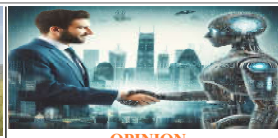




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Balochistan Inquiry Commission Seeks Public Evidence on Deadly Mangi Dam Attack

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QUETTA: The Balochistan Commission of Inquiry investigating the deadly terrorist attack on the Mangi Dam pumping station in Ziarat has invited members of the public to submit evidence, statements and information that could help establish what happened before, during and after the attack.

In a public notice dated August 17, 2026, the commission said it was seeking information from individuals who may have witnessed the incident, possess relevant documents or have knowledge about circumstances surrounding the attack.

The inquiry is being conducted under Section 3(1) of the Balochistan Tribunals of Inquiry Ordinance, 1969.

One of the commission's central tasks is to determine how terrorists were able to attack the police post guarding Pumping Station No. 3 of Mangi Dam, how the security response unfolded and whether there were shortcomings in the deployment, preparedness, command and coordination of law-enforcement agencies.

The commission will also examine whether police personnel had adequate training, weapons and equipment, including preparedness for counter-insurgency operations, and whether the response to the attack was timely and effective.

The inquiry will specifically investigate the abduction and subsequent killing of police personnel, as well as the circumstances that prevented their recovery.

The commission has also been directed to identify those responsible for the attack and examine whether any individuals or organisations facilitated the assault. It will look into possible negligence, dereliction of duty,

operational lapses, failures of command and control, and lack of coordination among relevant agencies.

Officials will also collect records, statements and other evidence, including relevant communications and call-data records, as part of the investigation.

The commission has invited police, the Counter-Terrorism Department and other security and

low-enforcement agencies to provide records and cooperate with the inquiry.

Public invited to come forward.

In what could provide an important avenue for witnesses and other informed individuals to contribute to the investigation, the commission has asked members of the public to submit any material or information related to the attack.

The notice says people who have relevant evidence or information may approach the commission and provide their statements or supporting material. The deadline for submissions is August 28, 2026.

The Mangi Dam attack was one of the deadliest security incidents in Balochistan in July. According to contemporary reports, terrorists attacked the police post guarding the dam's pumping station in Ziarat, killing nine police-

men and abducting 18 others, who were later killed. The total number of police personnel killed in the attack and its aftermath was reported at 27.

The provincial government had earlier initiated an inquiry into the incident, with the investigation tasked with establishing the sequence of events and assessing the preparedness, deployment, response and coordi-

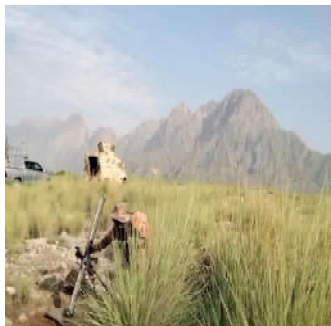
nation of the relevant security agencies.

The latest public notice signals a broader effort to bring eyewitness accounts and other evidence into the inquiry, potentially helping investigators answer one of the most pressing questions surrounding the tragedy: how such a heavily consequential attack was able to unfold and what could have been done to prevent it.



File photo of prolonged sit in at the main Shuhadai Ziarat Chowk

Four Terrorists Killed in Intelligence-Based Operation in Ziarat-Harnai, Security Sources



File Photo: Security forces killed four terrorists in an intelligence-based operation in the mountainous border area between Ziarat and Harnai

NEWS DESK:

Security forces killed four terrorists in an intelligence-based operation in the mountainous border area between Ziarat and Harnai, security sources said.

The operation was launched after intelligence reports indicated the presence of terrorists in the area.

During surveillance, security forces confirmed that

three to four terrorists were hiding in an abandoned house.

The forces surrounded the suspected hideout and effectively targeted the terrorists, resulting in the deaths of four terrorists, according to security sources.

A search and sanitisation operation is underway in the area, while security forces continue efforts to eliminate terrorist elements from the region.

'Big, bold and important first step': Trump welcomes defence pact between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye

NEWS DESK:

United States President Donald Trump said on Sunday he was pleased by the recent signing of a defence pact between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye.

"Very happy to see that Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, and Pakistan have recently, and finally, signed the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement," he wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"It shows how the Middle East is coming together, and how Countries will finally be able to defend themselves in a more meaningful way," he wrote, calling it a "BIG, BOLD, IMPORTANT FIRST STEP".

Reacting to Trump's remarks, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said he "deeply appreciated" the "kind words of support" on the signing of the agreement.

"Together, with the brotherly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Türkiye, Pakistan will continue to play a constructive role in ensuring the defence of our own countries as well as the entire region," he said.

In an apparent reference to last year's brief military conflict with India, PM Shehbaz also took the opportunity to commend Trump for his "courageous and decisive leadership, which helped avert a nuclear catastrophe in South Asia and saved millions of lives".

"Durable peace is the most essential prerequisite for a bright and prosperous future for our peoples," he said.

The three-way agreement, signed on August 7, comes amid a US-Iran war that has extended



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violence to the region, including Houthis rebel attacks.

The joint defence agreement aims to strengthen collective deterrence and empowers its signatory states to treat an attack against one of them as an attack against all of them.

Türkiye's defence ministry said last week that Pakistan, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia will form political and military mechanisms under the pact,

adding the alliance would also deepen defence industry cooperation.

Both Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar have said the pact is defensive in nature, with the latter saying that it is also "open to any country in the region" willing to uphold its fundamental principles.

Shortly after the agreement was signed, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said Türkiye expected Egypt to join the pact.

"In the next stage", telling the Anadolu state news agency only "a few technical issues" stood in the way.

However, Egypt has not commented on the agreement nor on the remarks by Fidan.

Later, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also said he hoped more countries would join the defence agreement.

"Our vision for it is not limited to the three countries," the Turkish leader told the London-based Asharq Al-Awsal daily.

"Rather we aspire for it to grow, and perhaps appropriate conditions will emerge one day for all countries of the region to gather under its umbrella," he added.

QUETTA VOICE

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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, mis-information 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 less time-consuming in performing a task. Therefore, it has made millions of people jobless in almost every field, whether they are hotel waiters, drivers, journalists, software engineers and content writers etc.

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 write code and find errors in it. To sum up, AI has much potential to replace the human workforce.

AI and Job Market

"AI is coming to take your job", this news was seen on many news platforms when

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 Agriculture Through AI

Pakistan is an agriculture-based country, and enhancing the agriculture 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.

BUITEMS Organizes Open Day to Inspire Students Across Balochistan

Syed Dara Shikoh Amir:

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

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

Delivering a special message, BUITEMS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez reaffirmed

the university's mission of inclusive education and knowledge sharing. He stated:

"BUITEMS is the university of every student in Balochistan. Our classrooms, research opportunities, and

resources are open for all so that no young learner in the province remains deprived of quality edu-



cation." The event attracted an enthusiastic response, with more

than 2,000 students from 18+ colleges attending. Visiting students

and their teachers explored BUITEMS' facilities, interacted directly with profes-

sors, and participated in detailed career-guidance and counseling

sessions designed to help them choose the right academic path.

Special awareness stalls, departmental exhibitions, and program presentations

provided students with insights into BUITEMS' wide-ranging degree programs, research prospects,

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

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

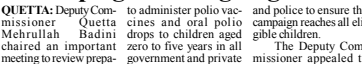
the bridge between the university and youth across Balochistan.

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

innovation, and student empowerment in Balochistan, encouraging young learners

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

Quetta Prepares for Special Polio Campaign Starting August 31



collective cooperation is essential to protect children from the crippling and potentially life-threatening poliovirus; and to support ongoing efforts to eradicate polio.

The foundation of the intercity bus terminal and associated green ar

Hub Master Plan and Safe City Project Reviewed at High-Level Meeting

Mandokhail briefed the meeting on the construction of the DC Complex and Officers Colony, being developed at an estimated cost of Rs2 billion.

development schemes. The meeting was released

Modern Service Corridor and Underground Electricity Network.

work Project Director
Arbab Ayub Karak said
the service corridor has
been designed on mod-
ern lines, with the layout
taking inspiration from
planned developments
such as Bahria Town.

Police Efforts Improve Law and Order in Usta Muhammad, Says SP Hafiz Muaz-ur-Rehman

Hafiz Muaz-ur-Rehman also appreciated the support extended by Provincial Minister for Livestock Sardarzada Faisal Khan Jamali, saying his cooperation and guidance had further strengthened efforts to establish

He said law and order would be further strengthened through continued cooperation among the district administration, police, elected representatives and the public, enabling citizens to carry out their daily activities and business operations without fear.

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effectively policing, strategic planning, continuous monitoring and the

Speaking to Naik Muhammad, Deputy Director of the Divisional

He said the police team worked day and night and adopted an effective strategy to improve security conditions, resulting in significant progress toward es-

He further announced a zero-tolerance policy against drugs, stating that police had recovered approximately 17 kilograms of narcotics during the past seven months as part of ongoing anti-drug operations in the district.

areas. Acting on information, a police team raided a warehouse and reportedly recovered three trucks loaded with allegedly stolen electricity transformers and cables. Three suspects were arrested during the operation.

The SDPO said police operations would be further intensified to protect the lives and property of citizens. He added that efforts were also underway to re-

attended by DSP (U/Ts) Muhammad Akbar, Ghazanfar Bugti, Atiqur-Rehman, SHO Chaudhry Muhammad Idrees, WAPDA personnel and other officials. SDPO Syed Azmat Shah said an organized theft network had allegedly been stealing WAPDA electricity transformers and cables from various locations, including government-operated tube wells in the city and surrounding

