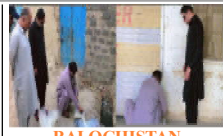




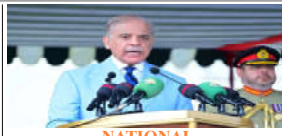
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QUETTA VOICE

Balochistan CM Orders Probe into Quetta Restaurant Owner's Murder

ALI HAMZA:

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has ordered a Special Investigation Unit (SIU) probe into the murder of Mohammad Hashim Noorzai, owner of the popular Kabul Jan Restaurant in Quetta, directing law enforcement agencies to ensure the swift arrest of those responsible.

Chief Minister's spokesperson Shahid Rind said the provincial government has sought a detailed report from the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Balochistan while transferring the high-profile murder case to the SIU for an independent and transparent investigation.

The investigation will be headed by an officer of Superintendent of Police (SP) rank, who will lead a specialized team tasked with identifying the perpetrators, collecting evidence, and ensuring a professional inquiry that leads to successful prosecution.

Expressing deep sorrow

over the killing, Chief Minister Bugti extended condolences to the victim's family and assured them that the government would pursue the case until the culprits are brought before the courts.

He emphasized that no individual involved in the murder would escape the law. According to Shahid Rind, Member of the Provincial Assembly Malik Naeem Bazai and the Deputy Commissioner Quetta are in contact with the bereaved family, who have been protesting following the incident.

The provincial government is maintaining continuous engagement with the family to address their concerns.

Calling the murder a grave incident, the spokesperson said the Balochistan government is committed to strengthening law and order in Quetta by ensuring a fair, transparent, and timely investigation.

He reiterated that authorities have been instructed to arrest the suspects without delay and deliver justice to the victim's family.



File photo of: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has ordered a Special Investigation Unit (SIU)



Five Earthquakes in 48 Hours: Seismic Swarm Rocks Balochistan.

Five Earthquakes in 48 Hours: Seismic Swarm Rocks Balochistan; Over 100 Houses Damaged in Musakhel, Barkhan, and Kohlu

Abdul Rehman Musakhail, Yousaf Marri:

QUETTA: In a highly unusual and alarming geological event, a rapid succession of five earthquakes has struck various parts of Balochistan over the last 48 hours.

The seismic swarm—widespread across the districts of Musakhel, Barkhan, Kohlu, and Sibi—has left over a hundred homes partially collapsed, sparked widespread panic, and injured nearly two dozen people.

According to the National Seismic Monitoring Centre (NSMC) and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), the sequence of tremors began on Friday, June

26, and continued through Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Timeline of the 5 Tremors: A Province on Edge

The consecutive nature of the shocks has kept residents outdoors in fear, with major tremors cutting across the northeastern block of the province.

According to initial reports from the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and local administrations, the series of tremors began on Friday and continued through Saturday. While the shaking was felt widely across Sibi and Kohlu, the heaviest toll was felt in the Kingri Tehsil of Musakhel and areas bordering Barkhan.

In Musakhel's Mauza Chap area, the initial shocks

partially damaged between 80 to 90 residential houses and injured six people.

A subsequent earthquake on Saturday morning hit Kingri and Barkhan, damaging another 25 to 35 homes and injuring 10 to 13 more individuals. Local officials confirmed that the tremors caused a hotel roof to collapse in the area, trapping and injuring two laborers.

Cumulatively, the disaster authority estimates that between 110 and 125 homes have been structurally compromised or partially destroyed, with a total of 18 to 19 people suffering minor injuries from falling debris. Miraculously, no fatalities have been reported so far.

In response to the disaster,

PDMA Balochistan, under the direction of Relief Commissioner Jahanzeb Khan Gharshoon, has launched emergency relief operations.

Medical camps have been set up in the worst-hit zones to provide immediate healthcare to the injured.

Because many residents are terrified of returning indoors due to the threat of on-going aftershocks, relief teams are actively distributing emergency tents, bedding, blankets, kitchen sets, gas cylinders, solar lights, and mosquito nets to displaced families.

A comprehensive survey is currently underway by the district administrations to fully assess the financial and structural damages as rehabilitation efforts begin.

Eight Terrorists Killed in Intelligence-Based Operations Across Balochistan, ISPR Says

Our Correspondent:

Pakistani security forces killed eight terrorists, including a suspected suicide bomber, during two intelligence-based operations in Kharan and Mastung districts of Balochistan, the military's media wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said on Saturday.

According to ISPR, the operations were carried out on June 25 and 26 after intelligence reports identified the presence and movement of terrorists in the two districts.

The raids were part of the military's ongoing counterterrorism campaign against groups involved in violent attacks across Pakistan.

The first operation took place in Kharan, where security forces intercepted a group of terrorists based on actionable intelligence.

During the exchange of fire, three terrorists were killed, while several others were believed to have escaped



with injuries.

In a separate intelligence-

based operation in Mastung, security forces targeted a local

operation following reports of the possible presence of a suicide

bomber. After an intense gun

battle, five terrorists, including the suspected suicide attacker, were killed.

ISPR said troops recovered a cache of weapons, ammunition, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and motorcycles allegedly used by the terrorists.

Clearance and sanitisation operations are continuing to ensure no terrorists remain in the area.

President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi praised the security forces for the successful operations.

They commended the troops' professionalism and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to eliminating terrorism and maintaining peace across the country.

The latest operations are part of an intensified nationwide counterterrorism drive aimed at dismantling terrorist networks, preventing future attacks, and strengthening security in Balochistan.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

IRC reaches to 29,000 out of school girls in Balochistan

By Shakoor Khan: International Rescue Committee (IRC) under its Teach & Educate Adolescent Girls with Community Help (TEACH) project, reached out to 29,000 out-of-school girls of 5 districts of Balochistan including Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Nushki, Kharan and Chagai.

"IRC is striving hard to promote girl's education in Balochistan besides imparting vocational trainings on financial literacy and trades to make them financially independent," said Sharief Mengal, Head of IRC Balochistan during a policy dialogue titled "Improving future of girl's education in Balochistan held in collaboration with UK aid at local hotel here.

Balochistan Education Minister Naseebullah Mari was the chief guest while representatives from the Education ministry, Directorate of Special Education, Literacy, Non-Formal Education & Human Rights Department, Balochistan Assessment and Examination Commission, Balochistan Textbook Board, Policy Planning Implementation Unit, Provincial Institute of Teachers Education, Education Support Programme, Global Partnership of Education, German Agency for International Cooperation, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Society for Community Strengthening and Promotion of



Education, Balochistan, Institute for Development Studies and Practices, Japan International Cooperation Agency also attended the event.

The event hosted conversations with multiple stakeholders including education experts and government functionaries on the barriers faced by girls in the province in pursuing their education and discussed possible solutions to combat those barriers.

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While highlighting the salient feature of the project IRC chief in

Balochistan Sharief Mengal said under the 'Girls Learn' stream of the project, 22,000 girls received classes on Package A, B and C of non-formal curriculum, of them 4000 enrolled in mainstream formal schooling system.

Under 'Girls Earn' stream of the project, 7000 girls completed Package A of the non-formal curriculum, out of these 7000 girls, 5000 received training on financial literacy and business development planning. 2400 girls received training on 8 vocational trades and toolkits and 250 girls received financial grants to start a business. Naseebullah

Mari, Education Minister Balochistan, on the occasion urged that "We must do our part to remove the barriers faced by girls in the region so that every girl can pursue her education and become a valuable member of society".

"The Government is making all out efforts to combat the low literacy rate which has affected girls from all ethnic groups, and socioeconomic backgrounds," We are committed to assist and contribute to building economically prosperous, and educated Balochistan, so every child has access to education.

He however wel-

comed the support extended by the International Rescue Committee for providing educational and vocational training opportunities, saying he is very grateful for the on-ground initiative of community-based schools in Balochistan.

Abdul Rauf Baloch – Secretary Secondary Education on the occasion appreciated the contributions of IRC for girls' education in Balochistan.

He shared that education is a complex subject which cannot be discussed without WASH, health and other facilities. This makes it a responsibility of all rel-

evant departments and stakeholders who should play their role effectively.

Zain Ul Abedin Khan, Deputy Director Programs, IRC, in his remarks said that "As a society need to commit to prioritize and focus on Girls Education through adequate resources.

Girls' education in Balochistan is one of the biggest challenges faced by the country and to deal with it we must work with innovative methods like Non-Formal Education." He further added that, "Over the years, we have realized that if girls are unable to reach school, all stakeholders need to fill the gap and

provide access to life-long learning opportunities like productive skills and life-skills within communities.

Girl's education is correlated with lower rates of poverty

The panel discussions established an opportunity for the policy makers and practitioners to understand that girl's education is correlated with lower rates of poverty and improved health outcomes. While stimulating dialogue, the stakeholders pledged to work together to eradicate the barriers to girls' education by providing gender inclusive facilities and quality of education. The event was a culmination of three sessions where the first was hosted to discuss the barriers faced by girls in pursuing their education. The panelists of the first session classified the barriers into 3 categories: Cultural, Economic and Service Delivery. The panelists recommended Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) as a viable option while integrated with skill-based trainings and digitalizing education.

Initiatives to combat the barriers to education

The second session was focused on sustainable initiatives to combat the barriers with the help of Non-Formal Education in bridging the gap between primary and secondary schooling.

Chairperson of the session, Mr. Abdul Khaliq – Chief Planning Officer Policy, Planning, and Implementation Unit welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of solutions to these barriers.

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Personal struggles in overcoming the barriers to education

The third and final session gave the TEACH clients an opportunity to express their personalized struggles in overcoming the barriers to education. Anam – client of TEACH project from Pishin shared that after joining TEACH ALP center, she can read books and newspapers. Sima from the same district shared that her parents don't allow traveling long distances to attend school but after opening of ALP center at doorsteps, she was able to join the classroom for first time in her life.

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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 declining 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 Pa-

kistan? 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 Afghanistan, 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.

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, inde-

pendent 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.

Quetta Restaurateur Mohammad Hashim Noorzai Killed in Targeted Shooting

Staff Reporter: QUETTA: Mohammad Hashim Noorzai, owner of the well-known Kabul Jan Restaurant in Quetta, was killed after unidentified gunmen opened fire on his vehicle early Saturday, according to police...



Police said the incident occurred near Usmania Hotel on Kuchlak Bypass, within the jurisdiction of Airport Police Station.

According to investigators, Noorzai, a resident of Wazirabad, Kuchlak, was traveling alone in his private vehicle from his home towards Quetta when unknown assailants intercepted him and fired multiple shots before fleeing the area.

Officers responding to the scene found several bullet marks on the victim's vehicle. Evidence has been collected, and an investigation is underway to determine the motive behind the attack.

Witnesses told local media that emergency responders arrived some time after the shooting. Noorzai was later taken to Civil Hospital Quetta, where doctors confirmed his death. A hospital official said the victim sustained three gunshot wounds, including one to the head, which proved fatal.

Police said the victim's family informed investigators that they were unaware of any personal disputes or threats against him. Authorities have not announced any arrests, and all possible angles are being examined.

Mohammad Hashim Noorzai was a well-known businessman in Quetta. He opened Kabul Jan Restaurant on Airport Road in October last year, and the restaurateur quickly gained popularity among residents for his Afghan cuisine and hospitality.

The investigation remains ongoing, and officials have appealed to anyone with information about the incident to come forward.

Provincial Minister Haji Ali Madad Jatak Condoles with MNA Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhrani on Son's Passing

QUETTA: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Central Leader and Provincial Minister Haji Ali Madad Jatak expressed heartfelt condolences to PPP Larkana Division

for the departed soul and for the bereaved family during this difficult time.

Haji Ali Madad Jatak, Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhrani, Mir Zaid Khan Jakhrani, and other political and community members.



President and Member of the National Assembly (MNA) Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhrani on the sad demise of his son, Mir Zaid Khan Jakhrani.

During the condolence visit, Haji Ali Madad Jatak offered Fataha and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Ahmed Nawaz Jatak, Mir Saadullah Jatak, Yousaf Bangalzi, Mir Hafeez Jatak, Chhotu Lahri, Baibarg Jatak, Tanveer Jatak, and other political and community members.

Expressing profound grief over the loss, the Provincial Minister extended his sympathies to Mir Ejaz Hussain Jakhrani and the bereaved family. He prayed that Allah

for the departed soul and for the bereaved family during this difficult time.

grant forgiveness, elevate his ranks, and bless him with the highest place in Jannatul-Firdous. Among those present on the occasion were Wadera

Loralai Administration Seals Milk Shop Over Poor Hygiene, Destroys Contaminated Milk During Inspection

LORALAI: Acting on the special directives of Deputy Commissioner Loralai, Captain (R) Muhammad Haseeb Shuja, Assistant Commissioner Nadeem Akram conducted surprise inspections of milk shops across the city to ensure compliance with public health and food safety regulations.



During the inspection, the administration found extremely poor sanitary conditions at Ambala Milk Shop, where a large number of flies were observed contaminating the milk. Taking immediate action, the Assistant Commissioner ordered the shop to be sealed for violating hygiene standards.

The shop owner was directed to strictly comply with all government health and sanitation regulations before resuming business. According to the district administration, no leniency will be shown to individuals or businesses found endangering public health through the sale of contaminated or unhygienic food products.

Speaking to the media during the inspection, Assistant Commissioner Nadeem Akram said that providing citizens with safe, pure, and high-quality food products remains one of the district administration's top priorities. He urged all businesses dealing in milk, bakery products, and other food items to strictly observe hygiene and food safety standards or face legal action.

3 Injured in Khanozai Pishin Motorcycle Explosion Along National Highway

From Our Correspondent: KHANNOZAI: A sudden explosion on a motorcycle injured three individuals near the Khanozai area of Pishin district along the National Highway.

The cargo unexpectedly detonated in transit. The explosive material went off suddenly while the motorcycle was in motion.

First responders rushed to the scene to provide immediate first aid. Due to the severity of their injuries, all three victims were subsequently transferred to a tertiary care hospital in Pishin for advanced medical treatment.

According to Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Inayat, the blast was accidental. The individuals riding the motorcycle were transporting explosive materials typically used in nearby chromite mines when

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Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail Urges Universities to Embrace Artificial Intelligence and Digital Skills

NEWSDESK: Governor of Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has emphasized that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a concept of the future but has become an integral part of everyday life, transforming sectors such as education, healthcare, agriculture, industry, finance, and governance.



Speaking on the future of higher education and technological advancement, Governor Mandokhail said that countries around the world, multinational corporations, and international investors are making significant investments in AI and automation, as the global economy rapidly shifts toward digital innovation and technology-driven growth.

He stressed that Balochistan is laying strong foundations for digital transformation by strengthening public sector universities and aligning them with the demands of modern technology.

According to the Governor, this strategic vision will equip policymakers, planners, and academic institutions in preparing the province for future challenges.

Highlighting the role of university leadership, Governor Mandokhail said serving as a Vice Chancellor is not only an honor but also a national responsibility.

The Governor directed Vice Chancellors of all public sector universities in Balochistan to take immediate steps to introduce Artificial Intelligence-based curricula and align academic programs with the evolving demands of the global job market.

He expressed optimism that the day is not far when young people from Balochistan will secure careers as AI engineers, software developers, data scientists, and researchers instead

of seeking low-skilled employment as drivers, laborers, or security guards in other provinces and Gulf countries. The people who learn to adapt in time do not wait for opportunities—they create them," the Governor remarked.

Pasni Assistant Commissioner Inspects Hospital, Drug Rehabilitation Centre, and Main Market to Strengthen Public Health Standards

GWADAR/PASNI: In line with the vision of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti and the directives of the Gwadar district administration, Assistant Commissioner Pasni Khusrro Dilawar conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Pak-Omani Hospital, the local Drug Rehabilitation Centre, and the Main Bazaar to ensure quality healthcare services, safe medicines, hygienic food, and a clean and overall environment. He inspected

concerned authorities to further improve sanitation standards and ensure that patients receive timely and quality medical care. Later, the inspection team visited Pasni's Main Bazaar, where shops selling food items were examined for product quality, hygiene conditions, and the presence of expired goods. Shopkeepers were strictly directed to comply with food safety regulations and ensure that only quality products are offered to consumers.

Assistant Commissioner Khusrro Dilawar emphasized that protecting public health and ensuring consumer safety remain among the district administration's highest priorities. He warned that failure to adopt modern technologies promptly could leave society lagging behind in an increasingly competitive world.



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Government of Pakistan Ministry of Communications National Highway Authority Procurement & Contract Administration Section. Specific Procurement Notice regarding construction work for National Highway (NH-6).

India resorting to covert tactics, using proxies to destabilise Pakistan: PM Shehbaz

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Saturday that India was trying hard to avenge the humiliating setback of last year's war through "covert tactics" and "proxies" aimed at creating instability in Pakistan.

"Our eastern neighbour, having suffered a humiliating setback in the conflict in May last year, has increasingly resorted to covert tactics and the use of proxies in an attempt to undermine the hard-earned peace and stability in our country," the premier said while noting that Pakistan was navigating conflicts and multi-faceted security challenges, marked by a dangerous combination of international and internal threats.

The prime minister was addressing a passing-out parade of the 125th Midshipmen Course and the 33rd Short Service Commission (SSC) Course as the chief guest at the Pakistan Naval Academy in Karachi.

Referring to the Afghan insurgency, the premier said, "Our valiant armed forces continue to confront the menace of foreign-sponsored terrorism emanating from our western borders," adding that the nation stood shoulder-to-shoulder with its brave armed forces.

He said the entire country remained steadfast in its "iron resolve" to defeat the nefarious designs of enemies, while continuing to pursue peace, dialogue and diplomacy to address all outstanding disputes.

PM Shehbaz also highlighted that the address was taking place in the backdrop of maritime security and global develop-



ments affecting lives in ways "unimaginable before".

"Pakistan stands proud as a peacemaker in the nation of nations. Pakistan's sincere mediation efforts with the support of brotherly and friendly countries led to the historic signing of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the United States and Iran," the premier emphasised.

He also paid tribute to the Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of Army Staff, Field Marshal Asim Munir for his relentless efforts to ensure the safety and security of the nation. Commenting on the recent visit of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian to Pakistan, PM Shehbaz said, "It was not only a manifestation of the strong brotherly ties between Pakistan and Iran but also an acknowledgement of Pakistan's important role to promote peace in the region."

The premier also stressed the evolving regional situation and highlighted the importance of maritime security for the global

economy and international supply chains.

"Today, the right of free passage and freedom of navigation are no longer luxuries but have become an absolute necessity for the entire world."

The premier reiterated the government's commitment towards strengthening the navy as a "potent and effective force" that is "not only capable of ensuring national defence, but also acting as a stabilising force in the wider maritime region".

He noted that the strategic naval force produced "tangible operational results" during operations Marka-e-Haq and Bunyanon Marsoos against India.

While advocating the Kashmir and Palestine causes, the PM reiterated the country's resolute and unwavering commitment towards the "just" causes.

Addressing the cadets, the head of the government further said that they were joining the maritime force at a time of profound transformation. He underscored the importance of modernising naval capa-

bilities, particularly in the domains of artificial intelligence (AI) and unmanned systems, to meet emerging challenges across the seas and beyond.

Concluding his address, he congratulated the cadets for successfully pursuing the course.

"The rank you wear on your shoulders today carries immense responsibility. As you embark on this noble profession, always remember: calm waters do not test a sailor nor do fair winds define a captain. It is the rough seas and strong winds that test one's mettle."

Cadets from Turkey, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Iraq, and Djibouti were also among the passing-out officers.

According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), PM Shehbaz had arrived in Karachi earlier in the morning, where Sindh Governor Nehal Hashmi and Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah welcomed him.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and Information Minister Attaullah Tareen also accompanied the premier on the visit.

FM Dar announces arrival of 22 more Iranian sailors aboard vessel intercepted by US forces

NEWS DESK: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday announced the safe arrival of 22 Iranian crew members of the vessel Lenore Davina in Karachi, who had recently been interdicted by US authorities, saying arrangements were being finalised for their earliest return to Iran.

The deputy prime minister said Pakistan

had remained in close contact with both the US and Iranian authorities throughout the process. According to Dar, the latest group of Iranian crew members whose repatriation has been facilitated by Pakistan over the past two months.

He said Pakistan was working closely with the Iranian diplomatic missions to facilitate the crew members' safe and early repatriation to their homeland.

"Arrangements are now being finalised in close collaboration with the Iranian Missions in Pakistan to facilitate their earliest and safe return to their homeland," he said.

The crew arrived at Karachi port in the presence of Foreign Office officials and were transferred to the consulate after completing emergency entry formalities. Iran's official news agency IRNA reported, citing consulate officials.

The agreement includes provisions on ending hostilities across multiple fronts, including Lebanon, reopening the Strait of Hormuz, and lifting the US naval blockade on Iran.

The crew were aboard a tanker intercepted by US authorities during heightened tensions in the Gulf after Washington announced

transfer of 22 Iranian crew members held aboard the container ship MV Tauska, which US forces had seized in the Gulf of Oman. Pakistani officials had described that move as a "confidence-building measure" between Washington and Tehran.

Earlier in May, Pakistan had facilitated the



process. "I also commend the dedicated efforts of the team at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Pakistani institutions for their professionalism and commitment to ensure the smooth and safe repatriation of our Iranian brothers to their homeland," he said.

Later that same month, Pakistan had announced the successful repatriation of 11 Pakistani nationals along with 20 Iranian citizens who had been aboard vessels seized by the US in international waters.

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The Centre of Excellence in Emerging Technologies under the EU-funded TVET Sector Support Programme (EU TVET IV), implemented by the British Council Pakistan. The Centre aims to increase the participation of women in the digital economy by providing access to high-quality, market-driven training in emerging technologies. It focuses on equipping women, including those from under-represented communities, with skills that enhance employability, entrepreneurship, and economic inclusion.

CARL

CARL was developed in 2018 under the HEC call for the Establishment of National Center of Robotics and Automation (NCRA). CARL is one of the 11 labs in 13 Universities established under the HEC call to promote AI and Robotics in Balochistan and work on Disaster Management and Human Machine Interaction for the well-being and economic improvement of Pakistan in general and Balochistan in particular.

The Spatial Decision Support System Lab (SDSSL) is established at the BUIITEMS, Quetta, focuses on Geo-Health and Geo-Forensics. The lab advances research techniques on tracking novel approaches on improving the outreach of health services in general and coverage of immunisation in particular that largely rely upon efficient record management and accurate predictions. For Details Please visit: www.sdsslab.org

BUIITEMS Future Projects

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Academy

BUIITEMS under the visionary leadership of Pakistan's first AI PhD holder as Vice-Chancellor, is set to pioneer Balochistan's first AI Academy. Supported by IISATP, this groundbreaking initiative marks a new era of innovation, forging academia-industry partnerships and cultivating future tech innovators, shaping the future of AI in the region.

Centre for Excellence in Water, Food, Energy Nexus, and Climate Change

Balochistan is facing acute water shortages that will impact food sustainability and climate change. With support from the European Union, BUIITEMS will train experts to find solutions for water, food, and energy shortages while considering the sustainability of the climate.

Centre for Risk and Disaster Management

Balochistan is in active seismic fault line and facing due to climate change. With the help of the Centre for Risk and Disaster Management, BUIITEMS will develop more resilient buildings and structures and would train students to deal with future natural disasters actively.

Last date for submission of Forms 24 July, 2026

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