enmity with police officials or influential persons — in narcotics cases.

In a dissenting note, the judge emphasised the need to eliminate, or at least minimise, the possibility of falsely implicating innocent people in cases registered under the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997, by strictly interpreting the provisions of the law and the rules framed thereunder. The 14-page dissenting note was issued in a set of petitions involving the common question of the admissibility of a certificate of an expert's report under Section 36 of the Control of Narcotic Substances Act and Rule 6 of the Control of Narcotic Substances (Government Analysts) Rules, 2001.

On May 13, a five-judge SC bench comprising Justices Jamal

Khan Mandokhail, Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan, Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar, Salahuddin Panwar and Ishaq Ibrahim ruled by a four-to-one majority that the requirement to mention "full protocols" under the Control of Narcotic Substances Rules was not mandatory.

The bench declared that the requirement to mention "full protocols" in reports prepared under the unamended Rule 6 of the Rules, 2001, which requires government analysts to submit test results together with a full protocol of the tests applied — was directory rather than mandatory.

The majority judgment held that identification and mention of the names of the internationally recognised test results in accordance with the clauses (i) to (vii) of Explanation II to amended Rule 6 amounted to "full and sufficient compliance" with the rule. In his dissenting note, however, Justice Malik Shahzad recalled that the Supreme Court had repeatedly held in vari-

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"We reject any medical report generated by PIMS regarding Imran's condition. The same institution has previously made questionable claims, including the assertion that Imran had recovered 90 per cent of his eyesight. Imran himself rejected these claims when his lawyer later met him at Adiala jail," she said.

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