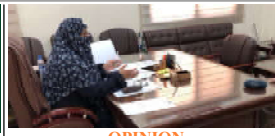




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Balochistan Highway Firing: Gunmen Target Quetta-Bound Passenger Buses Near Surab, Two Injured

From Our Correspondent:

SURAB: A major security incident occurred on the highway connecting Surab and Besima, where unidentified armed men opened fire on multiple passenger buses, leaving at least two people, including a woman, injured.

According to Rescue 1122 officials, the attack took place near the Sur Chel Kalghali area at the Gidar-Jari cross. The emergency response teams immediately shifted the injured victims to a nearby hospital in Gidar, where they are currently receiving medical care.

Hospital sources report that their conditions are being closely monitored. Gunmen Open Fire as Drivers Refuse to Stop

Local sources revealed that the motorcycle-borne attackers intercepted the highway with the intent of stopping passenger buses traveling from Turbat and Panjgur toward Quetta.

When the bus drivers

buses. Another vehicle, operated by Al-Naeem Travels, was also heavily hit by gunfire, causing severe damage to its windows.

Fortunately, all passengers traveling aboard the Al-Naeem coach remained miraculously unhurt.

Security Forces Launch Search Operation in Gidar and Besima

Confirming the terrifying ordeal, Naeem Mengal, the owner of the transport company, stated that emergency safety measures were immediately enacted following the assault.

To ensure public safety, all Quetta-bound and regional passenger vehicles were temporarily halted at secure, designated points within the Gidar and Besima areas.

Law enforcement and security agencies rushed to the location shortly after the incident.

Security personnel have cordoned off the entire highway stretch, launching a comprehensive search and investigation.



A policeman stands alert in Quetta to maintain law and order situation: File photo

chose not to stop and instead accelerated to escape, the gunmen opened indiscriminate fire.

The bullets shattered the windows and blew out the tires of one of the main targeted

tigation operation in the area to track down and apprehend the fleeing attackers.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far.



Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti Addressing public gathering at the 8th Death Anniversary of Nawabzada Mir Siraj Raisani.

CM Sarfraz Bugti: I Will Resign if It Brings Peace to Balochistan

ALI HAMZA:

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Sunday declared that he would willingly resign from office if doing so could restore lasting peace in the province, stressing that the welfare of the people is more important than holding political office.

Speaking at a condolence reference marking the eighth death anniversary of Nawabzada Mir Siraj Khan Raisani, Bugti responded to recent remarks by Opposition Leader Mahmood Khan Achakzai, saying political positions are temporary but serving the people of Balochistan is a lasting responsibility.

"If my resignation can bring peace to Balochistan, I will step down without hesitation," the chief minister said.

"If Bashir Zeb or Dr Al-lah Nazar publicly announce that peace will return through my resignation—or even my death—I would be the first person to ask my own brother to shoot me, provided it ensures lasting peace for the people of Balochistan."

The ceremony was attended by provincial ministers Mir Asim Kurd Gello, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Mir Ziaullah Langove, Mir Saleem Khosa, and other political leaders.

CM Rejects Politics Over Security Incidents

Responding to demands for his resignation, Bugti questioned why similar calls were not made after previous terrorist attacks in the province.

He referred to the killing of 20 innocent Pashtuns in

Kuchlak, the August 8, 2016 Quetta bombing that claimed the lives of dozens of lawyers, and the Police Lines suicide attack in which more than 30 police recruits were martyred.

He said those tragedies did not lead to resignations by political leaders holding public office at the time.

Bugti recalled that after the Police Lines attack, he was among the first officials to reach the scene, adding that tackling terrorism requires collective resolve rather than symbolic political gestures.

Criticise Governance, Not the Martyrs

The chief minister welcomed political criticism, saying the opposition should hold his government accountable for governance, administrative shortcomings, or corruption if

there is evidence.

"You have every right to criticise my governance or administrative performance.

If you believe there is corruption, raise those issues and help improve the system," he said. "But please stop using the bodies of martyrs for political point-scoring."

Government Ready to Address Legitimate Demands

Bugti assured the families of victims and political parties that the provincial government is prepared to address all legitimate demands through constitutional and democratic institutions. He said matters related to legislation would be dealt with by the Balochistan Assembly, while the provincial government would fulfil its responsibilities within its constitutional mandate.

Balochistan Launches Pakistan's First E-Domicile and E-Local Certificate System

Qaseem Shah:

QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has officially rolled out the province's first-ever digital E-Domicile and E-Local Certificate system.

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti announced the landmark initiative, calling it a major milestone toward digital governance, ending corruption, and ensuring transparent public service delivery across the province.

Nationwide Access via NADRA and Pak-ID

Under the new integrated system, citizens can now apply for their E-Domicile from anywhere in Pakistan.

Applications can be easily processed through local Deputy Commissioner (DC) offices.

NADRA registration centers, or directly via the online Pak-ID platform.

Chief Minister Bugti emphasized that this modern shift

will eliminate unnecessary delays, bypass middle-men, and completely block the issuance

of fake domiciles. The system provides a

highly secure, reliable database for government institutions to

verify local credentials instantly.



QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

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.

Following the

Taliban's 2022 ban, some illicit cultivations did emerge in border areas.

particularly within Balochistan and Khyber 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, 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.

Mothers: The Real Strength Behind Every Nation

By Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi:

Motherhood remains one of the most powerful and transformative forces in human civilization. Across cultures, religions, and nations, mothers symbolize love, sacrifice, resilience, and unconditional support. On International Mother's Day, the world reflects on the extraordinary role mothers play in shaping families, strengthening societies, and building nations.

A mother is a child's first teacher and lifelong guide. Before formal education begins, it is the mother who introduces values such as kindness, discipline, compassion, honesty, and respect.

The moral foundation of every society is first built within homes, where mothers nurture the character and emotional well-being of future generations. Their influence extends far beyond family life and directly impacts the social, cultural, and national fabric of a country.

In today's fast-changing world, where societies face growing social divisions, emotional stress, and moral uncertainty, the importance of mothers has become even more significant.

Mothers are not



merely caregivers; they are the guardians of social values and the backbone of stable communities.

No nation can achieve sustainable peace, development, or prosperity without strong families, and strong families are built by empowered and respected mothers.

In Pakistan, motherhood holds deep cultural, religious, and emotional significance.

From an early age, children are taught the timeless principle that paradise

lies beneath the feet of mothers. This teaching reflects the immense respect Islam and Pakistani traditions place on maternal sacrifice and care.

Across the country, countless mothers dedicate their lives to their children, often placing the needs, education, and comfort of their families above their own dreams and ambitions.

The mothers of Pakistan have consistently demonstrated courage and resilience during some of the

nation's most difficult moments.

Whether during natural disasters, economic hardships, or times of conflict, mothers remained the emotional strength of their families and communities.

The mothers of soldiers and martyrs deserve particular recognition for their extraordinary sacrifices. Their patience, dignity, and unwavering courage remind us that patriotism is first nurtured within homes where it is witnessed on battlefields.

In Balochistan,

motherhood reflects a unique story of endurance and resilience.

Women in many remote and underserved areas continue to face serious challenges, including limited access to healthcare, education, and basic facilities.

Despite these hardships, mothers across the province continue to raise their children with dignity, strength, and hope. Their determination and sacrifices deserve acknowledgment not only on Mother's Day but throughout the entire year.

The way a society treats its mothers often reflects its moral and social condition. Respecting mothers should not be limited to symbolic celebrations, flowers, or speeches once a year. Genuine respect requires practical action.

It means ensuring quality healthcare for women, better educational opportunities for girls, maternity protections in workplaces, financial security for families, and safe environments where women can thrive with dignity.

There is also an

urgent need to recognize the emotional and invisible labor carried by mothers. In countless households, mothers work tirelessly from morning until night without recognition or appreciation.

Their sacrifices are often overlooked simply because they are made quietly and consistently. Yet behind nearly every successful individual stands a mother who sacrificed her comfort, sleep, ambitions, and personal well-being for the future of her children.

Modern research increasingly highlights that emotional and mental well-being begins within the home. Children raised in stable and loving environments are more likely to become responsible, confident, and compassionate citizens.

Mothers play a central role in creating that environment. Their guidance during uncertainty, patience during hardship, and prayers during difficult times leave life-long impacts on their children's character and future.

At the same time, motherhood should never become synonymous with exhaustion or isolation. Families and communities must actively support mothers and

share responsibilities within households. Raising children and managing family life should not remain the burden of women alone. A truly progressive society is one where mothers receive emotional, social, and institutional support alongside respect and appreciation. International Mother's Day also serves as a reminder to remember mothers who are no longer with us.

Their teachings, sacrifices, and prayers continue to guide our lives long after their departure. Many people realize the true value of a mother only after losing her presence.

This occasion encourages individuals to express gratitude, love, and care while they still have the opportunity.

In an age dominated by technology and digital communication, family structures and human relationships are rapidly changing.

Despite these transformations, the warmth, sincerity, and emotional security provided by a mother remain irreplaceable. No institution, technology, or social system can substitute the comfort and strength that a mother gives to her children.

Governor Mandokhail Reaffirms Commitment to Minority Rights During Meeting with Punjab MPA Emmanuel Athar Julius

QUETTA: Governor of Balochistan Jaffer Khan Mandokhail reaffirmed his commitment to equal rights and opportunities for all citizens, regardless of their religious or ethnic background, during a meeting with Punjab Assembly Member Emmanuel Athar Julius, Chairman of the Pakistan Christian Alliance and a member of the Punjab Chief Minister's Inspection Team, at the Governor House in Quetta.

Governor Mandokhail said the doors of the Governor House have remained open to all citizens since the beginning of his tenure, emphasizing that every Pakistani, including members of minority communities, enjoys equal constitutional rights under the Constitution of Pakistan (1973).



He stated that the Constitution guarantees equal opportunities, access to basic facilities, and protection of life and property for all citizens without discrimination. The Governor added that assisting people in resolving their problems—whether they belong to the majority or minority communities—gives him a deep sense of satisfaction.

He noted that the Governor House maintains cordial and active relations not only with the Christian community but also with the leadership of other minority groups across Balochistan. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Mandokhail said he regularly participates in the religious and cultural events of minority communities as part of his commitment to promoting harmony and inclusion.

Both leaders agreed on the importance of enhancing public-level engagement, interprovincial collaboration, and stronger social ties, expressing confidence that increased interaction between the people of Balochistan and Punjab would produce positive outcomes for national unity and development.

Governor Jaffer Khan Mandokhail, Emmanuel Athar Julius, Pakistan Christian Alliance, Governor House Quetta, minority rights in Pakistan, Balochistan Governor, Punjab Assembly member, interprovincial harmony, religious minorities, Quetta news, Constitution of Pakistan 1973, Pakistan unity.

Balochistan Chief Secretary, Economist Dr. Kaiser Bengali Discuss Poverty Reduction and Regional Growth Strategy

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan met with renowned economist Dr. Kaiser Bengali to discuss strategies for reducing poverty, promoting employment, improving access to basic services, and strengthening regional growth centers across the province.

The meeting was attended by all provincial administrative secretaries and focused on the Balochistan government's ongoing initiatives aimed at public welfare, sustainable economic development, and inclusive growth.

Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan said the provincial government is taking practical measures to create employment opportunities, improve access to essential public services, and fast-track development in underserved areas.



He emphasized that the government's objective is not only to launch development projects but also to ensure that their benefits reach ordinary citizens.

The Chief Secretary further stated that a comprehensive strategy is essential to reduce poverty in Balochistan, highlighting the importance of promoting local economic activity, expanding vocational skills training, and encouraging small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

He also underscored the significance of establishing Regional Growth Centers across different districts, saying they would strengthen local economies, attract investment, and create new employment opportunities.

He stressed that the province needs greater investment in large-scale development projects to lay the foundation for sustainable economic growth, coastline, mineral wealth, and agricultural potential can be transformed into engines of economic growth through effective planning and long-term investment. Dr. Bengali further suggested that attracting major investors to sectors such as infrastructure, energy, agriculture, livestock, mining, transport, and industry would significantly boost economic activity and generate large-scale employment.

He also advised the Government of Balochistan to promote public-private partnerships (PPPs) for launching long-term development projects that deliver lasting social and economic benefits.

The meeting concluded with a consensus that achieving poverty reduction, expanding access to basic services, and promoting balanced regional development will require close coordination among government institutions, economists, the private sector, and development partners.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to working together to ensure that the benefits of economic development reach the people of Balochistan as quickly and effectively as possible.

Shakeel Qadir Khan, Dr. Kaiser Bengali, Balochistan economy, poverty reduction in Balochistan, Regional Growth Centers, employment generation, sustainable development, District Livelihood Programme, investment in Balochistan, public-private partnerships, economic development Pakistan, Quetta news.

Balochistan Communications Secretary Reviews Non-Development Budget, Stresses Financial Discipline

QUETTA: Secretary for Communications and Works (C&W) Babar Khan chaired an important review meeting to assess the non-development budget of the Communications and Works Department, focusing on the department's financial position, expenditure, and strategy for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary Abbas Khoso, Deputy Secretary Abdul Ghaffar Kakar, Deputy Secretary Romana Murad Khoso, Section Officer General Abdul Ghaffar Muhammad Shahi, along with other senior departmental officials.

During the session, officials presented a comprehensive briefing on the current utilization of the department's non-development funds, expenditure under various budget heads, financial management, and the



availability of resources. Participants were also informed about the allocation of non-development funds for the fiscal year 2026-27.

The meeting emphasized the need to utilize available resources with transparency, fiscal responsibility, and cost efficiency to ensure the timely fulfillment of the department's administrative requirements and improve overall institutional performance.

Addressing the participants, Secretary Babar Khan directed officials to ensure the efficient, prudent, and well-planned utilization of non-development funds while keeping the department's financial capacity and available resources in view.

He stated that the timely and proper use of non-development funds would not only ensure the smooth functioning of departmental operations but also help prevent the wastage of public resources.

The Secretary further stressed the importance of maintaining financial discipline, transparency, and accountability at every level.

He urged all officers to perform their duties with professionalism, responsibility, and integrity to enhance departmental efficiency and improve public service delivery.

At the conclusion of the meeting, officials were instructed to strengthen financial oversight, continuously monitor expenditures,

Quetta Administration Reviews Land Dispute Over Jabal Noor Graveyard, Orders Legal Resolution

QUETTA: Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Hafiz Muhammad Tariq chaired an important meeting to review the ongoing land dispute concerning Jabal Noor

Both parties were given a full opportunity to present their claims, supporting documents, and legal arguments. Additional Deputy Commissioner Hafiz Muhammad Tariq chaired the meeting.



Graveyard, with officials directed to resolve the matter in accordance with the law and on merit.

The meeting was attended by the City Tehsil, Settlement Officer, revenue officials, and representatives of both parties involved in the dispute.

During the session, participants conducted a detailed examination of the available land records, cadastral maps, revenue documents, and other relevant evidence related to the ownership and boundaries of the Jabal Noor Graveyard land.

fully heard each side and received comprehensive briefings from the concerned revenue officials.

Addressing the meeting, Hafiz Muhammad Tariq directed the relevant authorities to carry out a thorough verification of all land records and factual evidence and ensure that the dispute is resolved fairly, transparently, and strictly in accordance with the law at the earliest possible stage.

He emphasized that the district administration remains committed to the timely and transparent resolution of the dispute.

parent resolution of public issues, adding that justice, transparency, and due legal process will remain the guiding principles in resolving all land-related matters. The meeting con-

cluded with instructions to the concerned departments to expedite the verification process and proceed with the case based on legal requirements and documented evidence.

Jabal Noor Graveyard land dispute, Quetta land dispute, Hafiz Muhammad Tariq, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Revenue Quetta, Quetta administration, land records verification, revenue department Balochistan, Jabal Noor Cemetery, district administration Quetta, property dispute, Balochistan news.

Hub Deputy Commissioner Orders Better Coordination to Prevent Power Outages During Development Projects

HUB: Deputy Commissioner Captain (R) Juma Dad Khan chaired an important meeting to review the recurring power outages and public inconvenience caused by ongoing development projects being executed under the Hub Master Plan.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Master Plan Project Director (DPD), project consultants, contractors, and K-Electric officials.

Participants discussed the damage being caused to underground electricity cables and other utility infrastructure during excavation work, which has resulted in repeated disruptions to electricity supply across various parts of Hub.

During the briefing, K-Electric officials explained that the primary cause of recent power outages was excavation work begun by contractors carried out without proper coordination or clearance to utility service providers.

They noted that heavy machinery has, on several occasions, damaged underground

power cables and other utility networks, leading to prolonged electricity interruptions in multiple areas.

Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Captain (R) Juma Dad Khan said that while the government is committed to the timely completion of development projects, it is equally important to ensure the uninterrupted provision of essential public services, including electricity, water, and gas.

He observed that the lack of effective coordination among government departments, consultants, and contractors has caused unnecessary hardship for residents and stressed that immediate corrective measures are essential.

The Deputy Commissioner directed that before any excavation work begins, contractors and project authorities must obtain site clearance and maintain close coordination with K-Electric and all other relevant utility agencies to safeguard underground cables, pipelines, and

public infrastructure from damage.

He further instructed the Master Plan Project Directorate, consultants, contractors, K-Electric, and other concerned departments to strictly implement the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and establish an effective monitoring mechanism to promptly address public complaints.

The meeting concluded with a consensus to establish a permanent coordination framework among all relevant stakeholders to ensure that development activities do not disrupt electricity and other essential services, while minimizing inconvenience for the public. "SEO Keywords: Hub Master Plan, Hub development projects, Deputy Commissioner Hub Juma Dad Khan, K-Electric Hub, power outages in Hub, Balochistan development, underground electricity cables, infrastructure protection, public utilities, Hub news, Balochistan local development, development coordination."

DIG Loralai Range Reviews Police Stations in Ziarat, Emphasizes Public Safety and Professional Policing

LORALAI: Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Loralai Range, Junaid Ahmed Sheikh, conducted a detailed visit to Ziarat district, inspecting various police stations to review law and order, policing standards, and operational preparedness.

During the visit, the DIG examined the facilities available at police stations, security arrangements, official records, personnel attendance, and overall administrative management.

Junaid Ahmed Sheikh also met with police officers and personnel, appreciating their performance while urging them to continue serving with dedication, integrity, and a public-friendly approach.

He listened to the professional, administrative, and welfare-related concerns and directed the relevant officers to take necessary measures for their timely resolution.

The DIG said that the welfare of police personnel, quality training, enhancement of professional skills, and the provision of timely and effective policing remain among the top priorities of the Police Department. He reaffirmed the department's commitment to improving facilities for officers and addressing their legitimate concerns.

He instructed the concerned officers to further strengthen crackdowns against criminal elements without discrimination, ensure the protection of citizens' lives and property, and uphold discipline, the rule of law, and public confidence through professional policing.

DIG Loralai Range, Junaid Ahmed Sheikh, Ziarat police, Loralai police, Balochistan police, law and order in Ziarat, police station inspection, crime prevention, security at sensitive locations, and the operational readiness of the police force.



DIG emphasized that maintaining peace and security requires continuous vigilance, coordinated policing, and strong engagement with the community to effectively address emerging security challenges.

During the visit, Junaid Ahmed Sheikh also reviewed the overall law and order situation in Ziarat, crime prevention measures, police patrolling arrangements, security at sensitive locations, and the operational readiness of the police force.

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Speaker Balochistan Assembly Reviews Security Measures Amid Current Law and Order Situation

QUETTA: On the directives of Speaker of the Balochistan Assembly Captain (R) Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Hamza Shafiq and Inspector General of Police (IGP) Balochistan Muhammad Tahir met the Speaker at his office to review security arrangements for the provincial assembly.

The Secretary of the Balochistan Assembly Tahir Shah Kakar was also present during the meeting.

The participants conducted a detailed review of the security measures in place at the Balochistan Assembly.

They emphasized that enhanced protective measures, increased vigilance, and continuous monitoring would remain in place to address the current security challenges.

Speaking on the occasion, Speaker Captain (R) Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai stressed that the Balochistan Assembly is a vital constitutional institution, and therefore, no compromise should be made on its security.

He directed the relevant authorities to ensure that the assembly's protection, surveillance, and overall security arrangements are made as effective and foolproof as possible, urging all concerned departments to discharge their responsibilities with the highest level of professionalism and preparedness.

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PM Shehbaz arrives in Qatar to offer condolences over former emir's death



NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday arrived in Doha for a one-day visit to Qatar to offer condolences following the death of former Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, according to the Prime Minister's Office.

The prime minister, alongside Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharif, was received at Doha airport by Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence, Sheikh Saud bin Abdulrahman bin Hassan bin Ali Al Thani. The PMO said the prime minister will visit Lusail Palace to meet Qatar's Amir Sheikh

Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and convey condolences to the Qatari ruler, the royal family, and the people of Qatar on the passing of the late Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, along with Information Minister Attaulah Tahir, are also part of the delegation, the PMO said.

In an earlier statement, the PMO described the visit as reflecting the "decades-long fraternal ties" between Pakistan and Qatar, as well as the close relationship between the Qatari royal family, the people of Qatar, and the governments and peoples of the

two countries. The visit comes as condolences to the Qatari ruler, the royal family, and the people of Qatar on the passing of the late Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Qatar observes a period of mourning following the death of its former ruler, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Diwan said.

Sheikh Hamad had elevated Qatar's global profile through the development of the Al Jazeera television network, as well as its successful bid to host the 2022 soccer World Cup tournament. The US-aided state is small, with more than 2.5 million people, but is the world's largest "exporter of liquefied natural gas," a global investment powerhouse, and heavy hitter in Middle East diplomacy and international media.

At OIC moot on women, minister says men's 'active engagement' needed to promote equality

NEWS DESK: Law and Human Rights Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar on Monday stressed that the "active engagement" of men was needed to promote equality as he addressed a conference on women's empowerment in Islamabad.

Tarar was speaking on the second and final day of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) 9th Ministerial Conference on Women, which Pakistan is hosting. Delegates from 57 OIC member states gathered on Sunday to hold technical-level meetings.

Addressing the moot as the chair on Monday, Tarar affirmed that Pakistan continued to strengthen its legal policy and institutional framework to "advance the rights, opportunities and leadership of women."

"Lasting progress cannot be achieved by women alone; real and sustainable change requires the active engagement of men and boys as partners in promoting equality, respect and shared responsibility," he said.

The minister stressed that building inclusive societies was a "collective endeavour that demands the commitment of every institution and every citizen." "For Pakistan, empowerment of women is not simply a policy objective; it is a national priority enshrined in our

Constitution, inspired by our faith and essence of our future," he said.

Tarar said Pakistan was "expanding women's leadership promoting financial inclusion and entrepreneurship, bridging the digital divide, strengthening access to justice, and creating safe, more



inclusive workplaces" through the National Gender Policy Framework, Vision 2025 and the Prime Minister's Women Empowerment Package.

Speaking about Pakistan's role as the chair for the OIC conference, he said Islamabad does not regard it as a position of prestige but rather as a "responsibility to listen carefully, build consensus and help transform our shared aspirations into practical action that improves the lives of women and girls living through conflict, oppression, displacement and humanitarian crises."

He emphasised, "Our responsibility is ening institutions, leading businesses, serving in public offices and contributing to peace and humanitarian efforts. "Their achievements continue to shape stronger families, more resilient communities and more prosperous nations," he said.

"Yet, we also recognise that millions of women and girls continue to face barriers that restrict their opportunities and limit their ability to contribute fully to national development," Tarar added.

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LHC seeks SHO report over suspect's detention in foreign women case

NEWS DESK: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday sought a report from the Defence-C police station house officer (SHO) on a petition alleging the illegal detention of a suspect described by the prosecution as the "boss" of a group accused in the alleged abduction and rape of two foreign women.

On July 2, police rescued the two women within hours of receiving an emergency call. The suspect, arrested four suspects, and launched an investigation into allegations of abduction, ransom demands, and sexual assault. Three more suspects were later arrested, bringing the total number of accused presented before the

what relief was being sought. The counsel argued that the suspect had been kept in illegal custody in violation of legal requirements and requested the court to order an end to his unlawful detention and direct his release.

The petition named the Punjab inspector general of police, the superintendent jail and other officials as respondents. It contended that although Tahir had been arrested in connection with the case, he had not been produced before a competent court despite the expiry of the mandatory legal period.

The court directed the SHO of Defence-C police station to submit a report before the next hearing.

The prosecution alleged that Tahir acted as the "boss" of the group involved in the offences. However, the present petition concerns only the legality of his detention and the alleged physical remand of all seven suspects.

On July 3, a judicial magistrate granted a five-day physical remand of the first four suspects — Raza Dar, Hassan Raza, Sajid Ali Khan, and Sajid Ali Khan — which was extended by another five days on July 8. On Saturday, the court granted a five-day physical remand of the remaining three suspects — Rizwan, Nasir and Naveez.

One of the suspects is related to an influential political figure. However, Lahore Deputy Inspector General (Operations) Faisal Kamran said on Sunday that the suspect, who is reportedly linked to a senior government minister, would not receive preferential treatment and would be investigated like any other accused.

SHO's interim bail dismissed. In a related development, a Lahore sessions court on Monday dismissed the interim bail application of Defence-C SHO Farjad Ali after he failed to appear in a case alleging that he threatened a judicial magistrate handling proceedings related to the alleged abduction and rape of the two foreign women.

Additional Sessions Judge Abdul Qudus dismissed the interim bail petition for non-prosecution after the SHO failed to attend the hearing. The court had earlier granted interim bail to Faisal Kamran and sought a response from Mustafab Police Station.

According to the FIR, the SHO visited the judicial magistrate's residence and allegedly threatened him during proceedings related to the high-profile case. The FIR further alleged that he entered the magistrate's residence at night, violating the sanctity of the home.

A separate FIR was subsequently registered at Mustafab Police Station over the alleged mistreatment of the judicial magistrate.

2 cops martyred, as many injured in suspected IED attack in KP's Tank: police sources

NEWS DESK: Two cops were martyred and many injured on Monday in what police sources said was an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Tank district.

Sources in police told DAWN that an IED was used to target an armoured personnel carrier (APC) of the police in the incident that took place on Tank-Jandoola Road.

They said initial reports suggested that the IED was planted along the roadside and was detonated while the APC was on routine patrol in the limits of Shaheed Mueen Akbar Police Station.

Consequently, Assistant Sub-Inspector Fareedullah and Constable Akhtar Zaman were martyred while Constables Malik and Qudratullah sustained injuries, the sources said. They added that the injured were taken to the district headquarters hospital.

The sources said security forces and police had cordoned off the site of the incident. Police had also launched a search operation, and evidence from the scene was also being collected, the sources said, adding that an investigation had been initiated to ascertain the circumstances over their demise and expressed solidarity with the bereaved families. "Such attacks will not weaken the nation's resolve [in the fight]



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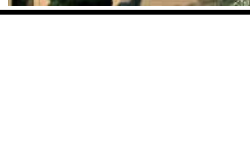
Sindh High Court (SHC) acquits man in university student's 2017 suicide case

NEWS DESK: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Monday acquitted a man who was handed a life sentence three years ago in connection with a 2017 suicide case of a university student.

The body of Naila Rind was found hanging from the ceiling fan of her room in Sindh University's Marvi Hostel in Jamshoro on Jan 1, 2017. She was a final-year student of the Sindh department. Days later, police arrested Anees Khusheli, a private school teacher,

based on data retrieved from Naila's mobile phone, which showed frequent communication between them. In January 2023, an anti-terrorism court (ATC) had sentenced Anees under Section 7-A (acts of terrorism) of the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997, read with Section 321 (Qatl-bis-sabab (causing death to a person unintentionally)) of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC). He was also found guilty of committing offences under Sections 21(b) and (c) (cyberstalking) of the

Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (Peca) 2016. The same year, Anees challenged his conviction before the SHC. On Monday, a division bench comprising Justice Amjad Ali Bohio and Justice Mohammad Hasan Akber announced the verdict in the appeal heard by a bench consisting of Justices Omar Sial and Mohammad Akbar. The judgment was authored by Justice Sial after his bench partially held the matter at the Hyderabad bench.



TENDER NOTICE

Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. The Assistant Director Local Govt & Rural Development Department/Cakimul-e-Bids on EPDS system under Government of Balochistan. Composite Schedule of Rates 2026 from the interested/firm/contractors for the following works:

S. NO.	NAME OF WORK	ECOT
1.	PROVISION OF HOME SOLAR AT UC SHARPO LUNI, GHARIBLUNI, WAWA 1 WAWA (PSPD No. 3363) TSC-2627/121513	186,057,483/-
2.	PROVISION OF HOME SOLAR AT GHARIB TAL & PALOOS KALUAAT DISTRICT DUKI (PSPD No. 3315) TSC-2627/121513	58,343,798/-

The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules, 2014 (amended till date). BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Firm/Contractors must have valid registration with the Pakistan Engineering Council, renewed up to 2026, in the relevant Category C-4 or above along with the specialized codes as well as registration with tax authorities i.e. NTN and BSA, including similar nature work experience & Bank Statement (Turnover). The bidders must have completed two (02) similar nature works. Turnover in last two subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Valid Registration with Income Tax with active tax payer id. Valid Registration with BSA with active tax payer id. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Other Mandatory conditions and Detailed Marking Criteria mentioned in the Bidding Documents. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage Two Envelope procedure. ISSUANCE: The Firms can obtain the Bidding Documents from the office of the Assistant Director Local Govt & Rural Development District Duki upon payment (non-refundable) of tender documents fee each Rs. 4000/- and Rs. 2000/- (separate) in treasury A/C No. C03070 through green channel in National Bank of Pakistan (NBP). The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.zppra.org.pk. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee. Deposit of 1% of the estimated value of the work/contract in a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.zppra.org.pk. Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Documents can be viewed at www.zppra.org.pk. Last Date of bid submission: Bids can only be submitted electronically until by 28 July, 2026 at 10:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: Bids will be opened on same day at 11:00 AM on EPDS system. Address: Office of the Assistant Director Local Govt & Rural Development Department District Duki Phone No: 0333-7764001. Email: caulocalgovtdki@gmail.com Bid Validity Period: Ninety (90)

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