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General Syed Aamer Raza Assumes Command of National Strategic Command: ISPR

News Desk:

RAWALPINDI: General Syed Aamer Raza, HI (M), S Bt, was presented with a Guard of Honour after assuming command as the

Fateha to pay tribute to the martyrs. Later, the Commander National Strategic Command called on Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HI, Chief of Army Staff (COAS)



Commander National Strategic Command (CNSC), the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Monday. According to an ISPR statement, General Syed Aamer Raza also laid a floral wreath at Yadgar-e-Shuhada and offered

and Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), at General Headquarters (GHQ). The ISPR said Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir congratulated General Syed Aamer Raza on assuming command of the National Strategic Command.

28 Illegal Afghan Nationals Detained at Kech Checkpost During Routine Police Inspection

From Our Correspondent:

TURBAT: Police in Balochistan's Makran Range have detained 28 undocumented Afghan nationals during a routine security check at the Hironk Checkpost in Kech district, officials said on Monday.



According to a statement issued by Kech Police, officers stopped a passenger van for a routine inspection and carried out a thorough verification of all passengers on board. During the verification process, police found that 28 Afghan nationals were travelling without valid travel or residency documents.

taken in accordance with Pakistan's immigration and applicable laws. Security checks have been intensified at key entry and transit points across Balochistan as part of ongoing efforts to identify undocumented foreign nationals and ensure compliance with immigration regulations.



A view of Quetta Balochistan Assembly Chowk after installation of traffic signals:
Photo by Ali Hamza.

Quetta to Install AI-Based Traffic Signals to Improve Traffic Flow, Says CM Sarfraz Bugti

Qaseem Shah:

QUETTA, July 27: The Government of Balochistan has decided to install modern artificial intelligence (AI)-based traffic signals across Quetta as part of its broader plan to tackle the city's growing traffic congestion and improve urban mobility. The decision was taken during a high-level meeting chaired by Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Monday, where officials reviewed a comprehensive strategy for introducing a modern traffic management system in the provincial capital. During the briefing, officials informed the meeting that AI-powered traffic signals would help regulate traffic according to real-time vehicle movement, reducing unnecessary waiting times at intersections and improving the overall flow of traffic across the city. Chief Minister Bugti directed the relevant departments to use modern technology to streamline traffic movement and provide citizens with safer and more efficient travel facilities. He also instructed all concerned agencies to work in close coordination to ensure the successful implementation of a sustainable and technologically advanced traffic management system.

and enhance transparency and effective monitoring on the city's roads. Reaffirming his government's commitment to urban development, Bugti said Quetta's transformation into a modern city equipped with smart public services is a key priority. He added that technology-driven governance would help create a safer, more organized, and reliable transportation network for residents. The proposed AI-powered traffic signal system is expected to play a major role in easing congestion at major intersections while supporting Quetta's long-term urban infrastructure modernization efforts.

According to the chief minister, the introduction of an AI-based traffic management system will significantly reduce travel time, improve commuting facilities, strengthen traffic discipline,

Naqvi inaugurates modern Frontier Corps hospital in Turbat

NEWS DESK:

QUETTA: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated a state-of-the-art Frontier Corps (FC) Balochistan (South) Hospital in Turbat, describing the facility as a much-needed addition to healthcare services in the region. During the visit, the minister toured the hospital's outpatient department (OPD), specialised wards, MRI and CT scan units, and operation theatres. He commended Inspector General FC Balochistan (South) Major General Bilal Sarfraz Khan and his team for completing and making the modern medical facility operational within a short period. Naqvi said he was pleased to see the hospital become fully functional so quickly, adding that Turbat had long needed a modern healthcare facility equipped with advanced medical services. He said that, in addition to serving FC personnel, the hospital would also provide quality medical treatment to the local population. The interior minister was briefed on the healthcare services and facilities available at the hospital. Major General Bilal Sarfraz Khan also briefed him on the force's professional training standards and ongoing field operations. Praising the professionalism and operational preparedness of FC Balochistan (South), Naqvi acknowledged the force's role in maintaining security in the province. He also paid tribute to FC personnel for what he described as successful operations against "Fitna al Hindustan" and other banned militant organisations operating in the region. Officials said the hospital would benefit security personnel as well as civilians.



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Soil Erosion in Bolan, Balochistan: When the Land We Depend On Begins to Disappear

By Ayesha Tanveer:

In the valleys of Bolan, the land tells a story that is easy to miss if we only look at the surface. The mountains stand tall, the valleys stretch across the landscape, and farmers continue to work the soil as their families have done for generations. But beneath this familiar picture, something is changing. Little by little, the soil that supports agriculture and rural life is being washed away by sudden floods, carried off by strong winds and weakened by years of pressure on the land. Soil erosion may not happen overnight, and it rarely makes headlines. Yet for the people who depend on the land, its effects are real. A field that once produced a reasonable harvest may gradually become less productive. A farmer who once relied on rain and traditional methods may find that the same approach no longer works. For communities in Bolan, soil erosion is becoming more than an environmental concern—it is increasingly a threat to agriculture, livelihoods and the future of rural life.

A Fragile Land Under Pressure

Balochistan is Pakistan's largest province by area, covering nearly 44 percent of the country's land. Yet only a small portion of this vast region is suitable for cultivation. In places like Bolan, farming has always depended on a delicate relationship between soil, rainfall, water availability and traditional knowledge.

That relationship is now under growing pressure. Bolan lies in an arid to semi-arid region where rainfall is limited and unpredictable. Farmers can experience long dry periods followed by sudden and intense rainfall. Instead of slowly soaking into the ground, heavy rain can rush through valleys and fields, creating flash floods that carry away

the most valuable layer of soil. This is one of the greatest problems with soil erosion: the soil that disappears first is often the soil that agriculture needs the most.

The topsoil contains organic matter and nutrients essential for healthy crops. Once it is washed away, rebuilding it can take years, sometimes decades. When Rain Becomes a Threat Rain is essential for life and agriculture, but in Bolan, the way rain arrives can sometimes be as important as how much rain falls.

After months of dryness, the soil may become hard and vulnerable. When intense rainfall suddenly arrives, water can move rapidly across the surface instead of being absorbed into the ground. In the mountainous terrain of Bolan, steep slopes make this runoff even faster. The result can be devastating. Water cuts through fields, carries soil downhill and deposits it in streams and irrigation channels. What begins as erosion on a hillside can eventually contribute to blocked waterways, increased flood risks and damage to agricultural land.

This creates a difficult cycle: dry conditions weaken the land, intense rainfall removes the soil, and the loss of soil makes the land even more vulnerable the next time heavy rain arrives. Human Activities Are Making the Problem Worse

Nature is not the only factor behind the changing landscape. Human activities have also played an important role.

Vegetation is one of the land's natural defenses against erosion. Trees, shrubs and grasses help hold soil together through their roots and reduce the speed at which rainwater flows across the ground. When vegeta-



tion is removed, the soil is left exposed.

In many areas, trees and shrubs are cut for fuelwood and construction. Over time, the loss of vegetation leaves hillsides and open land more vulnerable to wind and water.

Livestock grazing is another important part of the problem. Goats, sheep and cattle need grazing to place enormous pressure on fragile rangelands. Goats, sheep and cattle depend on these lands for food, while local families depend on livestock for income and survival. The problem arises when grazing becomes excessive and vegetation does not have enough time to recover.

Without sufficient grass and shrub cover, the soil is exposed. Repeated movement of animals can also compact the ground, making it harder for rainwater to enter the soil. More water then flows across the surface, taking soil with it. Farming Practices and the Loss of Fertility

Farmers in Bolan are working under difficult circumstances. Water is scarce, rainfall is uncer-

tain and access to modern agricultural resources can be limited. Many farming practices have developed out of necessity rather than choice.

However, some traditional and intensive practices can unintentionally contribute to soil degradation. Repeated deep ploughing can disturb soil structure, while limited crop rotation and a lack of organic matter can gradually weaken the soil.

In areas where farmers struggle to find enough fodder for livestock, crop residues may be removed from fields instead of being left to protect the soil. As a result, fields can be exposed for long periods.

The consequences become visible over time. As fertile topsoil disappears, the soil loses nutrients and organic matter. Crops may grow less vigorously, and harvests may decline. For a small farmer, this is not simply a number on a production chart. A smaller harvest can mean less food for the family, less income

and greater difficulty paying for seeds, fertilizer and other agricultural expenses.

The Hidden Cost of Declining Soil Fertility

Healthy soil does more than provide nutrients to crops. It also acts like a natural reservoir, holding water and making it available to plants during dry periods.

When erosion removes organic matter and damages soil structure, the land becomes less capable of retaining moisture. In a dry region like Bolan, this can be particularly damaging.

Farmers may then turn increasingly to chemical fertilizers to compensate for declining fertility. Fertilizers can help crops in the short term, but they can't replace the lost structure and organic matter of healthy soil. They can also increase production costs for farmers who are already financially vulnerable.

This can create a difficult cycle: Soil erosion reduces fertility, crop yields decline, farmers spend more on inputs, production costs increase, household in-

come falls, poverty and economic pressure grow.

Breaking this cycle requires restoring the health of the soil itself rather than relying only on short-term solutions.

The Problem Does Not Stop at the Farm

The effects of erosion do not remain within the boundaries of agricultural fields. When soil is washed away, it often ends up in rivers, streams and irrigation channels. Over time, this sediment can reduce water storage capacity and interfere with irrigation systems.

Sedimentation can also increase flood risks during heavy rainfall. At the same time, the loss of vegetation can damage natural habitats and reduce biodiversity.

If degradation continues for years without intervention, productive land may gradually become severely degraded and increasingly difficult to cultivate. For Balochistan, where cultivable land is already limited, losing even more agricultural land could have serious consequences.

A Crisis That Affects People, Not Just Soil Perhaps the most overlooked aspect of soil erosion is its human cost.

For many families in rural Bolan, agriculture and livestock are not simply occupations. They are a way of life. When the land becomes less productive, the effects reach directly into people's homes.

Lower crop yields can reduce household income and increase food insecurity. Families may become more dependent on outside food supplies or government assistance. As farming becomes less reliable, young people may leave villages and move toward urban areas in search of better opportunities.

Over time, environmental degradation can therefore contribute to social change and migration. This is why soil erosion should not be treated as an isolated environmental issue. It is connected to poverty, food security, employment, migration and the long-term stability of rural communities.

There Is Still Time to Act There are practical steps that can make a difference. Farmers can adopt conservation agriculture techniques such as reduced tillage, crop rotation and retaining crop residues. Adding organic matter to the soil can improve its structure and help it retain moisture.

Restoring vegetation is equally important. Planting native trees, shrubs and grasses can help stabilize slopes and protect the land from erosion.

Grazing also needs to be managed carefully. Controlled grazing systems can give damaged rangelands time to recover while still allowing communities to maintain their livestock.

Water management offers another important opportunity. Small check dams, rainwater harvesting systems and im-

proved irrigation methods can slow down runoff, capture water and reduce soil loss. These measures can be particularly valuable in areas where every drop of water matters.

But no solution will work without the involvement of the people who live on the land.

Farmers, livestock owners and local communities must be part of the decision-making process. They understand their environment, its challenges and its changing conditions. Government institutions, agricultural experts and development organizations can support them with technical knowledge, training and resources, but long-term success will depend on local participation.

Conclusion

Soil erosion in Bolan is a quiet crisis, but its consequences are anything but small. Every layer of fertile soil that disappears represents a loss of agricultural potential. Every degraded field puts additional pressure on a farmer. Every damaged hillside increases the vulnerability of communities to floods and land degradation.

The challenge is becoming more urgent as climate change, water scarcity and extreme weather place additional pressure on already fragile landscapes.

Protecting Bolan's soil therefore means protecting much more than farmland. It means protecting the food security and livelihoods of families who depend on agriculture. It means preserving the natural environment and reducing the risk of future land degradation.

The soil beneath our feet may seem ordinary, but for the people of Bolan, it is the foundation of their lives.

Saving that soil is not just an environmental responsibility. It is an investment in the future of Bolan and the people who call it home.

BUIITEMS Organizes Open Day to Inspire Students Across Balochistan

Syed Dara Shikoh Amir:

Quetta, September 2025 – The Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) opened its doors to thousands of college students

from across the province by hosting a vibrant "Open Day," showcasing its modern academic facilities, innovative programs, and lively campus culture.

Delivering a special message, BUIITEMS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez reaffirmed the university's mission of inclusive education and knowledge sharing. He stated,

"BUIITEMS is the university of every student in Balochistan. Our classrooms, research opportunities, and resources are open for all so that no



young learner in the province remains deprived of quality education. The event at-

tracted an enthusiastic response, with more than 1000 students from 18+ colleges at-

tempting to explore BUIITEMS' facilities, interacted directly with profes-

sors, and participated in detailed career guidance and counseling sessions designed

to help them choose the right academic path. Special awareness stalls, departmen-

tal exhibitions, and program presentations provided students with insights into BUIITEMS' wide-

range of programs, research prospects,

and campus life. Many participants praised the initiative, calling it a valuable opportunity to connect with higher education and future career options.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez applauded the organizing team for successfully conducting the Open Day, adding that such outreach efforts strengthen

the bridge between the university and youth across Balochistan.

By holding this large-scale Open Day, BUIITEMS has further solidified its reputation as a center of excellence in higher education,

innovation, and student empowerment in Balochistan, encouraging young learners

to strive for academic success and contribute to the province's development.

Balochistan Launches Provincial Media Fellowship Program to Promote Gender-Sensitive Journalism



QUETTA: The Women Development Department, Government of Balochistan, in collaboration with Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUTEMS), the Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), inaugurated the Provincial Media Fellowship Program at the Pink Hall of BUTEMS in Quetta.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Secretary Women Development Sahira Atta highlighted the vital role of the media in driving positive social change. She emphasized that re-

sponsible reporting on gender-based violence (GBV), child marriage, and other sensitive issues affecting women and children is essential for building an informed and inclusive society. She said the Government of Balochistan is working closely with relevant institutions to safeguard women's rights, promote their empowerment, and create a safer environment for women and children across the province.

Sahira Atta noted that the fellowship program will strengthen the professional capacity of journalists, enabling them to produce fact-based, balanced, and gender-sensitive reporting that raises public

awareness and contributes to meaningful social reform. Speaking on the occasion, BUTEMS Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez said universities play a crucial role not only in education but also in promoting social development and national progress. He reaffirmed BUTEMS' commitment to equipping young journalists and media professionals with modern research, training, and practical skills. He added that responsible journalism promotes social values while contributing to the protection of women's and children's rights, social justice, and the achievement of sustainable de-

velopment goals. He described the joint initiative as a significant milestone in improving the quality of journalism in Balochistan. Dr. Khalid Hafeez also informed participants that BUTEMS has recently launched Bachelor of Science (BS) programs in Forensic Sciences and Public Health, expanding the university's academic offerings in key emerging fields. During the ceremony, Director Public Relations Saeed Shahwan briefed participants on the important role of the media in shaping public opinion and promoting responsible journalism. The event was at-

tended by senior government officials, media representatives, faculty members, students, and individuals from various sectors. At the conclusion of the program, commemorative shields were presented to participants, followed by a group photograph.

Quetta news, Provincial Media Fellowship Program, Women Development Department, Balochistan, BUTEMS, UNFPA, SPO, Sahira Atta, Dr. Khalid Hafeez, gender-sensitive journalism, GBV reporting, child marriage awareness, media training, Balochistan women empowerment, journalism fellowship, public health, forensic sciences.

Nasirabad Commissioner Reviews Polio Campaign Preparations, Orders Enhanced Monitoring

NASIRABAD: A meeting of the Divisional Task Force for the Polio Eradication Campaign was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Nasirabad Division Salahuddin Nazraiz to review preparations, coordination, and progress for the up-



coming anti-polio drive across the division. During the meeting, representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO) provided a detailed briefing on the arrangements, operational plans, and implementation strategy for the polio vaccination campaign in various districts of the division. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Salahuddin Nazraiz, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Ayaz Hussain Jamali, and other officials.

Commissioner Salahuddin Nazraiz stressed that all arrangements for the polio campaign should be finalized immediately. He particularly emphasized the importance of completing effective micro-plans. Ensuring comprehensive training of vaccination teams, strengthening monitoring mechanisms in low-performing union councils, taking special measures in areas facing challenges or higher risks, and ensuring the health campaign, union council monitoring, polio prevention, public health Balochistan.

He stressed that every possible effort must be made to ensure that every child receives polio prevention drops, reaffirming the administration's commitment to achieving the vaccination targets and protecting children from the disease. Nasirabad polio campaign, Salahuddin Nazraiz, WHO Balochistan, polio eradication Pakistan, vaccination drive, DHO Nasirabad, Balochistan health campaign, union council monitoring, polio prevention, public health Balochistan.

Quetta Commissioner Directs Recovery of Municipal Shop Dues, Sets One-Week Deadline for Tenants

QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Shahzaib Khan Kakar chaired a high-level meeting to address issues related to the rent, outstanding dues, and management of shops and kiosks operated under the Metropolitan Corporation Quetta.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehruallah Badini, Additional Commissioner Quetta Division Agha Samiullah, Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Syed Kaleemullah, Anjum-e-Tajir President Rahim Kakar, and senior officials of the Metropolitan Corporation.

Review of Municipal Property Records During the meeting, officials conducted a comprehensive review of records relating to municipal properties. A briefing revealed that the Metropolitan Corporation manages approximately 90 kiosks, of which 42 tenants have started paying their rent and outstanding dues.

However, the remaining tenants still owe rent arrears dating back to 2021, prompting the administration to formulate a plan for the recovery of pending payments.

Installation Plan for Outstanding Dues The meeting decided that all tenants must pay the government-approved rent on a regular basis. Commissioner Shahzaib Khan Kakar stated that, to facilitate tenants, outstanding dues could be paid through installments in-



stead of a one-time payment, making it easier for them to clear their liabilities. He clarified, however, that payment of the arrears must remain mandatory under the existing lease agreements and that the annual 10 percent rent increase, as stipulated in the contracts, will continue to be enforced. One-Week Deadline for Compliance The Commissioner directed all shopkeepers and kiosk holders to submit a workable payment schedule within one week. The plan must ensure the regular payment

of monthly rent while also clearing outstanding dues through agreed installment arrangements. He warned that failure to comply with the stipulated timeframe would result in legal action under the relevant municipal laws and regulations. Action Against Illegal Encroachments The meeting also discussed the issue of illegal platforms (tharas) constructed in front of several kiosks. Officials noted that some kiosk owners had subleased these unauthorized structures to third parties and were

collecting rent from them. Commissioner Kakar termed the practice a violation of municipal rules and directed the concerned authorities to remove all illegal encroachments and ensure that government-owned structures are used strictly in accordance with the law. The meeting concluded with a commitment to strengthen the transparent management of municipal assets, ensure regular rent collection, recover long-pending dues, and improve oversight of Metropolitan Corporation properties.

Jaffarabad Reviews Development Projects, Directs Timely Execution of BSDI Phase III Schemes

JAFFARABAD: Deputy Commissioner Khalid Bugti, District Development Committee (DDC) to review the progress of the ongoing and proposed development projects in Jaffarabad. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Huzoor Bakht Bugti, Superintendent Engineer Irrigation and Executive Engineer Iriga-

tion Drainage Mudassar Zafar Khosa. Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Muhammad Kazim Loni, Executive Engineer Communications and Works (Buildings) Irfan Ali, along with officers from other relevant departments. During the meeting, officials reviewed the status of ongoing development schemes and discussed plans for upcoming projects aimed at improving public infrastructure and essential services in Jaffarabad. Deputy Commissioner Khalid Bugti directed all concerned departments to complete the tendering process for all projects under the Balochistan Special Development Initiative (BSDI) Phase III within the province.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all departments to work with close coordination and a strong sense of responsibility to ensure that development schemes are completed on schedule so that local communities can benefit from their outcomes as soon as possible. Jaffarabad news, Deputy Commissioner Khalid Bugti, District Development Committee, Balochistan Special Development Initiative, Jaffarabad infrastructure, public welfare projects, Government of Balochistan, tendering process, district development, public health engineering, irrigation projects.

Hub District Administration Unveils Traffic Management Plan to Ease Congestion on Hub Bridge

HUB: Deputy Commissioner Hub Captain (Retd.) Juma Dad Khan Mandokhail chaired a high-level meeting to address the persistent traffic congestion on Hub Bridge, reviewing a series of measures aimed at improving traffic flow and providing long-term relief to commuters. The meeting focused on the daily traffic jams on the bridge, the difficulties faced by residents, and practical solutions to ensure smoother movement of vehicles across one of the district's busiest routes.

Heavy Vehicles to Be Restricted from Entering the City Officials emphasized that all decisions were based on public complaints and aimed at reducing inconvenience for motorists and commuters. During the briefing, participants were in-



formed that the district administration had raised the issue with higher authorities and held several coordination meetings with Pakistan Rangers to identify a sustainable solution. Authorities noted that heavy vehicles entering the city create bottlenecks at Hub Bridge and the nearby Rangers checkpoint, leading to prolonged traffic congestion. To address the issue, the meeting decided that heavy traffic will be prohibited from entering the city. Police will stop heavy vehicles at Bhaiwani to prevent them from entering urban areas during restricted hours.

Enhanced Monitoring and Traffic Control The administration also decided to strengthen monitoring of vehicles entering LIEIDA and other areas within the city limits. In addition, traffic control and vehicle inspections in front of the City Police Station will be enhanced to ensure the smooth flow of traffic. Officials said these measures are intended to reduce congestion and improve travel conditions for residents and commercial transport. Customs Seized Vehicles to Be Relocated The meeting further decided to send a formal letter to the Chief Collector of Customs, Islamabad, requesting the immediate removal of seized (case property) vehicles parked along the main highway near the Rangers checkpoint.

According to the district administration, these vehicles have become a major obstacle to traffic flow and are one of the primary causes of congestion on Hub Bridge. Immediate Implementation Ordered Deputy Commissioner Juma Dad Khan Mandokhail directed all relevant departments to ensure the immediate and coordinated implementation of the traffic management plan, stressing that a practical and lasting solution to the Hub Bridge traffic problem is essential for improving public convenience.

The meeting was attended by the Assistant Commissioner Hub, DSP Traffic, DSP Hub, Chairman Municipal Committee Hub, Chief Officer Municipal Committee Hub, representatives of the Frontier Corps (FC), the Excise Department, and the Chairman of the Gadani Municipal Committee. Hub Bridge traffic, Hub traffic management, Juma Dad Khan Mandokhail, Hub Bridge congestion, Balochistan traffic plan, heavy vehicle ban Hub, Pakistan Rangers Hub, Customs seized vehicles, Hub district administration, LIEIDA, Hub news, Balochistan infrastructure.

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Balochistan Writers Forum Holds Oath-Taking Ceremony and Multilingual Mushaira in Quetta

QUETTA: The Balochistan Writers Forum organized a prestigious oath-taking ceremony and multilingual Mushaira (poetry symposium) at Pate College, Sariah Road, Quetta, bringing together poets, writers, intellectuals, literary enthusiasts and literature aficionados from across Balochistan. The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hassan Nadeem, followed by Naat-e-Rasool (PBUH) presented by Nasir Nadeem and Haider Atish. The ceremony was hosted by Yousaf Baloch, while Shahid Munir managed media coverage. Newly Elected Cabinet Members Oath Taking The newly elected official bearers of the Balochistan Writers Forum took the oath of office, administered by renowned Brahui, Urdu, and Pashto poet and educator, Ustad Ajab Khan Sali. The new leadership

includes: Chief Patron: Sabir Nadeem Chairman: Professor Muhammad Anwar Zaib Vice Chairman: Haider Atish General Secretary: Sair Aziz Finance Secretary: Salam Saim Office Secretary: Umar Gul Executive Members: Shakir Nadeem and Raziz said the Writers Forum is committed to serving Brahui and all regional languages and literature without discrimination, protecting the rights of writers, and encouraging young authors. He added that the forum would continue to play an active role in safeguarding the interests of the literary community across Balochistan. Literary Institutions Pledge Support Dr. Abdul Qayyum Bedar, Director of the Pakistan Academy of Letters (Quetta), praised the forum's literary contributions and assured participants that the Academy would continue supporting its literary initiatives.

as the province's mother languages. He said protecting and promoting indigenous languages is a shared responsibility, warning that neglect could place them among endangered languages. P r o f e s s o r Muhammad Anwar Zaib said the Writers Forum is committed to serving Brahui and all regional languages and literature without discrimination, protecting the rights of writers, and encouraging young authors. He added that the forum would continue to play an active role in safeguarding the interests of the literary community across Balochistan. Literary Institutions Pledge Support Dr. Abdul Qayyum Bedar, Director of the Pakistan Academy of Letters (Quetta), praised the forum's literary contributions and assured participants that the Academy would continue supporting its literary initiatives.

Ziarat Reviews Progress of Balochistan Special Development Initiative Projects

ZIARAT: Deputy Commissioner Ziarat Abdul Qudous Achakzai chaired a review meeting of the District Coordination Committee (District Development Committee) to assess the progress of development schemes under the Balochistan Special Development Initiative (BSDI) Phases I, II, and III. The meeting was attended by Major Amir, Executive Engineer (Roads) Saghir Ahmed, Executive Engineer



(Public Health Engineering) Taimoor Agha, Executive Engineer Farmanullah, SDO Irrigation Jaziruddin, and SDO Waleed Ahmed, along with other concerned officials. During the briefing, participants were informed that all 11 development projects under BSDI Phase I have been successfully completed.

The meeting was further informed that 37 projects under BSDI Phase II have achieved more than 80% average physical progress, while BSDI Phase III includes several key public welfare and infrastructure projects, with the tendering process currently underway. Deputy Commissioner Abdul Qudous

Achakzai directed all executing departments to ensure that development projects under the Balochistan Special Development Initiative are completed on time, transparently, and in accordance with the highest quality standards. He emphasized that standard workmanship and poor-quality construction will not be tolerated under any circumstances, reaffirming the district administration's commitment to delivering sustainable infrastructure and improved public services for the people of Ziarat.

Ziarat news, Deputy Commissioner Ziarat Abdul Qudous Achakzai, BSDI Phase I, BSDI Phase II, BSDI Phase III, Balochistan Special Development Initiative, development projects, infrastructure development.

Pakistan warns India against 'adventurism,' condemns Indian minister's Kashmir remarks

NEWS DESK: Pakistan on Monday warned that India "must not underestimate the people and Government of Pakistan's unwavering resolve and determination to thwart any Indian adventurism," saying comments by the Indian defence minister on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute distorted internationally recognized facts and reflected New Delhi's policy of threatening regional peace and security, according to a statement issued by the Foreign Office (FO).

In the statement, the FO said that Pakistan "condemns in the strongest possible terms the highly provocative and irresponsible comments by the Indian Defence Minister in the context of Jammu and Kashmir dispute."

The FO said the Indian minister's statement "not only distorts facts regarding the UN and internationally recognized Jammu and Kashmir dispute that remains on the agenda of the UN Security Council, but also 'shows the Indian government's deliberate policy to threaten regional and international peace and security.'"

According to the

statement, the remarks were an attempt to shift focus away from India's own actions. The FO said, "Such insinuations are an attempt to divert attention from India's continued occupation of Indian-occupied Jammu & Kashmir."

The FO further urged the international community to take notice of India's conduct, and Kashmir dispute remains an internationally recognized issue on the agenda of the UN Security Council and maintained that the relevant UN resolutions guarantee the right to self-determination for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It said the

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(IO/K), its sponsorship of terrorism across the region, as well as its domestic instability. Rejecting what it described as India's "misplaced rhetoric of aggression and belligerence," the Foreign Office warned that India "must not underestimate the people and Government of Pakistan's unwavering resolve and determination to thwart any Indian adventurism." It

saying Pakistan "urges the international community, in particular the United Nations, to take note of India's continued rogue behavior and to hold it accountable for its failure to uphold the relevant UN Security Council resolutions that guarantee the right to self-determination of the people of Jammu and Kashmir." The statement reiterated Pakistan's position that the Jammu

and Kashmir dispute remains an internationally recognized issue on the agenda of the UN Security Council and maintained that the relevant UN resolutions guarantee the right to self-determination for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It said the

could neither alter the internationally recognized status of Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) nor change established legal realities.

In a statement posted on X on Sunday, Asif said India's attempts to misrepres

ent internationally recognized legal facts through "intimidation and threatening rhetoric" would not change the reality on the ground. He said Pakistan "categorically rejects the irresponsible statements made by the Indian defence minister," describing them as another attempt to distort internationally recognized legal facts through "political rhetoric and coercive posturing."

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER			
Bidders Eligibility Factor			
No.	Requirement	Document Required	
1.	Non-eligible tender Fee in original cash/cheque/pos	Mandatory	Attach copy of cash/cheque with technical proposal
2.	Registration with Income Tax and firm name shall be on Active Tax page 18 of FBR	Mandatory	Attach Copy of NTN & active ATN verification certificate
3.	The Financially sound tenderer shall have sales tax registration with Sales Tax Authority	BSTI Certificate	Attach Copy of BSTI registration Certificate
4.	Turnover Certificate from audited bank showing financial capacity of Rs. 100 million in last year	Mandatory	Attach supporting Bank Certificate of Company's Bank Account
5.	Affidavit regarding non-blacklisting	Mandatory	Attach duly signed declaration on company letter head declaring that their firm has not been blacklisted or penalized for any default or any delivery to Govt/contract institutions through-out Pakistan
6.	Agreement with all the terms & conditions	Mandatory	Most unconditionally agree with all the inclusion & terms & conditions specified in the bidding documents and contract agreement
(a) Data Sheet of the Assignment: The contractor shall provide the food related items on rates (prescribed by the hospital) (copy attached). The cooking range, Refrigerators, utensils and other articles used in the canteen kitchen shall be arranged by the contractor. All the material shall be of good quality and acceptable to the doctors and other staff. (b) Method of Procurement Used: Procedure of bidding shall be "Single stage - One envelope bidding procedure". (c) Instructions for preparing Bids: Sealed Envelope containing the technical & financial bid must clearly state "Name of Bidder and Tender". A set of this bidding document duly filled, supported with the required documents, shall be submitted to the Technical Proposal, which shall be presented in view of the eligibility criteria provided in the Data Sheet above. Following information should be attached/mentioned in the Bids: 1. Document of evidence of fulfillment of eligibility criteria as required from the Bidder. 2. Every page of the bid must be numbered, signed & stamped by the authorized representative of the Bidder. 3. Any other information relevant to the technical aspects of the bid must be mentioned by the Bidder. 4. Financial Bid: Bidders covering Letter be attached with the Financial Proposal. The highest monthly rent should be quoted on the bidder's letter. (d) Evaluation Criteria: Selection of the successful bidder shall be based on the Highest Cost Selection Method which means, "Technically responsive, Highest financial bid, received from Eligible Bidders" (in specified order the bidding of the Letter of invitation for Bids - Eligibility Criteria for Bidders). (e) Bidders Eligibility Assessment: Initial evaluation of the Technical proposals shall be carried out by the Bidder's Eligibility Assessment Committee. The successful bidder shall be selected on the basis of the following criteria: 1. Their Financial Proposals shall be returned without being opened. 2. Their Bid Price shall be returned upon their written request. 3. Tender Price Assessment Mechanism: Initial eligibility of bidders as required under the heading "Letter of invitation for bids" shall be assessed by the "Bidding Assessment Committee" using the Technical evaluation in the following manner:			
Bidders Eligibility Factor		Requirement	Monthly Rent
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