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National Party Rejects Claims of Supporting Military Operation in Balochistan, Calls for Political Solution

Staff Reporter:

QUETTA: The National Party has strongly rejected what it described as misleading reports and social media propaganda suggesting that its leadership supports the use of force in Balochistan.



In a statement issued by the party's central spokesperson, the National Party said that certain media outlets and social media platforms were creating confusion over recent political meetings held in Islamabad.

The spokesperson said these reports falsely portrayed the party as backing a military operation in the province.

The party categorically denied the allegations, stating that its leadership had clearly conveyed its position during meetings with the leadership of the ruling party in Islamabad.

According to the statement, the National Party reiterated its opposition to the use of force in Balochistan and

emphasized that the province's challenges are political in nature and require a political solution.

"The issues facing Balochistan can only be resolved through political dialogue, democratic processes, meaningful reforms, and constructive measures that restore



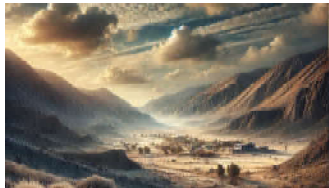
public trust and pave the way for lasting peace and stability," the spokesperson said.

The National Party also urged media organizations and journalists to avoid publishing or broadcasting unverified reports.

It called for responsible journalism and stressed the importance of verifying facts before disseminating news to prevent misinformation and unnecessary confusion.

The statement reaffirmed the party's long-standing position that sustainable peace in Balochistan depends on dialogue, democratic engagement, and confidence-building measures rather than the use of force.

Balochistan Weather Forecast: PMD Predicts Heavy Rain, Thunderstorms in 13 Districts



WEBDESK:

The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has issued a Balochistan weather forecast predicting rain, thunderstorms, strong winds, and isolated heavy rainfall in Quetta and several districts during the next 24 hours, while hot and humid weather is expected to persist across most parts of the province.

According to the latest PMD weather update, Quetta, Zhob, Musakhel, Loralai, Kalat, Khuzdar, Barkhan, Sherani, Kohlu, Qila Abdullah, Qila Saifullah, Pishin, and Ziarat are likely to receive rain accompanied by gusty winds, thunder, and lightning.

The Meteorological Department warned that isolated heavy downpours are expected in some areas, which could trigger urban flooding in low-lying areas, reduce visibility on roads, and disrupt traffic. Residents, commuters, and travelers have been advised to remain cautious during

periods of intense rainfall and thunderstorms.

While rainfall is expected in several districts, hot and humid weather in Balochistan will continue to prevail in most parts of the province.

The PMD has urged citizens to stay informed through official weather advisories, avoid unnecessary travel during heavy rain, and take precautionary measures against lightning, strong winds, and possible flash flooding.

Balochistan Weather Highlights
Rain forecast: Quetta, Zhob, Musakhel, Loralai, Kalat, Khuzdar, Barkhan, Sherani, Kohlu, Qila Abdullah, Qila Saifullah, Pishin, and Ziarat.

Weather conditions: Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, and strong winds.

Heavy rainfall alert: Isolated areas may receive heavy downpours.

Overall weather: Hot and humid conditions expected across most districts of Balochistan.



A photo of the bus that was targeted in the Kad Kucha area of the Mastung district, photo grabbed from social media.

Balochistan: Three Passengers Killed in Gun Attack on Quetta-Karachi Passenger Bus

NEWS DESK:

Three passengers were killed and three others sustained injuries after unidentified gunmen opened fire on a passenger bus travelling from Quetta to Karachi in Mastung district, officials said on Wednesday.

According to security officials, the attack took place

near Goro in the Khad Kucha area along the Quetta-Karachi National Highway (N-25) when armed assailants targeted the moving bus, striking several passengers.

The deceased were identified as Inam-ul-Haq from Qila Abdullah, Syed Tariq Niaz of Karachi, and Liaquat Khan from Gulistan.

The injured, identified as

Najam, Abdul Hanan of Quetta, and Abdul Wali of Pishin, were shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment.

Security forces and rescue personnel responded immediately after the incident, secured the area, and transported the victims to hospital. Following medico-legal formalities,

while no group had claimed responsibility for the shooting at the time of filing this report.

Security Forces Eliminate Terrorists in Successful Surab, Mastung IBOs: CM Bugti

WEB DESK:

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has commended the Pakistan Army, security forces, and law enforcement agencies for carrying out successful intelligence-based operations (IBOs) in Surab and Mastung, saying the actions disrupted terrorist networks and strengthened the province's fight against terrorism.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, Bugti said the operations conducted during the last 48 hours resulted in the elimination of terrorists, the destruction of terrorist hideouts, and the detention of suspects allegedly linked to planned suicide attacks.

He described the developments as an important milestone in ongoing counterterrorism efforts across Balochistan.

The chief minister said the success of the intelligence-led operations reflected the professionalism, coordination, and operational capabilities of Pakistan's security institutions.

He noted that timely action by security and law enforcement agencies had helped neutralize security threats and reinforce efforts to maintain peace in the province.



File photo of Chief Minister Balochistan addressing an important session, photo by DGPR.

Reaffirming the provincial government's commitment to public safety, Bugti said the Balochistan government would continue extending full support to the Pakistan Army and other law enforcement agencies in their efforts to combat terrorism.

He added that ensuring the protection of citizens and preserving law and order remain among the government's highest priorities. The chief minister also expressed confidence that close coordination between the federal government, provincial administration, and security agencies would further strengthen counterterrorism operations, paving the way for lasting peace, improved security, and sustainable development across Balochistan.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Balochistan: Qila Saifullah Hailstorm Destroys 7M Fruit Trees, 18,000 Farmers Hit

Atta Kakar:

A devastating hailstorm accompanied by powerful winds has caused widespread destruction across Qila Saifullah district in Balochistan, damaging more than 7 million fruit trees and affecting nearly 18,000 farmers and landowners.

The storm struck on April 18, severely impacting one of the province's most important horticultural regions and leaving thousands of rural families facing major economic uncertainty.

The disaster caused extensive damage to orchards, agricultural land, and seasonal crops,

particularly apple, apricot, and grape farms that form the backbone of the local economy.

Farmers say years of hard work and investment were wiped out within minutes as hail and strong winds tore through villages and farming areas across the district.

Local growers have described the situation as catastrophic,

warning that many families may



struggle to survive financially without immediate government assistance.

Agriculture remains the primary source of income for

a large portion of Qila Saifullah's population, and the destruction of fruit orchards is expected to have long-term economic consequences for the re-

gion. Residents and farming communities have expressed frustration over delays in relief and compensation efforts.

Many affected farmers claim that official assessment and rehabilitation measures have been slow despite the scale of destruction.

Calls are growing for the provincial and federal governments to announce emergency compensation packages, interest-free agri-

cultural loans, and recovery support for affected communities. Farmers and local representatives are also demanding restoration of damaged ir-

rigation systems and the introduction of crop insurance mechanisms to help rural communities recover from climate-related disasters.

They argue that without urgent intervention, the crisis could deepen poverty and unemployment across the district.

The Qila Saifullah hailstorm has once again highlighted the vulnerability of Balochistan's agriculture sector to extreme weather events.

Experts warn that climate-related disasters, including hailstorms, droughts, and flash floods, are becoming increasingly frequent in the province,

placing additional pressure on farmers already struggling with limited infrastructure and rising production costs.

Analysts say stronger disaster management systems, climate-resilient agricultural policies, and faster

emergency response mechanisms are essential to protect rural livelihoods and ensure long-term stability in Balochistan's farming sector.

Hereditary Politics vs. Self-Made Leaders: Why Privilege Fails the People

Qaseem Shah:

Politics in Pakistan has long been dominated by dynastic families, where power is inherited rather than earned.

While such politicians often claim experience and continuity, their record exposes a harsh truth: hereditary leadership breeds entitlement, detachment, and compromise, leaving ordinary citizens' struggles ignored.

Born into privilege, raised in opulent homes, and educated in elite institutions, dynastic leaders are often insulated from the harsh realities of poverty, unemployment, and social injustice.

For them, bungalows, luxury cars, armed convoys, and protocol perks are not luxuries but assumed necessities.

Over time, these comforts transform into entitlement, making public service a secondary concern.

Worse, dynastic politicians are bound by political debts, family obligations, and elite alliances, which forces them to compromise on issues critical to national interest.

Challenging corruption, confronting anti-political elements, or addressing systemic inequality often takes a backseat to protecting their personal and family power.

This creates a leadership class that is cautious, compro-



missed, and frequently unwilling to act decisively for the public good.

In contrast, self-made leaders emerge from struggle, not inheritance, often from humble or poor backgrounds.

Globally, Nelson Mandela, imprisoned for decades under apartheid, led South Africa to justice and reconciliation.

Lula da Silva, a former factory worker, became Brazil's president and

obligations, self-made politicians are able to challenge entrenched interests, fight corruption, and prioritize public service over personal gain.

History provides numerous examples of such leaders. Globally, Nelson Mandela, imprisoned for decades under apartheid, led South Africa to justice and reconciliation.

Lula da Silva, a former factory worker, became Brazil's president and

implemented programs that lifted millions out of poverty. Abraham Lincoln, born into poverty, preserved the United States during its gravest crisis and abolished slavery—proving that real leadership grows from struggle, not comfort.

Pakistan's political landscape has its share of self-made leaders who contrasted sharply with dynastic elites.

Abdul Ghaffar Khan (Bacha Khan),

born into modest means, dedicated his life to nonviolence, education, and the rights of the Pashtuns. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, though from a relatively well-off family,

rose through political activism and mass mobilization rather than relying solely on inheritance, leaving a profound imprint on Pakistan's political culture.

More recently, Imran Khan, initially a cricket superstar, built

a political movement emphasizing accountability and reform, rooted in public engagement rather than family power.

These leaders exemplify that real leadership is earned, not inherited, and it demands courage, integrity, and connection with the people.

Dynastic politics, in contrast, remains a structural barrier to progress in Pakistan.

Leaders born into privilege often see public service as an

entitlement rather than a responsibility.

Their compromised independence, obsession with status and perks, and reluctance to confront entrenched interests make them ill-equipped to address pressing social and economic challenges.

As long as politics is dominated by inherited privilege, the needs of the poor and marginalized remain sidelined, and reforms remain superficial.

In the end, self-

made leaders rooted in struggle, empathy, and public service are the only hope for meaningful change.

True leadership requires more than a family name; it requires vision, courage, and the willingness to put the people above privilege, comfort, and personal gain.

For Pakistan, the challenge is clear: move away from dynastic entitlement and empower leaders who have earned the right to lead.

Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail Calls for Urgent Action on Quetta's Rising Street Crime, Water Crisis, and Drug Threat

Balochistan Governor Directs Authorities to Improve Public Safety, Essential Services, and Urban Management

QUETTA: Governor of Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has called for immediate and coordinated action to address the growing challenges facing Quetta, including rising street crime, unannounced power outages, water shortages, poor sanitation, and the increasing threat of drug abuse among youth.

The Governor made these remarks during a meeting with a delegation led by Allama Maqsood Ali Dornik, a central leader of Majlis Wahdat-e-Muslimeen Pakistan.

Governor Mandokhail directed the Commissioner Quetta and the Administrator of the Metropolitan Corporation to regularly visit suburban areas of the city, emphasizing that good governance begins with listening to the



concerns of ordinary citizens. He noted that Quetta is not only the provincial capital but also Balochistan's administrative, political, educational, and commercial hub.

Solving the city's challenges, he said, would significantly improve conditions across much of the province. Expressing concern

over the increase in street crime in Quetta's outskirts, the Governor stressed the need for concrete measures to improve public safety.

He reaffirmed that protecting the lives and property of citizens is the government's foremost responsibility and warned that negligence in this regard would not

be tolerated. Responding to a question, Governor Mandokhail described clean drinking water as a fundamental necessity and urged the relevant authorities to ensure uninterrupted and convenient access to safe water for every household.

He also criticized unannounced electricity load shedding, saying it

has become a major source of hardship for residents, traders, students, and small business owners.

He instructed the concerned departments to provide timely public information whenever planned maintenance or unavoidable power outages occur.

Highlighting the importance of urban cleanliness, the Governor said a clean city reflects responsible governance and a healthy society.

He noted that environmental sanitation has a direct impact on public health and the overall quality of urban life. Governor Mandokhail also expressed serious concern over the growing menace of drug abuse among young people, describing addiction as a threat that weakens society.

Balochistan CM's Adviser Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi Visits Benazir Bhutto Emergency Response Trauma Center Dr. Rubaba Reviews Digital Healthcare System, Praises Paperless Medical Services

QUETTA: Adviser to the Chief Minister of Balochistan for Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, visited the Benazir Bhutto Emergency Response Trauma Center in Quetta to review its healthcare services and assess the modern medical facilities being provided to patients.

During the visit, Dr. Rubaba inspected various departments of the trauma center and was briefed on its advanced healthcare infrastructure, digital management system, and emergency response mechanism by Managing Director Dr. Kamran Khan Kasi and Additional Director Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sial.

Expressing satisfaction with the institution's state-of-the-art facilities, Dr. Rubaba highlighted that the trauma center operates as a completely



paperless healthcare institution, where both administrative and clinical operations are managed through an integrated digital system.

She noted that patients' complete medical records are securely maintained through a centralized digital platform, ensuring greater

transparency, efficiency, and speed in the delivery of healthcare services. Dr. Rubaba said the Government of Balochistan, under the leadership of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, is implementing practical reforms to modernize the health sector by strengthening medical

infrastructure and expanding digital health systems across the province. She emphasized that the government's vision is to provide the public with fast, transparent, and high-quality healthcare services through the adoption of modern technology, adding that the intro-

duction of digital systems in public hospitals is a key part of this strategy.

According to Dr. Rubaba, developing a modern healthcare system capable of delivering better patient care, efficient hospital administration, and timely emergency medical services remains one of the provincial government's top priorities.

She added that digital healthcare not only improves patient services but also enhances hospital performance, transparency, and accountability.

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Lasbela Deputy Commissioner Provides Financial Assistance to Family of Martyred Polio Worker DC Humeira Baloch Announces Free Education for Son of Polio Worker Killed in Traffic Accident

UTRAL: Deputy Commissioner Lasbela Humeira Baloch expressed condolences to the family of a female polio worker who lost her life in a tragic traffic accident and handed over a financial assistance cheque on behalf of the Lasbela District Administration and the Health Department.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner also announced that the martyred polio worker's son would receive free education up to the matriculation level, reaffirming the administration's commitment to supporting the bereaved family.

Speaking on the occasion, Humeira Baloch said that polio workers



perform a vital national duty by protecting children from the crippling disease, adding that their dedication and sacrifices deserve the highest appreciation.

She stated that the sacrifice of the martyred

lady polio worker would always be remembered and assured the family that the district administration would continue to provide every possible support.

According to officials, the traffic accident

claimed the life of one female polio worker, while another sustained serious injuries. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the Government of Balochistan and the district administration are

taking practical steps to ensure the welfare of public servants and their families who are affected while performing their official duties.

Also present on the occasion were World Health Organization (WHO) Lasbela District Representative Dr. Muir Baloch, Municipal Committee Uthal General Councillor Nasir Ahmed Langah, and District Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) Lasbela official Dr. Nida Rashid. Lasbela, Humeira Baloch, martyred polio worker, Uthal, Balochistan Government of Balochistan, WHO Lasbela, financial assistance, free education, polio campaign Pakistan, traffic accident.

Ziarat District Health Committee Orders Salary Deductions for Absent Medical Staff Deputy Commissioner Abdul Quddus Achakzai Directs Round-the-Clock Healthcare Services Across District Hospitals

ZIARAT: Deputy Commissioner Ziarat Abdul Quddus Achakzai chaired an important meeting of the District Health Committee to review the performance of the health department and strengthen healthcare services across the district.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Sher Shah Ghazal, District Health Officer Dr. Muhammad Rafiq Mastoi, Medical Superintendent of District Headquarters Hospital Dr. Muhammad Anwar Mandokhail, Treasury Officer Ali Asghar, PPHI District Support Manager Murtaz Ali, Medical Su-



perintendent of Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Sanjay Dr. Noor-ul-Baqi, Drug Inspector Muhammad Adeel, Ameenullah, and Farmanullah.

During the meeting, participants reviewed the overall performance of healthcare facilities and approved several key measures aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services throughout the district. The committee or-

dered salary deductions for doctors and healthcare staff found absent from duty, reinforcing the administration's commitment to ensuring accountability within the health system.

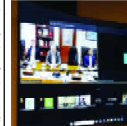
Deputy Commissioner Abdul Quddus Achakzai directed the District Health Officer (DHO) and the PPHI District Support Manager to conduct regular inspections of all hospitals and take practical steps to further

improve healthcare services. He also instructed doctors at the District Headquarters Hospital Ziarat and Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Sanjay to remain available 24 hours a day to provide uninterrupted medical care to the public.

The Deputy Commissioner made it clear that the absence of doctors and paramedical staff would be taken under any circumstances. Pakistan healthcare news.

Balochistan Government Declares B-Pay as Official Digital Revenue Collection Platform Finance Department Introduces Centralized E-Payment System to Modernize Government Revenue Collection

QUETTA: The Finance Department of the Government of Balochistan has taken a major step toward modernizing and digitizing the province's revenue collection system by officially designating Balochistan E-Pay (B-Pay) as the exclusive digital platform for all government revenue collections.



The decision has been formalized through an official notification issued under the Balochistan Public Finance Management Act, 2020 (Amendment Act, 2026).

According to the notification, B-Pay will serve as the provincial government's central-

ized digital revenue platform, enabling all government departments to process payments through a unified and transparent system.

Under the new framework, the platform will generate Payment System Identification Numbers (PSIDs) and digital challans for all government receipts. It

will also manage the complete payment lifecycle, including payment processing, settlement, reconciliation, and digital record management.

The initiative is aimed at enhancing transparency, efficiency, and accountability in public financial manage-

ment while simplifying payment procedures for citizens and government departments. By centralizing all official revenue collections through a single digital platform, the Government of Balochistan seeks to strengthen financial governance and improve the overall efficiency of

revenue administration. B-Pay, Balochistan Finance Department, digital revenue collection, PSID, digital challan, Balochistan Public Finance Management Act 2020, e-governance, digital payments Pakistan, government revenue system.

Zhob Commissioner Visits Rain-Hit Tora Khola, Reviews Damage and Relief Operations Commissioner Asif Ali Farrukh Orders Immediate Restoration of Roads and Distribution of Relief Supplies

ZHOB: Commissioner Zhob Division Asif Ali Farrukh, accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Zhob Muhammad Naveed Alam, visited the rain-affected areas of Tora Khola to assess the damage caused by recent heavy rainfall and flash floods.

During the visit, the Commissioner inspected damaged link roads, water channels, seasonal streams, and other public infrastructure affected by the torrential rains. He directed the Communication and Works Department (C&W), Provincial Di-

visions, prayed for the deceased, and assured the bereaved family of the district administration's full support.

The Commissioner further directed all relevant agencies to maintain continuous monitoring of seasonal streams, closely observe low-lying areas, and keep emergency machinery fully operational to respond promptly to any further emergencies.

He also urged the public to avoid unnecessary travel during heavy rainfall, stay away from flood channels and

seasonal streams, and strictly follow safety advisories issued by the district administration.

Zhob rain damage, Tora Khola, Commissioner Asif Ali Farrukh, Assistant Commissioner Muhammad Naveed Alam, Balochistan floods, PDMA, disaster relief, flash floods Pakistan, emergency response, monsoon rains.

He offered con-



sister Management Authority (PDMA), district administration, and other relevant departments to take emergency measures for clearing debris, restoring damaged roads, and reopening transportation routes at the earliest to minimize hardships for local residents.

Commissioner Asif Ali Farrukh said the Government of

supplies among affected families. He also instructed the concerned authorities to ensure the uninterrupted provision of food, clean drinking water, healthcare services, and other basic necessities. Commissioner Asif Ali Farrukh also visited the family of a two-year-old child who tragically lost his life during the heavy rains.

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Sibi Commissioner Reviews Monsoon Preparedness, Orders Emergency Measures Across Division Control Rooms, Relief Camps, Rescue Machinery, and Hospitals Placed on High Alert Ahead of Monsoon Rains

SIBI: Commissioner Sibi Division Asadullah Faiz chaired a high-level meeting to review contingency plans, emergency preparedness, and preventive measures ahead of the expected monsoon rains across the division.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Sibi Major (R) Ilyas Kabzai, Deputy Commissioner Kachhi Mumtaz Ali Khetrar, representatives of the Public Health Engineering (PHE), Irrigation Department, Agricultural Engineering Department, and Livestock Department, while Deputy Commissioner Dera Bugti South

and the Divisional Director Health participated via video link.

During the briefing, Deputy Commissioner Sibi Major (R) Ilyas Kabzai informed the meeting that a 24/7 control room has been established at the Deputy Commissioner's Office to coordinate emergency response during the monsoon season.

He said all relevant departments have been placed on alert and instructed to complete precautionary measures in advance.

He added that de-watering pumps, tractor

trials, while dozers and tractors will be deployed in vulnerable and low-lying areas. He also informed the meeting that seven relief camp sites have been identified to provide shelter in case of emergencies.

Deputy Commissioner Sibi Major (R) Ilyas Kabzai also briefed participants on district-level preparedness, including the availability of rescue equipment, emergency response arrangements, and designated relief points.

The Deputy Commissioner of Kachhi stated that special measures would be taken to protect coal mine workers in the Mach area.

