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PM Shehbaz warns renewed US-Iran conflict could hit economy again

NEWS DESK:

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday warned that the adverse impact of fresh tensions in the Middle East, triggered by the recent US-Iran attacks, could hit the country's economy again. The prime minister made these remarks while presiding over a meeting to review the impact of regional tensions on Pakistan's economy and reports on austerity and cost-saving measures.



According to the PM Office, the prime minister observed that uncertainty in the region persists and directed all relevant authorities to remain fully prepared to address any potential challenges.

He appreciated the public for their wholehearted support during the previous national austerity and conservation campaign, expressing his sincere gratitude.

The prime minister further stated that Pakistan's economy was currently stable. He directed that a comprehensive contingency plan be prepared to enable timely action.

The premier also commended the nation's active participation in the government's fuel and energy conservation campaign.

PM Shehbaz noted that the government's timely and effective strategy had ensured efficient

management of the country's fuel supply situation.

He emphasised that the government had protected the interests of ordinary citizens, motorcycle riders, rickshaw drivers and transport operators.

The prime minister further said that the government's subsidies had effectively mitigated the impact of fuel price increases on the public.

He directed that, in coordination with provincial governments, strict action be taken against those involved in creat-

ing artificial shortages of petroleum products.

However, Shehbaz warned that "escalating regional tensions could adversely affect Pakistan's economy in the future" and stressed the importance of preparedness.

The meeting was informed that sufficient petroleum reserves were available to meet the country's requirements and that arrangements had been made to ensure uninterrupted supplies in the future.

The meeting was attended by Federal Ministers Ahsan Iqbal, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Ali Pervaiz Malik, and Awaiz Khan Leghari, Minister of State Bilal Azhar Kayani,

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Tariq Bajwa, Governor of the State Bank Jameel Ahmad, and other senior government officials.



Balochistan ministers including Mir Ziaullah Langove, Saleem Khan Khoso and others during negotiations with political parties representatives and heirs of martyred policemen: Photo Quetta Voice

Quetta Sit-In Talks Make Progress as Protest Committee Submits Final Demands to Balochistan Government

QASEEM SHAH:

QUETTA: Negotiations between the Balochistan government and the All Parties Bereaved Families Sit-In Committee made significant progress on Wednesday after the protest committee formally handed over its finalized demands to the provincial government during a meeting at Khan House in Quetta.

The provincial government's delegation was

led by Balochistan Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langove and included provincial ministers and senior government officials.

The sit-in committee was represented by members of the bereaved families, representatives of major nationalist and religious political parties, and family members of the martyred police personnel.

During the meeting, the protest committee presented its finalized proposals aimed at resolving the ongoing sit-in and

addressing the concerns of the affected families.

According to participants, the government delegation agreed with most of the points in principle but requested additional time for internal consultations before issuing a formal response.

Following the discussions, the government delegation left Khan House to complete consultations with the provincial leadership on the proposed framework.

The talks are being viewed

as an important step toward resolving the impasse, with both sides continuing efforts to reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

A final decision is expected after the government's consultation process is completed. The sit-in, launched by the bereaved families with the support of political parties, has drawn widespread attention in Balochistan, with protesters demanding justice, accountability, and action over their concerns.

South Airline launches first domestic flight from Quetta, boosting Balochistan air connectivity

ALI HAMZA:

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhel on Thursday inaugurated South Airline's first domestic flight from Quetta to Turbat, describing the launch as the beginning of a new era of air connectivity for Balochistan.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony, the governor said Quetta and Turbat had now been linked with all major cities of Pakistan through the new domestic flight service. He added that flights from Zhob and Panjgur would also be launched soon to further improve connectivity across the province.

Calling the occasion a "historic and proud moment" for Pakistan and Balochistan, Mandokhel said that within nearly two years, the province had witnessed the launch of Quetta-Jeddah and Quetta-Zahedan flights, and was now celebrating the inauguration of South Airline's first domestic service.

"We envision a future where every small and major city of Pakistan is easily accessible for the people of Balochistan," he said.

The governor urged the Civil Aviation Authority and South Airline to start flights



from Zhob to Dera Ismail Khan, Islamabad and Multan, as well as from Panjgur to Karachi and Quetta at the earliest.

Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan

Durrani said the people of Balochistan had long faced difficulties travelling by air to other parts of the country, adding that South Airline had filled a long-standing gap by improving domestic air links.

MPA Rehmat Saleh Baloch also welcomed the launch, saying improved air travel would save passengers time, provide safer transportation and strengthen regional connectivity.

He called for early commencement of flights from Panjgur.

The ceremony was attended by senior government officials, South Airline representatives, Civil Aviation officials and other dignitaries. Earlier, Governor Mandokhel formally inaugurated South Airline's Quetta office and flagged off the airline's first domestic flight from Quetta to Turbat.

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Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan Recognised for Driving Governance Reforms in Balochistan

By Sheikh Abdul Razaq

QUETTA: The role of an efficient bureaucracy remains central to effective governance, particularly in provinces facing complex administrative and developmental challenges. In Balochistan, the recent recognition of Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, by the provincial cabinet and Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti during the provincial budget session has highlighted the significance of strong institutional leadership in advancing governance reforms.

Governance experts argue that while elected governments provide policy direction, successful implementation depends largely on a capable and professional civil service.

In Balochistan, where issues such as vast geography, infrastructure gaps, developmental disparities, and security concerns continue to pose challenges, an effective administrative framework is essential for sustainable progress.

Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, widely regarded as an experienced and competent civil servant, has played a pivotal role in enhancing interdepartmental coordination, strengthening administrative efficiency, and supporting the provincial government's reform agenda.

His tenure has co-



incided with renewed efforts by the Balochistan government to promote institutional reforms, fiscal discipline, transparency, and performance-based governance.

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has consistently emphasized the importance of governance reforms, institu-

tional strengthening, and improved public service delivery.

Analysts believe that translating these policy objectives into tangible outcomes requires a bureaucracy capable of aligning administrative priorities with the government's development vision.

The formulation of

the provincial budget served as a key example of this collaborative governance model.

Modern budget-making extends beyond financial accounting and reflects a government's development priorities, fiscal management strategy, and long-term planning objectives.

Effective budget

preparation requires strong interdepartmental coordination, data-driven decision-making, and prudent allocation of resources.

The acknowledgment extended to Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan by both the provincial cabinet and the Chief Minister on the floor of the Balochistan

Assembly reflects a broader recognition of the critical role played by the civil service in ensuring policy implementation and institutional continuity.

Observers note that such recognition promotes a culture of merit, professionalism, and accountability within the public

sector, encouraging civil servants to maintain high standards of public service.

Balochistan's unique governance landscape demands administrative foresight, continuity, and strategic leadership.

Effective oversight of development projects, monitoring

mechanisms, departmental coordination, and accountability systems remains vital for achieving sustainable development goals across the province.

Experts maintain that institutional reforms are ultimately measured by their implementation. Strong institutions are built through consistent leadership.

professionalism, and efficient governance practices. Public officials who uphold these principles contribute significantly to strengthening government institutions and enhancing administrative performance.

The recognition accorded to Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan underscores the growing importance of a professional and responsive civil service in supporting Balochistan's development agenda.

It also sends a positive message throughout the bureaucracy that dedication, competence, and commitment to public service continue to be valued.

As Balochistan advances towards improved governance and sustainable development, the partnership between political leadership and an effective administrative structure will remain essential.

The province's long-term progress will depend not only on visionary policies but also on the institutional capacity required to implement them successfully.

Pakistan's Climate Vulnerability: A Governance Dilemma

Zia U'd Din:

Pakistan contributes less than one percent to global carbon emissions, yet it consistently ranks among the countries most exposed to climate-induced disasters. This imbalance is not merely an environmental concern; it reflects governance dilemma rooted in a weak institutional coordination and limited adaptation planning.

Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of the modern era, adversely affecting societies at multiple levels.

Rising temperatures, droughts, irregular weather patterns, sea-level rise, melting glaciers, floods, and water insecurity demonstrate its far-reaching global consequences.

Since these impacts transcend national borders, climate change is inherently a global challenge. Along with other developing nations, Pakistan remains highly vulnerable.

In 2024, Pakistan recorded its ninth warmest year in the last 64 years, with an average temperature of 23.5°C and rainfall levels 31 percent above the historical average. This highlights the urgency of collective international action.

For Pakistan, however, climate vulnerability is compounded by governance constraints. Fragmented institutional coordination, weak policy



implementation, and limited emphasis on adaptation have reduced the state's capacity to respond effectively. Consequently, the climate crisis in Pakistan reflects not only environmental stress but also persistent governance failures.

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in global weather patterns and temperatures, primarily driven by human activities. According to United Nations findings, excessive

greenhouse gas emissions have intensified heat retention in the atmosphere. Gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide have thickened the atmospheric blanket, largely due to deforestation, fossil fuel consumption, and rapid industrialization.

One of the most visible consequences of climate change is rising global temperatures.

The Copernicus Climate Change Service reported that average global tempera-

tures in 2024 exceeded pre-industrial levels by 1.52°C. This warming has intensified heatwaves, prolonged droughts, and increased wildfire risks.

Rising temperatures have also disrupted weather systems, leading to irregular rainfall, intense storms, and stronger hurricanes.

Another major consequence is sea-level rise. Oceans absorb nearly 90 percent of excess heat caused by greenhouse gas emissions, leading to

thermal expansion. Simultaneously, melting glaciers and ice sheets contribute to rising sea levels.

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, global sea levels have risen by approximately 21 to 25 centimeters since 1880, threatening coastal livelihoods and infrastructure.

Climate change has also intensified water scarcity, a growing global concern. Pakistan is already a water-stressed country, and climate variability has

further exacerbated this challenge.

A report by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics places Pakistan among the most water-risk-prone nations. Water scarcity places immense pressure on agriculture, industry, and households, undermining economic stability and food security.

Despite contributing minimally to global emissions, Pakistan bears a disproportionate share of climate-related losses. The

Global Climate Risk Index ranks Pakistan among the most vulnerable countries to climate change.

The 2022 floods alone caused an estimated economic loss of \$40 billion and claimed at least 1,700 lives. More recently, monsoon floods in 2025 resulted in over 1,000 deaths.

Given these realities, climate adaptation is no longer an academic debate but a strategic necessity. Mitigation remains essential to limit

future warming through reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydropower is critical.

Equally important is adaptation. Since climate impacts are already unavoidable, societies must strengthen resilience. Investment in climate-resilient infrastructure, improved urban planning, and effective water management is vital.

Global cooperation remains the third pillar of climate response. Climate change transcends borders and requires collective responsibility. Developed nations must honor climate finance commitments and support vulnerable countries in adaptation efforts.

For Pakistan, effective climate governance is central to resilience. Addressing financing constraints, strengthening legislation, improving federal-provincial coordination, and prioritizing adaptation over rhetoric are critical steps.

Climate change presents urgent challenges that demand immediate action. Without decisive reforms in climate governance and a strategic shift toward adaptation, Pakistan will continue to pay an unjust price for a crisis it did little to create.

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Cop martyred, 10 others injured in attack on Bannu's Miryan police station

NEWS DESK: A police official was martyred while six security personnel and four civilians were injured after terrorists attacked a police station in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu district last night, police said on Thursday.

On Wednesday night, attackers had attempted to ram a vehicle loaded with explosives into Miryan Police Station, triggering a powerful blast, which was followed by a prolonged exchange of fire between the terrorists and police personnel.

According to police, the terrorists attempted to storm the police station immediately after the attack. However, police and security forces responded promptly, successfully foiling their plans.

Police official Noor Jamal Khan, who was critically injured in the attack, succumbed to his injuries, Bannu police said in an official statement on Thursday.

Six security personnel and four civilians remain under treatment for their injuries, the statement added. The statement said the intense exchange of fire following the attempted attack had resulted in several security forces being injured among the terrorists. The statement, which did not specify the number of injured and killed terrorists, added that some of the terrorists also managed to flee under the cover of darkness.



The funeral prayers for the martyred police official, Jamal, were offered with full official honours at the Bannu Police Officer (RPO) Rahawaz Khan and senior police officers.

On Wednesday, before trying to attack Miryan Police Station, terrorists had reportedly also blown up a precariously damaged bridge leading to the station in an apparent attempt to obstruct reinforcement and rescue teams.

Bannu district has been the scene of repeated security incidents in recent months, with both civilians and local security forces coming under attack amid a broader surge in violence.

Last month, a sweeper serving at the police station, identified

as Mali Gul, was allegedly abducted by unidentified armed men while on his way to offer prayers at a local mosque.

On February 16, at least two people were killed and 17 others injured in a powerful explosion near Miryan Police Station. Police sources said the blast took place near shops located near the station.

In 2025, Miryan Police Station had been targeted by quadcopters five times within a month.

Terrorism incidents in Bannu, including attacks on police and jirga members, have prompted targeted operations by police and security forces in various localities to disrupt terror networks.

CM condemns Bannu, Lower Dir incidents

KP Chief Minister Sohail Afridi strongly condemned the Bannu attack and another inci-

dent in Lower Dir, where two policemen were martyred and 16 others were injured after coming under attack during a search-and-strike operation.

In a statement, CM Afridi paid tribute to the martyred personnel and expressed his condolences to the bereaved families. He also directed the authorities concerned to provide the injured with the best possible medical facilities. The sacrifices of such "courageous acts" could not lower their morale.

The provincial government has vowed to the complete eradication of terrorism, the protection of the public's lives and property, and providing every possible assistance to the martyrs' families," the CM said, according to an FRD document.

Frontline communities face longer wait for funds

NEWS DESK: Pakistan and other climate-vulnerable countries will have to wait longer for disbursements from the Fund for Resilient Loss and Damage (FRLD) after its board decided to allow more time to assess an overwhelming number of funding proposals amid limited financial resources.

The ninth meeting of the FRLD Board, held in Manila from July 8 to 10, ended without making any significant headway — a development that drew criticism from civil society groups, which said the Fund was failing vulnerable communities increasingly exposed to climate-related disasters.

The Fund was established at COP27 in Egypt in 2022. A decision to operationalise it was taken at COP28 in Dubai, followed by its full operationalisation in 2029 in Azerbaijan. With nearly \$500m in its account, the Fund launched its first call for proposals at COP30 in Brazil.

The call resulted in 176 funding requests from 119 developing countries, with a combined funding demand of \$2.8 billion — more than 11 times the \$250 million allocated for disbursement, according to the Fill the Fund civil society group.

The average amount requested per proposal is about \$15.9m, ranging from \$5m to \$20m, according to an FRD document.

At the Manila meeting, the board had been expected to consider proposals from Haiti, Jamaica, Nigeria and Ivory Coast to determine their funding requests and establish procedures for future grants.

However, the decision has now been deferred until December 2026 because a large

deferred because the vast majority of the 176 submissions had not yet undergone review.

June 15 was the deadline for submissions, and on that day alone the board received almost 100 requests. In a statement, said Ali Tauqueer Sheikh, P a k i s t a n ' s top representative on the FRLD Board.



number of proposals have yet to be reviewed. Civil society activist and Fill the Fund campaign member Harjeet Singh said the four proposals alone accounted for about 30 per cent of the initial \$250m allocation.

The board, he said, was "hesitant to give away such an amount of money without looking at the full basket of proposals".

According to sources familiar with the matter, the board had intended to review and approve the four proposals to streamline its approval and disbursement procedures. However, a final decision was

At present, only a handful of proposals have undergone an initial review, he said, adding that the board hopes to assess about two-thirds of the proposals by December before beginning disbursements. He said it was expected that around a dozen funding requests

would be approved at the 10th board meeting, particularly if an additional \$100m was added to the funding pool.

The projects will be approved under the two-year pilot phase, known as the Barbados Implementation Mechanism (BIM), for which \$250m

has been allocated. However, less than \$500m has actually been received by the Fund to date, according to Brandon Wu, who oversees policy and campaigns at ActionAid USA.

In a statement, Fill the Fund campaign said the \$342m "now allocated to the BIM will still only



cover 12pc of the \$2.8bn requested, funding at most approximately 22 funding requests at an average of \$15m per request".

Three Pakistani proposals, which frequently experiences devastating floods and heatwaves, has also submitted three proposals to the FRLD. Official sources told Dawn that one proposal had completed peer review and the country had received encouraging feedback, while comments on a second proposal for climate-resilient health systems in Balochistan were still awaited.

Karachi court grants police 7-day physical remand of 3 suspects in Dr Akash murder case

NEWS DESK: A judicial magistrate on Thursday granted police weekend physical remand of three suspects in the murder case of a young doctor that drew widespread condemnation.

Dr Akash Kumar, a doctor at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), was killed on Monday after robbers intercepted his vehicle near Teen Talwar and escaped with around Rs2 million, net he was carrying after withdrawing cash from a private bank. Three suspects were later arrested in connection with the murder and robbery.

The three men were presented before South Judicial Magistrate Zahid Ali on Thursday. Prosecutor Abdul Latif appeared on behalf of the state and supported the investigating officer's (IO) request for the suspects' physical remand.

Seeking the suspects' 14-day physical remand, the IO contended that more accomplices of those arrested,

staging protests at the JPMC, where Dr Kumar served as a house officer. The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) also condemned the killing, describing it as evidence of the deterioration of law and order situation in Karachi.

Sindh Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Janjua, along with Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Inspector General of Police (IGP) Javed Alam Khan, met with the family of the deceased doctor on Tuesday to express their condolences.

The home minister and IGP assured the family that all suspects involved in the tragic incident would be brought to justice, saying that the case was being investigated thoroughly on merit.

In a press release on Wednesday, police said that the arrested suspects belonged to a gang involved in robberies and street crimes across Karachi and had criminal records, adding that raids were under way to

ceased doctor was fired from the pistol of the guard, who also admitted that he fired in "self-defence".

The DIG also said the police may not press charges against the held guard.

In the first information report (FIR), Sanjay Kumar, who accompanied Dr Akash and his father Sri Chand, said the victim was shot by one of the robbers.

In Wednesday's press release, the police claimed that the arrested suspects told investigators during initial interrogation that they were involved in the doctor's killing.

They reportedly said that they had monitored the robbery and had an accomplice inside the first bank from where Akash had withdrawn Rs5 million, who alerted them about the doctor's movement.

In a press conference a day ago, DIG Raza identified the arrested suspects as Suresh, Ram Chand and Anil, who he

Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) issues red alert over 651,000 zero-dose children

NEWS DESK: The Pakistan Medical Association has issued an urgent national red alert after epidemiological data revealed that Pakistan holds a catastrophically high volume of "zero-dose" children in the World Health Organisation's Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Zero-dose children are those who have never received the first dose of the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-containing vaccine (DTP1).

With 651,000 infants completely bypassed by routine immunisation systems, the representative body of the medical fraternity warns that the country is sitting on an epidemiological powder keg, facing an imminent, large-scale resurgence of preventable childhood mortality.

The association formally declared the milestone a National Public Health Emergency, warning that the immunity gap has breached the threshold

required to maintain herd immunity, exposing the entire region to uncontrolled outbreaks.

"From a clinical and public health perspective, the presence of over half a million zero-dose children represents a systemic collapse of primary preventive

healthcare," PMA Secretary-General Dr Abdul Ghaffar Shoro said.

The notification stated that the devastating figures lie a deeper, systemic rot that has hollowed out the

nation's healthcare framework."

According to the latest WHO regional epidemiological data, 90pc of all zero-dose children in the region are concentrated in five countries: Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Somalia.

The PMA pointed



While Sudan, Yemen and Somalia are grappling with active wars, extreme poverty or total state collapse, Pakistan's inclusion in this bracket is primarily

to critical failures and structural corruption contributing to the crisis.

These include nepotism in administrative appointments, weak-

ened Expanded Programme on immunisation frameworks, chronic failure to establish secure networks to reach remote territories and a failure to proactively counter vaccine hesitancy.

"Accumulating 651,000 zero-dose children is a direct consequence of decades of corrupt practices, administrative negligence and a complete lack of political will from successive governments who do not prioritise the health of this nation," the PMA stated. To combat the crisis, the association demanded an audit of all funds allocated to provincial EPI and health departments, ensuring financial transparency, eliminating kickbacks in procurement and holding negligent administrators accountable.

The PMA also demanded that provincial and federal leadership initiate a routine immunisation a non-negotiable national security priority.

LHC approves transport monetisation policy, allows judicial officers to purchase allotted vehicles at depreciated price

NEWS DESK: The Lahore High Court (LHC) has introduced a new Transport Monetisation Policy allowing judicial officers across Punjab's district judiciary to purchase their officially allotted vehicles at depreciated prices. According to a notification issued by the LHC registrar, the policy was approved by Lahore High Court Chief Justice Aalia Neelum in pursuance of the decisions of the National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee (NJPMC) and the Punjab cabinet.

The policy has taken effect retrospectively from July 1, 2026. Under the new policy, judicial officers will no longer receive official fuel, maintenance, or driver facilities for personal use.

Instead, they will be paid a monthly transport monetisation allowance — the rates of which will be determined by the competent authority and revised periodically in line with fuel prices and economic conditions.

A key feature of the policy is that judicial officers have been given the option to purchase the official vehicles currently allotted to them at a depreciated lump-sum price. Officers who decline the offer will be required to surrender their vehicles immediately to the concerned district and sessions judge.

The notification stated that the depreciated value of the vehicles would be calculated by applying a depreciation rate of 15 per cent in the first year and 10pc for each subsequent year to the original purchase price.

However, the sale price cannot fall below Rs200,000 for vehicles up to 1000cc and Rs250,000 for vehicles with an engine capacity of 1300cc and above, it added.

Under the policy, payment for the vehicles must be made in a single lump sum through a pay order or demand draft in favour of the LHC registrar. Eligible officers must also submit a for-

mal undertaking accepting the terms of the purchase.

green number plates must be surrendered, while all re-registration, Lahore High Court are eligible to purchase them.

The tender notice is issued in accordance with the Punjab Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. ELIGIBILITY — Three Years Relevant Work Experience in PHE Department. B. Turn-Over of at least three years showing financial capacity of the firm. The contractor must have registration with tax authorities. e. NTN Sales tax department and Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRTA). valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category who have deposited earnest money fee for the year 2025-2027. Tender fee deposited in head of account C0272502 (Cheque) or cash in form of original in State Bank of Pakistan/National Bank of Pakistan/Quetta-1500 and 1000 of each work detail given as above. e. The detail of each work is available on S-PPTA website. Method of Procurement: — Single stage, one envelope procedure will be adopted. (Tenderers/contractors on publishing of notices in newspapers up to 31-07-2026 11:00 A.M. from the presentation of requisite documents in tender fee (Non-refundable). Bid Security/Earnest money 2% in shape of cash deposit).

The tenders will be open in presence of all bidders/firms. Submissions: Last date for submission is 31-07-2026 at 11:00 A.M. Opening: The tender will be opened on 31-07-2026 at 12:00 P.M. Place of issuance, advertisement, inquiry and opening will be: Address: Office of the Executive Engineer (PHE), Quetta, Jal Road near Market Factory Quetta. Telephone No 3307431 and 3307228 Email Address: XELs@ppta.gov.pk@gmail.com. It may be noted that no pay order will be accepted/extended and Firm complete the name should be written on call deposit. Only original contractor are allowed to participate in the tenders with original CM. Agents/representative will not be allowed. CONDITIONS: All the terms and conditions of the detail works can be seen/obtain from the office of the undersigned in any office hours.

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including a woman, needed to be traced.

He added that the motorcycles and car used in the incident were yet to be recovered, as well as the stolen money. Police on Wednesday said they had seized a white Suzuki Alto allegedly used by the suspects to flee, mobile phones and three pistols. Subsequently, the court approved a seven-day physical remand of the suspects. Meanwhile, the IO also filed a request for their identification parade.

The killing had sparked widespread outrage within the medical community, with doctors

arrest their remaining accomplices.

Security guard released separately, South Deputy Inspector General (DIG) said, confirmed to Dawn that a private security guard deputised at the bank who was detained earlier had been released.

According to the police, the guard, upon seeing the muggers, had opened fire, while the robbers also retaliated. During the crossfire, a bullet struck Dr Kumar in the chest.

On Tuesday, DIG Raza told Dawn that a police forensic report confirmed that the bullet which struck the de-

said had been residing in Karachi for a considerable time but hailed from Daharki, Thul and Naushahero Feroze.

Replying to a question, he ruled out personal enmity as a reason for the murder.

A case for Dr Akash's murder was registered at Karachi's Feroze Hall Police Station on Tuesday, according to a copy of the FIR seen by Dawn. The FIR was registered on the complaint of Dr Akash's cousin, Sanjay Kumar, under Sections 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of a common intention), 397 (robbery) or dacoity.