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Pakistan Nationwide Transport Strike from August 8: Truckers Announce Indefinite Wheel-Jam Protest



Pakistan's transport sector to face major disruption as the All Pakistan Transport and Open Loaders Transport Alliance announce nationwide transport strike.

News Desk:

Pakistan's transport sector is set to face major disruptions as the All Pakistan Transport and Open Loaders Transport Alliance has announced an indefinite nationwide transport strike beginning on Saturday, August 8, 2026, demanding that the government accept its charter of demands.

The alliance said a complete wheel-jam strike will be observed across the country, with trucks, trailers, Mazda trucks, and all other freight vehicles remaining off the roads until the government implements what it described as the transport community's legitimate demands.

In its announcement, the

alliance appealed to truck owners, transporters, drivers, logistics operators, and company owners to demonstrate unity by fully participating in the protest. Members have also been instructed to follow only the official directives issued by the transport alliance.

The strike is expected to significantly impact the movement of goods, commercial cargo, industrial supplies, and nationwide logistics operations, potentially disrupting supply chains if the deadlock between the transport community and the government continues.

The transport alliance has not specified an end date for the protest, stating that the strike will remain in effect until meaningful progress is made on its demands.



Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye have entered a new chapter in their strategic relationship.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye Sign Historic Defence Pact to Expand Strategic Military Cooperation

News Desk:

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye have entered a new chapter in their strategic relationship by signing a landmark trilateral defence pact aimed at strengthening military cooperation, enhancing regional security and expanding collaboration in defence technology, training and joint operations.

The agreement builds on decades of close defence ties among the three countries.

Pakistan has long been a key defence partner of Saudi Arabia, providing military training, technical expertise and operational support to the Kingdom's armed forces for several decades.

Pakistan and Türkiye have also maintained a robust military partnership, regularly conducting joint exercises, exchanging warships and training aircraft, and working together on defence production and technology.

The trilateral defence pact is expected to deepen coop-

eration in intelligence sharing, military training, defence industries, counterterrorism, air and naval coordination, and strategic planning, further strengthening the collective security framework of the three nations. In a major milestone for regional defence cooperation, Saudi Arabia signed an agreement in 2023 to purchase Turkish-made drones, a deal that Ankara described as the largest defence export contract in Türkiye's history at the time.

Pakistan has also signifi-

cantly contributed to the Kingdom's security by deploying around 8,000 military personnel, along with fighter jets, drones and advanced air defence systems, highlighting the depth of Islamabad's defence partnership with Riyadh.

The newly signed defence pact is being viewed as a significant step towards institutionalising military cooperation among Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye, reinforcing their shared commitment to regional peace, security and strategic stability.

Pakistan to emulate Chinese techniques of investigation



NEWS DESK:

Pakistan is set to embark on a major transformation of its policing system, with Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi announcing a series of reforms inspired by successful international law enforcement models, including the establishment of a China-style Law Enforcement Investigation Centre in Islamabad.

The announcement came during his meeting with assistant superintendents of police who recently returned after completing specialised training courses in China and Türkiye.

The officers described overseas programmes as an invaluable experience that significantly enhanced their professional capa-

bilities and exposed them to modern policing practices, surveillance technologies, and contemporary approaches to maintaining law and order.

Acknowledging the importance of international exposure, Naqvi declared that foreign training programmes would become a permanent component of the professional development of Pakistani police officers. He emphasised that the government was committed to equipping the country's law enforcement agencies with the skills and technologies required to address emerging security challenges.

As part of the reforms, the interior minister announced the launch of a pilot project to establish a China-style Law Enforcement Investigation Centre in

Islamabad.

The centre will integrate detection, investigation and summary trial facilities under one roof, enabling the swift and efficient disposal of cases involving minor offences while reducing procedural delays.

Naqvi said the country would benefit from internationally proven policing models to make its law-enforcement system more effective, responsive, and technology-driven.

He stressed that the adoption of advanced surveillance systems and modern technologies would significantly expand monitoring capabilities and strengthen crime prevention efforts.

To further enhance public safety, the interior minister announced that modern drones would be inducted into the Aviation Wing of the Ministry of Interior to improve surveillance and support law enforcement operations.

The reform agenda also includes strengthening investigative capacity through the establishment of specialised investigation rooms at the National Police Academy.

According to the interior minister, greater emphasis will be placed on specialised investigation training aligned with the evolving requirements of modern policing.

He further announced that interrogations would be introduced as a specialised academic subject within police training, with modern interrogation techniques based on the practices of developed countries becoming an integral part of the curriculum.

Bolan Terror Attack: Balochistan Police Constable Martyred in Armed Assault on Dosa Cross Checkpost



File photo: Security personnel stand alert in Balochistan

Our Correspondent:

BOLAN: A Balochistan Police constable was martyred after unknown armed attackers targeted the Dosa Cross Police Checkpost on the Balanari National Highway in Bolan district late Friday night.

According to police sources, unidentified gunmen launched a sudden attack on

the police checkpoint, opening indiscriminate fire on officers deployed at the post.

During the assault, Police Constable Hafiz Abdul Rasheed Abro, who was performing his official duties, sustained critical gunshot injuries and embraced martyrdom on the spot.

Following the terror attack, security forces and police personnel cordoned off the

area and launched a search operation to trace and apprehend the attackers.

Authorities have initiated an investigation to determine the motive behind the attack.

The incident has once again highlighted the persistent security challenges in Balochistan, where law enforcement agencies continue to face attacks from militant and armed groups.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

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

Atta Kakar:

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

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

The disaster caused extensive damage to orchards, agricultural land, and seasonal crops, particularly apple, apricot, and grape farms that form the backbone of the local economy.

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

Local growers have described the situation as catastrophic, warning that many families may



struggle to survive financially without immediate government assistance.

Agriculture remains the primary source of income for

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

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

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

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

recovery support for affected communities. Farmers and local representatives are also demanding restoration of damaged irrigation systems and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Balochistan Home Department Completes Landmark Year of Security, Governance and Criminal Justice Reforms

By Saeed Ahmed:

QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan's Home Department has completed a landmark year of reforms, introducing a series of legislative, institutional, and administrative initiatives aimed at strengthening law and order, modernizing governance, and enhancing the province's overall security architecture.

Working under the vision of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, the department shifted its focus beyond routine administration to long-term institution building, technological modernization, and criminal justice reforms designed to reinforce the writ of the State across Balochistan.

Modern Legal Reforms

During the past year, the Home Department introduced significant legal reforms, including amendments to the Witness Protection framework, reforms to the Balochistan Forensic Science Agency law, legislation enabling Faceless Courts for high-risk terrorism cases, detention centre regulations, the Safe City Authority framework, the Balochistan Prison and Correctional Service Act 2026, and the Probation and Parole Act.

These measures are intended to establish a modern and efficient criminal justice system capable of addressing emerging security threats while improving transparency and accountability.

Institutions Brought into Operation

The department also focused on translat-

ing legislation into practical implementation.

The Centre of Excellence on Countering Violent Extremism was made fully operational to support research, policy formulation, and evidence-based counter-extremism strategies.

Detention centres were activated under the legal framework for the first time, with the Quetta facility already functional and a modern centre under construction in Turbat.

Strengthening Security Institutions

As part of its institutional reforms, the Home Department operationalized the Provincial Intelligence Fu-

sion and Threat Assessment Centre (PIFATAC) to enhance intelligence sharing and inter-agency coordination.

The Balochistan Integrated Security Architecture (BISA) was also established to improve coordination among provincial security institutions.

The Balochistan Charities Registration Authority (BCRA) initiated the province-wide registration and regulation of charities, NGOs, and religious seminars in accordance with applicable laws.

Several specialized units, including the Red Notice Cell, Anti-Illegal Spectrum Cell, Anti-Subversion Cell, Anti-Extortion Coordination Mechanism, and Human

Trafficking Cell, were also established to strengthen intelligence-led policing.

Safe City Project Delivers Results

Technology remained at the centre of the department's security strategy.

Safe City operations were reorganized under a unified provincial framework with enhanced institutional oversight, advanced surveillance systems, and digital monitoring tools.

Officials said the system has already facilitated the recovery of more than 100 stolen vehicles and assisted in the

arrest of numerous suspects.

Plans are also underway to expand the Safe City Project to additional cities across Balochistan.

Improved Protection of Public Facilities

For the first time, a comprehensive Security of Vulnerable Establishments programme was implemented throughout the province.

Security audits were conducted at government offices, hospitals, educational institutions, and other sensitive installations, while more than 1,500 locations were equipped with

modern CCTV surveillance systems to strengthen public safety.

Counter-Terrorism Capacity Expanded

The Home Department further enhanced its counter-terrorism capabilities by establishing a dedicated drone surveillance unit to support intelligence gathering, anti-terror operations, and anti-narcotics enforcement.

Bomb disposal units were strengthened, while work continued on introducing video-link proceedings and faceless trials for high-risk terrorism cases to ensure the safety of judges, prosecutors, and witnesses.

Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan

One of the largest administrative operations undertaken during the year was the implementation of the Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan.

In coordination with district administrations, Police, Levies, Special Branch, Frontier Corps, and other agencies, approximately 1.1 million illegal foreign nationals were repatriated from Balochistan in an organized and lawful manner.

Authorities said the initiative improved regulatory oversight, strengthened the rule of

law, and eased pressure on public resources.

Historic Anti-Narcotics Operations

The department also launched one of the province's largest anti-poppay campaigns.

Using drone technology, field verification, and coordinated enforcement, thousands of acres of illegal poppy cultivation were identified and destroyed.

Parallel operations against illegal tobacco cultivation and trade resulted in record seizures, helping curb tax evasion and dismantle illicit markets.

Administrative Restructuring

Major administrative reforms included the merger of the Levies Force into the Police Department and the integration of Civil Defence into the Special Branch, improving institutional coordination and operational efficiency.

Towards a Safer Balochistan

Officials describe the past year as the beginning of a broader transformation in Balochistan's security and governance landscape. While acknowledging that significant challenges remain, the Home Department believes the reforms have laid the foundation for stronger institutions, modern policing, improved criminal justice, and sustainable peace.

The transition from legislation to institution building reflects a long-term vision of creating a safer, more stable, and more prosperous Balochistan through effective governance, modern laws, and consistent implementation.

Balochistan Home Minister Reviews Security Across Quetta, Says Law and Order Situation Remains Stable

Mir Ziaullah Langau Conducts Surprise Visit to Major Markets, Urges Public to Rely on Official Information

QUETTA: Balochistan Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langau, accompanied by Adviser for Home Affairs Babar Yousafzai, conducted a surprise visit to various parts of Quetta to review the city's law and order situation, security arrangements, and commercial activities.

During the visit, the Home Minister inspected several key roads, markets, and business centers, including Liaquat Bazar, Kandahari Bazar, Prince Road, Zarghoun Road, Sariab Road, Brewery Road, Gah Chowk, and Joint Road.

The delegation assessed the deployment of security personnel, traffic flow, market conditions, and overall public activity across the provincial capital.

Interaction with Traders and Residents Mir Ziaullah Langau met with local residents, traders, and shopkeepers to seek their feedback on the city's security environment, commercial activity, and public safety measures. According to the Home Minister, members of the business community expressed



satisfaction with the government's security arrangements and the measures taken to maintain peace and stability.

Quetta is Peaceful and Business Activities Continue Normally Speaking during the visit, the Home Minister stated that the law and order situation in Quetta remains completely normal, with commercial activities continuing across the city.

He said all major markets and business centers were open, traffic was flowing

smoothly, and no roads were closed. The Government of Balochistan ensures the protection of citizens' lives and property and its foremost responsibility.

All relevant institutions remain fully vigilant to maintain peace and security," he said. Mir Ziaullah Langau also expressed satisfaction with the existing security arrangements and directed concerned authorities to continue ensuring public safety and convenience.

Public Urged to Ignore Rumors The Home Minister urged citizens not to pay attention to development issues circulating on social media or other unofficial platforms.

He advised the public to rely only on information issued through official and credible government sources, emphasizing that the provincial government is continuously monitoring the security situation and taking all necessary measures to safeguard the public.

Adviser for Home Affairs Babar Yousafzai also accompanied the Home Minister throughout the visit and interacted with citizens at various locations to hear their concerns and receive suggestions regarding public services and security.

Quetta security, Mir Ziaullah Langau, Babar Yousafzai, Quetta law and order, Balochistan Home Minister, Quetta markets, Liaquat Bazar, Kandahari Bazar, public safety, Quetta, Balochistan security update, Quetta business activity, Pakistan security news.

Balochistan Launches Strategic Development Projects to Create Jobs and Boost Economic Growth, Says Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan has announced that the provincial government has launched a series of strategic development projects and an Enterprise Development Program aimed at accelerating economic recovery, creating employment opportunities, and promoting sustainable growth across the province.

Chairing a high-level meeting to review progress on strategic development initiatives, the Chief Secretary said the government's strategy focuses on strengthening local industries, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and expanding the digital economy to generate long-term economic prosperity.



Enterprise Development Program to Support 57,000 People Shakeel Qadir Khan said the Enterprise Development Program has set a target of providing financial grants to 57,000 individuals to help establish or expand businesses throughout Balochistan.

He revealed that grants have already been distributed to 2,500 beneficiaries, enabling thousands of families to start new businesses or strengthen existing enterprises.

The initiative is expected to stimulate entrepreneurship, promote self-employment, and media marketing, e-commerce, and digital entrepreneurship, enhancing their employability in the rapidly growing digital economy.

Digital Skills Training for Youth The Chief Secretary highlighted the government's focus on youth empowerment through digital education. Under the program, 370 students are being enrolled in digital marketing and related professional courses at various

institutions. The training will equip participants with skills in online business, self-employment, social media marketing, e-commerce, and digital entrepreneurship, enhancing their employability in the rapidly growing digital economy.

He noted that such training will not only improve employment prospects but also encourage the adoption of modern business models across the province.

Financial Support for Small Businesses To strengthen the SME sector, 180 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) have already submitted applications seeking financial assistance. According to the Chief Secretary, the funding will support business expansion, machinery purchases, working capital requirements, and marketing activities, helping local enterprises increase productivity and competitiveness.

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Nasirabad Division Finalizes Independence Day 2026 Preparations, Flag Hoisting Ceremony and Tree Plantation Drive Planned

NASIRABAD: Commissioner Nasirabad Division Salahuddin Naurzai chaired a high-level meeting to review preparations for Pakistan's Independence Day celebrations on August 14, 2026.

directing all departments to ensure that the national occasion is observed with patriotism, enthusiasm, and dignity across the division.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Nasirabad Range Kamran Nawaz, SSP Nasirabad Asad Nasir, Assistant Director Local Government Ahmad



Nawaz Jattak, Deputy Director Agriculture (Extension) Zaher Ahmed Umrani, Chief Officer Municipal Committee Saleem Khan Donki, Divisional Director Schools Muhammad Azeem Sajidi, Deputy

Director Sports Feroz Ali Abro, District Forest Officer Naeem Jan Lehari, and other relevant officials. Division-Wide Independence Day Celebrations Addressing the meeting, Commissioner

Salahuddin Naurzai directed all departments to organize Independence Day celebrations with the same spirit and grandeur as in previous years. He announced that the central divisional

flag-hoisting ceremony will be held at the Commissioner's Office, where government officials and representatives of various departments will participate in the national celebrations.

Buildings to Be Illuminated and Decorated The Commissioner instructed authorities to decorate all government offices, official residences, and prominent public buildings throughout the division with national flags, decorative lighting, and patriotic displays to create a festive atmosphere.

Chief Officer Mohiullah Baloch said that the Municipal Committee teams remain actively engaged in different parts of the city, adding that equal attention is being given to urban cleanliness, tree maintenance, and environmental improvement.

Officials Reaffirm Commitment to Urban Improvement Commissioner Wali Muhammad Bureesh said that a clean and attractive Loralai is the right of every citizen

and assured that all available resources are being utilized to maintain high standards of sanitation across the city. He directed the relevant departments to sustain daily cleanliness operations and ensure continuous monitoring of sanitation services.

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Gwadar Finalizes Independence Day 2026 Celebrations, Flag March and Citywide Decorations Planned

GWADAR: The Gwadar district administration has finalized comprehensive arrangements for celebrating Pakistan's Independence Day on August 14, 2026, assigning responsibilities to various government departments to ensure the national day is observed with enthusiasm and patriotic spirit.

ment Authority (GDA), Gwadar Industrial Estate Development Authority (GIEDA), the Communications and Works Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Irrigation Department, Local Government Department, and the Chief Municipal Officer (CMO) Gwadar will jointly install 200 decorative streamers and

Officials said the cultural programs are intended to promote patriotism and celebrate Pakistan's heritage through student participation.

Flag March and Central Ceremony The meeting also approved an Independence Day Flag March Rally to be led by Assistant Commissioner Gwadar



The planning meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Dr. Abdul Shakoor and attended by Assistant Commissioner Gwadar Romail Naem Jan, district officers, and heads of relevant government departments.

During the meeting, participants reviewed preparations for the Independence Day celebrations, including the national flag-hoisting ceremony, decoration and illumination of government buildings and major roads, sanitation measures, security arrangements, traffic management, and other administrative matters.

City Branding and Decorations The meeting decided that the Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), Gwadar Develop-

four large flex billboards across the city as part of a special city branding campaign for Independence Day.

All government offices were directed to complete the decoration of their buildings with national flags, decorative lighting, and patriotic displays by August 10, 2026.

Educational Institutions to Lead Cultural Programs The Education Department, University of Gwadar, Government Boys Degree College Gwadar, and Government Girls Degree College Gwadar were assigned responsibility for organizing speeches, national songs, tableaux, cultural perfor-

mances, and presentations highlighting national unity during the central Independence Day ceremony.

District officials reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that Independence Day celebrations in Gwadar reflect national pride, unity, and the spirit of patriotism through coordinated participation by government institutions and the public.

Romail Naem Jan on August 14, with participation from officers, officials, and representatives of all government departments and public institutions.

The district's central flag-hoisting ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Deputy Commissioner Office, Gwadar, where the national flag will be raised, the national anthem will be played, and special prayers will be offered for Pakistan's peace, prosperity, stability, and continued development.

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Makran Commissioner Inaugurates 40 Solar Street Lights at Turbat Teaching Hospital to Improve Patient Safety

TURBAT: Commissioner Makran Division Qadir Baksh Pirani inaugurated 40 solar-powered street lights at Teaching Hospital Turbat, a project implemented through the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund of the Miran Housing Scheme to improve lighting, safety, and public convenience within the hospital premises.

The initiative is aimed at providing reliable illumination during nighttime, creating a safer environment for healthcare workers and visitors.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Deputy Commissioner Keen Yasar Iqbal Dashti. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Maqbool Anwar, Medical Superintendent Teaching Hospital Dr. Abdul Waheed Buledi, Principal Makran Medical College Dr. Afzal Khaliq, Dr. Meera Doshi, Dr. Asif Baloch, Dr. Ataulah, PA to the Commissioner Nasir Hassan, and other senior

doctors and government officials. Commissioner Reviews Hospital Facilities Following the inauguration, Commissioner Pirani toured various departments of the hospital, with particular focus on the Emergency Department and the Children's Emergency Ward, where he reviewed healthcare services and ongoing improvement initiatives.

He directed the Deputy Commissioner Keen to ensure that all projects at the hospital are completed within the stipulated timeframe so that citizens can benefit from improved medical services without delay.

Emphasis on Institutional Collaboration Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Qadir Baksh Pirani highlighted the importance of inter-agency collaboration in delivering public welfare projects. He said the in-

stallation of the solar street lighting system would significantly improve visibility and security within the hospital, directly benefiting patients, attendants, and hospital staff while enhancing the overall healthcare environment.

Hospital Administration Welcomes Initiative Medical Superintendent Dr. Abdul Waheed Buledi thanked the Commissioner for supporting the project.

He stated that the new solar lighting system would substantially improve the hospital's infrastructure and provide greater convenience and security for people seeking medical treatment.

Rs.79 Million Grant for Modern Solar Lighting Officials disclosed that Commissioner Makran Division, in his capacity as Project Director of the Miran Housing Scheme, approved a grant of Rs.79,947 for the installation of the modern solar street lighting system at Teaching Hospital Turbat.

PPHI Monthly Performance Review Held in Musakhel, Focus on Improving Primary Healthcare Services

MUSAKHEL: A Monthly Review Meeting (MRM) of the People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI) was held in Musakhel under the chairmanship of Assistant Commissioner Najeebullah Kakar to assess the performance of primary healthcare services across the district.

The meeting was attended by District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Muhammad Hassan Donki, PPHI District Manager Aman Shah, ADPM PPHI Imran, M&E Officer Imran Burzan, and other relevant officials.

During the session, District Manager Aman Shah presented a comprehensive briefing on the performance of Basic Health Units (BHUs) across the district, highlighting the momentum of ongoing

the provision of healthcare services, availability of medicines, staff attendance, ongoing field activities, and key performance indicators supported by statistical data.

Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Commissioner Najeebullah Kakar appreciated the performance of PPHI officials to improve primary healthcare services in Musakhel.

He emphasized that close coordination between the Health Department and PPHI is essential for improving access to quality healthcare at the district level.

The Assistant Commissioner directed officials to further enhance field operations and maintain the momentum of ongoing

healthcare initiatives to ensure that residents continue to receive timely, effective, and quality medical services.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from district health authorities and PPHI officials to improve healthcare delivery, strengthen service monitoring, and ensure the availability of essential medical facilities for communities throughout Musakhel District.

District Manager PPHI PPHI Monthly Review Meeting, Musakhel healthcare, Basic Health Units Balochistan, Assistant Commissioner Najeebullah Kakar, DHO Dr. Muhammad Hassan Donki, PPHI Balochistan, primary healthcare Pakistan, health services Musakhel, district health review.



Loralai Intensifies Cleanliness Drive to Transform City into a Green and Model Urban Center

LORALAI: The Loralai Municipal Committee has intensified its citywide cleanliness and beautification campaign as part of ongoing efforts to transform Loralai into a clean, green, and model city under the directives of Commissioner Loralai Division Wali Muhammad Bureesh and the district administration.

The sanitation campaign is being carried out under the supervision of Chief Officer Municipal Committee Mohiullah Baloch, with municipal teams working across various zones of the city to improve public hygiene and the urban environment.

Comprehensive Operations Municipal sanitation workers continued extensive operations involving garbage collection, drain cleaning, road sweeping, market sanitation, waste transportation, and roadside maintenance throughout the city.

Cleaning and water sprinkling operations were also completed around the Commissioner's House, Town Road, Deputy Commissioner Office, and several residential neighborhoods to improve cleanliness and reduce dust. Major Areas Covered The cam-

paign extended to several key localities, including Saleem Dad Wali Bazar, Sadar Bazar, Baghi Bazar, Kakeri Masjid Road, Post Office Road, Tehsil Road, Sabzi Mandi, Bakhma Mohalla, Anwar Sahab Gali, and Police Lines, where drains were cleared and accumulated waste was removed.

In the Bazar Zone, municipal workers cleaned the Football Stadium and carried out roadside maintenance by spreading gravel and improving surrounding areas. Tree Care and Public Health Measures As part of the city's environmental improvement initiative, municipal staff also continued watering newly planted trees to ensure their healthy growth and long-term sustainability.

The Municipal Committee further completed the removal and disposal of stray dog carcasses following an operation aimed at controlling the stray dog population, contributing to improved public health and sanitation.

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10 terrorists killed in 2 separate operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP): ISPR

NEWS DESK: The military's media affairs wing said on Friday that 10 terrorists were killed in two separate engagements in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa a day earlier.

Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said the terrorists belonged to Indian-sponsored Fittat al Khwari — a

suing fire exchange, eight Jawari were sent to hell through effective and precise engagements by own troops," it said. "In another encounter that took place in Dir district, own troops successfully neutralised two more khwari," it added.

ISPR said that weapons and ammuni-

full pace to wipe out "the menace of foreign sponsored and supported terrorism from the country". President Asif Ali Zardari paid tribute to the country's security forces for eliminating the terrorists and commended their professionalism in thwarting the attack in Azam Warsak. "The nation

Shehbaz Sharif also praised security forces for the successful operations.

"The nefarious designs of elements spreading terrorism under Indian patronage will be thwarted at any cost. The government and the entire nation stand with the security forces in the war against

terrorism," he asserted.

According to the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies, an Islamabad-based think tank, violence linked to terrorist attacks and counter-terrorism operations intensified sharply in July, making it the deadliest month of 2026, with 112 security personnel among 205 people killed.

However, earlier today, the AJK Election Commission revised the schedule for the third phase of elections in the region, saying polling would only be held in Poonch Division's Bagh and Haveli districts on August 10 amid concerns over the law and order situation.

Elections are being held across AJK in three phases amid tensions between protesters and the authorities. Polls in Mirpur and Muzaffarabad divisions were held on July 27 and August 2, respectively.

The third phase in Poonch division was set for August 10. Poonch Division comprises three constituencies — three in Bagh, one in Haveli, five in Poonch and two in Sudhnoti district.

However, the Election Commission said in a press release on Friday that the electoral process will go ahead as planned on August 10 in only the division's Bagh and Haveli districts.

In its press release, the AJK Election Commission

UNSC condemns Swat suicide blast after Pakistan sounds alarm on Afghan terrorist havens

NEWS DESK: The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on Thursday strongly condemned the suicide bombing in Swat last week, calling it a "heinous and cowardly" terrorist attack after Pakistan warned the body that multiple terrorist groups continue to operate from safe havens inside Afghanistan.

In a press statement issued by the Office of the UN secretary general's spokesperson, the council said it condemned "in the strongest terms" the "heinous and cowardly" suicide attack outside the police station in Swat's Kabal on Aug 2.

"This reprehensible act of terrorism resulted in the grievous loss of at least 16 Pakistani nationals, mostly civilians, and injuries to dozens of others," Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has claimed responsibility for this terrorist attack," it added.

The UNSC also expressed solidarity with Pakistan, saying, "The members of the Security Council express their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and the people of Pakistan, and wish a speedy and full recovery to those who were injured."

The statement reaffirmed the international body's longstanding position that terrorism

organisers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism accountable and bringing them to justice."

They urged all UN member states, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant UNSC resolutions, to cooperate actively with the government of Pakistan in this regard.

The council also reiterated that "any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed."

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ever committed" and reaffirmed that all countries must combat terrorism in accordance with the UN Charter and international law, including international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law.

Earlier this week, Pakistan told a UNSC meeting that several ter-

Army (BLA) and its Majeed Brigade, the Islamic State Khorasan (IS-K) and its affiliates, the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), and Al Qaeda affiliates as groups that, according to Pakistan, maintain safe havens inside Afghanistan.

Pakistan urged the international community to ensure that Afghan territory is not used by terrorist organisations to launch attacks against neighbouring countries and called for stronger international cooperation against cross-border terrorism.

The developments also followed the fourth U.S.-Pakistan Counterterrorism Dialogue held in Washington on Tuesday, where officials from both countries reaffirmed their commitment to combating terrorist organisations.

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term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan.

It said that in the first encounter, a group of terrorists attempted to attack security forces' checkpoints in Azam Warsak area in South Waziristan.

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The PPP chief was addressing an election rally in Azad Jammu and

alleged. "A big part of the PML-N wants the PM to fight not only the opposition, but also his own allies."

He then asked the audience: "Have there ever been elections held in six phases in Kashmir's history? If Kashmir is one, then the election should have been held on a single day."

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