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File Photo of Dr. Mahnoor Nasar

Duki Road to Be Named After Dr Mah Noor Nasar in Recognition of Her Courage

NEWS DESK:

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has announced that a major road in Duki will be named after Lady Doctor Mah Noor Nasar, honouring her courage, sense of duty and commitment to serving people in difficult circumstances.

Following the Chief Minister's directives, the Balochistan Local Government and Rural Development Department has formally issued a notification for naming the road after Dr Mah Noor Nasar.

Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti said Dr Mah Noor

Nasar's courage is a proud example for the daughters of Balochistan.

He said people who stand firm in difficult situations and continue serving humanity deserve recognition and encouragement.

"Dr Mah Noor Nasar showed great courage and dedication when circumstances were difficult," Bugti said, praising her commitment to her duty.

He added that naming a road after her was not only an honour but also a way of recognising her services and reminding others of the importance of courage, compassion and public service.

Balochistan: Khad Kocha Curfew Imposed Indefinitely After Security Forces Convoy Attack



A view of Khad Kocha area of Mastung district: File Photo

NEWS DESK:

An indefinite curfew has been imposed in Khad Kocha and adjoining areas of Mastung district following an attack on a security forces convoy, with authorities restricting public

movement from 7am on Sunday. The district administration said the curfew would remain in force until further orders as part of measures to restore law and order and ensure the safety of residents. Under the curfew, movement of civilians has been completely restricted

in Khad Kocha and surrounding areas. Additional security and law-enforcement personnel have also been deployed to maintain security. The administration urged residents to remain inside their homes and cooperate fully with security forces and law-enforcement

agencies. Officials warned that violations of the curfew would result in legal action.

The latest restrictions mark the second curfew imposed in Khad Kocha following the attack on the security forces' convoy.

CDF Munir to visit Tehran on Monday: Iranian foreign ministry

NEWS DESK:

Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir will visit Tehran on Monday, Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said on Sunday, according to Iran's state-owned Press TV.

The visit aims to bolster bilateral cooperation and build on "Pakistan's efforts to help

MoU, Trump's warning and the situation after the Pakistan-Turkey-Saudi Arab Agreement and Houthi issues with Iranian leaders," the source said.

The announcement of CDF Munir's visit came after the field marshal and Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi held a telephone conversation early on Sunday.

According to an X post by the Iranian government, the two "discussed regional develop-



Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir will visit Tehran on Monday

strengthen peace and security in the region," Baghaei said in remarks carried by Iran's state-run news agency IRNA, Anadolu reported.

Baghaei added that CDF Munir would hold discussions with senior Iranian officials during the trip.

Two Pakistani government sources confirmed CDF Munir's visit to Reuters, with the first source saying that Iran and Pakistan were in direct contact.

A second source said the talks would also address recent developments in the conflict, including US President Donald Trump's threat of tougher sanctions on Iran.

"He (CDF Munir) will discuss peace under Islamabad's

ments and effective ways to strengthen peace, stability and security in West Asia."

The announcement came at a time of heightened tensions in the Middle East, with Islamabad continuing efforts to mediate between Tehran and Washington, seeking to end the war which began with US and Israeli strikes on Iran in February.

The field marshal visited Tehran in May this year, accompanied by Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, as part of the ongoing mediation efforts. Prior to that, he visited in April. In July, CDF Munir, along with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visited Tehran to attend the funeral rites of Iran's late supreme leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Dhadar Gas Pipeline Repair Completed, Gas Supply Restored After August 12 Blast



Technical team on the spot for repair of the damaged gas pipeline: Photo Quetta Voice

NEWS DESK:

QUETTA: Gas supply has been fully restored in areas of Dhadar after Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) completed emergency repair work on an 18-inch diameter gas pipeline that was damaged in an explosion on August 12.

The blast had caused significant damage to the gas transmission infrastructure, resulting in disruption to the natural gas supply for consumers in Dhadar and surrounding affected areas.

The incident had temporarily interrupted normal gas distribution and created difficulties for local residents.

According to a statement issued by Sui Southern Gas Company, its technical and field teams began repair op-

erations on an emergency basis as soon as the necessary security clearance was received. The teams worked continuously to repair the damaged section of the pipeline and restore the gas supply as quickly as possible.

SSGC said the repair work on the 18-inch gas pipeline has now been successfully completed, following which gas supply to the affected areas has been restored.

The company appreciated the cooperation and patience shown by consumers during the period of disruption and repair activities.

The restoration is expected to provide relief to residents and other gas consumers in Dhadar, Balochistan, who had faced difficulties due to the interruption in gas supply following the August 12 explosion.

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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 ease 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 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 transform the world shaped until now. AI and 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

efficient 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.

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

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 cata-



strophic, 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.

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 agricultural 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.

Mastung N-25 Highway Bridge Blast: Traffic Diverted After Explosive Attack

From Our Correspondent:
MASTUNG: Travel on National Highway N-25 faced disruptions overnight after unknown attackers blew up a small bridge in Balochistan's Mastung district.

The incident took place late last night in the Khad Kocha area, specifically targeting a culvert bridge positioned between Anjeeri Cross and Khad Kocha.

According to security sources, unidentified miscreants detonated explosives, destroying the concrete structure and immediately halting the flow of vehicles along the major transit route.

Local authorities confirmed that no casualties or injuries occurred as a result of the blast.



Traffic management officials acted quickly to restore movement along the corridor by diverting commuter vehicles and heavy transport onto alternative local routes.

Meanwhile, security forces cordoned off the surrounding area, initiating search operations and setting up checkpoints to track down the perpetrators.

An investigation into the attack is ongoing.

Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) Registers Terrorism Case After Saranan Police Station Attack in Pishin

NEWS DESK:

The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) has launched an investigation into the Saranan police station attack in Pishin, registering a terrorism case after the police station was destroyed in an explosion on August 20.

According to CTD sources, the case has been registered under sections relating to terrorism, theft, explosives and the Explosives Act, along with other relevant provisions.

CTD investigation teams have collected evidence from the site and started probing the attack. No arrests have been made so far, officials said.



Authorities are also assessing the damage caused to the police station and checking records of missing weapons, vehicles, official documents and other equipment.

The Saranan police station in Pishin district was reportedly attacked by members of a proscribed organisation, who allegedly destroyed the building using explosives.

The investigation is continuing to identify those responsible for the attack and determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Balochistan Police Arrest 805 Suspects, Recover Weapons and Drugs in Three-Week Crackdown

QUETTA: On the directives of Inspector General of Police Balochistan Muhammad Tahir, a special campaign against criminal elements is underway across all seven police ranges of Balochistan, including Quetta, with a zero-tolerance policy toward crime and a focus on protecting law-abiding citizens. According to a press release issued by the Balochistan Police spokesperson, 43 proclaimed offenders, 296 absconders and 466 suspects involved in various crimes were arrested during the campaign over the past three weeks.

Police also safely recovered 18 abducted persons during different operations.

Weapons Recovered in Police Operations During various operations against criminal elements, police arrested 102 suspects and recovered a significant quantity of weapons and ammunition from their possession, including: 80 revolvers and pistols 8 Kalashnikovs 6 shotguns and rifles 682 rounds and cartridges 55 magazines Major Crackdown on Drug Trafficking



Balochistan Police also intensified action against drug dealers, arresting 86 suspects and recovering 165.388 kilograms of hashish 3.854 kilograms of ice/crystal methamphetamine 8 bags of gutka 15 grams of heroin 106 bottles of alcohol 60 beer cans Police also recovered 4 stolen vehicles, 14 motorcycles and 15 mobile phones during various operations.

Action Against Tinted Windows and Traffic Violations According to the police statement, 9 vehicles and motorcycles were taken into custody for violations of Section 550, while tinted windows were removed from 4,576 vehicles as part of enforcement measures.

The Balochistan Police spokesperson said operations against criminal elements would continue without interruption to ensure a peaceful and secure environment and maintain the rule of law across the province.

Police Directed to Improve Public Service Police personnel have also been directed to adopt a courteous and respectful attitude toward citizens to strengthen co-operation between the public and police.

Officers at police stations have been instructed to prioritize the resolution of citizens' complaints, ensure timely redressal of public grievances and maintain transparency throughout the legal process.

The Balochistan Police reiterated its commitment to protecting citizens and taking effective action against criminal elements while strengthening public trust through improved policing and service delivery.

Gwadar MPA Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch Reviews Financial Affairs at District Treasury Office

GWADAR: Member of the Provincial Assembly Gwadar Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch visited the District Treasury Office Gwadar and met Treasury Officer Thoban Baloch to discuss financial and administrative matters concerning government institutions and issues of public interest.

During the meeting, the MPA emphasized the need for the timely and transparent release of outstanding funds allocated to relevant government departments.



He said timely availability of financial resources to government institutions could help improve administrative operations, ensure continuity of public services and accelerate development activities across Gwadar.

Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch stressed that unnecessary delays in matters related to public welfare should be avoided and that transparency and merit must be ensured in accordance with government policies.

He underscored the importance of efficient financial management and timely fund disbursement for improving public service delivery and supporting development initiatives in the district.

Balochistan Home Minister Orders Inquiry After Missing 6-Year-Old Found Dead in Quetta

ALI HAMZA: QUETTA: A wave of grief and fear has swept through a local Quetta neighborhood following the tragic discovery of six-year-old Ali Shah, whose body was found inside a sack outside his family home on Thursday morning.

Authorities have officially launched a homicide investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death.

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Local police arrived at the scene shortly after the discovery and transferred the child's body into the circumstances surrounding his death.

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Balochistan's Interior Minister took official notice of the incident, directing relevant law enforcement agencies to submit a comprehensive report without delay.

Ordering swift action, the minister instructed police to uncover the motives behind the murder and bring every individual involved to justice immediately.

Police urge anyone with relevant information or suspicious activity reported in the area between August 20 and August 22 to step forward and assist with the ongoing investigation.

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Balochistan: Dukki Coal Mine, Two Miners Die, Four Hospitalised After Toxic Gas Leak

WEB DESK:

Two coal miners were killed and four others were rendered unconscious after toxic gas accumulated inside a coal mine in Dukki district, Balochistan, rescue officials said.

The incident occurred at a coal mine in the Thandk area of Dukki, where poisonous gas reportedly filled the mine, affecting six workers. The deceased miners were identified as Mohabbatullah and Rumi Muhammad.

Four other workers lost consciousness and were immediately shifted to District Headquarters Hospital Dukki for medical treatment.

The bodies of the two deceased miners were handed over to their families after completion of the necessary legal formalities.

The incident has once again highlighted safety concerns in Balochistan's coal mines, where workers face risks from toxic gases and other mining hazards.

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Loralai Administration Reviews Anti-Encroachment Drive, Orders Strict Action Against Illegal Occupations

LORALAI: An important meeting of the Anti-Encroachment Committee was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner General Ali Nawaz Jamali to review ongoing operations against illegal encroachments across Loralai district.

The meeting reviewed illegal occupations and unauthorized structures on government land, highways, roads, markets and other public places, along with measures to address difficulties faced by citizens to protect public property.

Illegal Encroachments Affect Traffic and Public Movement Officials from the relevant departments briefed the committee on the current encroachment situation, identified locations and action taken so far.

The meeting noted that illegal constructions and occupations along government land, roadsides, footpaths, markets and other public places not only disrupt traffic flow but also cause serious difficulties for pedestrians and commuters.

Authorities were directed to ensure indiscriminate, lawful and effective action against illegal encroachments without succumbing to any pressure or discrimination.

Measures to Prevent Re-emergence of Encroachments The committee directed relevant departments to ensure that public roads and government properties are cleared during the anti-encroachment operation and that illegal encroachments are not allowed to reappear.

Officials were instructed to identify illegal occupants and encroachers, prepare relevant records and complete all necessary legal requirements before taking action.

All concerned departments were also directed to maintain close coordination and co-operation during the operations.

The committee decided that major roads, commercial centers and public places would be regularly monitored, with immediate action to be taken if encroachments re-emerge.



Loralai Administration to Intensify Anti-Encroachment Campaign The district administration said the anti-encroachment campaign would be further strengthened to improve traffic flow, restore pedestrian pathways and protect government land.

Citizens, traders and shopkeepers were urged to avoid illegally occupying government land.

Govt Accuses PTI of Breaching SC Directions Over Imran Khan's Medical Examination

WEB DESK: The government on Saturday accused the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of breaching the Supreme Court's directions concerning Imran Khan's medical examination, alleging that the party and members of his family turned the former prime minister's health into a political issue.

Information Minister Attaulah Tarar said the government had complied with the court's instructions and ensured that Imran received a medical examination at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS).

He said the examination was conducted transparently, with Imran's sister and doctors associated with Shifa International Hospital present during the process.

Tarar maintained that the government had not made provocative remarks about Imran's health since the Supreme Court issued its order. He said the government's position was that medical treatment and political activities should be kept separate.

Tarar criticises PTI response

The minister alleged that PTI supporters gathered outside Shifa International Hospital, created a security situation and used the developments surrounding Imran's treatment for political messaging.

He also criticised statements issued by PTI leaders and Imran's family regarding the former premier's medical condition.

Tarar said the PIMS medical assessment found Imran to be in satisfactory health and questioned why the PTI

team at Shifa International Hospital and allowed specified doctors and his sister to be present.

The court had also restricted Imran's family, lawyers and PTI members from publicly discussing his medical condition or releasing medi-

Bar council members oppose government position

The latest government statement also comes amid disagreement within the legal community. Eight mem-



was attempting to politicise the matter.

He further said Imran's medical care had not been discontinued and that he would continue to receive treatment whenever required.

Dispute over Supreme Court order

The controversy follows the Supreme Court's August 18 directive concerning Imran's medical examination and treatment. The court had ordered that he be examined by a multidisciplinary medical

cal reports before the next hearing.

The government challenged the directive through a review petition, arguing that allowing a prisoner to receive treatment at a private hospital raised legal and procedural questions. The initial petition was returned over procedural shortcomings, after which another review petition was filed.

Despite preparations at Shifa International Hospital, Imran was taken to PIMS on Friday for a medical examination before being returned to prison.

Members of the Pakistan Bar Council criticised the government over its handling of the Supreme Court order, describing it as a serious disregard of the court's directions.

However, PBC Vice Chairman and PTI Member Muhammad Masood Chistie said the statement reflected the position of the individual members and should not be treated as the official collective stance of the council. Separately, Imran's sister, Dr Uzma Khan, has approached the Supreme Court seeking contempt proceedings against

DPM Dar to undertake five-day official visit to UK from August 24-28th

NEWS DESK: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar will undertake a five-day official visit to the United Kingdom (UK) on Monday, where he is scheduled to meet the secretary-general of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to discuss Pakistani crew members held by Somali pirates aboard the MT Honour 25 oil tanker, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said on Sunday.

According to MoFA, FM Dar is scheduled to visit the UK from August 24-28. During the visit, Dar is due to meet UK Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office minister of state for Pakistan, Stephen Doughty, as well as other senior UK government officials.

MoFA said the meeting with the IMO secretary-general would focus on "the issue of Pakistani crew members held by Somali pirates aboard the MT Honour 25 oil tanker".

Dar will also meet Commonwealth Secretary-General Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey. The foreign ministry said the deputy prime minister would also "engage with British parliamentarians and representatives of the British-Pakistani community".

Ten Pakistani sailors, who have been held hostage since April, are among the crew of the

MT Honour 25, a Palau-flagged oil tanker that was hijacked by armed pirates off the coast of Puntland, Somalia.

Besides the Pakistani crew members, the hostages include seven Indonesians, including the captain, as well as an Indian and a Sri Lankan. There has been no progress either in nego-

tiations or the payment of the ransom, said to be around \$3 million.

The visit assumes significance against the backdrop of Pakistan's increasingly visible diplomatic role in regional and international affairs, with Islamabad seeking to translate its recent diplomatic engagements into stronger relations with major powers.

Diplomatic sources said Dar's visit would provide an opportunity to further consolidate Pakistan's ties with the United Kingdom and

discuss a range of bilateral, regional and international issues.

The sources said Pakistan's recent role in facilitating peace efforts and de-escalation in the Middle East had enhanced its diplomatic profile, with major powers, including the UK, acknowledging Islamabad's contribu-

tion to regional stability and mediation efforts.

They also pointed to the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, saying the trilateral arrangement had further highlighted Pakistan's growing role in collective security, strategic cooperation and peace in the region.

A key engagement during Dar's visit will be his meeting with UK Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband, according to the diplomatic sources.

According to the sources, the meeting is likely to focus on regional security.



First Lady Aseefa calls on Punjab govt to thoroughly investigate Hina Javed murder

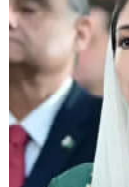
NEWS DESK: First Lady Aseefa Bhutto-Zardari on Sunday called on the Punjab government to conduct a thorough investigation into the murder of Hina Javed, who was found dead in her apartment in Rawalpindi earlier this week.

Hina was found dead in the washroom of her apartment in Akshay Apartments, Lal Kuri,

ported brutal murder of Hina Javed in Rawalpindi, and conveyed her solidarity and condolences to the bereaved family".

According to the statement, Aseefa urged the provincial government to conduct a "thorough inquiry and proper investigation into the heinous crime".

Aseefa said that



on Thursday evening, with the police saying that the body bore signs of torture, with other family members fastened around her neck and tied to the shower rod. Police have detained her husband and a servant in relation to the case.

In a post on social media platform X, the President's Office said that the first lady "expressed deep concern and sorrow over the re-

those responsible must be brought to justice and "made an example of so one dares to repeat such an act".

She expressed alarm at the rise of incidents of violence against women in Pakistan and called for measures to ensure protection of women and prevention of such crimes in the future.

According to the first information report

intention of the Pakistan Penal Code, Hina's brother, Fahid Javed, had alleged that his sister had been murdered by her husband, his father and their domestic servant.

Fahid told police that he received a telephone call from his sister's father-in-law on Thursday, informing him

'No turning back' on Sept 27 long march, says KP CM Afridi

NEWS DESK: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi on Sunday declared that Sept 27 was a "firm and non-negotiable" date for the PTI's long march in Islamabad, which would take place as scheduled.

Addressing PTI workers in Hattar district as part of the ongoing street movement to demand the release of incarcerated party founder Mr Imran Khan, the chief minister urged them to prepare for the march on Islamabad, saying they would lead it and return only after achieving the objective.

"This time around, there is no turning back. We will return victorious," he said.

In a statement issued from his office, Mr Afridi complained that the Supreme Court had ordered the treatment of Mr Imran at the Shifa International Hospital in Islamabad but the federal government didn't act on the orders.

Alleges federal govt undermined SC authority by disregarding orders on Imran's medical treatment.

He said that the court had granted a two days' time for the treatment to be arranged but those who considered themselves above the

Constitution and the law didn't comply with the judicial order.

The chief minister said that instead of the previously announced target of two million participants, the Sept 27 long march would take four million people to Islamabad to take the PTI's political struggle to its logical conclusion.

He alleged that the government and its administration had disregarded the Supreme Court's orders on Imran's treatment and thus, undermining the court's authority.

The conduct of the so-called "unmedical treat-

ment reflected a fundamental

mentally unequal application of the law.

"If the courts can't hold the powerful and the so-called 'untouchable' accountable, they should not punish the vulnerable as well and should also consider releasing wrong prisoners," he said.

The chief minister said there couldn't be one law for the weak and another for the powerful in the same country.

He said the main objective of Mr Imran's struggle for "real freedom" was the equal application of the law to all citizens.

Mr Afridi called upon the courts to up-

hold justice, saying that the nation has always stood for them in their pursuit of justice.

He urged the judiciary to consider the direction in which the country is heading, pointing to the difficulties faced by farmers, the plight of industrial workers and the economic pressures confronting the common man.

The chief minister declared the PTI founder a symbol of national unity and "real freedom" was the only national leader capable of restoring public confidence in state institutions and their standing.

He said that the opposition even feared the PTI founder's name and image.

"Imran Khan will return and peace will be restored," he said.

Mr Afridi said the country had peace during Mr Imran's tenure as the prime minister from 2018 to 2022. He insisted that "misguided" policies being formulated behind closed doors and pursued were resulting in the loss of innocent lives. "We reject every policy that fills the pockets of a few while innocent people pay the price with their blood," he said.



Troops in Rawalpindi okayed for six months

NEWS DESK: The federal government has authorised the deployment of three companies of the Pakistan Army in Rawalpindi for six months to perform "sensitive security duties" and respond to any unforeseen situation, according to an interior ministry order dated August 21.

"Pursuant to the request made by the Punjab Home Department [...] the federal government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 245 of the Constitution, is pleased to authorise deployment of three companies of Pakistan Army for sensitive security duties in Rawalpindi to avoid any undesirable situation as well as to respond effectively in any unforeseen situation as per the requirement of the district administration for a period of six months with immediate effect".

Moreover, the commission should determine whether "any police officer or other official committed negligence."

Article 245 of the Constitution provides for the deployment of the armed forces in aid of civil power. Under the provision, the armed forces may be called upon by the government to assist civilian authorities.



ties in maintaining law and order, protecting key installations or responding to emergencies.

The deployment has been approved more

than a month before the planned Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) march towards Islamabad. The party claims that the Sept 27 long march could draw around two million participants.

The deployment

PML-N trading allegations of contempt of court.

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Sindh govt to seek judicial commission to review Mir Raza Ali murder probe; family to move SHC against decision

NEWS DESK: The Sindh government said on Sunday it would be asking the chief justice of the provincial high court to establish a judicial commission to determine whether the investigation in the Mir Raza Ali murder case was being conducted impartially and in accordance with the law.

But, soon after the announcement, the counsel for Ali's family raised objections and said they would approach the Sindh High Court on Monday against the decision.

The Sindh government's decision came days after Ali's parents approached Sindh Chief Minister

Murad Ali Shah, requesting that the investigation be supervised by the judge. His parents, Mir Hussain and Mariam, wrote a letter to the Sindh chief minister through their lawyer Jibran Nasir, alleging that the investigation continued to suffer as the probe team "appears to focus on perpetuating the false narrative of the death of the deceased by suicide".

A statement issued by the Sindh chief minister's office on Sunday said their letter had been received with "compassion and the utmost seriousness".

"After careful parents' approached Sindh Chief Minister

family, the government of Sindh has decided to request the honourable chief justice of the Sindh High Court to establish a judicial commission to conduct an impartial and transparent inquiry," the statement said.

It added that the commission should determine whether the investigation in the case was being conducted impartially and in accordance with law. It should also identify any investigative angle or evidence requiring further investigation.

Moreover, the commission should determine whether "any police officer or other official committed negligence."