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QUETTA VOICE

Pakistan Grants Temporary Extension to 16,000 Afghan Refugees Amid Ongoing Repatriation Drive

QASSEM SHAH:

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has granted a temporary extension to nearly 16,000 Afghan refugees, including women, children, and elderly individuals, on humanitarian grounds while continuing its nationwide repatriation campaign under the One Document Regime (ODR).

Officials said the extension was approved to facilitate vulnerable groups and ensure an orderly return process.

The beneficiaries include families requiring additional time before repatriation. Meanwhile, authorities stated that the repatriation of undocumented Afghan nationals is continuing through 16 transit centres

established across the country.

According to official figures, nearly 89,000 Afghan nationals have so far returned to Afghanistan via the Torkham border crossing as part of the ongoing operation.

The government reiterated that the repatriation campaign is being implemented in phases in accordance with Pakistan's immigration laws.

Officials also urged the public to avoid relying on unverified reports circulating on social media regarding the repatriation process and instead seek information from official government sources.



Afghan Refugees leaving for their homeland at the Pak Afghan border Chaman: Photo Manan Mandokhail



QUETTA: A deadly coal mine explosion triggered by methane gas.

Quetta Mine Explosion: Two Killed, Rescue Teams Race Against Time

SYED ALI SHAH:

QUETTA: A deadly coal mine explosion triggered by methane gas rocked the Surrange coal field near Quetta on Thursday, trapping more than 25 miners underground.

Rescue teams have so far recovered the bodies of two miners and rescued three workers alive, while efforts continue to reach those still trapped beneath the collapsed mine.

According to rescue officials and the Inspectorate of Mines, the explosion occurred at the Sardar Usman Lease in the coal-rich Surrange area when a buildup of methane gas ignited deep inside the mine.

The powerful blast caused a major collapse, blocking exit

routes and leaving dozens of miners trapped underground.

A large-scale rescue operation was launched immediately, involving teams from the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), the Mines Rescue Department, and local district administration.

Three miners have been pulled out alive and shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, while the bodies of two deceased workers have been recovered from the site.

Rescue officials said operations are currently focused on clearing debris and restoring ventilation inside the mine.

High-powered exhaust systems are being used to remove toxic gas pockets, allowing rescue personnel to safely access deeper sections of the collapsed mine where the re-

maining miners are believed to be trapped. Balochistan Mines and Minerals Minister Mir Shohaib Noshervani said the rescue mission is being carried out under the direct instructions of Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti.

"The Chief Inspector of Mines, PDMA officials, and senior district authorities are present at the site to supervise the operation."

The provincial government is utilizing all available resources to rescue the trapped miners.

Every possible support will be provided to the affected families, and strict implementation of mine safety regulations will be ensured," the minister said.

The Surrange coal mine explosion has once again

raised serious concerns over coal mine safety in Balochistan, where gas explosions and mine collapses frequently occur in mining regions including Surrange, Mach, and Dukki.

Experts and labour representatives have repeatedly highlighted inadequate ventilation systems, insufficient safety equipment, and the absence of modern gas detection technology in many privately operated coal mines.

Labour unions and civil society organizations have called for a transparent investigation into the incident, urging authorities to hold those responsible accountable and strengthen safety standards across Balochistan's coal mining industry to prevent future tragedies.

Balochistan Traders Warn of Goods Supply Suspension if Highways Are Not Cleared Within Five Days

ALI HAMZA:

QUETTA: Rahim Kakar, President of the Markazi Anjuman-e-Tajirani Balochistan (Registered), has warned that traders will suspend the supply of commercial goods to Balochistan if national highways are not cleared and made secure within the next five days.

Speaking at a joint press conference at the Quetta Press Club alongside representatives of goods transporters and bus associations, Kakar expressed grave concern over the worsening law and order situation on the province's highways.

He said transporters continue to face kidnappings, extortion, highway robberies, and attacks on commercial vehicles, making it increasingly difficult to move goods safely between Karachi, Quetta, and other parts of Balochistan.

According to the traders' representatives, major highways passing through Kalat, Surab, Khuzdar, Taftan, Panjgur, and Dalbandin have become increasingly unsafe.

They alleged that more than 105 trucks, oil tankers, and buses have been set on fire in separate incidents, causing financial losses worth billions of rupees.

The organizations also claimed that several truck drivers had been kidnapped, valuable



QUETTA: Rahim Kakar, President of the Markazi Anjuman-e-Tajirani Balochistan Addressing a Press Conference: Photo Muhammad Ismail.

cargo looted, and transport workers threatened with death.

Imported goods, including LPG tankers travelling through the Taftan and Panjgur

routes were also said to have come under repeated attacks.

Kakar criticized the authorities for failing to improve highway security despite repeated

assurances, alleging that criminal incidents had occurred even near security checkpoints.

He said the proposed protest would be supported by the All

Pakistan Mazda Truck Association, Bus Coach Associations, and several other transport organizations.

Kakar emphasized that the

planned suspension is intended to protect the lives of drivers, transport workers, and traders rather than inconvenience the public.

However, he warned that halting the movement of goods could disrupt the supply of flour, sugar, cooking oil, pulses, medicines, and other essential commodities, potentially leading to shortages and higher prices across the province.

He urged the federal and provincial governments to restore the state's writ on national highways by strengthening security along the Karachi-Quetta, Quetta-Taftan, Quetta-Dalbandin, and other major trade routes.

He also called for permanent highway patrols, a rapid response mechanism, secure trade corridors, and strict action against those involved in kidnappings, extortion, robberies, and arson attacks on commercial vehicles.

Rahim Kakar warned that if the highways are not cleared and made safe for traffic within five days, traders will suspend the supply of commercial goods to Balochistan and expand their protest campaign.

He added that responsibility for any disruption in trade, transport, and the supply of essential commodities would rest with the authorities if effective security measures are not implemented.

QUETTA VOICE

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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 space 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 not 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 not 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 attracted an enthusiastic response, with more than 1000 students from 18+ colleges attending.



Visiting students and their teachers explored 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, departmental 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.

Governor Balochistan, British Deputy High Commissioner Discuss Investment, Education, and Bilateral Cooperation

NEWS DESK: Governor of Balochistan Jaffer Khan Mandokhail met with British Deputy High Commissioner Alison Blackburne during a luncheon hosted in his honor in Karachi, where both sides reaffirmed the longstanding friendship between Pakistan and the United Kingdom and discussed opportunities for expanding cooperation.

The meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere and focused on regional developments, investment opportunities in Balochistan, and other matters of mutual interest.

Governor Mandokhail highlighted Balochistan's vast investment potential, encouraging British businesses and investors to explore opportunities across the province.

He said Balochistan is rich in minerals, natural resources, fisheries, agriculture, livestock,



and possesses a welcoming and resilient population.

He also emphasized the emerging opportunities in information technology (IT), artificial intelligence (AI), and solar energy, describing these sectors as promising areas for future investment.

The Governor stressed that investors should capitalize on the province's untapped

economic potential, noting that increased investment would contribute to sustainable economic growth and employment generation.

In his capacity as Chancellor of Balochistan's public sector, Governor Mandokhail also expressed his commitment to strengthening partnerships with the UK Government and British higher education institu-

tions to enhance academic standards, research collaboration, and skills development across the province.

British Deputy High Commissioner Alison Blackburne appreciated Governor Mandokhail's vision for the socio-economic development of Balochistan and expressed interest in expanding cooperation and investment in the province.

She reaffirmed the United Kingdom's commitment to strengthening its partnership with Pakistan, particularly in the areas of investment, sustainable development, education, and long-term collaboration.

The meeting concluded with both sides expressing a shared commitment to deepening bilateral relations, promoting economic cooperation, and strengthening people-to-people ties between Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

The case was heard by a two-member bench comprising Chief Justice Muhammad Kamran Khan Mulkhail and Justice Muhammad Nadeem Mengal.

Court Orders Existing Railway Station Chowk Traffic Plan to Continue. The High Court directed authorities to retain the existing traffic model at Railway Station Chowk and further improve the current U-turn arrangement.

The bench rejected proposals to construct a new U-turn near Imdad Chowk or Railway Station Chowk, ruling that the current traffic system should remain in place.

Crackdown Ordered. Against encroachments, the court instructed the authorities to immediately

Balochistan High Court Issues Key Directives on Quetta Development Projects, Traffic Management, and Civic Infrastructure

QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court (BHC) has issued a series of significant directives concerning ongoing development projects, traffic management, and civic infrastructure.

The Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Deputy Commissioner Quetta, and the Metropolitan Corporation Quetta (MCQ) were directed to conduct joint operations against encroachments.

Strict Action Against Drainage Blockages. The court ordered a strict legal action against individuals dumping debris and waste into drainage channels, emphasizing the need to protect Quetta's drainage infrastructure.

The Deputy Commissioner Quetta and Metropolitan Corporation Quetta were instructed to ensure the proper functioning and protection of the city's drainage system.

Approval Required Before Road Excavation. Under Safe City Project, Expressing concern over unauthorized excavation of newly constructed

roads and footpaths under the Safe City Project, the High Court directed project authorities to obtain prior approval from the relevant departments before carrying out any excavation work.

Directions on Major Infrastructure Projects. The court also ordered authorities to: Expedite the land acquisition process for the Sialkot-Samungli Road Upgradation Project. Immediately commence civil works to widen the Cantment Board Dues. The High Court recommended that the Government of Balochistan take necessary steps to clear Rs. 876.523 million in outstanding dues owed to the Cantment Board Quetta.

Traffic Congestion at Imdad Chowk. The bench expressed displeasure over traffic congestion caused by the FC checkpoint at Imdad Chowk and directed the concerned authorities to immediately address the issue in coordination with relevant agencies.

To ensure continued cooperation, officials decided to hold regular quarterly coordination meetings, with the next session scheduled to take place in Sindh.

The meeting reflects the growing commitment of both provincial governments to strengthen inter-provincial cooperation in addressing security challenges, improving border management, and combating terrorism, organized crime, and smuggling through coordinated law enforcement efforts.

Sindh Balochistan border security, Hub meeting, Quetta news, Sindh Police, Balochistan Police, CTD joint operations, intelligence sharing.

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Balochistan Government Launches Rs 8 Billion Non-Formal Education Initiative for 1.8 Million Out-of-School Children



QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has approved the large-scale implementation of a Non-Formal Education Program aimed at bringing 1.8 million out-of-school children aged 9 to 16 back into the education system. The decision was made during a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan in Quetta.

Speaking at the meeting, the Chief Secretary said the provincial government has shifted its primary focus to children between the ages of 9 and 16, who have been left behind due to various social and economic reasons.

He noted that previous government initiatives were mainly targeted at children aged 5 to 9, achieving encouraging results, and the next phase will specifically address the educational needs of older out-of-school children.

The meeting was informed that the initiative will be implemented under the supervision of the Balochistan Social Welfare Department. A total of Rs 8 billion has been allocated for the project in the 2026-27 fiscal year, with the program scheduled to be

completed over a period of five years.

In the first phase, 200,000 children will be enrolled. The initiative aims to provide basic literacy and learning opportunities, enabling children to transition into formal schooling or vocational and technical training.

Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan directed the relevant authorities to prepare the project's PC-I (Project Concept-I) within two weeks to ensure the program is officially launched in September.

To maximize outreach, he also instructed officials to conduct a comprehensive public awareness campaign across every district, tehsil, and village in Balochistan so that eligible children can easily register for the program.

The meeting emphasized that educating marginalized children will strengthen their contribution to national development, reduce poverty, and promote greater social inclusion across the province.

The Social Welfare Department was directed to immediately begin work on the transparent utilization of allocated funds, recruitment and training of qualified

teachers, development of a curriculum that incorporates local languages, and the creation of a comprehensive student database.

Participants also agreed on the need to draft a dedicated Non-Formal Education Act to provide a legal framework for the program.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary (Development) Zahid Saleem, Secretary S&GD Syed Faisal Ahmed, Secretary Social Welfare Jamatullah Qureshi, Secretary Schools Lal Jan Jaffer, and other senior government officials.

He urged all institutions to maintain close coordination and play an active role in making the celebrations successful.

The meeting also reviewed arrangements related to law and order, security, traffic management, sanitation, electricity supply, and other essential public services to ensure the smooth conduct of Independence Day events throughout the district.

Chaman news, Habib Ahmed Bangalzai, Deputy Commissioner Chaman, Independence Day Pakistan, August 14 celebrations, flag hoisting, patriotic events, Chaman administration, Balochistan news, traffic management, security arrangements, Municipal Corporation Chaman, UNICEF, IRC, national celebrations, Pakistan Independence Day.

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Chaman Administration Finalizes Preparations for Pakistan's 79th Independence Day Celebrations

CHAMAN: Deputy Commissioner Chaman Habib Ahmed Bangalzai chaired a high-level meeting to review preparations for Pakistan's Independence Day celebrations on August 14, directing all departments to ensure well-organized events reflecting national pride and unity.

The meeting, held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Chaman, was attended by DSP Chaman Ashfaq Ahmed, Medical Superintendent of New DHQ Hospital Dr. Owais, the District Education Officer, heads of district departments, the Principal of the Boys Degree College, representatives of the Municipal Corporation, the District IT Office, IRC, UNICEF, and other relevant organizations.

Participants reviewed detailed arrangements for organizing Independence Day celebrations with dignity, discipline, and patriotic spirit.

Discussions covered the decoration of government and private buildings, major roads, and public places with the national flag and green-and-white decorations.

Plans were also re-



viewed for the flag-hoisting ceremony, national anthem, patriotic songs, speech competitions, student performances, and other cultural and educational programs.

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Jaffarabad Police Seize 55kg of Hashish, Arrest Three Suspected Drug Smugglers

QUETTA: Jaffarabad Police have foiled an alleged attempt to smuggle 55 kilograms of hashish from Quetta to Sindh, arresting three suspects and seizing the vehicle used in the operation.

According to police, the operation was carried out during an ongoing anti-narcotics crackdown launched on the directives of Inspector General of Police (IGP).

Balochistan Muhammad Tahir and DIG Nasirabad Range Kamran Nawaz Panjutha, under the supervision of SSP Jaffarabad Muhammad Maroof



Usman. Acting on confidential intelligence, police intercepted a Suzuki vehicle and conducted a search. During the inspection, officers allegedly recovered 55 kilograms of hashish that had been carefully concealed inside the vehicle. Police arrested three suspects

identified as: Muhammad Adnan, son of Haji Abdul Hanan Muhammad Ismail, Jalaluddin Shabbir Ahmed, son of Ali Ahmed. According to police, all three suspects are residents of Nawab Killi, Quetta.

The vehicle allegedly used for transporting the narcotics was also taken into police custody.

Authorities stated that, with this latest seizure, Jaffarabad Police have recovered a total of 65.81 kilograms of hashish during anti-drug operations conducted throughout July.

Police reiterated

their commitment to continuing indiscriminate action against narcotics trafficking, stating that operations against drug smugglers and criminal networks will continue across the district.

Jaffarabad Police, Quetta news, hashish seizure, 55kg hashish, drug smuggling, anti-narcotics operation, SSP Muhammad Maroof Usman, IGP Balochistan Ismail, Muhammad Tahir, Kamran Nawaz Panjutha, Nawab Killi Quetta, narcotics trafficking, Balochistan Police, drug crackdown, Sindh smuggling route, law enforcement.

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Nine policemen martyred, 28 injured in terror attack on police checkpost in K-P's Hangu

NEWS DESK: Nine policemen, including Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Diyar Khan, were martyred and 28 others, including DSP Mujahid Hussain, were injured after terrorists attacked the Khazina Banda police check post in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Hangu district late on Wednesday, while police killed 15 terrorists and wounded several others in a retaliatory operation.

According to the IG, terrorists attacked the Khazina Banda police check post with heavy weapons. Police personnel stationed at the post fought bravely and mounted a strong defence against the attack.

He said, "Additional police personnel, led by the SDPO City, were immediately dispatched to reinforce the check post."

However, the terrorists had already laid an ambush along the route and targeted the reinforcements, causing severe damage to the reinforcements, including an armoured personnel carrier (APC).

Despite what the IG described as chaotic and nerve-racking circumstances, police officers and personnel "fought the enemy with exceptional bravery and professional skill". He said, "15 terrorists were killed and several others injured in the retaliatory operation."



The IG said DSP Diyar Khan was martyred during the prolonged exchange of fire along with eight other police personnel, while 28 officers and personnel, including DSP Mujahid Hussain, sustained injuries.

He added that the exchange of fire between the terrorists and police was continuing.

Paying tribute to the police personnel, Zulfikar Hameed said, "The sons of the K-P police stood like rocks against the enemy under extremely difficult and nerve-racking circumstances and embraced martyrdom."

He said recommendations would be made for the department's highest honours for the martyred personnel and added that he would personally meet the families of the martyrs to offer condolences and pay tribute to the injured officers and personnel.

"The morale of the K-P police is high and its resolve is as firm as rock. This war to completely eliminate terrorists from every corner of the province will continue with full force and determination," the IG said.

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have strongly condemned the attack by Fatah al-Khawarij terrorists in the retaliatory operation.

In separate statements, they expressed profound grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of DSP Diyar Khan and other police personnel.

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He said the martyrs who laid down their lives for the peace of the beloved homeland would always be remembered.

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NEWS DESK: The Foreign Office (FO) said on Thursday that Pakistan was doing its "utmost" to bring the United States and Iran back to the negotiating table under the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed last month.

Addressing a weekly press briefing, FO spokesperson Tahir Andrabi said Pakistan noted with concern that the security situation in the Middle East "remains precarious despite the relative calm of the past few days, which had rekindled hopes that this positive development, this calm, would consolidate into a durable and fully respected ceasefire and pave the way for dialogue."

Andrabi reiterated Pakistan's support for dialogue and diplomacy, maintaining that it remained the "only viable path forward."

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Islamabad MoU "so that all irritants can be removed in the light of the spirit of the agreement and the Pakistan-Qatar joint statement on June 22".

Andrabi urged both the US and Iran to exercise "maximum restraint and fully adhere to their commitment to resume technical-level talks" in line with the Islamabad

gas tanker, accusing the US of violating the understanding. The attack prompted "multiple waves of US strikes on Iranian military targets."

The conflict has intensified in the Gulf of Aden, with Houthi rebels in Yemen imposing a naval blockade on Saudi Arabia, extending the war to a second major shipping chokepoint.

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The FO spokesperson also "rejected" a documentary about Pakistan's nuclear programme uploaded by Germany-based Deutsche Welle (DW) recently on its YouTube channel, terming it "misleading".



MoU and the Pakistan-Qatar joint statement.

The MoU between the US and Iran was signed on June 18 after weeks of intensive diplomacy. It was aimed at reopening the Strait of Hormuz and ending the Middle East conflict — which began with US-Israeli strikes on Iran in February — after a further 60 days of negotiations.

However, renewed hostilities erupted on July 7, when Iran attacked commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, including a Qatari liquefied natural

On Wednesday, the war spread across new fronts as explosions hit a natural gas loading port in Egypt and a US-owned floating storage tanker was reportedly struck by a drone, while the US and Saudi Arabia carried out joint strikes on Iran-backed paramilitary groups in Iraq in retaliation for attacks on US troops and Saudi oil targets.

On Thursday, after nearly a week-long pause, the US again struck Iran in retaliation for Tehran targeting American bases in Jordan.

Responding to a query, Andrabi said the documentary was "nothing but a reiteration of hackneyed and speculative commentary and biased sourcing".

"The documentary reflects either a profound misunderstanding of, or a deliberate disregard of the history, evolution and rationale of Pakistan's nuclear programme," he said.

The FO spokesperson also commented on DW's decision to air the documentary: "By lending a platform to such poorly-sourced and one-sided content,

AJK assembly adopts resolutions condemning ministers' remarks, backing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

NEWS DESK: The Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Legislative Assembly on Thursday unanimously adopted two resolutions on the recent unrest in Rawalakot and other parts of the region, with one condemning statements by federal ministers on the crisis and the other endorsing the establishment of an independent Truth and Reconciliation Commission to probe the violence and pave the way for a negotiated settlement.



This development coincides with the resolution passed by the defence Minister Khawaja Asif for allegedly refusing to recognise the people of Rawalakot as Kashmiris, saying that such remarks had hurt public sentiment and would have been taken notice of by the prime minister.

Recalling the role of the Indian Independence Movement and the Pakistan Movement and the state's subsequent accession to Pakistan, the resolution said that those whose

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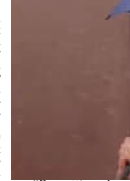
NEWS DESK: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari warned on Thursday that a stolen election in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) would start a "countdown" for the federal government.

The PML-N thinks that after its defeat in Gilgit-Baltistan, a defeat in AJK would mean a countdown begins for its government," he said while addressing a rally in Muzaffarabad ahead of the August 2 elections. "But this is a misconception."

If you steal [the election], write down, take my guarantee, that a countdown will start for your federal government," he warned. "If you steal my mandate, I will come for your throne."

The PPP scion added that his party contained elders who had challenged former leaders including General

Ziaul Hag and Perviz Musharraf, and were experts at "hunting lions". He further extended a message to the PTI to "start doing politics" and leave behind "boy-cott politics".



By boycotting elections, boycotting Parliament, boycotting committees, boycotting your work, boycotting struggle — if you want to boycott, you might as well just sit at home," he said, calling on the PTI to contest elections and

do their job as a party. "Today I extend my hand towards PTI's workers, towards its serious politicians," he said. "To every political party that is tired of rigging, to every political



worker who wants to make their own decision and join your hand with mine." He expressed hope that together they could bring about parliamentary reforms and ensure fair elections in Kashmir and all of Pakistan, expressing

ing his readiness to work with all political parties on that agenda.

Bilawal added that there was one way to stop rigging in an election: to turn out in such large numbers that an

"injection" of false votes would not be effective, calling on PPP supporters to ensure this massive turnout during the second phase of the elections on August 2. While addressing the rally, he said that he welcomed the PM's promise to give Kashmir buses, but added that "if you come to Muzaffarabad bringing the spectacle of what you have done in Lahore, people will ask: what you have done in Muzaffarabad?"

Referring to the CMH Flyover project in AJK, he pointed out that this had not been completed in five years.

TENDER NOTICE

The Irrigation Division Peshawar intends to carry out the following Development Work for the year 2026-27 and invites sealed tenders on composite schedule of rates 2023 GOB from the PEC Registered Government Contractors. Note in All Procurements of GOB Whether through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission. It is Mandatory for All the Bidders to Get Registered at Electronic Public Procurement System of BPTRA GOB.

Tender Fee Rs. 1000 and Earnest Money 2%.

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The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with the BPTRA rules 2014 and Amendment 2019. **ELIGIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS:** (i) Presence in Active Tax Payer List. (ii) The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. (iii) Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. (iv) The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work. (v) Turnover of at least 70% of the Estimated Cost (P&R Amount) in subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of firm. (vi) Attach Affidavit on Judicial stamp paper of 100 Rupees, that the firm never blacklisted by any Government/Semi Government Department. (vii) Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in Relevant Category and Specialized Code is CSEA(II) (dams only). CSEA(IV) (Irrigation Only). (viii) Attach Affidavit on Judicial stamp paper of 100 Rupees, that the firm never blacklisted by any Government/Semi Government Department. (ix) The bidder must have completed at least 5 similar projects in the last 3 years. Each project should be at least 70% of the estimated cost (Attach Work Orders and Completion Certificate). (x) Minimum Bank Credit Line / Cash equal to 75% of project cost required. Project Name & TSE No. to be mentioned. Attach Fresh Original Bank Credit Line Certificate and attested copy of Bank Account No. Bid Security 2% (CDR Bank Guarantee). (xi) Tender Fee Rs. 1000. (Green Chalan). (xii) Audit Reports of the firm(s) should be enclosed & appearing in ICP directory and Registration (Three years audit report only). Detailed Technical Evaluation Criteria is mentioned on BPTRA Bidding Documents. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** Bids are invited on Single stage two envelope procedure (Technical & Financial Proposals). Financial Proposals of Responsive Bidders will be opened after Evaluation of Technical Bids by the procurement committee. **BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS ISSUANCE:** The NT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bptrapro.gov.pk. **SUBMISSION OF BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS:** The Bid(s) must be submitted manually at the office of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Peshawar by 17.00 AM, 2026-08-11 09.00 AM. **TENDER OPENING:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 12.00 PM at the Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Peshawar. **BID SECURITY:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. The Competent Authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all bids at any time prior to acceptance of a bid, due to cogent reason. Any further information regarding the bid can be obtained from BPTRA, Website or Office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Peshawar.

Naqvi urges 'all political parties' to settle issue of more provinces, says current 'system' has collapsed

NEWS DESK: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday urged all political parties to "settle" various national-level issues, including the question of creating new provinces.

Addressing the Pakistan Economic Summit 2026 being held in Islamabad, Naqvi said there was "only one solution" to improving the country's overall condition: "You will have to take the matter of administrative units, provinces or whatever you may call it, to the public."

The interior minister argued, "All political parties should sit to-

gether in a single room, whether for a day, a month or a year. They will have to settle every issue of their country, including new units and provinces."

"Unless they do so, unless they sit together and change this, this country will remain in the same condition, regardless of how many seminars and functions you hold."

Various political parties have demanded the creation of more provinces or administrative units for better governance.

The Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) — an ally

of the PML-N-led ruling coalition — has been demanding that Karachi be designated a province separate from Sindh.

However, the PPP, which rules Sindh and is also an ally of the PML-N government at the Centre along with MQM-P, has strongly opposed the suggested move.

On the other hand, the PPP and the PTI have long advocated for the South Punjab province. At the outset of his speech, Naqvi said, "Whether you agree or not, the system we have been living under has collapsed."



emerged amid polls in AJK, which are being held in three phases over security concerns, with the first set of polls held in Mirpur division on Monday. Scuffles, violence and allegations of rigging marred the polling process, with the PML-N and PPP accusing each other of electoral malpractice.

The assembly met under the chairmanship of panel member Nabeela Ayoub, but only nine members were present from the ruling PPP and one each from the opposition PML-N and PTI.

The first resolution was tabled by former AJK president Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan on Wednesday, while the second was tabled by PPP regional president Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin. Yaqoob, however, was not present during today's session.

Endorsing his resolution, the assembly condemned what it described as "irresponsible" statements by federal ministers regarding the recent Rawalakot in-

skins had been flayed alive in 1832 belonged to the same land.

Continuing, the resolution said that Ghulam Haider Jhandali, who had represented the Kashmiris at the adoption of the Pakistan Resolution in Lahore on March 23, 1940, and AJK's founding president Sardar Muhammad Ibrahim, who had represented the Kashmiris at the accession resolution was adopted, were their lives in the hands of the federal ministers' statements had "added fuel to the fire" and negatively affected people in Rawalakot, elsewhere in the state and among the Kashmiri diaspora.

It called for the implementation of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's proposal to establish a Truth and Reconciliation Commission and demanded that no further action be taken in Rawalakot until such a mechanism was put in place.

The resolution further called on the Elec-

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