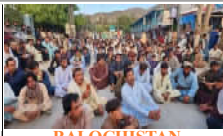




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Four policemen injured in bomb blast on Quetta-Mastung Road

NEWS DESK:

Four policemen were injured on Saturday when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in the Dasht area of Mastung district, adjacent to Quetta.

According to police, unidentified assailants had planted the explosive device along the Mian Ghandi Link Road near Pir Wali. The blast occurred as a police vehicle transporting prisoners from Dasht court to Mastung jail passed the location. The vehicle sustained partial damage.

SHO Dasht Akhtar Muhammad confirmed that the four personnel received minor injuries. They were provided first aid at the scene and are reported to be in stable condition, out of danger. Following the explosion, heavy contingents of security forces reached the site, cordoned off the area, and initiated a search operation.

Separately, three people were seriously injured when explosive material they were transporting on a motorcycle detonated accidentally in the Zargona area near Khanuzai.

Police said the trio, identified as Zahoor, Faisal, and Muhammad Afzal, were riding a motorcycle carrying blasting material sourced from a local site when the substance suddenly exploded. The injured were given initial medical treatment and later referred to Quetta in critical condition for further treatment.

Another tragic incident occurred when a family traveling from Quetta to Karachi came under terrorist fire, resulting in the

death of the male head of the family and serious injuries to his wife.

According to police, Ali Jamil was driving to Karachi late at night with his wife and two young daughters. Misled by incorrect directions from Google Maps, the family inadvertently entered the remote Khand area of Dasht.

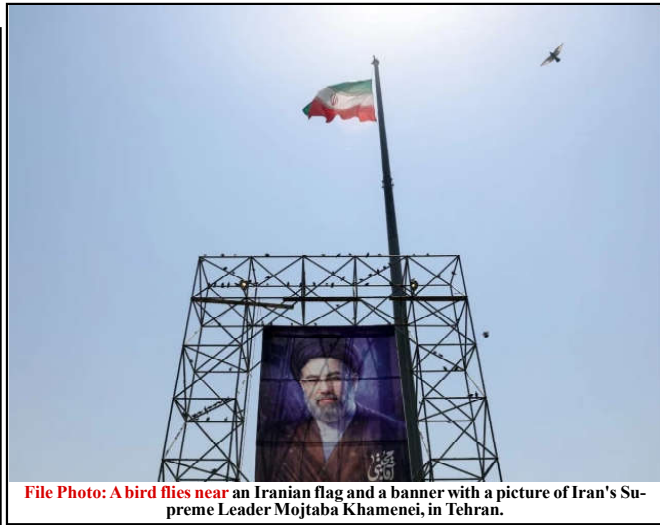
Terrorists signaled the vehicle to stop, but when the driver failed to comply, the assailants opened fire. Ali Jamil was killed instantly at the scene. His wife sustained critical injuries, while the couple's two young daughters miraculously escaped unharm.

Upon receiving the report, police rushed to the location, recovered the body and the injured woman, and shifted them to a nearby hospital for medical treatment.

The incident has once again highlighted security concerns along the Quetta-Karachi highway, particularly in remote and less-patrolled areas. Police have launched an investigation and efforts are underway to apprehend the attackers.

Similarly, the driver and security guard of Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Barich were injured when his official vehicle overturned on the Musa Khail Road near Kashpan due to high speed.

According to police, the Commissioner was travelling to Loralai with his driver and guard when the vehicle lost control. Commissioner Barich remained unhurt. Police and rescue teams rushed to the scene and shifted the injured to the Teaching Hospital for treatment.



File Photo: A bird flies near an Iranian flag and a banner with a picture of Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, in Tehran.

Iran's Khamenei says US-Israeli war crimes must be pursued vigorously in national, international courts

NEWS DESK:

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei on Sunday called on the country's judiciary to pursue and restore the rights of Iranians violated during what he described as the United States' and Israel's wars of aggression against Iran since last year.

"Blood of those killed in the two wars of aggression against Iran - waged by the US and Israel in June 2025 and February 2026 - together with the physical, psychological, material, and spiritual damage inflicted on Iran and its people inside and outside the country, forms the basis for hundreds or even thousands of significant legal cases," said Khamenei in a message issued to mark Judiciary Week and the anniversary of the killing of Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti and his companions.

Khamenei also cited the killing of children, war crimes in the southern Iranian cities of Minab and Lamerd, attacks on medical and public service facilities, and the deaths of civilians ranging from newborn infants to elderly people.

He called for determined efforts to pursue such cases through both domestic and international legal mechanisms.

Khamenei said one of the judiciary's foremost responsibilities was to seek legal redress for damages inflicted on Iran by "international criminals and arrogant and aggressive powers".

"The pursuit and restoration of the rights violated by international criminals and arrogant and aggressive powers, particularly over the past year, is among the judiciary's most important responsibilities,"

Khamenei said.

He said safeguarding the rights of the Iranian people extended beyond individual legal matters and included defending the country's collective rights against crimes committed by foreign powers.

Khamenei said Iran's judiciary was responsible for protecting citizens' rights, safeguarding public freedoms, combating corruption, enforcing justice and ensuring the implementation of the law, adding that success in fulfilling these duties would strengthen public confidence in the judicial system.

Iran and US step up attacks and threaten to escalate and drones on US military sites in Kuwait and Bahrain early on Sunday, shortly after President Donald Trump threatened to wipe out the 'Iranian leadership

if they did not stick to the interim agreement to end their war.

Israel said on Sunday it had struck Iran-backed armed Hezbollah militants in Lebanon on Saturday, just a "day after it agreed the latest ceasefire deal with Lebanon to calm fighting that Iran says must end if the wider agreement is to stick."

The US military said earlier it had struck Iran again, hours after a tanker was hit in the Strait of Hormuz, the world's most important energy shipping route, which Tehran has largely closed for most of the conflict.

"There may come a point when we are no longer able to be reasonable, and will be forced to militarily complete the job that we 'very successfully started,'" Trump said on social media.

"If that happens, the Islamic Republic of Iran will no longer exist!" he added.

Iran, US continue escalating attacks, recriminations over peace deal

NEWS DESK:

Iran and the US continued their attacks in the Gulf as each accused the other of violating an increasingly precarious interim deal signed less than two weeks ago to end their four-month-old war.

Shortly after President Donald Trump warned the US might "militarily complete the job", Iran early on Sunday launched missiles and drones on US military sites in Kuwait and Bahrain, continuing a series of escalating attacks.

Beyond the Gulf, Israel said it had struck Iran-backed Hezbollah militants in southern Lebanon as fighting continued in an area Tehran says is key to its peace deal with Washington.

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Iraq foreign minister tells Iran counterpart Hormuz should reopen

Iraq's foreign minister said in a meeting on Sunday with his Iranian counterpart that it was important to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and lift the US naval blockade on Iran.



Iraq does not support expanding the scale of the war on the Gulf states, and does not back attacks on Iran, Fuad Hussein told Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who is visiting Baghdad.

Araghchi urges US to press Israel to end attacks on Lebanon

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi called on the United States to press Israel to end its attacks on Lebanon, saying all provisions of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Tehran and Washington must be implemented, Al Jazeera reported.

Speaking in Baghdad, Araghchi said Israel continued to carry out air strikes on Lebanon

despite having accepted the MoU.

He urged Washington to "live up to its responsibility" and compel Israel to end its attacks in order to bring the war to a close.

Araghchi also called on the United States to press Israel to withdraw from the areas it occupies in Lebanon, describing it as the first clause of the MoU.

Iran to oversee Strait of Hormuz for next 30 days, says Araghchi

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the Strait of Hormuz would remain under Iran's "total oversight and management" for the next 30 days, Al Jazeera reported.

Speaking during a visit to Iraq, Araghchi said he had briefed his Iraqi counterpart on the outcomes of the war imposed on Iran and on developments related to the memorandum of understanding signed between Iran and the United States.

"The Strait of Hormuz remains under the total oversight and management of Iran through the 30 coming days, and after all capacity of the waterway will be restored. This is what we are working on," he said.

Araghchi added that responsibility for the waterway rested solely with Iran, saying any intervention or unilateral action by

another party would exacerbate the situation and delay the reopening of the Strait.

Iran's foreign minister thanks Iraq for support during conflict

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi thanked Iraq for its support during the recent conflict, saying the Iraqi government and people had stood by Iran throughout the war.

Speaking at a joint news conference with his Iraqi counterpart, Araghchi said Iraq had consistently supported the Iranian people, who were victims of "Israeli-American aggression".

"The people and government of Iraq have always extended their support during the war," Araghchi said, adding that "the Iraqi people have always supported their Iranian brothers".

Iran condemns US strikes as violation of interim deal

Iran said on Sunday that US airstrikes targeted several monitoring and surveillance facilities on Iran's southern coast, calling the attacks a violation of an interim deal meant to end the four-month-old war between the two countries.

"These brutal attacks... show that the US does not place the slightest value and credibility on its commitments, and breaking promises is part of its nature," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Plastic in the Womb: Balochistan's Invisible Health Crisis

By Myra Zahid: In the dusty plains of Balochistan, where drought already strains farms and families, a different kind of threat is moving in quietly. It cannot be seen, smelled, or stopped at the door.

It is microplastics, plastic fragments smaller than five millimeters, and they are now turning up in the air we breathe, the soil we farm, and even inside newborn babies.

Microplastics form when plastic waste breaks down under sun, heat, and friction.

They have been found almost everywhere scientists have looked: household dust, farmland, drinking water, vegetables, and human tissue.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) estimates that the average person eats and breathes in roughly 39,000 to 52,000 microplastic particles every year.

In 2019, a global study commissioned by WWF International made headlines when it calculated that people may be ingesting close to a credit card's worth of plastic every week. The Express Tribune carried the story for Pakistani readers, a reminder that this is not a distant problem, but one already inside our food and water.

Pakistan's Plastic Problem

Pakistan generates

an estimated 6.41 million tons of plastic waste a year, according to the UN Development Programme (UNDP), with the vast majority never properly collected or recycled. The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) says 86 percent of the country's plastic waste is mismanaged.

left in open dumps, burned, or washed into rivers and the sea. That puts Pakistan among the



world's worst plastic polluters.

When this waste breaks down in open dumps, fields, and gutters, it does not disappear. It fragments into microplastics that drift into the air or sink into the soil, eventually working their way into the crops we eat.

Mothers and Babies at Risk

The most alarming discoveries are happen-

ing before birth. In 2020, scientists in Italy found microplastics inside the human placenta for the first time, proof that plastic particles can pass from a pregnant mother to her unborn child.

Since then, researchers have also found microplastics in human breast milk.

According to exposure data reported in the Journal of the Pakistan Medical Association (JPMA),

microplastics can carry toxic chemicals such as BPA and phthalates, both known to disrupt hormones.

These chemicals are linked to low birth weight and long-term developmental risks in children.

In Pakistan, a 2024 study by the University of Karachi's Institute of Marine Science found microplastics in the breast milk of lactating mothers in fishing com-

munities along the Karachi coast,

where seafood is eaten almost daily. No equivalent study has yet been done in Balochistan, but the risk factors are familiar here too: communities along the Gwadar, Pasni, and Ormara coastline depend

just as heavily on the sea, while facing even thinner access to maternal and child healthcare.

What Can Be Done

There are practical defenses. Lab tests show that fine water filters (around 2 microns, such as certified reverse-osmosis systems) can remove 94 to 100 percent of plastic particles from drinking

water. Balochistan's Agriculture Department is already distributing seeds for home gardening. Families

growing their own vegetables on terraces or small plots, using compost instead of plastic mulch, can cut their exposure while also improving food security.

Small daily habits help too: choosing cloth bags and glass or metal bottles over plastic, never heating

food in plastic containers, and never burning plastic waste, which releases microplastics and toxic fumes directly into the air.

A Policy Gap, and a Climate Connection

Experts say microplastic pollution needs to be treated as both an environmental and a public health

issue. That means enforcing waste management laws, banning single-use plastics and plastic

mulching in farming, and monitoring microplastics in soil, air, and food, something Pakistan currently does very little of.

Climate change is making the problem worse.

Rising heat speeds up plastic breakdown, drought driven dust storms carry particles further through the air, and floods wash plastic waste into farmland and waterways. Protecting mothers and children from microplastics is, in that sense, also a matter of climate justice.

Pakistan's progress on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals is already behind: official data shows

reliable figures exist for less than 10 percent of SDG indicators nationally, and only 7 percent

for Balochistan. Microplastics sit at the intersection of two of these goals, SDG 13 (Climate Action) and

SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), yet remain almost entirely unmeasured here.

The Bottom Line

Microplastics are invisible, but the risk they carry is not. In a province already facing drought, poverty,

and stretched healthcare, this is a threat reaching the next generation before it is even born.

Waterfiltration, home gardens, and less plastic use can help right now. But lasting protection will need real monitoring, enforced policy, and research — starting with the studies Balochistan still doesn't have.

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 complex regional security challenges?

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.

Unknown Gunmen Open Fire at Ziarat Zero Point; One Killed, Three Injured Including Two Policemen

Sardar Muhammad Khondaji

ZIARAT: According to reports received from the scenic tourist destination of Ziarat in Balochistan, unidentified armed men opened fire at Zero Point, Ziarat, leaving one person dead and three others injured, including two police personnel.

Sources said that the deceased and injured were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment.

Among the injured are two police officials, identified as Asif Khan and Asghar Khan, who belong to



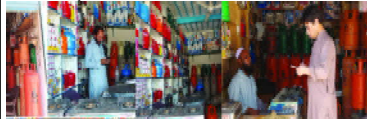
the areas of Pechi and Mills Killi, respectively. Reports further indicate that the deceased was a member of the Tablighi Jamaat,

while another member of the religious group sustained injuries. Both individuals are said to be residents of Pishin district.

Following the incident, local residents staged a protest sit-in outside the Deputy Commissioner's Office against the firing

Barkhan Administration Inspects LPG Dealers, Warns Against Overpricing and Hoarding

BARKHAN: Acting on the directives of Deputy Commissioner Barkhan Saeed-ur-Rehman Kakar, Assistant Commissioner Ehsanuddin Kakar conducted inspections



of various LPG gas outlets across the city to ensure the uninterrupted availability of liquefied petroleum gas and compliance with government-approved pricing.

During the inspection, the Assistant Commissioner reviewed the availability of LPG, the display of official price lists, adherence to notified government rates, and other regulatory requirements. Shopkeepers were instructed to sell LPG strictly at the prescribed prices and refrain from overcharging customers, creating artificial shortages, or engaging in any form of profiteering.

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Officials also assured residents that outlets will continue to safeguard public interests and ensure that citizens receive basic necessities at fair and regulated prices.

He warned that strict legal action would be taken against individuals involved in violating government directives, profiteering, hoarding or manipulating the supply of LPG and other essential goods. The district administration reiterated that regular inspections of markets and essential commodity

Musakhel Administration Launches Emergency Relief Operations After Earthquake, Medical Camps Set Up in Kingri



MUSAKHEL: On the special directives of Deputy Commissioner Musa Khel Abdul Razzaq Khajjak, the district administration has launched emergency relief operations in the earthquake-affected areas of Tehsil Kingri, providing immediate assistance to residents impacted by the recent seismic activity.

To ensure timely and effective healthcare services, medical camps have been established at multiple locations across the affected

areas. Teams of doctors and healthcare professionals are providing free medical treatment, medicines, and first aid to injured residents and those requiring urgent medical attention.

In a message issued on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Abdul Razzaq Khajjak said the district administration stands firmly with the affected communities during this difficult time.

Our highest priority is the rehabilitation of affected families, the provision of qual-

ity healthcare services, and the transparent assessment of damages to ensure timely relief, he stated.

The Deputy Commissioner added that emergency response teams remain on high alert throughout Tehsil Kingri and are continuously supplying medical assistance, food items, and relief tents to families affected by the earthquakes.

Meanwhile, the district administration has deployed assessment teams to conduct detailed field surveys

of damaged houses and public infrastructure. The surveys are intended to accurately determine the extent of losses and ensure the fair and transparent distribution of relief assistance.

Abdul Razzaq Khajjak reaffirmed that the administration is closely monitoring the rehabilitation process and will continue relief and recovery operations until normal life is fully restored in all affected areas.

The district administration also reiterated its commitment

to coordinating with relevant departments to ensure that all earthquake victims receive the support and assistance they need during the recovery phase.

Musa Khel Earthquake, Kingri Earthquake Relief, Abdul Razzaq Khajjak, Deputy Commissioner Musa Khel, Earthquake Relief Operations, Medical Camps, Balochistan, Disaster Response Pakistan, Earthquake Rehabilitation, Emergency Relief Kingri, Balochistan News.

Harnai Police Place District on High Alert, Intensify Security Checkpoints to Maintain Law and Order

HARNAI: On the special directives of District Police Officer (DPO) Harnai Engineer Abdul Hafeez Jakhri, security has been placed on high alert across the district to maintain law and order and ensure the safety of citizens and their property.

As part of the enhanced security measures, Harnai Police has established strict checkpoints at key

to verify compliance with the law and prevent any unlawful activities.

Police officials stated that the primary objective of the heightened security arrangements is to strengthen public safety, closely monitor the movement of criminal elements, and maintain a peaceful environment, particularly during the observance of Muharram.

Citizens were urged to remain patient during inspections so that the shared goal of maintaining peace,

preventing crime, and ensuring a safe environment for everyone can be successfully achieved.

Harnai Police reaffirmed their commitment to continuing proactive security operations and vigilance to

Harnai District Education Authority Reviews Pending Employee Cases, Moves to Expedite Resolutions

HARNAI: The District Education Authority (DEA) Harnai held an important meeting to discuss measures for improving educational administration and resolving long-standing issues faced by teaching and non-teaching staff across the district.

The meeting was chaired by District Education Officer (DEO) Harnai Ghulam Haider Tareen and attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Saleem Tareen, Deputy District Education Officer (DDEO) Shahrag Kaleemullah Kakar, Government Teachers Association (GTA) Balochistan (GTAB) Harnai President Sahib Jan Tareen, and an official from the Finance Department.



During the session, participants conducted a detailed review of various pending cases involving teaching and non-teaching employees serving in educational institutions throughout Harnai District.

Discussions focused on resolving long-standing administrative matters and addressing employees' legitimate concerns without unnecessary delays.

The participants emphasized the impor-

tance of ensuring timely disposal of pending cases to improve staff morale and strengthen the overall functioning of the education sector.

After reviewing the matters in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, the meeting unanimously decided that all pending cases would be forwarded to the competent authorities with formal recommendations for further processing and final approval.

The participants expressed confidence that the proposed action would help resolve employees' grievances, reduce uncertainty, and improve administrative efficiency within the district's education system.

The District Education Authority reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring transparent governance, prompt decision-making, and the protection of employees' rights while continuing ef-

orts to improve the quality of education and institutional performance across Harnai.

Harnai News, District Education Authority Harnai, Ghulam Haider Tareen, Muhammad Saleem Tareen, GTAB Harnai, Education Department Balochistan, Teacher Issues, Pending Employee Cases, Education Administration, School Staff Welfare, Harnai Education News.

roads, as well as entry and exit points throughout the city. Police personnel conducted comprehensive searches of all vehicles, motorcycles, and suspicious individuals passing through the checkpoints.

During the operation, officers also inspected vehicle registration papers and other legal documents

ul-Haram.

The protection of citizens' lives and property remains our top priority, and all available resources are being utilized to ensure effective security across the district, a police spokesperson said.

The district police also appealed to the public to cooperate with law enforcement agencies during se-

safeguard public order and respond promptly to any potential security threats.

Harnai Police, DPO Abdul Hafeez Jakhri, Harnai Security, Muharram Security 2026, Police Checkpoints, Law and Order, Balochistan Police, Crime Prevention, Public Safety, Harnai News, Security Operations Pakistan.

Balochistan IG Police Commends Security Forces and Public as Ashura Processions Conclude Peacefully Across Province

QUETTA: Inspector General (IG) of Police Balochistan Muhammad Tahir has praised the successful and peaceful conclusion of Ashura (10th Muharram) processions across Quetta and other districts of the province, attributing the achievement to effective coordination among the provincial government, security institutions, and the public.

In an official statement, IG Police Muhammad Tahir said the peaceful observance of Ashura was

made possible through the close cooperation, coordinated planning, and guidance of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Corps Commander Balochistan Lieutenant General Rahat Naseem Khan. The IG also expressed appreciation to religious scholars from all schools of thought, representatives of traders' associations, the Shia Conference, procession organizers, and citizens for their exemplary cooperation in maintaining peace and harmony during Muharram.

He stated that the public demonstrated remarkable patience, unity, determination, and a strong sense of responsibility, which significantly contributed to the peaceful completion of Ashura processions throughout the province.

Muhammad Tahir further commended the outstanding performance of Balochistan Police, district administrations, the Frontier Corps (FC), and other relevant government departments. He said all law enforcement agencies displayed ex-

ceptional professionalism, dedication, and tireless efforts in implementing comprehensive security arrangements to ensure the safety of mourners during Muharram.

The IG emphasized that the coordinated security strategy, combined with public cooperation, played a vital role in maintaining law and order and preventing any untoward incidents during the country's most sensitive religious occasions.

He concluded by acknowledging the

commitment and professionalism of all personnel involved, stating that their efforts deserve recognition for ensuring that Ashura was observed peacefully across Balochistan.

Balochistan Police, IG Muhammad Tahir, Muharram Security, Quetta News, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Lieutenant General Rahat Naseem Khan, Law Enforcement Balochistan, Peaceful Ashura Processions, Frontier Corps, Public Security Pakistan.

GWADAR: The sacred days of Muharram-ul-Haram concluded peacefully across Gwadar District, with Ashura (10th Muharram) observed in an atmosphere of devotion, religious harmony, and mutual respect, similar to the rest of Pakistan. On the occasion of Ashura, Matalis-e-Aza (mourning gatherings) were held at Imambarghas throughout the district, where mourners paid tribute to the sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and the martyrs of Karbala. Religious scholars highlighted the timeless values of faith, justice, and truth demonstrated by Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions.

Following the conclusion of the gatherings, mourners performed traditional rituals in accordance with religious practices. Volunteers also established Saabeels at various locations across the district,

distributing cold drinking water and refreshments to mourners, travelers, and the general public. These humanitarian efforts reflected the Islamic values of compassion, generosity, tolerance, and community service. To ensure the peaceful observance of Ashura, the district administration and law enforcement agencies implemented a comprehensive security plan. Police, Levies personnel, and other security officials were deployed at Imambarghas along procession routes, while strict monitoring and enhanced security measures were maintained at entry and exit points throughout the district.

As a result of the coordinated security arrangements and continuous surveillance of religious gatherings and Ashura-related activities, the province remained peaceful throughout the district, without any reported security incidents.

The district administration appreciated the cooperation of religious scholars, procession organizers, peace committees, law enforcement agencies, and the public, acknowledging their collective role in maintaining peace and order during Muharram.

Officials reaffirmed their commitment to promoting religious harmony, public safety, and mutual respect in Gwadar, stating that the administration will continue taking all necessary measures to preserve communal unity and ensure the peaceful observance of religious events in the future.

Gwadar News, Ashura 2026, Muharram in Gwadar, Peaceful Ashura Processions, Imam Hussain, Karbala, Gwadar District Administration, Balochistan Police, Religious Harmony Pakistan, Muharram Security, Law Enforcement Balochistan.

EU foreign policy chief voices concern over ceasefire violations in call with Dar

NEWS DESK: European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas on Sunday expressed "serious concerns" over recent ceasefire violations during a telephone conversation with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, the Foreign Office said.

The ceasefire has come under increasing strain in recent days, with both Iran and the United States accusing each other of violating the interim agreement signed less than two weeks ago to end their four-month conflict. Iran launched missiles and drones at US military sites in Kuwait and Bahrain on Sunday, while the United States said it had carried out fresh strikes on Iran. Separately, Israel said it had targeted Iranian-backed Hezbollah positions in southern Lebanon, adding to concerns over the stability of the truce. According to the FO, Kallas stressed that "channels of communication must remain open" as the two leaders reviewed the rapidly evolving regional situation. The FO added that Kallas also appreciated "Pakistan's sincere efforts culminating in the signing of the Islamabad MOU" and the ceasefire, the Foreign Office (FO) said.



diplomatic efforts towards a comprehensive framework for peace and stability in the Middle East." Dar also emphasised "the necessity for all parties to abide by the ceasefire agreement." The Foreign Office said both sides agreed to "maintain close contact" as the regional situation continues to evolve. Bahrain Foreign Minister also on Sunday, Bahrain's Foreign Minister Rashid Al Zayani said that he will visit Pakistan in the near future to personally thank the country's leadership for its role in facilitating the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the ceasefire, the Foreign Office (FO) said.

Cloudburst-induced floods wreak havoc in Diarmer's Thore Valley

NEWS DESK: Cloudburst-induced flood-affected havoc in Thore Valley of Diarmer district on Saturday, while rampaging glaciers continued to raise water levels in rivers and streams across Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), putting down-stream communities at increasing risk.

Pakistan Medical Association urges nationwide efforts for confidential HIV testing

NEWS DESK: Pakistan Medical Association (PMA), on National HIV Testing Day, has called for an urgent, coordinated nationwide effort to expand confidential HIV testing, eliminate social and institutional stigma, and fix healthcare infrastructure.

15 terrorists killed in operations across Balochistan, KP

NEWS DESK: The military's media affairs wing said on Saturday that eight terrorists were killed in two "high-tempo" intelligence operations in Balochistan and KP.

Interior ministry tops Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) audit irregularities

NEWS DESK: A 399-page Auditor General of Pakistan report has identified serious financial irregularities, non-compliance with procedural violations across several federal ministries and departments, with the Ministry of Interior topping the list.

Balochistan Home Minister Visits Late Trader Hashim Khan Noorzai's Residence, Assures Justice

Staff Reporter: QUETTA: Balochistan Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langau on Sunday visited the residence of



the late prominent trader, Hashim Khan Noorzai, to offer his deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

Government Stands Firmly with the Bereaved Family. Speaking to the family, Mir Ziaullah Langau emphasized that the provincial government stands shoulder to shoulder with the aggrieved family in this hour of immense grief.

firmly with the family in this incredibly difficult time." The Home Minister said. "The elements involved in this incident cannot evade the law. Directives have been issued to the police and security agencies to ensure the swift arrest of the culprits," Langau added.

of the government's full support and cooperation. "We share your pain, and the provincial government stands heinous act will not be allowed to escape the grip of justice. He further revealed that relevant law enforcement authorities have

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