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58 Afghan Nationals Detained in Balochistan While Attempting to Reach Iran and Europe

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QUETTA: Security forces have detained 58 Afghan nationals, including women and children, in Balochistan while they were allegedly attempting to travel to Iran and Europe through Pakistan, according to security sources.

The Afghan nationals were reportedly detained in the Dasht Marani area of Balochistan, where security personnel foiled an alleged attempt to facilitate their onward journey.

Following the operation, the detainees were handed over to the relevant police authorities for further legal proceedings.

According to the sources, the group was seeking to travel through Iran and Turkey before reaching Europe, including Greece.

Further details about the identities of those detained and the legal proceedings were not immediately available.

Pakistan-Iran-Turkey Route Used by Migrants Seeking Europe

The detention highlights the wider issue of irregular migration routes connecting Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Europe. Thousands of Pakistani and Afghan nationals have used these routes in attempts to reach European countries, with Greece serving as one of the destinations along the eastern Mediterranean migration corridor.

Migration research has documented journeys in which migrants travel from Pakistan through Iran and Turkey before attempting to enter Greece.

Some migrants are intercepted or returned during transit, while others reach Europe.

The risks include detention, exploitation by smuggling networks and dangerous land or sea crossings.

Every year, many Pakistani and Afghan nationals reportedly make repeated attempts to reach Europe through Iran and Turkey.

However, the exact number of people who make two or more attempts annually, and the proportion intercepted in Iran or Turkey versus those reaching Greece, should be verified through official migration statistics before being presented as a confirmed figure.

A 2026 International Organization for Migration (IOM) update recorded irregular arrivals from the Asia-Pacific region in Europe and identified the Eastern Mediterranean route, including Greece, as a significant pathway.

The data demonstrates the continuing movement along these routes but does not establish the specific annual number of Pakistani and Afghan nationals making repeated attempts.



File Photo: Afghan Nationals Detained in Balochistan.

Deputy Commissioner Kharan Muneer Soomro Abducted in Balochistan

From Our Correspondent:

KHARAN: In a alarming development reflecting the volatile security landscape in Balochistan, senior administrative official Muneer Soomro, the Deputy Commissioner of Kharan, has been abducted by unidentified armed assailants.

The incident took place along the main highway connecting

ing Nushki and Kharan, where armed men intercepted the administrator's movement.

According to initial security disclosures, Soomro was traveling alongside his personal security detail when communication with his vehicle was completely cut off.

Security Forces Mobilized Across Multiple Districts

In response to the incident, law enforcement and security forces across Nushki, Kharan, and Chagai districts have been placed on high alert.

Joint search parties comprising

operations to locate and safely recover the top official.

Authorities have not yet identified the group behind the abduction, and no militant faction has formally claimed responsibility.

Investigation teams are currently gathering technical data



File Photo: Deputy Commissioner Kharan

ductured by unidentified armed assailants. The incident took place along the main highway connect-

ing local police and security personnel have cordoned off critical transit corridors and launched tar-

and eyewitness accounts from the transit point to determine the exact sequence of events.

Govt vows not to allow 'violent groups' to reach capital

NEWS DESK:

Information Minister Attaulah Tarar on Sunday said the government would not allow any violent group to reach Islamabad or block roads, as ministers warned of the legal, economic and law-and-order consequences of upcoming protests by Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf and Jamaat-i-Islami.

at different levels, including its top leadership. He described the party's leaders as peaceful and flexible but stressed that the law applied equally to everyone and roads could not be blocked.

The remarks come as PTI prepares for a nationwide protest and march towards Islamabad on Sept 27 to press for the release of its incarcerated founder Imran Khan, while JI has launched a protest campaign against the petro-



Speaking to the media, Mr Tarar said the planned protests had both legal and administrative aspects, stressing that the Islamabad High Court (IHC) had clearly ruled against road closures and disruption to public movement.

He said it was now the responsibility of the administration to ensure that no such disruption took place. "No violent group will be all-owed to reach Islamabad," he said.

"The administration, police, interior minister and entire government are absolutely clear" on the matter, he said, adding that protesters intending to cause disruption would not be allowed to reach the capital and roads would remain open.

Mr Tarar said the government remained in contact with JI

leum levy and plans to head towards the federal capital. Rs120bn daily loss feared Separately, Finance Minister Mubashir Ali Khan warned that strikes, sit-ins, long marches and road closures could inflict an estimated Rs120 billion loss on the economy every day at a time when it was moving from stability towards growth.

In a recorded message, Mr Aurangzeb said economic indicators had been moving in a positive direction after difficult decisions and considerable effort.

"Suspension of economic activities due to strikes, sit-ins, long marches and closure of roads could be a self-inflicted loss," he said, adding that the burden would ultimately be borne by ordinary people, small traders and shopkeepers.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

AI and Balochistan's Youth: How Universities Can Shape the Province's Digital Future

By Syed Dara Shikoh Amir:

For Balochistan, the conversation around Artificial Intelligence is no longer about a distant future. AI is already changing education, healthcare, agriculture, industry, finance and governance. The real question is whether Balochistan's universities and young people will be prepared to participate in this transformation.

When Governor Balochistan and Chancellor of the province's public-sector universities, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, addressed the Youth and AI Summit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, his message carried significance beyond a discussion on technology. It placed Balochistan's youth, universities and technological ambitions within a global conversation about the future.

For a province with a predominantly young population, this is an opportunity that cannot be ignored. Balochistan's greatest advantage may not simply be its geography or natural resources, but the potential of its young people.

AI Is Already Changing the Landscape

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly becoming part of almost every major sector. For Balochistan, this transformation could offer practical solutions to some of its most persistent challenges.

AI and Data Science can support better healthcare decisions, improve agricultural monitoring, assist in analysing geological information, strengthen public services and contribute to more efficient use of resources.

But technology cannot transform a society on its own. It needs people who understand it, institutions that can develop it and universities capable of turning knowledge into practical solutions.



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For Balochistan, the goal should therefore be to develop an academic environment where technology is used not simply to teach students, but to address real problems.

From Degree-Holders to Problem-Solvers
For decades, universities have largely focused on producing graduates for established professions. But the pace of technological change is making that approach increasingly inadequate.

A mining engineer who understands data analytics can better interpret geological information. An agricultural researcher can use AI to monitor crops. A healthcare professional can use data to identify trends and improve de-

cision-making. The real potential of Artificial Intelligence lies in its ability to strengthen almost every profession.

The objective should not simply be to produce graduates who know how to operate new technologies. It should be to develop young people capable of looking at a problem in their community and asking how technology, research and innovation can help solve it.

Balochistan's Challenges Can Become Research Opportunities
The province itself provides a vast field for meaningful research.

Water scarcity, mineral resources, agriculture, renewable energy, healthcare access, environmental change, urban planning and education all offer opportunities for technology-driven research.

Perhaps universities should therefore ask

a different question. Instead of asking only, "What degree programmes should we offer?", they should also ask, "What problems can we help solve?"

That change in thinking could redefine higher education in Balochistan.

Students of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science could work alongside engineers, doctors, economists, environmental scientists and social researchers. Universities could collaborate with government departments, industries, businesses and local communities.

Such partnerships would allow academic knowledge to move beyond classrooms and become practical solutions for society.

Digital Transformation Requires More Than Technology
The call for digital transformation across Balochistan's public-sector universities is im-

portant, but introducing AI programmes is only the beginning.

A genuinely AI-ready university requires trained faculty, modern laboratories, computing facilities, updated curricula, research funding and stronger links with industry and international institutions.

The same applies to the idea of a paperless university.

Digitalisation should not simply mean replacing paper files with computer screens. It should improve teaching, research, administration, information management and decision-making.

The ultimate goal should be universities that are digitally enabled, research-driven and connected to national and international networks.

Connecting Balochistan's Youth to the World
The Governor's

participation in the United Nations Youth and AI Summit also highlights the importance of international engagement.

Around the world, universities are working to develop AI skills, expand research, create technology partnerships and prepare young people for the digital economy.

Balochistan's youth should have access to those opportunities.

International research collaborations, scholarships, technology partnerships, entrepreneurship programmes and knowledge networks can give students exposure beyond traditional academic boundaries.

At the same time, Balochistan's universities should aim to become contributors to global research rather than remaining only consumers of knowledge developed else-

where.

Turning Vision into a Long-Term Strategy
The real challenge begins after the speeches and international headlines.

Balochistan now needs a sustained strategy for AI education, Data Science, research, innovation and digital transformation.

Its universities should work more closely with government, industry and communities. Students should be given opportunities to work on real-world problems, develop startups and turn research ideas into practical projects.

The progress already visible at BUITEMS demonstrates that this direction is achievable and can contribute to a broader movement towards technology-driven higher education across the province.

Balochistan's Greatest Resource
Balochistan is frequently discussed in terms of its natural resources and vast geography. But its greatest long-term resource may ultimately be its people.

The province has a young population and talented students. What is needed is an education system capable of turning that potential into opportunity.

If Balochistan can connect its universities, youth, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, research and innovation, its young people will not merely be prepared for the future.

The message from New York should therefore be seen as an opportunity to think beyond individual programmes and towards a broader vision for higher education in Balochistan.

The province's next frontier may not be found only beneath its soil.

It may be found in its classrooms, laboratories, research centres and, above all, in the minds of its young people.

Pakistan's Climate Vulnerability: A Governance Dilemma

Zia Ud Din:

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

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

Rising temperatures, droughts, irregular weather patterns, sea-level rise, melting glaciers, floods, and water insecurity demonstrate its far-reaching global consequences. Since these impacts transcend national borders, climate change is inherently a global challenge. Along with other developing nations, Pakistan remains highly vulnerable.

In 2024, Pakistan recorded its ninth warmest year in the last 64 years, with an average temperature of 23.52°C and rainfall levels 31 percent above the historical average. This highlights the



urgency of collective international action. For Pakistan, however, climate vulnerability is compounded by governance constraints. Fragmented institutional

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

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

house gas emissions have intensified heat retention in the atmosphere. Gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide have thickened the atmo-

spheric blanket, largely due to deforestation, fossil fuel consumption, and rapid industrialization.

One of the most visible consequences of climate change has also intensified water stress, a growing global concern. Pakistan is already a water-stressed country, and climate variability has further exacerbated this challenge.

climate change is rising global temperatures.

The Copernicus Climate Change Service reported that average global temperatures in 2024 exceeded pre-industrial levels by 1.52°C. This warning has intensified heatwaves, prolonged droughts, and increased wildfire risks. Rising temperatures have also disrupted weather systems, leading to irregular rainfall, intense storms, and stronger hurricanes.

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

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

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

Climate change has also intensified water stress, a growing global concern. Pakistan is already a water-stressed country, and climate variability has further exacerbated this challenge.

Balochistan Moves to Expand Tax Net, Strengthen Revenue Collection

QUETTA: Provincial Finance and Minerals Minister Mir Shoaib Noshervani chaired a meeting to review the performance of the Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA), measures to improve tax collection and efforts to broaden the province's revenue base. Finance Secretary Jahangir Kakar, BRA Chairman Abdullah Khan and other relevant officials attended the meeting.

The participants reviewed decisions taken during the previous meeting and assessed progress on their implementation. Audits to Be Made Faster and More Transparent. The meeting decided to further accelerate and improve the audit process for companies,



hotels, hospitals and businesses operating in various sectors, with the aim of increasing provincial revenue while ensuring greater transparency in the tax system. Officials informed the meeting that the BRA office in Gwadar had been made operational, which would improve monitoring of tax-re-

lated matters and the provision of services to taxpayers in Gwadar and surrounding areas. The meeting also decided to bring jewellers, bakeries, property dealers, car showrooms, water supply companies and other relevant business sectors within the BRA tax framework.

Online Businesses to Be Brought into Tax

Participants agreed to accelerate measures to bring YouTubers and individuals and entities involved in online businesses within the BRA tax framework in accordance with applicable legal requirements. Addressing the meeting, Mir Shoaib Noshervani said broadening the tax net, making tax col-

lection more transparent and documenting business activity were among the government's priorities. He directed authorities to ensure effective enforcement of tax laws while also facilitating taxpayers and improving services available to them.

The provincial minister said modern business trends and the growing online economy also needed to be incorporated into the tax system, stressing that all measures should be implemented in accordance with the law and principles of transparency.

The meeting also considered various proposals aimed at further improving BRA's performance and increasing provincial revenue.

Governor Mandokhail Calls for Aligning University Education with Balochistan's Economic Potential



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail said that the real success of the province's public-sector universities will come when their students feel that their talent, knowledge and future are valued and respected in their own homeland.

He said the government was making concerted efforts to enable young people not only to build better futures for themselves but also to contribute meaningfully to the development and prosperity of the country.

The governor expressed these views during a meeting with University of Gwadar Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Razaq Sabir and University of Turbat Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Gul Hassan at Governor House Quetta.

Governor Mandokhail said a vice chancellor was not merely the head of a higher education institution but also played a key role in shaping the future of the younger generation, promoting modern research and providing intellectual direction to

society. He said joint efforts had helped elevate all public-sector universities in Balochistan in terms of both quality and capacity, describing the progress as a source of pride and satisfaction for everyone.

Universities Must Prepare Students for the Blue Economy. The governor highlighted the vast economic and commercial potential of Balochistan's extensive coastline, saying Gwadar and Turbat were important not only because of their geographical significance but also because of their immense prospects in the blue economy, maritime trade, fisheries, coastal management and marine resources.

Keeping this promising future in view, he said, the University of Gwadar and University of Turbat carried major responsibilities to align their academic programmes and research priorities with the region's local economic needs.

He stressed the need to prepare students for emerging and modern fields, particularly the blue economy, and reviewed data related to the rationalization process in the Education Department, records of absent employees and data concerning newly ap-

coastal belt management, marine sciences and fisheries-related trade.

Human Capital More Important Than Natural Resources. Governor Mandokhail said that in today's world, human resources were more important than natural resources. If the youth of Balochistan were equipped with quality education, digital technology and modern skills, the province's natural resources could generate opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship and prosperity for its own young people.

My foremost priority is the promotion of quality education," the governor said, stressing that the active cooperation of all vice chancellors and other relevant stakeholders was essential to turn this vision into reality.

He reiterated the importance of strengthening higher education institutions so that they could equip students with the knowledge, skills and research capabilities required to contribute to Balochistan's economic and social development.

Balochistan Health Secretary Reviews Polio Campaign, Seeks Greater Support from Educational Institutions

QUETTA: Balochistan Health Secretary Mujib-ur-Rehman Panezai chaired a meeting to review the previous anti-polio campaign and discuss preparations for the upcoming vaccination drive.

Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Coordinator Inam-ul-Haq, Quetta Deputy Commissioner Mehrullah Badini, representatives of private school and madrasa associations, and officials responsible for government schools attended the meeting.

Quetta Polio Campaign Performance Reviewed. Deputy Commissioner Mehrullah Badini gave a detailed briefing on



the anti-polio campaign in Quetta district, highlighting measures taken during the drive, results achieved and the cooperation extended by schools, madrasas and other educational institutions.

Health Secretary Mujib-ur-Rehman Panezai appreciated the efforts of the district administration and relevant institutions toward polio

eradication. He stressed that coordinated efforts and cooperation among all concerned departments and institutions were essential to achieve complete eradication of polio.

Schools and Madrasas to Support Upcoming Drive. The meeting discussed measures to ensure greater participation by private schools, madrasas and other educational institutions

in the upcoming anti-polio campaign. Participants considered various ways to strengthen coordination and implement effective measures to ensure children are protected against polio.

Certificates Presented to High-Performing Institutions. Certificates of appreciation were distributed among representatives of private schools, madrasas and other educational institutions

and government schools that demonstrated strong performance during the previous polio campaign.

Health Secretary Mujib-ur-Rehman Panezai, Deputy Commissioner Mehrullah Badini and EOC Coordinator Inam-ul-Haq presented the certificates to representatives of the institutions in recognition of their performance.

Five-Day Anti-Polio Campaign Launched in Naseerabad

NASEERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Naseerabad Virender Lal formally inaugurated a five-day anti-polio campaign in the district by administering polio drops to a child to help protect children from the debilitating disease.

District Health Officer Naseerabad Dr Ayaz Hussain Jamali and World Health Organization (WHO) representative Dr Abdul Sami also administered polio drops to children on the occasion.

DC Calls for Collective Efforts to Eradicate Polio. Deputy Commissioner Virender Lal said the complete eradication of polio was among the government's top pri-



orities and stressed that parents, civil society, religious scholars, teachers, the media and all segments of society needed to play their role in achieving this goal. He urged parents to cooperate fully with polio teams and

ensure that all children up to five years of age receive polio drops.

The deputy commissioner said Health Department teams would conduct door-to-door vaccination across different areas of the district during the campaign. Along

with administering the vaccine, polio workers would also educate parents about polio prevention and protective measures.

Officials Stress Complete Coverage. Dr Ayaz Hussain Jamali said the performance of polio teams

would be effectively monitored throughout the campaign and every effort would be made to ensure that no child was missed.

He appealed to parents to cooperate with vaccination teams visiting their homes and ensure their children receive the required polio drops.

WHO representative Dr Abdul Sami also emphasized the importance of cooperation from parents and all segments of society in ongoing efforts to eradicate polio.

He said administering polio drops to every child under five during each campaign was essential to protect children from the disease.

Four-Day Anti-Polio Campaign Begins in Kech, 395 Vaccination Points Established

TURBAT: A four-day anti-polio campaign has officially commenced in Kech district, with the inauguration ceremony held at Teaching Hospital Turbat.

Deputy Commissioner Kech Yasir Iqbal Dashti formally launched the campaign by administering polio drops to children. District Health Officer Kech Dr Abdul Rauf Baloch, Medical Superintendent Teaching Hospital Turbat Dr Abdul Wahed Buledi, WHO Kech District Polio Officer Dr Arsalan, Zareef Aliyan, members of polio teams and other Health Department officials also attended the ceremony and administered polio drops to children.

DC Calls for Col-



lective Efforts to Eradicate Polio. "Speaking to media representatives, Deputy Commissioner Yasir Iqbal Dashti said joint efforts by parents, citizens, the Health Department and all segments of society were essential for the complete eradication of

polio. He urged parents to ensure that all children under five years of age receive polio drops and cooperate fully with vaccination teams visiting their homes.

The deputy commissioner directed relevant authorities to ensure that no child

was missed during the campaign and that polio teams had effective access to all areas of the district.

He also appealed to residents to support Health Department teams as part of the national mission to eradicate polio.

315 Mobile Teams Deployed Across

Kech Briefing the media, District Health Officer Dr Abdul Rauf Baloch said 315 mobile vaccination teams had been formed for the campaign in Kech.

To ensure access to children, 71 fixed vaccination centres and 9 transit points had also been established across the district.

The four-day campaign will continue from September 21 to 24, during which vaccination teams will visit households across Kech to administer polio drops to children under five.

The Health Department appealed to parents and the public to cooperate with vaccination teams and play their role in protecting children from polio.

Gwadar Education Officer Reviews School Facilities, Teacher Training in Pasni

PASNI: District Education Officer Gwadar Zahid Hussain Baloch visited Tehsil Pasni and inspected Government Boys High School Mastani Rek Bazaar,

and reviewed data related to the rationalization process in the Education Department, records of absent employees and data concerning newly ap-

pointed contract employees. RIFM representatives also presented data on the attendance and absence of teachers across schools in the district.

Details regarding salary deductions in cases involving absent teachers were also placed before the meeting.

UNICEF Projects and School Training Discussed. The UNICEF officer presented details of development works

being carried out at six schools in Quetta. "A report on school-based training being provided by UNICEF at various educational institutions was also presented and

The meeting examined several concerns regarding teacher attendance, accuracy and maintenance of official records, development activities and effective monitoring of the education system.

Officials emphasized the importance of ensuring proper attendance, accurate departmental data and effective oversight to improve the functioning of educational institutions across the district.



reviewing ongoing development works, educational facilities and teaching and learning activities.

School Headmaster Abdul Khaliq briefed the district education officer on academic matters, students' educational activities, available facilities and issues facing the institution.

Attendance and Teaching Activities Reviewed. Zahid Hussain Baloch reviewed the quality of education, student at-

effective learning environment for students. UNICEF-Supported Teacher Training Inspected. The district education officer also visited a 16-day teacher training workshop being conducted by the Balochistan Education Department in collaboration with UNICEF.

He met teachers participating in the training programme and reviewed the ongoing training activities.

He emphasized the importance of enhancing teachers' professional capacity and promoting modern teaching methodologies. Zahid Hussain Baloch said the

Balochistan government was taking practical measures to improve the quality of education, strengthen teachers' professional skills, provide students with a better learning environment and improve basic facilities in public-sector educational institutions.

He urged teachers to perform their professional responsibilities effectively and pay special attention to the academic and moral development of students.

Pakistan carries out 'calibrated' airstrikes against terrorist targets in border region with Afghanistan

NEWS DESK: Pakistan conducted airstrikes on terrorist sites "in the border region with Afghanistan", killing more than 28 terrorists, the information ministry said on Monday.

In a statement, the ministry stressed that the "calibrated" strikes were carried out "against the hideouts and safe havens of terrorist organisations responsible" for the recent multiple terrorist incidents in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

"Based on credible intelligence, selective targeting of terrorist camps and hideouts belonging to Fata al Khawarij and its affiliates has also been carried out in the border region with Afghanistan with precision and accuracy," the statement said. It added: "Three targets were destroyed with precision, including a suicide bombers' training markaz (centre), killing 28 terrorists alongside multiple suicide bombers."

"Large quantities of weapons and ammunition stored at these markaz (centres) and hideouts were also destroyed."

had "always strived for the maintenance of peace and stability in the region".

"However, the safety and security of our citizens remains our foremost concern. It is a matter of grave concern that Afghanistan continues to re-

come a few days after a major attack in the old Police Lines in KP's Kohat claimed 23 lives and injured about 100 others. Eight terrorists were killed during an overnight clearance operation launched to clear the area.

On Sunday, two



operation" on Sunday against a group of terrorists in KP's Kohat and Hangu districts, the ministry said.

"As a result of precise and skilful engagement, nine khawarij belonging to Indian proxy Fata al Khawarij were sent to hell, while several were injured," the statement added.

The ministry highlighted that Pakistan

main a hub of terrorism," it said, specifying that the "threat to Pakistan emanates from Afghanistan".

"In this context, our action precisely targeted the terrorist hubs. Maximum precautions were taken, and it was ensured that no collateral damage occurs," the ministry asserted.

The airstrikes

NEWS DESK: President Asif Ali Zardari said the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding had opened a path towards de-escalation and a negotiated settlement of the conflict between Iran and the United States, as the world community observed the International Day of Peace on Monday.

In his message on the day, observed annually on September 21, Zardari said Pakistan remained engaged in efforts to sustain dialogue and achieve durable peace for the people of the region and the wider world. He said the subsequent high-level talks at Bürgenstock, Switzerland, had carried the diplomatic effort forward by focusing on implementation of the Islamabad MoU.

The president said lasting peace could only be achieved through dialogue, diplomacy, justice and full respect for international law and the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

"Pakistan remains firmly committed to international peace and security and to a strong, effective and inclusive multilateral system with the UN at its core," he

said, reiterating that the country supported the peaceful settlement of disputes and a comprehensive approach to conflict prevention and resolution based on dialogue, diplomacy and collective action.

He highlighted that for decades, Pakistani peacekeepers had

international peace. We honour those who have given their lives in this cause and remain committed to supporting UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts," he added.

President Zardari said Pakistan's diplomatic efforts to end the conflict between Iran

Council's commitment to strengthening mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

He reaffirmed that Pakistan believed there could be no durable peace where the right of peoples to self-determination was denied, and Security Council resolutions remained



After Aleema, Imran's sisters Uzma and Noreen also detained in Lahore under MPO for 30 days

NEWS DESK: Former prime minister and PTI founder Imran Khan's sisters,

Dr Uzma Khan and Noreen Nazki, were detained for 30 days on Monday, ahead of the party's September 27 protest call.

The development follows the detention of Imran's other sister, Aleema Khan, after Lahore's deputy commissioner (DC) ordered her detention on Sunday.

The detention has come amid reports of a crackdown on the PTI ahead of its September 27 country-wide protest and march to Islamabad, which the party has called a demand for Imran's release from jail and mobilise people for the supremacy of the Constitution.

In an order dated Sept 20, a copy of which is available with Dawn, the Lahore DC Office ordered that Noreen and Uzma be detained for 30 days under the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960, stating that the two were "prejudicial to the public safety and maintenance of public order." The MPO ordi-

nance allows the authorities to order detention and restrict judicial review of such orders.

The order stated that the two were involved in the May 9 protest and "motivated the workers to damage public and government property".

"Moreover, they are again mobilising the workers through social media and public meet-

ings to create a law and order situation, raising/chanting objectionable slogans amongst the general public against the government/institution in order to provoke and incite them," the order read.

any public place will pose a grave threat to the public safety and will likely cause breach of public peace and public order."

In a post on X in the early hours of Monday, the party's Central Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram had accused Punjab police of "arresting both sisters of Imran, along with their children and the sons of Aleema Khan".

Akram claimed that the individuals had

been placed in an

armoured vehicle and are being taken to an unknown location."

PTI lawyer Awaiz Younas Chaudhry had confirmed to Dawn that all three of Imran's sisters had been arrested.



Two Local Cricketers Abducted in Sui, Dera Bugti: Police

From Our Correspondent:

DERA BUGTI: Two local cricketers were allegedly abducted by unidentified individuals in the Sui area of Dera Bugti district, police said, prompting a search operation

to recover the players.

According to the police, the two cricketers, identified as Zakir Bugti and Warden Bugti, were residents of Sui.

The unidentified suspects allegedly abducted the players and fled towards an undis-

closed location.

Police and security forces launched a search operation in the area after receiving information about the incident, aiming to trace the abducted cricketers and arrest those responsible.

Further details about the circumstances

of the abduction and the whereabouts of the two players were not immediately available.

The incident has raised concerns about the safety of local sports players in Dera Bugti, Balochistan.



DPM Dar arrives in New York ahead of UN General Assembly session

NEWS DESK: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar arrived in New York to participate in the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which will be held from Sept 21 to 25, the Foreign Office (FO) said on Monday.

In a post on social media platform X, FO said DPM Dar has a "full programme" of high-level engagements in the week.

"He will participate in ministerial forums and deliver Pakistan's statements and interventions on key issues of importance to Pakistan, including bilateral, regional and international priorities across the UN agenda," the FO said.

Alongside accompanying Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif who is due to arrive in New York later this week — DPM Dar will hold a series of bilateral

meetings with his counterparts and participate in a range of high-level engagements on the sidelines

of the UNGA, it added.

Upon arriving in New York on Monday, Dar was received by Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Ambassador to the US Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Paki-

stans Consul General in Jammu and Kashmir, where he will highlight Pakistan's "unwavering support" for the right to self-determination for Kashmiris.

DPM Dar will also attend several high-level meetings on the Palestine issue, including a meeting of the eight Arab-Islamic countries and a high-level ministerial meeting of the global alliance for the implementation of the two-state solution, among

others.

According to the FO, DPM Dar is also expected to deliver a statement during the UN Security Council high-level briefing on artificial intelligence. He will also chair a meeting of the Eco-



Tariq Fatemi will form the core of the prime minister's delegation. Several federal ministers who were initially expected to travel were dropped from the trip, according to sources at the country's UN mission.

Interior Minister Naqvi warns PTI against Sept 27 protest call, urges party to change course

NEWS DESK: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Monday warned PTI against its proposed September 27 long march, urging the party to refrain from proceeding with the protest.

He made the statement while addressing a press briefing. Naqvi's remarks come as the party prepares for a nationwide protest and march towards Islamabad on September 27 to press for the release of its incarcerated founder, Imran Khan.

He has clearly told them (PTI) that they can never achieve anything through such drama, and I will say again that there is still time; they should not go into this situation," he said, advising the party to "not enter a dead-end street".

Naqvi vowed the government will not "leave any loopholes" in its response if the party went ahead with the pro-

test.

The interior minister held that PTI's majority leadership was not in favour of the march. "However, if they do, then we have the Islamabad High Court (IHC) order, and the government will ensure its implementation."

He appealed to PTI to adopt a different approach. "Do not harm yourself and your workers," he said.

On being asked if the government had any "long-term solution" to PTI's frequent protest calls, the interior minister said, "I believe this time we will find a permanent solution; we will not leave it halfway."

When asked why the government was reluctant to shift PTI founder Imran Khan to a private health facility as requested by his party and family — amid concerns about his health, the minister said doctors examined Imran last night.

TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Urban Planning & Development

Quetta Division Quetta invites the sealed tenders

based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2020, Government of

Balochistan, awarded up-to-date from the interested Contractors/

Firm for the following works:

S.R. Name of Works E/Est

1. WBSAT COBRAND & STAFF COLLEGE 19,900,000/-

QUETTA (TNC-2020/191445)

The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with

Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014

amended up to date. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Firm/Contractors

must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)

upto date in relevant Category. Firms (Single Entity) having valid

registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in the

Category C-6 or above and the relevant Specialized code. The firm

must register in Balochistan Revenue Authority and present in

active tax payer list (ATL) Valid Registration with Income Tax

Presidence-Active Tax Payer list in FBR (ATL) Turnover at least of

last three years. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of

similar nature of work. The bids must accompany Bid Security in the

form of Cash Deposit or Bank Guarantee of 2% specified above in the

name of the under signed from a scheduled bank. Other Mandatory

conditions and Detail Criteria mentioned in the Bidding Documents.

METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage-Two Envelope

Procedure. ASSURANCE: The firm/contractors can also download

the bidding documents from the B-PRA website at

www.bppra.gov.pk. The required tender processing of Rs.1500/-

must be deposited in the government treasury under the head of

account C-03870 through the Green Chalken Form at the National

Bank of Pakistan (NBP). Last Date of bid submission: The bidding

Documents duly filed and attached with copies of supporting

documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or

through registered mail to the office of the Executive Engineer Urban

Planning & Development Department Zarghoun Road Quetta on or

before on 12/10/2020 at 9:00 am. Tender opening: All tenders will

be opened on same day at the Office of the undersigned at 15:00

Address: Place of Bid opening: Office of the Executive Engineer

Urban Planning & Development Department Zarghoun Road Quetta

Bid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days.

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