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President Zardari Approves Three Additional Judges for Balochistan High Court

WEB DESK:

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Allah Dad Roshan, District & Sessions Judge, Abdul Qayyum Lehari, District & Sessions Judge. Their one-year tenure will begin from the date they take oath of office, the



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Balochistan High Court (BHC) for a one-year term, according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice on Tuesday.

The notification, dated August 11, 2026, said the appointments were made under Article 197 read with Clause (8) of Article 175A of the Constitution of Pakistan.

The three newly appointed Balochistan High Court Additional Judges are: Muhammad Rauf Atta, Advocate Supreme Court

notification stated. The Ministry of Law and Justice has circulated copies of the appointment notification to the Judicial Commission of Pakistan, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Federal Constitutional Court, Registrar of the Balochistan High Court, and other relevant authorities.

The appointments are expected to strengthen the judicial capacity of the Balochistan High Court and add to its bench strength.



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Balochistan to Host Global Calligraphy Expo in 2027; CM Bugti Highlights Trilateral Defense Ties

QASEEM SHAH:

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti revealed plans on Tuesday for a major global calligraphy showcase titled "Bayan-ul-Marsoos", scheduled to take place in Quetta on May 9-10 next year. Fully sponsored by the provincial government, the multi-day event will bring together celebrated artists and calligraphers from Turkey and across the Islamic world.

Inaugurating the "Rasool-

e-Rahmat (PBUH)" art exhibition, Bugti noted that staging high-profile cultural gatherings during the nation's independence month underscores Balochistan's administrative capacity, peaceful spirit, and deep-rooted reverence for Islamic calligraphic traditions.

The upcoming international event will be hosted at the Serena Hotel in partnership with renowned calligrapher Wasil Shahid to project a positive, culturally rich image of Quetta to the global community.

On international and de-

fense affairs, the Chief Minister pointed to Pakistan's rising diplomatic footprint, highlighting expanding security ties between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey.

He clarified that this trilateral defense cooperation is strictly defensive, intended to safeguard regional peace rather than fuel aggression.

Commending the efforts of President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and military leadership in enhancing the country's international standing, Bugti asserted that no external force

can derail Pakistan's path toward stability and success.

Addressing regional security concerns, Bugti criticized fringe militant groups attempting to drag the local population into a destructive struggle.

He stressed that targeting critical infrastructure, trade routes, and commercial vehicles directly damages the livelihoods and economic well-being of the Baloch people themselves.

He concluded by praying for the nation's continued unity, dignity, and economic progress on the global stage.

Internet Restored in Quetta and Balochistan After Two-Day Security Blackout



ALI HAMZA:

QUETTA — High-speed internet and mobile data services were fully restored across Quetta and key districts of Balochistan after a tense 48-hour suspension, bringing immediate relief to millions of residents whose daily lives were thrown into disarray.

The sudden blackout, triggered by dynamic threat assessments from the Balochistan Home and Tribal Affairs Department, was enforced to neutralize looming security risks in the provincial capital and surrounding vulner-

able districts. While authorities described the temporary shutdown as a vital precautionary measure to maintain law and order, it effectively paralyzed the region's digital infrastructure.

For two days, the severe communication breakdown hit local businesses, freelance workers, students, and emergency contact networks. Mobile banking came to a halt, rider-hailing services stopped, and family members struggled to reach one another. "The past 48 hours felt completely isolating," shared a local shopkeeper in Quetta.

"We couldn't take digital payments, check in on family, or process basic work tasks. Everything just froze."

As signals returned, citizens heaved a collective sigh of relief, though the outage sparked renewed conversations about the heavy dependence on digital connectivity. While local officials confirmed that network monitoring remains active, services have stabilized across broadband and cellular operators.

Residents are now urging authorities to balance regional security measures with the preservation of essential digital lifelines during critical times.

United State (US) 'begged' Iran for negotiations, says FM Araghchi

NEWS DESK:

The Iranian foreign minister, speaking in a televised news conference broadcast by Iranian state television, has said that the US "begged" Iran for negotiations, Al Jazeera reported on Tuesday.

He recalled that US President Donald Trump demanded "unconditional surrender" from Iran at the beginning of the war.

The US President wrote two words (on social media) at the beginning of the war: "Unconditional surrender", he said.

"That was what they wanted from us and, 20 days later, the same enemy was begging for negotiations," the top diplomat added.

In the same press conference, Araghchi also said that Iran showed the world that it is "a tough and invincible power," Al Jazeera reported.

Speaking at a televised press conference, he said: "I have heard this many times from foreign ministers and officials from other countries: 'You Iranians created a miracle; you surprised the whole world.'"

"No one thought that Iran could resist America like this," Araghchi said, adding that the US had the backing of Israel, the Western world and some other countries.

Abbas Araghchi and his German counterpart Johann Wadephul held a phone conversation earlier on Monday, where Araghchi said that insecurity in the Strait of Hormuz was solely the result of military aggression by the United States and the Is-



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Artificial Intelligence Just Taking Baby Steps

Syed Muhammad Qaseem:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human intelligence in computer systems. In simple words, AI enables machines to perform tasks that require human intelligence. Those tasks can be learning from past experiences, solving problems, and making predictions based on provided data. Until now, AI has just started taking baby steps but it is growing at a much rapid rate.

Every invention had various positive and negative impacts on human civilization. According to Google's CEO, Sundar Pichai "AI will have a more profound impact on human beings than fire, electricity, and the internet". This innovation also has both positive and negative impacts on human beings. If it is left unchecked it will have adverse impacts on human creativity, the job market, and the flow of information. However, the positive use of AI will bring major advancements in medical science, education, agriculture, etc. In the following paragraphs, the impacts of AI on humans are described.

Negative Impacts of AI:

AI is a technological tool and its use can be both positive and negative, although, it is in the hands of human beings on how to use it. Following are some negative impacts of AI on humans.

Deep Fakes Through Generative AI:

In the age of information technology, misinformation is a major issue.

The introduction of generative AI into public space has further worsened the predicament of information flow. Through generative AI, deep fakes are generated.

These deep fakes are difficult to judge, as original or fake, for a person who has no knowledge of AI.

The deep fakes can be an image, a video, or a voice note. Recently, in Slovakia's 2023 elections, a fake voice of a party's leader and a journalist was shared on social media, in which they were talking about purchasing votes from the poor population. This voice badly reduced the vote bank of that party during elections.

Another example of the deep fakes that created uncertainty was pictures of the former US president, Donald Trump's arrest, which provoked his supporter's sentiments against the state. Therefore, if the use of generative AI is left unchecked, bad actors in society will use it for their own purposes and spread wrong information.

AI's use in War

Using AI for the purpose of AI will have ferocious results. Because AI unlike humans has no fear, doesn't commit mistakes, doesn't get tired, and has no mercy. So, it can fight much better than a soldier.

Thus, Countries are trying to develop AI fighters, robots, and drones for the maximization of power. This will attract the attention of their rival countries to build AI war machines for the balance of power. Hence, like nuclear weapons, AI will further worsen security dilemmas if used for the purpose of war.

AI is a Major Threat to Human Creativity

Creativity is a unique characteristic of human beings due to which they bring development, prosperity, modernization, and easiness in their lives. But man-made intelligence is growing so rapidly that



it has posed a grave threat to the creativity of God's humankind. With only a few clicks and in some seconds, an AI program can write a book, a novel, a poem, an assignment and an article. Furthermore, it can sing a song, draw a painting, solve a problem, and make a prediction. On the other side, it takes much effort and time for a human to do all these tasks. Due to the lazy and comfort-seeking nature of human beings, now they mostly rely on AI to perform these tasks. With the passage of time AI is learning more skills and human's reliance on AI is further increasing. AI will cause the death of creativity in humans.

AI-driven cars neither cross the speed limit nor have sleep problems, consequently, companies are manufacturing AI-driven cars to avoid road accidents. Journalists and content writers demand huge salaries for their work, while ChatGPT is a free AI app that can do the same tasks freely and quickly.

More interestingly, AI will replace its own founders (Software Engineers) who developed AI, as AI can perform and find errors in it. To sum up, AI has much potential to replace the human workforce.

Positive Impacts of AI

Along with negative impacts, AI can also be advantageous for humans if used for welfare purposes. In the following paragraphs, some advantages of AI are described if AI is used positively.

AI can Revolutionize the Medical Field

AI along with synthetic biology can eradicate debilitating diseases, and find treatments for pandemics, thus providing health benefits. AI has also made a lot of achievements in the field of surgery. Last year, an AI robot performed a successful egg surgery in which the inner layer of an egg was stitched. Additionally, an AI Chatbot

can also prescribe medicines and treatment for a disease based on the provided symptoms. In the coming years, AI will further advance itself in the medical field and people will take numerous benefits from it.

Prediction Based on Provided Data

Humans remain curious to predict things or the outcome of events. If data is fed to an AI, it can find patterns in that data, and based on those patterns it can give predictions. For example: AI can predict election results, market demand for a product, predict weather etc. In the US 2020 presidential elections, an AI model was trained to predict the outcome of elections.

Tweets and Facebook posts were fed to the model from which AI separated positive and negative sentiments

about former US President Trump and current US President Joe Biden. Based on the high number of positive sentiments, the AI model predicted that Trump would win the elections, and he won. So, humans can take advantage of this feature of AI and can reap its benefits.

Boosting Agricultural Production Through AI

Pakistan is an agriculture-based country, and enhancing the agricultural sector will boost the country's economic performance.

AI can increase agricultural production by predicting the best time to cultivate and harvest a crop.

It is also capable of identifying soil conditions, plant diseases, weather forecasts, and when plants need to be irrigated. Moreover,

AI can analyze the market's supply and demand chain. AI will be ef-

ficient in saving the loss of water during irrigation. Secondly, it will provide a suitable environment for the plants to grow through maintaining soil fertility and water needs.

To sum up, equipping agriculture with AI systems will boost agricultural production and prevent heavy water losses.

Recommendations for the Pakistani Government

The world has entered into the race of AI development. Fortunately, Pakistan has a huge human resource, but making them skillful in the field of AI is a hard task to do. All provincial governments should include AI in the school curriculum.

There should be an AI portal for students, from where they can get updates about AI developments around the globe and jobs announced by the government. Furthermore, universities must be directed to increase practical work in AI rather than theoretical.

Conclusion

In conclusion, AI nevertheless advantageous, poses a grave threat to human civilization. If AI is left unchecked, it can spread misinformation through deep fakes, worsen the status quo of security dilemmas, cause the death of human creativity, and take jobs. So, all countries should sit on a single platform and form laws to control the development and introduction of AI tools in public space. In addition,

AI companies should include a watermark to the content generated through AI to cope with misinformation. In the end,

AI will be more hazardous if it gets consciousness and moves physically freely without being dependant on humans.

Topic of no importance

BY Arifa Noor

THE past couple of weeks have been packed with news and not just of the international kind. There were elections in Azad Kashmir, verbal duelling between the PPP and PML-N and an intense debate on a system that has collapsed. And in the midst of this came the matter of superior sounding administrative units versus local governments.

What more could a journalist want? Yet more bad news it seems. For there was a relatively unimportant news item in the oft-ignored city pages of this paper, which announced a new underpass at the junction of Margalla Road and Eighth Avenue. It seems as if someone, somewhere in the hallways of CDA has decided the short wait at the crossing is a wait too long. And Dubai-like, the rich residents of Islamabad should also not have to wait at all, for modernity means zooming around wide roads.

So a new underpass the city shall have — at a junction where land to the avenue is called Faisal Avenue, for it leads up to the mosque, in the green leaf of Margalla. It is hard to keep count of the underpasses and flyovers CDA has inflicted upon this small city, especially

in recent times. The new boss of the city, Mohsin Naqvi, is surely inspired by his boss, Shehbaz Sharif. As chief minister of Punjab, Naqvi was praised for his 'Mohsin speed', a term which paid homage to him and Shehbaz Sharif who too had been awarded a similar epithet. Both were praised for the speed at which they built projects.

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In a country where visible brick-and-mortar projects pass for development, speed is seen as a virtue, rather than decision-making which is sustainable and helps improve people's lot. And while Shehbaz junior now does illustrate the difference between building bridges and running a country, the rich residents of Islamabad should also not have to wait at all, for modernity means zooming around wide roads.

After all, if Shehbaz Sharif could take away university land to build roads, why can't others build on existing roads? In so doing, the current government has contributed to turning a small green city into a grey shadow of Lahore. CDA is more unfortunate for the capital, for



Islamabad has little of the old charm or history that Lahore can lay claim to. The greenery and hills are all the capital can offer but between its rapid expansion, numerous housing societies, and our planners' obsession with Dubai-style huffia, Islamabad is losing its uniqueness.

Over time, the construction is also becoming as durable as the governments. In Islamabad. Each time, it rains, a newly built road reveals the poor standards of construction, so much so that media organisations are quick from covering the quick wear and tear.

This was seen when the roads in front of a known hotel needed quick repairs after rain, and when a fancy sculpture at a new roundabout couldn't withstand a monsoon spell. But it was perhaps just a coincidence for had the construction standards been really poor, more

attention would have been paid to another news story that got very little attention. Recently,

a story appeared in a paper about audit objections to the new underpass built near the F-9 park in Islamabad. It reported that the audit highlighted faults in the design of the underpass.

However, the little attention that was paid to the story shows it really wasn't all that significant or newsworthy. My objections however are different. Dangerous turns in underpasses, which require cars to suddenly slow down, are hardly important in a city built for speed — half of Islamabad is now built to allow vehicles to zip around. However, why do those running this city want ugly bridges and underpasses near the F-9 park?

For those who are unfamiliar with Islamabad, the F-9 park comprises an entire sector in the heart of the city and perhaps is comparable to Central Park in Manhattan, New York. Anywhere else in the world, such a large green space would be protected and so would the real estate around it. But not in Islamabad. Years ago, a part of it was given to an international franchise; despite a court order, the city found a way to let the corner be, and even give it legal cover.

Now, two sides of the park boast flyovers that obstruct the view of the greenery. Imagine if results like MNAs with controversial electoral wins, perhaps some of this construction could have been questioned.

need to speed through signal-free corridors — and if it means ruining the roads and the serene views next to the city's green spaces, so be it. And now Faisal Avenue is next. It is a wide road so named because it leads down to the Faisal Mosque, synonymous with Islamabad in some ways. The decision, it seems, has been made — and with little input from either the city's residents or others. If some feel the idea is not a good one, there is little that can be done about it. And neither can the courts provide a recourse — for obvious reasons. It may seem like a frivolous issue to write about at a time when so much is happening in the country and the region, but there is a point to be made here. The local government or smaller provincial debate is not an abstract one about what theory says. And neither will it yield the results its proponents are boasting about if the representatives are not found a way to let the people. And accountability, first and foremost, comes from genuine representation. If the residents of Islamabad had that, instead of bureaucrats and MNAs with controversial electoral wins, perhaps some of this construction could have been questioned.

Balochistan Allocates Rs6 Billion for Interest-Free Loans, Solar Energy and Low-Cost Housing

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakil Qadir Khan chaired an important meeting with representatives of Akhuwat and officials of relevant government departments to review the implementation and expansion of programs providing interest-free loans to the people.

The provincial government has allocated Rs6 billion for initiatives aimed at creating employment opportunities, providing solar energy systems and offering financial assistance for low-cost housing.

The meeting was informed that interest-free loans through



Akhuwat would be rapidly extended to low-income households, youth and small businesses to create new sources of employment and strengthen the local economy.

Solar Energy Support for Underserved Areas: The provision of solar energy systems in different districts of Balochistan was also discussed during the meeting.

Participants noted

that solar energy solutions could play an important role in providing a reliable and sustainable source of electricity to rural and underserved areas, particularly communities facing limited access to conventional power supplies.

The meeting also reviewed proposed loan schemes to support low-cost housing, with financial assistance intended to help eligible families access

affordable housing solutions.

Chief Secretary Calls for Transparent Service Delivery

Chief Secretary Shakil Qadir Khan directed the relevant departments, including the Industries and Finance Departments, and representatives of Akhuwat to ensure that the benefits of these initiatives reach the public in a timely, transparent and efficient manner.

He emphasized the importance of effective coordination among government departments and partner organizations to ensure that financial assistance reaches genuinely deserving beneficiaries.

Secretary Industries Khalid Sarpara, Secretary Finance Jahangir Kakar and other senior officials attended the meeting.

PPP Leader Haji Ali Madad Jattak Reviews Constituency Issues and Development Activities

QUETTA: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) central leader and Provincial Minister Haji Ali Madad Jattak held a meeting with friends, local elders and representatives from various walks of life from his constituency at Jattak House in Asifabad.



During the meeting, participants discussed matters of mutual interest, the overall situation in the constituency, ongoing development activities and various issues faced by local residents.

Community representatives also briefed the provincial minister about problems and public needs in their respective areas.

Haji Ali Madad Jattak listened attentively to the concerns and suggestions presented by the participants and assured them that public ser-

vice and the timely resolution of people's problems remain among his top priorities.

He said he was maintaining continuous contact with people in his constituency to identify their problems directly and ensure that effective

Haji Ali Madad Jattak said ongoing measures for the development and prosperity of the constituency would be further strengthened.

He added that new development projects were also being considered in line with the needs and pri-

orities of local communities. The visitors appreciated the provincial minister's continued

engagement with the public and his efforts to address their concerns. They also presented suggestions regarding various local matters.

The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere, with participants reaffirming their commitment to constituency development, public welfare and greater cooperation.

Gwadar MPA Reviews Development Projects, Water Supply and Old Town Rehabilitation

GWADAR: Balochistan Member of Provincial Assembly Hidayat-ur-Rehman met with Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Director General Moinsur Rehman Khan at his office to review ongoing development projects and civic facilities in Gwadar.

GDA Chief Engineer Haji Syed Muhammad Chanez Baloch and other relevant officials were also present during the meeting.

The MPA was given a detailed briefing on ongoing development projects, the Old Town Rehabilitation Project, water supply, the distribution network and basic municipal facilities in Gwadar.

Officials said development work on the Old Town Rehabilitation Project had entered its final stages, with several components already completed.

The project aims to improve basic civic facilities in the historic areas of Gwadar and provide residents with a safer, better and more livable environment.

Gwadar Receiving Up to 4 Million Gallons of Water Daily: The briefing stated that Gwadar city is currently receiving approximately 3.5 to 4 million gallons of drinking water per day, primarily from the Sod Dam.

According to officials, depending on requirements, a specified quantity of water is also obtained from Shadi Kaur Dam approximately twice a week for a limited period.

The meeting also discussed the current water supply situation in Pasni. GDA's chief engineer clarified that the water supplied to Gwadar from Shadi Kaur Dam is obtained in a specified quantity and for a limited duration and does not affect Pasni's designated water supply.

He stressed that resolving water-related issues requires coordination among relevant institutions, fact-based assessments and effective administrative measures.

Officials further informed the meeting that it would soon be approximately one year since the Gwadar city water supply system was transferred to the GDA.

During this period, various measures have been taken to utilize available resources, maintain water supplies, monitor the distribution network and prioritize the needs of residents.

MPA Calls for Better Public Services: Hidayat-ur-Rehman reviewed the briefing on ongoing development schemes, the Old Town Rehabilitation Project and the city's water supply system and appreciated measures being undertaken in the public interest.

He emphasized that all relevant institutions should strengthen their efforts through coordination, transparency and a commitment to public service to ensure the provision of basic facilities to Gwadar residents, timely completion of development projects and effective resolution of public grievances.

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Quetta Administration Removes Over 70 Encroachments in Joint Road, Imdad Chowk Operation

QUETTA: The Quetta district administration, in compliance with the Balochistan High Court's directives, conducted a joint operation against illegal encroachments on Joint Road and Imdad Chowk, removing more than 70 encroachments from roads and footpaths.

The operation was carried out on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehruallah Badini and the Assistant Commissioner Quetta. Traffic violation tickets were also issued to individuals found violating traffic regulations, while several people were warned against establishing encroachments again.



The Quetta district administration stated that operations would continue without discrimination to ensure smooth movement on public roads and routes, eliminate illegal encroachments and implement the directives of the honorable court.

Officials also emphasized that further action would be taken against those who attempt to re-establish illegal encroachments on public roads and footpaths.

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Chaman Reviews Security and Preparations for Pakistan Independence Day Celebrations

CHAMAN: Deputy Commissioner Chaman Habib Ahmed Bangulzai chaired an important meeting to review preparations and security arrangements for Pakistan Independence Day celebrations on August 14.

The meeting was attended by district-level officials, heads of various departments and teachers from different schools across Chaman district.

Representatives of relevant departments and educational institutions briefed the deputy commissioner on their preparations, arrangements and planned activities for the August 14 celebrations in accordance with the instructions issued by the district administration.

The meeting reviewed arrangements for flag-hoisting ceremonies, student participation, national songs, speeches, tableaux and other patriotic activities, as well as cleanliness, traffic management and security measures. Security Measures Strengthened Across Chaman

Deputy Commissioner Habib Ahmed Bangulzai directed police authorities to strengthen comprehensive checking and search procedures at all entry and exit points of Chaman district.

He further instructed security personnel to continue surprise searches, checking and surveillance at various locations until August 14.

He said the measures were aimed at maintaining law and order and ensuring that Independence Day celebrations are held in a peaceful and secure environment.

The deputy commissioner directed all relevant officials to complete preparations and arrangements for the August 14 celebrations within the stipulated time.

He stressed that all available resources should be utilized to ensure that Pakistan Independence Day is celebrated with enthusiasm, discipline and dignity.

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Chief Minister (CM) KP Confirms PTI Long March to Islamabad on September 27, Aleema Khan's Reservations

NEWS DESK: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohaib Afridi has confirmed that PTI and its political ally, Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ayzen Pakistan (TTAP), have agreed to hold a long march towards Islamabad on September 27. Access Premium News

Speaking on Geo News programme Capital Talk on Monday, Afridi said PTI's political leadership across Pakistan and TTAP were on board with the decision to launch the PTI long march to Islamabad.

"The PTI's political leadership across the country and its ally, TTAP, are all on board with the long march, and they collectively agreed on September 27 as the date," he said.

Aleema Khan's reservations over September 27 date

Asked about reservations reportedly expressed by Imran Khan's sister Aleema Khan regarding the September 27 date, Afridi said she was a "non-political individual" and would accept the decision after PTI leadership briefed her about the relevant facts and figures.

The KP Chief Minister also rejected allegations that he had met Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi before the date of the Islamabad long march was finalised.

Afridi termed the allegation "rubbish," saying he was at KP House in Islamabad at the time of the alleged meeting, rather than in Peshawar as claimed.

PTI workers expected to join Islamabad protest

Afridi denied that there was any communication gap between PTI leadership and its workers. Stream History Documentaries

Referring to "D-Chowk, D-Chowk" slogans raised at a recent Peshawar rally, he said PTI leadership had taken a difficult position by attempting to resolve

political disputes through mutual understanding and dialogue. However, he warned that PTI supporters, particularly young people across Pakistan, would come out on September 27.

"I can see passion and a ray of light in their eyes," he said.

Afridi says he will follow Imran Khan's instructions

The KP chief minister said he would defer the September 27 PTI long march if Imran Khan instructed him to do so during a meeting at Adiala Jail.

He added that he would also follow the PTI founder's instructions and that he should have negotiations with the federal government.

Afridi said PTI had been left with no option but to protest after its grievances were allegedly not addressed by the authorities.

He maintained that the party's protest would be peaceful and constitutionally protected.

KPCM demands justice for Imran Khan

Afridi reiterated PTI's demand for justice for its founder, saying Imran Khan's cases should be heard on merit and that he should have access to his personal doctors and quality medical treatment.

He also alleged that Imran Khan was being denied basic rights in Adiala Jail and claimed that members of his family, lawyers and personal physicians were not being allowed to meet him.

The chief minister further accused the federal government and other institutions of interfering in the affairs of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police.

CM criticises Shehbaz Sharif government

During the interview, Afridi criticised the federal government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, accusing it of economic inefficiency and damage to its reputation and has attracted provisions of applicable cybercrime laws," the notices said.

All four individuals have been directed to appear in person at the NCCIA Karachi office on August 13 at 11:30am.

The notices said the respondents were required to bring their original CNICs, relevant evidence and documents in their defence, record their statements and submit their digital devices.

The NCCIA warned concerning allegations of defamation through



Protesters gathered in a city street, many wearing red caps, during a demonstration.

ciency and poor governance. He also dis- tanced the KP govern- ment from cases regis- tered against journalists in the province, saying

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARAE-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 88/2026

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited, Through Its Manager, Zhoob Branch. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Sarfraz Khan S/o Gulzar.
R/O: Tang Sar Sharq Tehsil 7 District Zhoob.
LC No: 19234.
CNIC No: 56503-5660147-9.
Borrower/Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF Rs. 3,074,493/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUND AND COST OF SUIT, SUIT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001.
NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C., 1908.

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **Rs. 3,074,493/-**, balance of principal & interest mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereto to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
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Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARAE-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 86/2026

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited, Through Its Manager, Punjgur Branch. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
1. Malik Ashraf Ali S/o Malik Abdul Samed.
R/O: Sordo District Panggur.
LC No: 23081.
NIC No: 63177123017.
Cell No: 0333-3270988.
Borrower/Defendant

2. Malik Abdul Samed S/o Malik Taj Muhammad.
R/O: Sordo District Panggur.
3. Sabir Ali S/o Muhammad Amin.
R/O: Sordo District Panggur.
Guarantors/Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF Rs. 1,324,557/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUND AND COST OF SUIT, SUIT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001.
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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARAE-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 84/2026

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited, Through Its Manager, Punjgur Branch. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Saeed Ahmed S/o Muhammad.
R/O: Tang District Panggur.
LC No: 24519.
CNIC No: 52301-0324113-1.
Cell No: 0316-1061577.
Borrower/Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF Rs. 895,660/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUND AND COST OF SUIT, SUIT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001.
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his government would not allow actions aimed at restricting journalists.

PTI supports creation of new provinces

On the proposal to create new provinces in Pakistan, Afridi said establishing new administrative units was part of Imran Khan's vision.

He said PTI supported the creation of new provinces but maintained that such a decision should only be taken by a government with a genuine public mandate.

Imran Khan's imprisonment and Al-Qadir Trust case

Imran Khan has been imprisoned since August 2023 and is serving a 14-year sentence at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail in the £190 million Al-Qadir Trust case.

An Islamabad accountability court sentenced Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi to 14 and seven years in prison, respectively, in January 2025. Both subsequently challenged their convictions before the Islamabad High Court.

The case relates to allegations concerning funds and land linked to Bahria Town Ltd and the settlement of Rs50 billion identified and returned to Pakistan by the United Kingdom during the PTI government.

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARAE-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 87/2026

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited, Through Its Manager, Turbat Branch. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Qasim Habib S/o Habibullah.
R/O: Shahrak Turbat, District Keach Turbat.
LC No: 37558.
CNIC No: 63290212608.
Cell No: 0300-8249802.
Borrower/Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF Rs. 1,371,436/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUND AND COST OF SUIT, SUIT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001.
NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C., 1908.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARAE-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 85/2026

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited, Through Its Manager, Punjgur Branch. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
1. Zubair Ahmed S/o Jhangir.
R/O: Khudabandan District Panggur.
LC No: 27916.
NIC No: 63181143097.
2. Attu-u-Rehman S/o Gul Shair.
R/O: Khudabandan District Panggur.
3. Abdul Waheed S/o Gul Muhammad.
R/O: Khudabandan District Panggur.
Guarantors/Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF Rs. 800,045/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUND AND COST OF SUIT, SUIT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001.
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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARAE-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 83/2026

Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited, Through Its Manager, Punjgur Branch. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
1. Imdad Ali S/o Muhammad Azam.
R/O: Sari Koran District Panggur.
LC No: 32619.
NIC No: 63181144405.
Cell No: 0333-3885001.
2. Muhammad Tariq S/o Muhammad Azam.
R/O: Sari Koran District Panggur.
3. Sabir Ali S/o Muhammad Azam.
R/O: Sari Koran District Panggur.
Guarantors/Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF Rs. 1,064,680/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUND AND COST OF SUIT, SUIT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001.
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electronic/digital means, which was initiated on the basis of a complaint submitted by Naqvi Law Associates on behalf of Sharjeel Inam Memon, son of Inamul Haque Memon".

"The complaint pertains to the alleged dissemination of defamatory and fabricated content through digital platforms, which [...] has

agency to initiate legal proceedings before the competent court of law. The development comes a day after Memon, through his counsel, approached the NCCIA against unidentified persons for allegedly "causing harassment" and creating false and malicious content on social media against him and his son.