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Balochistan Launches School Kit, Basic Healthcare Programme for Children in 1,500 Schools

Mir Salam Jogezi:

QUETTA: Balochistan Education Secretary Lal Jan Jaffar has inaugurated a programme to provide school kits and basic healthcare facilities to children in more than 1,500 schools across 16 districts of Balochistan.

The initiative has been launched with the support of UNICEF and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and aims to strengthen educational support and improve the learning environment for schoolchildren across the province.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony held at Government Technical School Quetta,

Education Secretary Lal Jan Jaffar said providing basic healthcare facilities alongside educational support was among the government's priorities.

He said the distribution of school kits would help students meet essential educational needs and support their participation in learning activities.



Secretary Education, Lal Jan Jaffar handing over school bags to students. Photo DGPR

The provision of basic healthcare facilities, he added, would also contribute to improving students' health and creating a healthier school environment.

Lal Jan Jaffar said the Balochistan Education Department

was taking measures to improve the quality of education, provide essential facilities in schools and increase children's enrolment and regular attendance.

According to the Education Department, students en-

rolled in more than 1,500 schools across 16 districts will benefit from the programme.

The initiative comes as part of broader efforts to improve education access, school facilities, student health and learning conditions in Balochistan.

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Khwaja Asif: Pakistan Will Defend Saudi Arabia Against Any Threat

Muhammad Faizan Aslam Khan:

Pakistan will make all available means at its disposal available to Saudi Arabia in the event of a security threat, Defence Minister Khwaja Asif said Wednesday, reaffirming Islamabad's commitment under its defence arrangement with Riyadh.

In an interview with Al Jazeera, Asif said Pakistan was committed to defending Saudi Arabia against threats from the Houthis or any other group or country.



"We are bound by this arrangement to defend Saudi Arabia,"

he said, adding that Pakistan's available resources would also be available to the

kingdom when required.

Asif said Pakistan considered Houthi attacks against Saudi Arabia to be acts of aggression and reiterated that Islamabad would support Riyadh in any conflict threatening its security.

He said Pakistan's position was clear regarding the kingdom's security, adding that threats against Saudi Arabia would be treated seriously under the country's defence commitments.

Commenting on Iran's ties with the Houthis, Asif said Tehran did not consider the group its

proxy.

He said armed groups supported by states could eventually develop their own agendas and capabilities and become independent actors.

Discussions focused on strengthening the legal framework for counterterrorism and preventing violent extremism, enhancing the role of parliamentarians in policymaking and improving coordination and cooperation among relevant institutions.

Speaking at the event, Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani said young people could play a key role in the development of the country and society.

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Special Secretary Home

Balochistan Policy Dialogue Calls for Stronger Counterterrorism Laws

QASEEM SHAH:

A policy dialogue in Quetta has called for stronger legislation, enhanced parliamentary oversight and improved coordination among government institutions to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism in Balochistan.

The dialogue was organized by the Balochistan Home Department in collaboration with the British High Commission in Islamabad, bringing together parliamentarians, government officials and other stakeholders to discuss counterterrorism measures and strategies to prevent violent extremism.

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Security personnel stand alert in Balochistan. File Photo Quetta Voice

Salam Khan Achakzai stressed the need for effective coordination and timely information sharing among institutions involved in counterterrorism efforts.

He said stronger legislation, institutional cooperation and a coordinated strategy could improve the effectiveness of counterterrorism measures in Balochistan.

Salam Khan Achakzai also emphasized consultation among

parliamentarians, government departments and other stakeholders during the policymaking process, saying coordinated efforts were essential for developing practical measures to promote peace and stability in the province.

Other speakers, including Tahira Baloch, Manzoor Ahmed Baloch, Sara Durrani, Sitara Baloch, Rafi Baloch and Salam Jogezi, also addressed the policy dialogue.

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The statement said the vans would visit universities and women's colleges according to a fixed schedule and

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Punjab rolls out 33 mobile police stations offering 14 services, including FIR registration

NEWS DESK:

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday inaugurated 33 mobile police stations that would provide 14 services, including the registration of cases, across Punjab, an official statement said.

Six of these units would be dedicated for addressing issues faced by women, the statement quoted Punjab Home Secretary Ahmad Javed Qazi as saying during a briefing on the initiative.

"Under the operational framework, each mobile police station will be headed by a sub-inspector, supported by a field su-



pervisor, a senior station assistant and male and female constables," the statement said.

The relevant station house

officer (SHO) and beat officer would remain present in the field to oversee operations in line with standard operating procedures

(SOPs), it added.

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Editor: Asim Khan

Winds of change to where?

ZAHID HUSSAIN: THERE is much talk of the 'winds of change', but where are they blowing from? Well-briefed sections of the media and well-connected cabinet ministers tell us that some form of administrative restructuring to create new provinces is inevitable, and that it may come sooner rather than later.

We are told it is 'the will of the people' and that anyone who opposes it will be swept aside. One cannot help but wonder whether it is really the will of the people or that of the powers that be.

Curiously, while federal ministers belonging to the ruling PML-N deny any public knowledge of such a move, the PPP has vowed to resist the creation of new provinces.

And there has been no debate on the issue in parliament or the provincial assemblies.

Perhaps, as with the previous 26th and 27th Amendments, the draft is being prepared somewhere else, and lawmakers are expected simply to rubber-stamp it.

Speculation about an impending 28th amendment on administrative restructuring had been circulating for some time, but it was the interior minister's public statement last month that confirmed that a change was in the offing.

His remarks amounted to an indictment of the entire political order and a call for structural change.

A statement by the military spokesman soon after gave further shape to the emerging plan.

Those statements triggered intense public debate over a plan whose contours remain obscure.

All manner of suggestions — from the creation of new administrative units to devolution — are being floated.

Yet even the political parties and federal ministers who adamantly support restructuring admit they have no clear framework for how it should be carried out.

The collapse of the system is the result of the denial of democratic rights to the people.

There is no disagreement that the existing political power structure has long since collapsed and can no longer deliver.

But any attempt to salvage the system through patchwork will fail.

The crisis runs far deeper and cannot be resolved merely by re-drawing administrative units.

Some media reports, apparently based on the official briefing, suggest the still to be finalised 28th amendment is not limited to new administrative units, but also envisages 'sweeping governance restructuring'.

Structural reform is inseparable from democracy, and any change imposed by extra-constitutional forces will only

worsen the chaos and fuel instability.

Yet even the existing imbalance of power in favour of the establishment, there appears little likelihood of resistance from a civilian leadership of questionable legitimacy.

The 26th and 27th Amendments have already damaged the foundation of the Constitution by virtually destroying judicial independence;

many are of the view that the judiciary has been reduced to an extension of the executive.

A 28th amendment as currently conceived would destroy

even the semblance of democracy that remains.

The creation of new administrative units and devolution of power to local governments has long been viewed as a way to improve governance.

Yet the country's political parties have never reached a consensus on the issue, and the constitutional requirement of a two-thirds

majority in both the national parliament and provincial assemblies has made the creation of new provinces almost impossible.

There is broad agreement on establishing a separate

south Punjab province, but whether it should be divided along linguistic or administrative lines remains a sticking point. Similarly,

while there appears to be a general acceptance in KP of a Hazara province, the exact boundary remains disputed.

The suggestion to divide Sindh, however, remains the most contentious issue. Not surprisingly, the PPP has campaigned aggressively against a plan that would create a separate Karachi province,

while others have suggested placing the country's financial and

industrial hub under direct federal control.

Both proposals amount to cutting off Sindh's capital city, which makes no sense; any such move could spark an uprising in the country's second-biggest province.

Likewise, dividing Balochistan into several administrative units would only worsen an already volatile situation.

Far from improving governance, such arbitrary plans, conceived arguably by extra-constitutional elements, are impractical.

Rather than pursuing a controversial redrawing of adminis-

trative boundaries, empowering local governments is both more practical and urgently needed to take democracy to the grassroots.

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A country mired in economic, political and internal security crises cannot afford another contentious issue dividing the people.

These so-called winds of change are certainly not good for the future of democracy and the country.

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The grand idea of creating more provinces, and governance reform imposed by the establishment,

will only expedite the very collapse of the state that the interior minister mentioned.

It must be left to parliament and the political parties to build consensus on devolution to local government, which is essential for democracy and good governance.

We have the example of political parties jointly working on the 18th Amendment, which strengthened federalism through the devolution of power to the provinces.

A major problem, however, is the security set-up's growing control of the state.

A civilian government of doubtful legitimacy, beholden to the establishment for its survival, is in no position to resist pressure.

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Plastic in the Womb: Balochistan's Invisible Health Crisis

By Myra Zahid:

In the dusty plains of Balochistan, where drought already strains farms and families, a different kind of threat is moving in quietly. It cannot be seen, smelled, or stopped at the door.

It is microplastics, plastic fragments smaller than five millimeters, and they are now turning up in the air we breathe, the soil we farm, and even inside newborn babies.

Microplastics form when plastic waste breaks down under sun, heat, and friction.

They have been found almost everywhere scientists have looked: household dust, farmland, drinking water, vegetables, and human tissue.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) estimates that the average person eats and breathes in roughly 39,000 to 52,000 microplastic particles every year. In 2019, a global study commissioned by WWF International made headlines when it calculated that people may be ingesting close to a credit card's worth of plastic every week.

The Express Tribune carried the story for Pakistani readers, a reminder that this is not a distant problem, but one already inside our food and water.

Pakistan's Plastic Problem



Pakistan generates an estimated 6.41 million tons of plastic waste a year, according to the UN Development Programme (UNDP), with the vast majority never properly collected or recycled. The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) says 86 percent of the country's plastic waste is mismanaged.

left in open dumps, burned, or washed into rivers and the sea. That puts Pakistan among the

world's worst plastic polluters.

When this waste breaks down in open dumps, fields, and gutters, it does not disappear. It fragments

into microplastics that drift into the air or sink into the soil, eventually working their way into the crops we eat.

Mothers and Babies at Risk

The most alarming discoveries are happening before birth. In 2020,

scientists in Italy found microplastics inside the human placenta for the first time, proof that plastic particles can pass from a pregnant mother to her unborn child.

Since then, researchers have also found microplastics in human breast milk.

According to exposure data reported in the Journal of the Pakistan Medical Association (JPMA),

microplastics can carry toxic chemicals

such as BPA and phthalates, both known to disrupt hormones.

These chemicals are linked to low birth weight and long-term developmental risks in children.

In Pakistan, a 2024 study by the University of Karachi's Institute of Marine Science found microplastics in the breast milk of lactating mothers in fishing communities along the Karachi coast,

where seafood is

eaten almost daily. No equivalent study has yet been done in Balochistan, but the risk factors are familiar here too: communities along the Gwadar, Pasni, and Ormara coastline depend

just as heavily on the sea, while facing even thinner access to maternal and child healthcare.

What Can Be Done

There are practical

defenses. Lab tests show that fine water filters (around 0.2 microns, such as certified reverse-osmosis systems) can remove 94 to 100 percent of plastic particles from drinking water.

Balochistan's Agriculture Department is already distributing seeds for home gardening. Families

growing their own vegetables on terraces or small plots, using compost instead of plastic mulch, can

cut their exposure while also improving food security.

Small daily habits help too: choosing cloth bags and glass or metal bottles over plastic, never heating food in plastic containers, and never burning plastic waste, which releases microplastics and toxic fumes directly into the air.

A Policy Gap, and a Climate Connection

Experts say microplastic pollution needs to be treated as both an environmental and a public health issue. That means enforcing waste management laws, banning single-use plastics and plastic

mulching in farming, and monitoring microplastics in soil, air, and food, something Pakistan currently does very little of.

Climate change is making the problem

worse.

Rising heat speeds up plastic breakdown, drought-driven dust storms carry particles further through the air, and floods wash plastic waste into farmland and waterways. Protecting mothers and children from microplastics is, in that sense, also a matter of climate justice.

Pakistan's progress on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals is already behind: official data shows

reliable figures exist for less than 10 percent of SDG indicators nationally, and only 7 percent for

Balochistan. Microplastics sit at the intersection of two of these goals, SDG 13 (Climate Action) and

SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), yet remain almost entirely unmeasured here.

The Bottom Line

Microplastics are invisible, but the risk they carry is not. In a province already facing drought, poverty,

and stretched healthcare, this is a threat reaching the next generation before it is even born.

Waterfertilization, home gardens, and less plastic use can help right now. But lasting protection will need real monitoring, enforced policy, and research — starting with the studies Balochistan still doesn't have.

Balochistan Offers Vast Investment Opportunities, Says BBO Vice Chairman Bilal Khan Kakar

QUETTA: Vice Chairman of the Balochistan Board of Investment (BBO), Bilal Khan Kakar, has said that Balochistan offers vast opportunities for investment and that the Balochistan Board of Investment has an important role to play in promoting domestic and foreign investment in the province.

He expressed the hope that the institution would continue to facilitate investors and play an effective role in promoting business and economic activities in Balochistan.

He expressed these views while addressing a farewell ceremony held in honor of outgoing Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Qaim Lashari.

Acting CEO Abdul Manan, officers and employees of the board and other staff members attended the ceremony.



Bilal Khan Kakar appreciated Qaim Lashari's services to the Balochistan Board of Investment and said he had played an important role in promoting investment and advancing the affairs of the institution.

He said domestic and foreign investment could strengthen the provincial economy, create employment opportunities at the local level, expand business activities and accelerate development across various sectors.

He emphasized the need for effective engagement with investors and greater attention to resolving their issues to create a conducive environment for investment and business activities in the province.

Bilal Khan Kakar said Qaim Lashari's professional services and experience had been valuable to the institution and that his hard work and efforts would be remembered.

Speaking on the occasion, Qaim Lashari thanked the officers and staff of the Balochistan Board of Investment for their cooperation during his tenure.

He said he received strong support from the institution's officers and employees throughout his period of responsibility.

He emphasized that teamwork is fundamental to institutional development and achieving organizational goals.

University of Gwadar Faculty Member Presents Research on Fishermen's Traditional Knowledge at Asian Studies Conference

GWADAR: Faculty member Mirza Ghalib represented the University of Gwadar at the Asia in Association 2026 conference organized by the Association for Asian Studies, where he presented a research paper on the local knowledge and traditional wisdom of fishermen in Gwadar.

Mirza Ghalib's research examined the traditional knowledge of Gwadar's coastal communities, fishing practices and experiences, as well as indigenous understanding of the sea and changing weather conditions.

The study highlighted how this knowledge has been passed down from one generation to another.

region's intellectual and cultural heritage.

The University of Gwadar administration appreciated Mirza Ghalib's participation in the national and international academic forum and said the university would continue encouraging its faculty to conduct quality research on local and regional issues.



The three-day conference was held from September 25 to 27 at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, under the central theme, "Centering Asia: Reconfiguring Connections, Remapping Futures."

The research also emphasized the importance of indigenous knowledge in the social, cultural and economic life of Balochistan's coastal communities, highlighting it as an important part of the

and present their findings at national and international academic platforms. The university said such research contributes to greater recognition of the knowledge, cultural heritage and lived experiences of coastal communities in Balochistan.

PM Petrol Relief Scheme: PSO Fuel Station Inspected in Usta Muhammad, Non-Compliant Pump Sealed

NASIRABAD DIVISION: Deputy Commissioner Usta Muhammad Muhammad Ramzan Palal and Assistant Commissioner Usta Muhammad Maria Shamoon inspected Tahir PSO Petrol Pump as part of the Prime Minister's Petrol Relief Scheme to ensure timely provision of subsidized fuel relief to the public.

SHO City Nadeem Behrani and his team were also present during the inspection.

During the visit, petrol pump owners and management were directed to ensure the timely provision of the Prime Minister's Petrol Relief to consumers.

The administration facilitated communication between the petrol pump management and the Oil Marketing Company (OMC) to resolve an issue related to activation of the required ID.

The administration



also resolved an issue concerning the procedure for the refund of the relief amount by the government into the petrol pump owner's account.

Meanwhile, Yousuf Pump was sealed after its management failed to maintain the required

contact with the OMC and showed negligence in providing the petrol relief to the public.

The management of Kashif Pump (GO) assured the administration that it would obtain the required password from the OMC by the following day and begin providing the Prime Minister's Petrol Relief to consumers.

The administration

warned that failure to comply within the stipulated timeframe would result in legal action against the pump management. The district administration made it clear that negligence, delay, or any obstruction in providing the Prime Minister's Petrol Relief to the public will not be tolerated and the monitoring and enforcement measures will continue to ensure timely implementation of the relief scheme.

He emphasized that direct interaction between citizens and the administration can make the process of resolving public issues more effective.

Deputy Commissioner Chaman Habib Ahmed Bangulzai directed the concerned officials to take immediate and priority-based action on the issues and applications submitted by citizens during the open court.

He instructed departments and the district administration to ensure effective measures for resolving matters under their jurisdiction within the stipulated timeframe.

Officials from the district administration, police, Chaman Scouts, various government departments and other relevant authorities were also present.

Chaman Open Court: Balochistan Assembly Speaker Directs Timely Resolution of Public Issues

CHAMAN: An open court was held at the DC Complex Assembly Hall in Chaman to directly address public grievances, improve governance, and review ongoing development activities in the district.

The open court was jointly chaired by Balochistan Assembly Speaker Captain (Retd.) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai and Deputy Commissioner Chaman Habib Ahmed Bangulzai. Tribal elders, religious scholars, community leaders, notables and a large number of local residents attended the session.

Residents directly presented their complaints, concerns and suggestions regarding NADRA services, electricity, unemployment, sanitation, roads, streets and drainage systems, as well as other administrative, developmental and basic public-service issues.

Participants particularly called for regular cleaning of streets, drains and roads, timely



removal of stagnant and wastewater, proper disposal of garbage and improved cleanliness in residential areas.

They also highlighted the need for better sanitation around hospitals and other public places to reduce dirt, foul odors and pollution and provide citizens with a cleaner and healthier environment.

The Balochistan Assembly Speaker and Deputy Commissioner listened attentively to

the complaints and concerns raised by the participants.

They directed the officers of the relevant departments present at the session to take immediate measures and resolve several issues on a priority basis.

They emphasized that unnecessary delays in resolving public grievances would not be tolerated, directing the concerned authorities to make every possible effort to provide relief to

citizens.

The open court also reviewed ongoing development projects in the district, including the BSDI scheme, the provision of basic facilities, civic issues and other important administrative matters.

Officials of the relevant departments were briefed the session on progress in their respective areas.

Balochistan Assembly Speaker Captain

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Quetta Green Bus Service to Be Digitized for Better and More Convenient Public Transport

QUETTA: A meeting chaired by Quetta Division Commissioner Zeeshan Lashari reviewed plans to digitize the Green Bus Service and provide citizens with improved, convenient and modern public transportation facilities.

The meeting discussed measures to modernize the Green Bus Service and integrate it with a digital system to make public transport more accessible, transparent and user-friendly for citizens.



The meeting was attended by the Additional Secretary Transport, Managing Director PMTA, Director General PTB, CEO PPP Secretary RTA Quetta, Assistant

Commissioner City Quetta, CCO TSP, Chief Operating Officer and other concerned officials. Participants emphasized the need to modernize and digitize

the Green Bus Service in phases so that citizens can easily access essential bus service information through their mobile phones.

Under the pro-

posed digital system, passengers would be able to obtain information about Green Bus routes, bus stops, operating hours, fares and other travel details through a mobile application or web portal.

The introduction of live bus tracking was also proposed, which would enable passengers to determine the current location of their desired bus and estimate how long it would take for the next bus to arrive at a particular stop.

South Dera Bugti School Found Functional Despite Complaint of Closure; 29 of 54 Students Present

SOUTH DERA BUGTI: The directives of Deputy Commissioner South Dera Bugti Zohaib-ul-Haq, the District Education Officer South Dera Bugti, District Education Monitoring Officer, and other concerned officials inspected Government Boys Middle School Ghulam Haider Pat to divert Education Officer.

In accordance with the directives of the Deputy Commissioner South Dera Bugti, they emphasized that surplus teachers should be deployed to schools with higher student enrollment so that available teaching resources can be utilized more effectively.

The inspection also covered the school's basic facilities and overall condition, which were found to be inadequate. However, the school was found functional and operational at the time of the inspection, while 13 teach-

ers are currently posted at the institution.

The officials noted that the number of teachers was relatively high compared with the number of students.

She said the objective of the Youth Sports Review Policy is to make the sports sector more effective, provide better opportunities to young

people and athletes, and incorporate recommendations from relevant stakeholders into the policymaking process.

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She said their recommendations would be taken into consideration while preparing the future course of action for the development of sports and youth affairs in Balochistan.

They added that regular monitoring will continue to ensure the proper functioning of schools and the provision of educational facilities to students across South Dera Bugti.

various sports associations, athletes, young people and other stakeholders attended the seminar.

Participants shared proposals and raised questions concerning

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Pakistani special forces participate in joint training exercise Eternal Brotherhood-5

NEWS DESK: Special forces from the armed forces participated in the multinational exercise Eternal Brotherhood-5, held in Uzbekistan from Sept 13 to 25, 2026, state-run PTV reported.

Turkiye, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan also took part in the exercise, while Kazakhstan attended as an observer country, according to PTV.

The joint exercise aimed to "enhance cooperation, communication and professional capabilities among special forces", PTV reported.

The participating forces also exchanged experiences on modern operations, combat strategies and ways to address security challenges.

"Eternal Brotherhood-5 reflects the growing defence and security cooperation, mutual trust and strengthening of military relations among the participating countries", PTV said.



Pakistan routinely conducts joint training exercises with the friendly countries.

Earlier in April, Pakistan and Egypt concluded a two-week-long military exercise also focused on counter-terrorism.

In January, the 13th Pakistan-US bilateral joint military exercise "Inspired Gambit 2026" — was held with a fo-

cus on counter-terrorism.

In October 2025, Pakistan and Kazakhstan participated in a joint counter-terrorism training exercise lasting two weeks to improve military-to-military relations.

In February, Pakistan, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia agreed to form a mechanism for joint military training under the trilateral defence pact.

NEWS DESK: Security forces killed three terrorists in an intelligence-based operation in the Mir Ali area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's North Waziristan district, state broadcaster PTV reported on Wednesday, citing security sources.

The sources added that hideouts of the Fina al Khawari were targeted in Mir Ali and surrounding areas. Fina al Khawari is a term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). A large quantity of weapons and ammunition was recovered from the terrorists killed during the operation, security sources said.

According to PTV, security forces also ensured peace in the country, adding that the designs of the terrorists would be foiled at all cost.

PM Shehbaz, meanwhile, held that eliminating terrorism remained the government's top priority, according to state media.

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forces for their successful operation in Mir Ali, Radio Pakistan reported. President Asif Ali Zardari said that the operation against terrorism would continue to ensure peace in the country, adding that the designs of the terrorists would be foiled at all cost.

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that targeted the Aman Mela police checkpoint in DI Khan's Darazinda tehsil.

On Sept 18, 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.

On Sept 17, security

forces killed 10 terrorists in separate operations in KP between Sept 15 and 17. Earlier in the month, over 20 terrorists were killed during multiple engagements in KP between Sept 3 and 5.

Rs6.5 billion development schemes approved for Rawalpindi

NEWS DESK: Development schemes worth Rs6.5 billion have been approved for Rawalpindi district, including projects for the rehabilitation, construction, improvement and widening of roads in various areas.

A total of nine development schemes of the Rawalpindi Municipal Corporation (RMC), worth Rs1.6 billion and nine development schemes worth Rs4.8 billion for the district council are being executed by the Punjab Highway Department, while the RMC and district council will provide funds for the road projects. A meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, presided over by the Rawalpindi Deputy Commissioner Nadeem Nasir, to review the progress of ongoing development schemes under the Punjab Development Programme. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Social Services) Fazal Mudassar, the Deputy Director (Development), Managing Director (MD), of Wassa and other relevant officials attended the meeting.

The meeting conducted a detailed review of schemes being implemented under the Punjab Development Programme, with a particular focus on water supply, sewerage and other development projects.

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rector Azizullah Khan briefed the meeting on ongoing water supply and sewerage schemes, while the Deputy Director (Development) apprised the participants of the details, progress and approval status of other development projects. According to the briefing, a total of 21 schemes had been identified for Rawalpindi district, with a combined cost exceeding Rs6.529 billion. Of these, 18 schemes had already been approved.

The approved schemes include projects for the rehabilitation, construction, improvement and widening of roads in various areas. Deputy Commissioner Nadeem Nasir directed officials to ensure the timely, transparent

and high-quality completion of all development schemes. He said no compromise on quality would be tolerated in development projects and instructed officials to regularly monitor the pace of work. He further directed that effective action be taken, in accordance with rules and regulations, against contractors who failed to execute work according to the prescribed standards and timelines.

"Unnecessary delays in development schemes are unacceptable under any circumstances," he said, directing the relevant departments to ensure continuous monitoring of projects and tangible progress on the ground.

The deputy commissioner said he would personally visit the sites of ongoing development schemes in the coming days to assess the quality and pace of work. He directed the concerned officers to immediately resolve any issues identified during these field visits so that the public could benefit from the development projects in a timely manner.

The development schemes include the rehabilitation and improvement of various roads, including Khayaban-e-Jir Syed, Bekin Road, Fifth Road, Rawal Road, the stretch from Chandni Chowk to Commercial Market, Railway Workshop Road and Gordon College Road, as well as roads in Taxila, Gujar Khan, Kallar Syedan and Kahuta.

NEWS DESK: A judicial magistrate on Wednesday sent a teenage suspect to jail on a 14-day judicial remand in a case of attempting to poison his father after seeking information from artificial intelligence.

The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) produced the 17-year-old suspect before Judicial Magistrate Naeem Wattoo on the completion of his three-day physical remand.

The magistrate asked the investigating officer (IO) whether the suspect's father had any objection to the case.

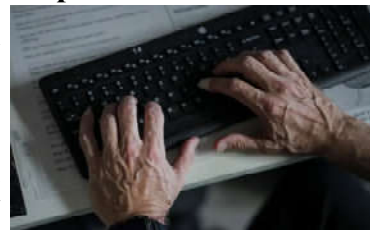
The officer replied that the father of the suspect had no objection to the case. He also informed that the teenager was his parents' only son.

He said the father told the investigators that his son, a second-year student in Bahawalpur, used to conduct various kinds of research. The IO said the physical custody of the suspect was no longer required.

At this, the magistrate sent the suspect to jail on a 14-day judicial remand and directed the IO to submit a charge-sheet within the stipulated time.

"Breaking Bad" The NCCIA arrested the teenager on Sep 23. The

Bahawalpur teenager sent to jail for alleged AI-assisted attempt to poison father



agency said at the time that the suspect had reportedly developed strained relations with his father and allegedly sought further guidance from AI, asking how to administer a poison capable of causing his father's death without detection, he added.

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