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Fazlur Rehman: JUI-F to Stay in Opposition in Balochistan, Meeting with Dr. Malik Was Routine

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QUETTA: Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has warned that the writ of the state has significantly weakened in parts of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, leaving many residents reluctant to travel through their own regions due to growing security concerns.

Speaking at a press conference in Quetta on Tuesday, the veteran politician said the country's worsening political and security challenges cannot be resolved through the use of force.

He maintained that those responsible for decision-making are fully aware of the gravity of the situation and stressed that strict adherence to the Constitution is the only sustainable path toward stability.

Commenting on recent discussions about administrative restructuring, Fazlur Rehman cautioned against changing provincial boundaries without the consent of the people.

He said provinces cannot be divided arbitrarily and emphasized that any such decision must reflect the will of local communities and follow broad public consultation.



QUETTA: Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman Addressing a press conference:

The JUI-F chief also urged Peshawar-based Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) chairman Mahmood Khan Achakzai to convene an all-opposition conference, saying the current political climate requires greater unity among opposition parties.

Criticising the federal government, Fazlur Rehman questioned Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi over recent remarks ac-

knowledging failures in governance. He argued that if a senior cabinet member believes the system is no longer functioning effectively, resigning from office

would be the appropriate course of action. Reflecting on Pakistan's political history, he said neither democratic governments nor military administrations have

achieved lasting success because political leadership has not been allowed to function independently.

He added that military interventions repeatedly undermined constitutional governance. While noting that JUI-F participated in negotiations on the 26th Constitutional Amendment, he expressed concern over what he described as the government's possible intentions regarding a future 28th Constitutional Amendment.

On Balochistan's political landscape, Fazlur Rehman confirmed that JUI-F will remain in the opposition and will not join the provincial government.

Referring to his recent meeting with National Party leader Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, he said it was a routine political interaction and added that he had no knowledge of any proposal to appoint Dr. Malik as the next chief minister.

Responding to calls for younger political leadership, Fazlur Rehman dismissed the idea that experience should be replaced simply in the name of change.

He remarked that while young people bring energy and enthusiasm to politics, effective governance requires experience, political wisdom, and unwavering commitment to the Constitution.

Dr. Malik Baloch Says He Has No Personal Desire to Become Balochistan Chief Minister

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: National Party President and former Balochistan chief minister Dr. Malik Baloch has said he has neither been offered the post of chief minister by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif nor does he personally wish to assume the office under the current circumstances.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with Quetta Voice, Dr. Malik clarified speculation surrounding his possible return to the province's top executive position. He said no such offer had been made by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).

Responding to a question about how he would react if the PML-N were to invite him to lead the provincial government, Dr. Malik said that, on a personal level, he had no desire to become chief minister in the prevailing situation. However, he emphasized that the final decision would rest with the National Party's leadership.

"I am a committed and disciplined political worker. Whatever decision my party makes, I will abide by it," he said.

The former chief minister



File Photo: National Party President and Former Balochistan Chief Minister Dr. Malik Baloch has said offered the post of Chief Minister by Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

also revealed that he had recently held meetings with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, veteran politician Afrasiab Khattak, and former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, among other

senior political leaders.

According to Dr. Malik, the discussions focused primarily on the political and security situation in Balochistan. He said he conveyed to the country's leadership that the ground realities in the province were far more serious than what was being reported to them.

Quetta Boxer Quddus Ullah Goes Missing in Glasgow After Commonwealth Games

Monitoring Desk:

QUETTA / GLASGOW — In a concerning turn of events for Pakistani sports, Quetta-born boxer Quddus Ullah has gone missing in Glasgow shortly before the national team's scheduled flight home on Sunday.

While female boxer Fatima Zahra made history by securing Pakistan's sole medal—a bronze—at the Commonwealth Games, the male boxing squad experienced a disappointing campaign.

Following his early elimination, Quddus Ullah failed to board the team's return flight to Pakistan. Boxing Federation Responds to Missing Athlete: Reports Addressing the situation, President of the Pakistan Boxing Federation (PBF), Colonel (Retd) Nasir Tung, stated that he has no official confirmation regarding the boxer's current location.

However, sports sources close to the development committee confirmed that Quddus Ullah deliber-



ately avoided the team flight to stay back in the UK.

"The remaining members of the Pakistan boxing squad have already departed Glasgow and are en route back home," officials confirmed.

A Growing Pattern of Pakistani Athletes Disappearing Abroad This is not the first time a Pakistani athlete has slipped away during an international tour. During the 2022 Commonwealth

Games in Birmingham, England, two Pakistani boxers—Suleman Baloch and Nazeerullah Khan—similarly vanished from the team hotel just hours before departure to seek residency.

Sports authorities in Quetta and Islamabad are facing growing pressure to enforce stricter background checks and security measures to prevent national athletes from disappearing during overseas competitions.

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Politics is upon us

By Arifa Noor:

If wasn't an ordinary day by any stretch of the imagination, even though it began rather ordinarily. There was little news to interest anyone (and Kashmir was a no-no for television channels).

Initially, there came fleeting news about a press conference by the head of ISPR but it wasn't meant to be. Those who had not been invited to the event thought the news was incorrect but later it transpired that the conference had been delayed to the next day, Friday.

And then came the bombshell — in Islamabad at an event hosting businessmen for a conference on the economy, business and all things complicated.

Here, instead of the speeches by the men managing Pakistan's finances (if there were any), it was Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi's speech that got all the attention.

It's still not clear why he spoke there but as the conference took place at a hall located close to his office, perhaps he offered to swing by and say a few words. His speech didn't just create headlines; it created an entire news cycle.

In simple words, he confirmed in a way that the government's worst critics have been saying — that people are in pain and the government hasn't been able to provide them with any relief. He put it even more bluntly. He spoke of the

'system' (the entire country — not just the one in Sindh) having collapsed. Not collapsing but collapsed.

He said it wasn't possible to deliver regardless of how hard the prime minister worked and how many long hours he put in.

He referenced recent events in India, saying that if the 'cockroaches' (youth) got together, they would overthrow it all.

But more intriguingly, he also made it clear that giving people a few thousand rupees or a laptop wasn't enough.

This was clearly a reference to the various schemes launched by the PML-N as well as the Benazir Income Support Programme, which is seen as the PPP's baby.

He proposed a solution by arguing the country needed more provinces or administrative units so that governance could be delivered at the doorstep. The next day, the DG ISPR reinforced this proposal.

The interior minister's indictment of the present government will not be forgotten easily — for now.

While his solution or proposal took no one by surprise, his criticism of the set-up did.

After all, most of us are aware that there is much discussion behind closed doors on the need to revisit the NFC as well as the notion of devolution (which would assist the people as well as weaken the dynasty-controlled federal elites at the provincial level).



However, Naqvi's indictment of the present government will not be forgotten easily — for now.

all those who had been waxing lyrical about the work done by Maryam Nawaz in Punjab or by Shehbaz Sharif at the centre will find it hard to argue that the party has delivered and won over the people.

Interestingly, his remarks, which were a damning indictment of the current set-up, were initially met with silence. In Sindh, the chief minister himself pool-

poled the suggestion, while from the PML-N Rana Sanaullah was the first to fire back. Since then, others too have joined the fray, but most of the criticism focuses on Naqvi and not those who back him.

There was also news of a family gathering at Jati Umrah in Lahore.

Not much emerged from it other than some vloggers thundering about Nawaz Sharif having been woken up from his slumber — news that somehow didn't get traction unlike Naqvi's

speech. Perhaps it is because the news is limited to a few who are relying on sources or because no one really believes the family is in a position to push back.

The silence from the PPP heads is equally noticeable.

In the meantime, the lower tiers might continue to thunder, though it is hard to believe Mohsin Naqvi will now respond to these allegations.

But what now seems inevitable is another amendment to the

Constitution, even if there is little clarity on what it will bring. New provinces and other wholesale changes (for it would mean reconfiguring the Senate)? Or simply a strong local government system with some federal areas?

Or will it begin with easing the provisions for creating new provinces? Or a change in the NFC? Nothing is clear but the path ahead seems to lead to parliament.

That Ahsan Bhoon was also present at the

event where Naqvi spoke also indicates this.

But while the powers that be have perhaps made their intentions clear, the silence from the parties means they are still to put together a strategy.

Will they simply try to win over some concessions as they did during the previous two amendments? Will they drive a hard bargain? Or is the time and space for compromises over?

The details are as above my pay grade as they are beyond the ability and position of Azma Bokhari or Atta Iqbal to respond to Naqvi. So as the hackneyed phrase goes, let's wait and watch.

However, it might just be safe to say that the amendment will not sail through without hiccups.

It would mean a weakening of both the parties vis-à-vis the provincial governments, politically as well as in terms of patronage. For instance, the PPP will lose its political raison d'être.

for Maryam Nawaz, the position of chief minister might lose its lustre, increasing the competition for the position in Islamabad.

The initial instinct therefore will be to bargain and get something in return, if they decide not to push back.

In other words, the hybrid system is now set for a new tug of war, which may leave some, if not all, of the stakeholders a little worse for wear.

Pakistan's Climate Vulnerability: A Governance Dilemma

Zia U'd Din:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

The Copernicus Climate Change Service reported that average global tempera-

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

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

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

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

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

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

further exacerbated this challenge.

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

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

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

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

Given these realities, climate adaptation is no longer an academic debate but a strategic necessity.

Mitigation remains essential to limit

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

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

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

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

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

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Balochistan Achieves Record 114% Development Fund Utilization After Major Planning Reforms

QUETTA: Balochistan Minister for Planning and Development Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi has announced that the province has introduced historic reforms in its development planning, monitoring, and implementation systems over the past two years, resulting in greater transparency, faster project execution, improved quality, and a record 114% utilization of development funds.

Addressing a press briefing on Tuesday regarding the performance of the Planning and Development (P&D) Department, Buledi said the achievement reflects Balochistan's significantly enhanced institutional capacity. Provincial Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langove and Additional Chief Secretary for Planning and Development Zahid Saleem were also present.

First-Ever Annual Progress Report Released: Buledi said the Planning and Development Department has published its first-ever Annual Progress Report, documenting the province's development progress over the last two and a half years, key achievements, institu-



tional reforms, policy initiatives, and regulatory improvements.

The report aims to provide transparency and keep the public informed about the government's developmental performance.

Complete Digital Transformation of PSDP: The minister said the Provincial Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) has been fully automated over the past year.

Under the new digital system, development projects are submitted online. Approval processes are automated. Data integration has been completed. All project management functions are

handled digitally.

A dedicated mobile application has also been launched, allowing P&D officials to instantly access complete project information during field inspections.

He added that nearly all development projects have now been geo-tagged down to the Union Council level, significantly improving monitoring and oversight. Stronger Data-Driven Planning Buledi said the Bureau of Statistics has been modernized to strengthen evidence-based planning.

Key initiatives include: Launch of Balochistan's first Provincial Statistical Digital Dashboard. Publication

of a comprehensive report analyzing social and economic indicators from 2010 to 2023. Strengthening of data analysis through technical experts to improve project feasibility and policy formulation. Monitoring Wing Reactivated: The minister said the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Wing, which had remained inactive for years, has been fully restored.

During fiscal year 2025-26, monitoring teams inspected 2,022 development projects, representing an increase of nearly 378% compared to the previous year. The enhanced monitoring system en-

surges: Timely project completion. Privatization of public funds. Delivery of tangible benefits to citizens. Record Development Spending: According to Buledi, the provincial PSDP for the previous fiscal year inched 6,728 development schemes 3,758 on-going projects 2,970 new schemes. Although the approved development allocation stood at Rs249 billion, the government successfully spent Rs283 billion, achieving 114% fund utilization.

He noted that previous perceptions within federal institutions suggested Balochistan could utilize only 50-70% of its development budget, but the current government's reforms have disproved that assumption. PSDP 2026-27 Priorities For fiscal year 2026-27, the provincial government has approved a Rs206 billion PSDP.

The largest allocations have been made to: Communications and Works Department. Education Department. Health Department. Agriculture Department. Buledi said education has become a top government priority after years of neglect.

Balochistan Minister Noor Muhammad Dummur Assures Swift Action on Public Issues During Meetings with Delegations

QUETTA: Balochistan Minister for Commodity Management and Chairman of the Balochistan Food Authority Haji Noor Muhammad Dummur met with delegations and public representatives from Ziarat, Harnai, and Sanjavi at his office on Monday to

consideration.

Dummur listened to the grievances in detail and assured the delegations that all legitimate issues would be addressed on a priority basis. He directed the relevant authorities to take immediate action on several matters and sub-

constituency to ensure that their basic needs are addressed through the effective use of available resources.

Dummur added that public service is his foremost responsibility and emphasized that his office remains open to the people at all times to



discuss local development priorities and public concerns.

During the meetings, the delegations highlighted a range of issues affecting their respective areas, including development projects, civic infrastructure, and essential public services.

Residents also presented individual and community-related concerns for the minister's

mit progress reports without delay.

The provincial minister reaffirmed that resolving public issues and improving the welfare of citizens remain the provincial government's top priorities.

He said the government is maintaining continuous engagement with the people of Ziarat, Harnai, Sanjavi, and other remote areas of his

hear and resolve their concerns.

Haji Noor Muhammad Dummur, Balochistan Commodity Management Minister, Balochistan Food Authority,

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ment, public welfare, development projects, Pakistan news.

Balochistan Chief Secretary Directs DCs to Accelerate Development Projects, Improve Public Service Delivery



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan chaired a conference of Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to review public welfare initiatives, provision of basic facilities, speedy completion of development projects, and matters related to the repatriation of illegally residing foreign nationals across the province.

The meeting was attended by relevant provincial secretaries, commissioners, and deputy commissioners from across Balochistan.

Addressing the officers, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan directed all administrative officials to remain available for public service and make their departments more proactive in addressing citizens' complaints.

He emphasized that the provision of water, healthcare, education, and road infrastructure remains among the top priorities of the provincial government and directed authorities to further improve service delivery mechanisms.

Over 500 Development Projects Completed Through Monitoring System: The meeting was informed that the Monitoring and Evaluation Section has ensured the completion of 516 development projects,

while further strengthening monitoring mechanisms to accelerate the completion of remaining schemes.

Officials also briefed the meeting that under the first and second phases of the Balochistan Social De-

velopment Initiative (BSDI), a total of 4,047 development projects were launched, out of which nearly 90% have been completed.

The chief secretary directed authorities to maintain effective monitoring to ensure timely completion, transparency, and quality implementation of all development schemes.

Focus on Revenue Collection and Price Control: During the meeting, officials were directed to ensure effective collection of agricultural income tax to improve transparent revenue generation and strengthen the financial capacity of government departments.

Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan also ordered strict monitoring

of prices of essential commodities to provide systematic relief to the public and prevent unjustified price increases.

Public Complaints and Open Courts Review: The meeting was informed that 53 open courts (Khal Kachels) have been conducted across the province during the previous month, where 953 public complaints were registered.

The chief secretary instructed concerned officers to resolve these complaints promptly and ensure timely responses to affected citizens.

Security Measures and Administrative Facilities: The meeting also reviewed security-related measures, including a 15-day provincial restriction on the sale and transportation of explosive materials and

specific fertilizers. Authorities were directed to ensure strict compliance with safety regulations during this period.

Officials informed the meeting that prefabricated (prefab) houses for government officers in various districts are nearing completion.

These facilities are expected to improve service delivery and provide better accommodation facilities for officers serving in remote areas.

Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan further directed that plantation activities should be carried out around these construction projects, especially prefabricated houses and government buildings, to promote environmental improvement, tree plantation, and greener public spaces.

Nasirabad Commissioner Orders Immediate Action to Prevent Controversial Drainage Flow into Balochistan

NASIRABAD: Nasirabad Division Commissioner Salahuddin Noorai has directed authorities to immediately seal a breach to prevent water from the controversial Jacobabad drainage channel from entering Balochistan's Main Harnai Drainage System via Noor Wah.

The directive was issued during an inspection of RD-110, located

the commissioner on the reported diversion of water from the disputed Jacobabad drainage channel into the Main Harnai Drainage System via Noor Wah.

Following the briefing, Commissioner Noorai instructed the Irrigation Department to immediately close the breach to prevent any further inflow from the disputed drainage channel.

He expressed confidence that coordinated

efforts between the three districts of Balochistan. Noorai added that the Nasirabad Division administration would continue consultations with the relevant authorities in Sindh to resolve all concerns through mutual dialogue while ensuring compliance with the law.

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at the junction of Jaffarabad and Sohbatpur districts.

The commissioner was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Sohbatpur Fareeda Tareen, Superintendent Engineer Irrigation Circle Mudassar Zafar Khosa, Assistant Commissioner Sohbatpur Saifuddin Khosa, Sub-Divisional Officer Drainage Abid Ali Khosa, and Intiaz Ali Khosa.

During the visit, irrigation officials briefed

He emphasized that the issue is being closely coordinated with the Commissioner of Larkana Division and reiterated that the disputed drainage water would not be allowed to enter the Main Harnai Drainage System at the Jaffarabad-Sohbatpur junction.

According to the commissioner, allowing the disputed drainage water into the system could have serious environmental and agricultural consequences.

He emphasized that the issue is being closely coordinated with the Commissioner of Larkana Division and reiterated that the disputed drainage water would not be allowed to enter the Main Harnai Drainage System at the Jaffarabad-Sohbatpur junction.

According to the commissioner, allowing the disputed drainage water into the system could have serious environmental and agricultural consequences.

efforts between both provinces would help address the issue and eliminate concerns surrounding the disputed drainage channel.

Nasirabad Division, Salahuddin Noorai, Jacobabad drainage dispute, Main Harnai Drainage System,

Noor Wah, Jaffarabad, Sohbatpur, Balochistan irrigation, Sindh irrigation, water management, drainage dispute, Pakistan news.

Lasbela Commissioner Reviews LIDA Industrial Development Plans, Calls for Faster Industrial Growth in Hub District

LASBELA: Newly appointed Commissioner Lasbela Division Saira Atta has started visits to government departments after assuming charge and conducted a detailed visit to the Lasbela Industrial Estate Development Authority (LIDA) to review industrial development initiatives, ongoing projects, and future investment strategies.

During her visit, the commissioner was briefed at the LIDA Conference Hall by Managing Director LIDA Liaquat Ali Kashani, who provided an overview of the authority's performance, industrial expansion plans, development projects, and



challenges faced by the industrial sector.

Commissioner Saira Atta said that LIDA holds strategic importance in accelerating industrialization, promoting investment, and increasing tax revenue in Balochistan. She emphasized that the growth of the industrial sector would not only create

new employment opportunities but also strengthen economic activities across the province.

Investment Potential of Hub and Gadani Highlighted: During the briefing, the LIDA managing director informed the commissioner about the authority's administrative responsibilities, issues faced by indus-

trial units, ongoing development projects, and future plans.

Officials highlighted that consultancy work is underway for the master plan of industrial development along the Gadani coastal belt.

They said that due to its proximity to Karachi, the LIDA Special Economic Zone and

Gadani industrial site offer strong potential for investment because of their location, infrastructure opportunities, and security advantages.

The briefing further stated that both domestic and international investors are showing significant interest in the LIDA Special Economic Zone, while the authority is prepared to provide investors with basic infrastructure and essential facilities to create a favorable business environment.

However, officials noted that delays in some development projects may occur due to the non-availability of required funds from the federal government.

The Chelhum commemorations. The inspection forms part of Quetta district administration's broader efforts to maintain law and order, strengthen inter-agency coordination and ensure the safe conduct of religious events across the city. Quetta Chelhum security, Mehruh Bano, Muhammad Ameer Hamza, Quetta administration, Chelhum procession, Chelhum security, traffic management, Balochistan police.

Quetta Administration Reviews Chelhum Procession Routes to Ensure Security and Public Safety

QUETTA: On the directives of Deputy Commissioner Mehruh Bano, Assistant Commissioner (City) Muhammad Ameer Hamza conducted a detailed inspection of the routes designated for Chelhum processions and religious gatherings (Majalis) in Quetta.

Accompanied by an administrative team, the assistant commissioner reviewed security arrangements, traffic management plans, and



other administrative preparations to ensure a peaceful, secure, and well-organized environment for mourners participating in Chelhum observances. During the review, officials discussed necessary coordination among law enforcement

agencies and reviewed measures designed to facilitate the smooth movement of processions while minimizing disruptions to the public. Police and other security agencies are put in place comprehensive security arrangements

for the occasion.

The district administration also directed all relevant departments to ensure foolproof arrangements along the procession route and to provide every possible facility to participants throughout

Tail-End Water Supply Restored in Usta Muhammad After Joint Irrigation Operation

USTA MUHAMMAD: Acting on the special directives of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ramzan Palal, the district administration and the Irrigation Department carried out a coordinated operation to ensure the fair distribution of irrigation water and its timely delivery to tail-end areas along the Qaboo Distributary.

Assistant Commissioner Ramzan Ishtiaq, Executive Engineer Irrigation Circle Ghulam Muhammad Badini, along with irrigation officials and staff, supervised the operation aimed at improving water flow to downstream

communities.

As part of the initiative, all watercourses connected to the Qaboo Distributary were temporarily closed to allow uninterrupted water flow toward the tail-end. District administration and irrigation officials remained on-site until late at night, continuously monitoring water distribution.

The operation successfully ensured that water reached Bagh Tail, the last point of the distributary at around 12:00 midnight, providing immediate relief to residents who had been facing shortages of drinking water. Deputy Com-

missioner Muhammad Ramzan Palal said the district administration is committed to protecting the rights of tail-end communities and ensuring equitable water distribution across the irrigation network.

He emphasized that authorities would continue taking strict action against illegal watercourses, unauthorized interference, and water theft to guarantee that every area receives its rightful share of water.

The district administration and the Irrigation Department also appreciated the cooperation of local farmers and resident.

