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Senate Approves Emergency in KP as Opposition Walks Out

Muhammad Faizan Aslam Khan:

The Senate has approved a resolution supporting the imposition of emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as opposition lawmakers rejected the move, tore up copies of the resolution and staged a walkout.

Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Tariq Fazal Chaudhry moved the resolution during a Senate session chaired by Yousaf Raza Gillani.

The House suspended Question Hour to take up the matter.

Opposition lawmakers, including Leader of the Opposition Raja Nasir Abbas, Hamid Khan, Mohsin Aziz and Zeeshan Khanzada, strongly opposed the resolution, questioning the legal and political justification for imposing emergency rule in the province.

They argued that the action was unjustified, alleging that a chief minister backed by a two-thirds majority had been removed.

Opposition members also rejected attempts to blame Sohail Afridi for the failure of negotiations, claiming the government had already decided to impose emergency measures.

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) Senator Kamran Murtaza raised procedural concerns, stating that the draft of the emergency declaration did not contain the



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president's expression of satisfaction.

He also questioned whether the required level of satisfaction among Senate members had been established and complained that lawmakers had not received the relevant documents.

Senate Chairman Yousaf Raza Gillani allowed opposition members to initiate the debate.

However, tensions escalated when he gave the floor to the law minister after turning off Kamran Murtaza's microphone.

Protesting the move, opposition lawmakers tore up copies of the resolution and walked out of the chamber.

The chairman subsequently put the resolution to a vote and announced its unanimous ap-

proval, despite the opposition members' absence.

The Senate's decision followed the National Assembly's approval of a similar resolution concerning emergency measures and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, intensifying the political dispute over the federal government's action in the province.

Balochistan: Gwadar Free Zone Slaughterhouse Project Eyes Export Growth

NEWS DESK:

The slaughterhouse project operated by Hanging Trade Company in the Gwadar Free Zone is expected to support export growth, attract investment and contribute to the port city's economic development,



Gwadar Free Zone Slaughterhouse Project

Gwadar Port Chairman Noor-ul-Haq Baloch said during a visit to the facility.

The chairman inspected the project, where company CEO Andy Liu briefed him on donkey farming, production operations and plans to export products to international mar-

kets.

Noor-ul-Haq Baloch said industrial ventures in the Gwadar Free Zone could strengthen commercial activities, promote trade and create opportunities for economic growth.

He highlighted the importance of expanding investment

Mir Salam Jogezi

QUETTA: Iran Air flights between Quetta and Zahedan have resumed after a temporary suspension, raising hopes of stronger trade ties, business cooperation and people-to-people contacts between Pakistan and Iran.

Iran Air flight IRA 0827 arrived at Quetta International Airport from Zahedan on Tuesday and later departed for the Iranian city, carrying more than 80 passengers. The resumption of the air service is expected to facilitate cross-border business activities and improve connectivity between Balochistan and Iran.

Officials from the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, including Jangyan Baloch, Sardar Ayub Marriani and Jumma Khan Baidra, welcomed representatives of the Zahedan Chamber of Commerce alongside Quetta Airport Manager Khalid Kakar and other officials.

A meeting was also held between Zahedan Chamber of Commerce President Haji Hakim Regi and representatives of the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Participants discussed ways to promote bilateral trade, strengthen commercial relations and expand cooperation between the business communities of both countries.

Quetta-Zahedan Iran Air Flights Resume, Boosting Pakistan-Iran Trade



Iran Air Flights between Quetta and Zahedan

The Iran Air services connecting Quetta with Zahedan and Mashhad were inaugurated by Balochistan Governor Jafar Khan Mandokhail in December 2025. However, the flights remained suspended for some time due to the prevailing international situation.

The restoration of the Quetta-Zahedan flight service has been welcomed by Balochistan's business commu-

nity and the public, who hope that improved air connectivity will encourage trade, facilitate travel and strengthen economic relations between Pakistan and Iran.

Zahedan, a major city in Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan province, has geographical and commercial significance for Balochistan.

The resumption of direct flights could provide additional opportunities for business del-

egations, traders and other travellers seeking closer engagement between the neighbouring regions.

The renewed air link is expected to support regional connectivity and contribute to stronger Pakistan-Iran economic cooperation, particularly by creating more convenient travel opportunities for traders and the business communities of Quetta and Zahedan.

ANF Seizes 60kg Hashish from Ambulance in Quetta Drug Bust

Faizan Aslam Khan:

Islamabad: The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has foiled a major drug trafficking attempt in Quetta, Balochistan, recovering 60 kilograms of hashish concealed in a secret compartment beneath the floor of an ambulance and arresting a suspected member of a drug trafficking network.

According to an ANF spokesperson, the operation was conducted near Sona Khan Chowk in Quetta following intelligence reports that a large consignment of narcotics



would be transported from Mastung to Quetta using an ambulance as cover.

Acting on the information,

ANF personnel maintained surveillance and carried out a coordinated intelligence-based operation, successfully intercept-

ing the vehicle and recovering the concealed hashish.

A suspected key member of the drug trafficking network

was also arrested during the operation. A case has been registered against the accused under the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997, while further investigations are underway to identify and apprehend other individuals allegedly involved in the network.

ANF Intensifies Crackdown on Drug Trafficking

The use of an ambulance to transport narcotics highlights the tactics allegedly adopted by drug traffickers to evade law enforcement and exploit vehicles associated with emergency medical services.

The ANF spokesperson

also referred to a recent operation in Shikarpur, Sindh, where the force reportedly foiled an attempt to smuggle drugs from Balochistan to Sindh after narcotics were recovered from secret compartments inside an ambulance. The latest seizure underscores the Anti-Narcotics Force's ongoing efforts to disrupt drug trafficking networks and prevent the movement of illegal narcotics across Pakistan.

The ANF reiterated its commitment to combating drug-related crimes and advancing its mission of achieving a Drug-Free Pakistan.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Balochistan Gives Local Communities Key Role in Climate Change Response

Sameera Rajput
QUETTA: Balochistan has decided to place local communities at the centre of efforts to tackle climate change, restore degraded ecosystems, protect natural resources and create sustainable livelihood opportunities across vulnerable areas of the province.

The decision was taken at a joint consultative meeting chaired by the Secretary of the Balochistan Forests and Wildlife Department.

A team from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Islamabad office and senior officials from relevant provincial departments attended the meeting.

Officials discussed two major project concepts focused on climate change adaptation, environmental restoration, natural resource management and sustainable livelihoods.

Representatives from the offices of the Chief Conservators of Forests, the Livestock Department, the Climate Change and Environment Department and the Irrigation Department also participated.

Community-Based Approach Proposed
The meeting



agreed in principle that the climate adaptation initiative should be implemented through community-based organizations (CBOs), with financial assistance reaching local communities through these organizations.

Officials emphasized that target areas should not be selected solely on the basis of predetermined lists.

Instead, provincial departments, local representatives and communities should be consulted before finalizing project locations.

The meeting also proposed involving the Revenue Department in identifying target areas by reviewing Wajib-ul-Arz records to identify community-owned or community-used grazing lands.

Officials stressed that the projects should go beyond conventional infrastructure development. Improving local employment, household incomes and sustainable livelihoods should remain a key priority.

Restoration of Up to 40,000 Hectares Planned
The second project will focus on restoring degraded watershed areas and ecosystems across

Balochistan. The proposed project aims to restore approximately 35,000 to 40,000 hectares of land,

with an estimated 65,000 to 70,000 people expected to benefit directly.

Following government endorsement and regional technical approval by UNDP, the project concept is expected to be submitted to the Adaptation Fund in February 2027 for financial support.

Baseline Assessment of Water Resources Proposed
Participants also proposed conducting a baseline assessment of surface and ground-water resources in the targeted watershed areas.

The assessment would establish reliable data on existing water availability and help measure the impact of interventions such as water storage, rainwater harvesting and restoration of natural waterways. Officials said scientific baseline data would also make it possible to assess the effectiveness of the

projects after implementation.

Projects to Undergo Further Review

The meeting gave in-principle approval to both project concepts.

However, the proposals will first be submitted to the Balochistan Planning and Development Department for review.

Following its approval, the projects will require formal endorsement by the Government of Balochistan.

A No Objection Certificate (NOC) will also be sought from the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination,

which serves as the national focal institution for the Adaptation Fund.

Balochistan faces growing challenges linked to climate change,

water scarcity, land degradation, declining soil fertility and rangeland degradation.

Officials and experts believe that involving local communities in decision-making and implementation could strengthen environmental protection while creating sustainable economic opportunities for thousands of families.

Pakistan's Missing Democratic Institution

ZIAD-DIN:

Every five years, a citizen walks to the polling station, casts his vote, and walks out with a satisfaction of having participated in the democratic process.

A month later, the same citizen sees his street filled with a pile of garbage, observes that the road has deteriorated, and discovers that the school is falling apart.

He wants to complain but lacks access to his representative.

This is the paradox of Pakistan's democracy: it has transferred power from the center to the provinces but has yet to devolve it effectively to the third tier of government.

Since the creation of Pakistan, democracy reaches the ballot box but never reaches the doorstep of the citizen. In other words, the local government system has not evolved in letter and spirit.

Despite insertion of Article 140A, local governments in Pakistan face a deep rooted structural problem: constitutional, political, fiscal, and administrative constraints.

The biggest problem faced by local government systems in Pakistan is constitutional weakness.

Although Article 140A stated the formation of local governments, it is six-to-seven-line provision.

It leaves detailed institutional design, powers, functions, and fiscal dimensions to provincial legislation.

Apart from the constitutional weaknesses,



local government systems are also politically marginalized.

They are victims of the centralization of power at the provincial level.

Strong political elites view empowered local governments as a threat to their political power.

Moreover, the development funds of MPAs and MNAs create a parallel political structure, undermining the effectiveness of local governments.

Thus, the local government structure

becomes largely ceremonial rather than an independent tier of government.

Local governments remain financially dependent on provincial governments, limiting their ability to function effectively.

Under the 7th NFC Award, the provinces' share of the divisible pool was increased to 57.5 percent.

However, the NFC framework does not require the provincial governments to allocate a specific share of these transfer to local govern-

ments. According to a World Bank report of 2026, the share of total government spending on local bodies declined from 10 percent in 2005 to less than 5 percent in 2024.

As a result, local governments are unable to perform basic services such as water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, primary education, and other basic needs.

In addition to constitutional, political, and fiscal challenges, the local government system also faces deep admin-

istrative constraints that dilute its operational effectiveness.

The civil servant continues to perform the tasks of local representatives through their daily administrative functions.

As a result, the overlapping roles create confusion over authority.

Furthermore, the lack of continuity is also a major impediment that prevents the development of a stable local administrative system.

Consequently, it leads to limited admin-

istrative autonomy, reducing its efficiency and responsiveness.

India's experience of local government provides a useful case study for Pakistan.

The landmark 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments of 1992 established Panchayati Raj institutions and urban local bodies.

They list 29 subjects for Panchayats and 18 subjects for municipalities.

Furthermore, the amendments ensure regular elections and reserve seats for women

and different castes.

Both rural and urban local bodies receive financial resources from the state and central governments.

Strengthening the third tier of governance in Pakistan is a prerequisite for both grassroots democracy and effective service delivery.

Constitutional protection is the most necessary step in the right direction.

The Constitution must clearly detail the structure, tenure, and functions of local gov-

ernments.

Political elites must change their mindset of centralization. Local governments need to derive their powers and functions from the Constitution rather than provincial or federal governments.

Without financial empowerment, local governments cannot ensure effective governance.

Therefore, Provincial Finance Commissions must be activated to ensure the transfer of sufficient funds to local governments.

Lastly, institutional building and administrative autonomy are necessary steps to ensure effective local administration.

On the whole, democracy is not merely about elections or representation, rather, it is a practice of participation, transparency, inclusivity, and accountability.

It can only be achieved when governance is brought closer to the voters.

Central and provincial governments cannot provide local services as effectively as local governments can.

Local government not only brings about effective governance but also deepens democratic participation.

Ultimately, democracy becomes meaningful when it reaches the doorstep of the citizen.

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Balochistan Governor to Attend International Boxing Championship Final in Quetta on October 31

QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail will attend the final round and closing ceremony of the International Boxing Championship as chief guest on October 31, reaffirming his commitment to encouraging provincial athletes and promoting sports across Balochistan.

The governor expressed these views during a meeting with a delegation of International Boxing Championship officials led by Pakistan Professional Boxing Association President Abdul Hameed Sarbraz.

National boxers Musa Hazara, Abdul Aziz Khilji and Khuda Baksh Lashari were also part of the delegation.

Governor Mandokhail said international-level athletes from Balochistan were held in high regard and that encouraging and recognizing their achievements was an important responsibility.

He noted that Balochistan has produced several renowned



boxers who earned distinction for Pakistan and the province at international competitions and brought home honours through their performances.

He also recalled that Quetta hosted the first Pakistan International Boxing Championship last year, demonstrating the city's ability to organize major sporting events.

The event, he said, helped promote sports in Balochistan and improve the province's image nationally and internationally.

The governor emphasized the need for effective cooperation among government institutions, sports organizations and the private sector to promote boxing and other sports.

He stressed that

greater attention should be given to training young athletes, providing modern facilities, improving coaching standards and expanding opportunities to participate in national and international competitions.

Expressing hope that Quetta and other parts of Balochistan would continue to host sporting events, he said

such competitions would allow local athletes to demonstrate their abilities and benefit from the experience of international players.

Mandokhail observed that sports foster discipline, tolerance, self-confidence and hard work among young people.

They also encourage constructive activities and contribute to social harmony, he added. "He stressed the importance of providing talented young people across Balochistan with equal opportunities to develop their skills and prepare for representing Pakistan at international sporting events. During the meeting, the delegation invited the governor to attend the final round of the International Boxing Championship scheduled for October 30 and 31.

The governor is scheduled to participate in the closing ceremony on October 31 and encourage boxers who deliver outstanding performances in the championship.

Balochistan Reviews Development Projects to Modernize Agricultural and Livestock Markets

QUETTA: Balochistan Secretary of Communications and Works Babar Khan has directed officials to accelerate ongoing development projects aimed at improving facilities and operational efficiency at fruit and vegetable markets, grain markets, bus terminals and livestock markets across the province.

He issued the directives while chairing a meeting to review progress on development schemes designed to improve the functioning of these facilities and provide modern infrastructure and essential services.

Chief Engineers from all six zones, along with other officials, consultants and Executive Engineers, participated in the meeting through Zoom. Relevant officials briefed the secretary on



progress across various projects, implementation challenges and the proposed course of action.

Addressing the meeting, Babar Khan said agriculture and livestock were fundamental to Balochistan's economy, making the modernization of market infrastructure essential for meeting contemporary needs and supporting economic activity.

He said the government aimed to provide farmers, traders and business communities with improved facilities

to promote agricultural production and livestock trade.

Under the ongoing projects, fruit and vegetable markets are being equipped with improved sanitation, effective drainage systems, cold storage facilities, parking areas and modern transportation infrastructure.

These improvements are expected to help preserve the quality of agricultural produce and provide farmers and traders with a better business environment.

He also ordered the formation of a special technical team to assess the progress and quality of development schemes across the

province. The team will inspect ongoing projects, evaluate their current status, assess construction standards and document progress in a comprehensive report for submission to the secretary's office.

Babar Khan reiterated that, in accordance with the Balochistan government's directives,

all possible measures would be taken to complete development projects on time and provide improved facilities to the public.

Quetta Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reviews Development Schemes, Orders Regular Field Inspections

QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Mehruallah Badini has directed administrative officials to ensure regular monitoring, quality construction and timely completion of ongoing development schemes across various areas of the provincial capital.

He issued the directives while chairing a meeting to review development projects in different parts of Quetta.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Muhammad



Anwar Kakar, officials from the Communications and Works (C&W) Department and Local Government, as well as the assistant commissioners of Sadar, City and Sarhai.

Participants reviewed development schemes in

Pashunabad, Mahmoodabad, Hanna Urak, Chashma Achoza, Spin Karez, Sarki Road and other areas of Quetta. The meeting also discussed essential development work, construction and repair requirements, and the provision of basic facilities

at government schools and Basic Health Units (BHUs) in the identified areas. Deputy Commissioner Mehruallah Badini instructed the relevant administrative officers to continuously monitor ongoing projects in their respective subdivisions and

conduct regular field visits to assess progress and ensure construction quality.

He stressed that all concerned officials must perform their responsibilities effectively to complete development schemes within the prescribed timelines and ensure that facilities meet the needs of local communities.

The deputy commissioner emphasized that timely completion and adherence to quality standards were essential

Haji Ali Madad Jattak Meets Constituents in Quetta, Discusses Public Issues and Development

QUETTA: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) central leader and Balochistan Provincial Minister Haji Ali Madad Jattak met constituents, friends and people from various walks of life at his residence, Jattak House, in Asifabad,

Various proposals were also considered to resolve local issues and improve conditions for residents.

Emphasizing the importance of public engagement, Haji Ali Madad Jattak said maintaining close contact

was essential to address their concerns. The provincial minister stressed the need for serious attention to public grievances, constituency development and the provision of essential facilities to citizens.



Quetta, to discuss public concerns and development-related issues.

During the meeting, participants held detailed discussions on the overall situation in the constituency, problems faced by residents, the provision of basic facilities and possible measures to address public grievances.

The governor is scheduled to participate in the closing ceremony on October 31 and encourage boxers who deliver outstanding performances in the championship.

with citizens and learning about their problems directly were essential components of effective public service.

He said public representation was not merely a position but a significant responsibility that required listening to the people, understanding their difficulties and making every

He reaffirmed his commitment to maintaining regular contact with constituents and continuing efforts to take practical steps for their welfare, development and prosperity.

Jattak added that public trust and cooperation further strengthened the spirit of public service.

Balochistan Adviser Pledges Support for Workers' Rights and Welfare

QUETTA: Balochistan Adviser on Environment and Climate Change Naseem-ur-Rehman League-Nawaz (PML-N) has pledged to make every possible effort to resolve workers' legitimate grievances, protect their rights and ensure that their concerns are conveyed to the relevant authorities.

He thanked Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail for attending the ceremony despite his busy schedule and encouraging labour leaders.

The adviser also acknowledged the government's longstanding role in keeping the PML-N united, saying he had

would use his experience to further organize and strengthen the wing.

Malakhal reiterated that consultations would continue to address workers' problems.

He added that government representatives would keep their offices accessible to the public and stressed that



views while addressing a ceremony organized by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Labour Wing and other workers' organizations in Quetta.

Malakhal said the working class played a fundamental role in the country's economy and development, making the protection of workers' rights, resolution of their problems and promotion of their welfare essential priorities.

He said Malakhal had extensive political experience, having worked at both grassroots and senior levels, and expressed confidence that he

Pakistan's prosperity was closely linked to the welfare of its workforce.

He assured participants that efforts would be made to address the Labour Wing's concerns and strengthen the protection of workers' rights.

Other political and labour leaders also attended the ceremony. At its conclusion, participants thanked the provincial adviser for organizing the event.

Balochistan Food Authority Fines 18 Food Businesses, Issues 42 Notices and Seals Three Units

QUETTA: The Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) has intensified its crackdown on substandard and unsafe food across the province, imposing fines on 18 food business operators, issuing 42 improvement notices and sealing three units during recent inspections in Quetta, Khuzdar, Zhob, Pishin and Dera Allah Yar.

The enforcement drive was carried out on the directives of the provincial minister and chairman of the Balochistan Food Authority. The sealed premises included a ninko manufacturing unit and units involved in oil production.

A restaurant was examined hotels, restaur-

ants, bakeries, flour mills, water plants, catering facilities, general stores, juice shops and other food businesses.

Violations included poor sanitation, inadequate personal hygiene among workers, expired products, improper food storage, insect infestations and the use of prohibited Chinese salt.

According to a BFA spokesperson, joint operations by the authority and district administration in Quetta targeted establishments along Eastern Bypass, Sarhai Road and in the city's industrial area.

A general store faced penalties for selling expired beverages and products with erased date markings.

bakery was penalized for failing to display manufacturing and expiry dates on its products.

During inspections of units producing oil from animal fat in the industrial area, the district administration sealed two units.

A ninko manufacturing unit was also sealed for violating food safety regulations.

Further action was taken along Alamdar Road, Marhabad and Nachari Road. A milkshake and juice shop was fined for dirty blenders, substandard water and poor hygiene.

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Kalat DC Reviews Polio Campaign Preparations, Calls for Coordinated Efforts to Reach Every Child

KALAT: Deputy Commissioner Kalat Engineer Ayesha Zahri has emphasized coordinated efforts by the district administration, Health Department and World Health Organization (WHO) to ensure the success of the upcoming polio vaccination campaign and protect every child against the crippling disease.

Bajo. The meeting discussed preparations for the upcoming polio campaign in Kalat, training of vaccination teams, the overall performance of the Health Department and challenges faced by health officials. Participants also stressed the importance of effective coordination and a unified

missions must fulfil their responsibilities diligently during the vaccination drive and ensure that no child is left without polio drops.

She reaffirmed that the district administration, Health Department and WHO would continue working together to protect children from polio.

The deputy com-



She expressed these views during a meeting with newly appointed District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Abdul Malik, WHO District Polio Officer Dr. Mujtaba

strategy to ensure the campaign's smooth and successful implementation.

Deputy Commissioner Ayesha Zahri said all relevant institu-

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

TSE # 2627/19328621

Balochistan Provincial Assembly Secretariat invites sealed bids as per Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (BPPRA) Rules, 2014 from well-respected, established and experienced firms for procurement of HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES having registration and active status of NTN and GST with Federal Board of Revenue on the basis of following terms & conditions.

- The bidder shall not be blacklisted by any of Provincial or Federal Government Department, Agency, Organization or Autonomous Body or Private Sector Organization anywhere in Pakistan.
- Detailed bidding document can be downloaded from B-PPRA website www.bppra.gov.pk.
- Single stage two envelope bidding method shall be used as per Rule 4.1 of BPPRA Rules, 2014.
- Contract will be awarded as per the evaluation criteria mentioned in bidding document.
- Bids can be submitted on or before **MONDAY, 27 November 2026 (11:00 am)** in the Tender Box at Admin Block, Balochistan Provincial Assembly Secretariat. Technical bids will be opened on the same day at (12:30 pm) at the Procurement Cell Room # 716 of Balochistan Provincial Assembly Secretariat, Zarghoun House Quetta. Financial bids of technically qualified bidders will be opened on the same day at (12:30 pm).
- Bidding document fee of Rs. 1000/- shall be submitted through Cashier General, National Bank of Pakistan (Head of Account CO-5870).
- The bids must accompany Bid Security of least amount, US \$000/- (PKR in the shape of Cash Deposit) issued by Admin Block, Balochistan Provincial Assembly Secretariat.
- Bidders shall quote their rates inclusive of all applicable taxes and duties for each and every item enlisted in bidding document/Order sheet.
- The Balochistan Provincial Assembly Secretariat reserves the right to reject any or all bids as per provisions of B-PPRA Rules, 2014.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-JOHAL QUETTA

SUIT NO. 193/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Through Its Attorney, Loralai Branch. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

Almal Khan S/o Muhammad Aslam, Resident of Commissioner Colony Lashari, Loralai. **Borrower/Defendant**

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF Rs. 1,113,399/59, US \$ 95, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS RECOVERY OF FINANCES ORDINANCE # XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908.

Notice to - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for Rs. 1,113,399/59, balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defence to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. **Date of hearing is 23-11-2026.**

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 13 day of October, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

Makkah Alliance secretary general meets PM Shehbaz, briefs premier on defence cooperation

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday met the newly appointed secretary general of the Makkah Defence Alliance, retired Lieutenant General Nauman Mahmood, and was briefed on the strategy to promote 'defence and strategic cooperation' under the pact, state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

Mahmood was appointed as the first secretary general of the defence alliance between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey last month. The agreement — signed on August 7 — empowers member states to treat an attack against one of them as an attack against all. During the meeting held on Wednesday, the premier reiterated that the pact was a "historic milestone for peace, unity, and stability in the region" and wished the secretary general well for his new role. PM Shehbaz also reaffirmed Pakistan's "unwavering commitment" to the protection of Saudi Arabia's "sovereignty, territorial integrity and security" during the meeting as the Gulf state, which is a signatory to the pact, has faced escalating tensions with Yemen's Houthi rebels in recent days. The premier said

Pakistan "stands shoulder to shoulder" with Saudi Arabia, according to Radio Pakistan. The meeting comes amid heightened tensions in the Middle East. On Tuesday, Saudi Arabia launched strikes on

the kingdom's eastern province and Riyadh. Loud explosions were heard near Saudi Aramco's headquarters in Dhahran, according to witnesses. Later, a Saudi energy ministry official confirmed the attack.

Yemen's coalition government unravelling in July. Against this backdrop, Pakistan has repeatedly expressed solidarity with Saudi Arabia. On October 5, in an emergency meeting of the Makkah pact in Riyadh,



Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen, targeting fuel and energy facilities it said were being used to support missile and drone attacks, as the Yemeni group threatened a "harsh and painful" response against Saudi airports, refineries and oil installations. Hours later, Saudi authorities issued warnings of potential hostile aerial threats in

Saudi Arabia's civil defence agency said that four people — two women, a man and a child — were wounded by debris from two intercepted Houthi cruise missiles in the capital and that 15 homes were damaged. The Houthis have repeatedly attacked Saudi airports, oil facilities and tankers after a truce in their long-running war with

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey agreed to the rapid deployment of military forces and capabilities. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, who was part of Pakistan's delegation in the meeting, maintained that Pakistan and Turkey had "presence in theatre" and only Saudi troops were involved in combat operations.

Dar hails 'constructive' talks with Oman FM after JMC meeting in Islamabad

NEWS DESK: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday hailed "constructive" talks with Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr Albusaidi.

Addressing a joint press conference after the 8th session of the Pakistan-Oman Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC), DPM Dar said that the two sides would sign a protocol in this regard.

He said that this reflected "a shared resolve to further strengthen and expand bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest". He said that the two sides would also sign an agreement for mutual visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and official passports. "Pakistan-Oman friendship remains strong and forward-looking," he told media. The two ministers would after the press conference sign "a number of bilateral agreements", Dar said.

He added that the two ministers had also agreed to hold a business-to-business investment forum in Pakistan.

The ministers discussed the situation in Gulf as well, he said, adding that "Pakistan re-

mained committed to contributing constructively to diplomatic efforts aimed at promoting peace and stability in the region".

Both ministers condemned recent Houthi attacks in Saudi Arabia, underscoring that the attacks on civilians were "unacceptable".

They also "emphasised the urgent need" for resumption of delivery of humanitarian

assistance to the people of Gaza", Dar said.

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Both Oman and Pakistan attach great importance to dialogue and diplomacy as essential means of addressing regional challenges, easing tensions and promoting peace and stability," Albusaidi said.

"We are both on the same page," he said. Meanwhile, Dar told reporters that a free trade agreement between Pakistan and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) would help ex-

change information.

Pakistan, Russia agree to finalise extradition treaty, to sign MoU on prevention of organised crime

NEWS DESK: Pakistan and Russia on Wednesday agreed to finalise an extradition treaty and an agreement on the exchange of criminals.

Both sides resolved to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest, they agreed to finalise an extradition treaty and an agreement on the exchange of criminals.

Minister of Internal Affairs Vladimir Kolokolstev arrived in Pakistan on Monday. He is undertaking a four-day visit at the invitation of Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, marking the first instance of a Russian interior minister visiting Pakistan.

The understanding was reached during a meeting between Naqvi and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Kolokolstev in Islamabad. The meeting was followed by delegation-level talks, the interior ministry said in a statement.

Naqvi, during the meeting, discussed the proposed MoU on prevention of organised crime which would be an important milestone in cooperation between the two countries.

The two sides pledged to strengthen mutual cooperation in areas of shared interests as

each other. The two sides also discussed sending skilled manpower from Pakistan to Russia and facilitating visa acquisition for tourists and the

business community, as per the statement. They agreed to enhance cooperation for the prevention of cybercrime between the Anti-Narcotics Force and relevant Russian institutions.

Naqvi said easing the visa regime would increase people-to-people contact between the two countries. He also expressed desire to

Pakistan wanted more students to study there. Russian Interior Minister Kolokolstev, for his part, said joint measures were essential for the prevention of all organised crime, including terrorism, drug smuggling, and illegal migration.

He said Russia had brought a 33 per cent reduction in cybercrime through effective measures.

It was agreed in the meeting that working groups from the interior ministries of both countries would soon visit

present in the courtroom during the hearing. Safdar argued that the courts have always maintained a lenient view regarding women's early registration and fixation of the case.

On Wednesday, the court took up Bushra's criminal appeal, in which she contended that, as a woman and in view of her serious medical condition, she was entitled to the suspension of her sentence, as similar relief was contemplated under the first proviso to Section 497(1) of the

Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc). PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja was also

the appellant's husband, incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan, who dis-

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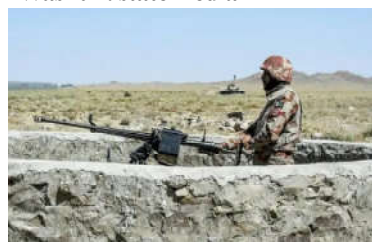
Security forces kill 5 terrorists in Balochistan's Washuk: state media

NEWS DESK: Security forces killed five terrorists in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Balochistan's Washuk, state-run Pakistan TV reported on Wednesday, citing security sources.

Terrorist hideouts were targeted with advanced weapons, sources said.

State media added that four terrorists were also injured, identifying them as belonging to Fitna al Hindustan.

The state refers to designated Balochistan-based groups as Fitna al Hindustan to highlight India's role in terrorism and destabilisation across Pakistan. The IBO was conducted under Operation Raddul Fitna 3, state media said, adding that "advanced weapons and ammunition" were recovered. "Security forces remain determined to eliminate terrorism from Balochistan," state media said. President Asif Ali Zardari paid tribute to



security forces for the Washuk operation in a statement on X. "Effective operations against terrorist elements attempting to disrupt peace and security and spread fear and panic among the public in Balochistan will continue," Zardari was quoted as saying. He added, "Conspiracies by the terrorists' foreign patrons and their local facilitators will be thwarted at any

cost". Terrorism in Balochistan has witnessed terrorist attacks and security challenges for a long time. Ten terrorists were killed in a targeted IBO conducted by the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) in Balochistan's Barhan district, the Home Department said on Oct 10. In Chagai, security forces killed two terrorists on Sept 29. The military's media affairs

wing said on Sept 27 that more than 71 terrorists had been killed in Shaban and other areas of Balochistan. On Sept 17, three terrorists were eliminated in an IBO in Balochistan's Awaran district's Badrang area. Another three were killed in Masang on Sept 14. Earlier in September, 21 terrorists were killed in separate engagements in Nokha, Chagai, Ziarat Cross, and Pishin.

Section 144 imposed in DI Khan, pillion riding and public gatherings banned

NEWS DESK: The district administration imposed Section 144 across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dera Ismail Khan district, banning pillion riding and public gatherings, rallies and processions until Nov 11, citing law and order concerns.

The restrictions were imposed through an order issued by Deputy Commissioner Hikmatullah on Oct 13 and took immediate effect.

Under the order, public gatherings, meetings, processions and rallies that could potentially disturb public order, disrupt traffic or obstruct the movement of citizens have been prohibited.

The restrictions will remain in force across the district until Nov 11, unless withdrawn or modified by

measures had been taken in view of the prevailing law and order situation in the district. Those found violating the restrictions would face legal

the competent authority before that date. Section 144 is a provision in the Code of Criminal Procedure which empowers local authorities to ban pub-

was imposed in Karachi, set to remain in effect till Oct 20. On Saturday, Section 144 was imposed in Rawalpindi district for a period of 30



action under Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code, the administration warned.

The restrictions will remain in force across the district until Nov 11, unless withdrawn or modified by

lic gatherings such as rallies, processions and sit-ins, as well as the open display of weapons.

Currently, Section 144 remains in effect in several areas of the country. On Sunday, it