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Fighting Terrorism Requires Collective Resolve of the Entire State, Says Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti

Faizan Aslam Khan:

ISLAMABAD – Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Friday declared that the battle against terrorism is not the responsibility of a single institution, but a collective war involving the entire state, civil society, police, bureaucracy, politicians, and the judiciary, with the Balochistan Police positioned on the front lines.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony for newly recruited Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) at the National Police Academy (NPA) in Islamabad, the Chief Minister underscored his administration's commitment to establishing a merit-based, political-pressure-free environment within the provincial police force.

"The provincial government is committed to providing Balochistan Police with modern equipment, quality training, and a transparent environment for postings and transfers," CM Bugti stated.

"Decisions regarding officers' responsibilities will be made solely on merit by the police leadership itself. Strict adherence to merit is essential to restoring our youth's confidence in the state."

Reflecting on the recent transition declaring the entire province an 'A-Area'—placing full



Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti presents the 'Sword of Honour' to Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain. Photo DGPR

police jurisdiction under regular law enforcement—CM Bugti described the shift as both a major responsibility and a strategic opportunity to secure a safer future for coming generations.

While combating organized crime remains the core function of the police, terrorism has emerged as a significant chal-

lenge," he noted. "Violent groups attempting to fracture Pakistan through bloodshed will not succeed."

The Balochistan government and its police force will not step back from this fight."

He reaffirmed that while the state's doors remain open to individuals who lay down their arms

and renounce violence, those seeking to impose their ideological agenda through force will be met with decisive state authority.

Honors and Recognition
During the ceremony, Commandant of the National Police Academy IGP Saad Bharrwana presented the address of wel-

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Quetta Police Arrest 3 Men for Blackmailing and Exploiting Minors Online

QASEEM SHAH:

QUETTA – In a major crackdown against online predators, Quetta police have arrested a three-member gang allegedly involved in trapping, blackmailing, and sexually exploiting underage boys.

According to a spokesper-



son for the Quetta Police, the operation was conducted by personnel from the Brewery Police Station. The arrested suspects have been identified as Amir Ahmed (son of Barat Khan), Numan (son of Muhammad Rasool, resident of Kili Nawa), and Hikmatullah (son of Yar Muhammad, resident of Fitchad Colony).

?Police have registered a formal case against all three individuals, and legal proceedings are currently underway. Authorities added that further investigations are being carried out to uncover additional aspects of the case and identify potential remaining victims.

10 Balochistan Prisons Department Staff Dismissed Over Prolonged Absence

ALI HAMZA:

QUETTA – Inspector General of Prisons Captain (R) Asim Khan has ordered the immediate termination of ten department employees following an extensive review into unauthorized, long-term absences from their posts.

According to a press release issued by the Balochistan Prisons Department, the dismissals were finalized after completing all required legal and administrative protocols. Formal termination orders were issued on October 30, 2026, under the provisions of the Balochistan Employees Efficiency and Discipline Act, 2011.

Emphasizing a zero-tolerance policy toward workplace negligence, IG Captain (R) Asim Khan made it clear that strict discipline, regular attendance, and the dedicated performance of official duty remain uncompromisable across the province's correctional facilities.



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"There will be no compromise on discipline, regular attendance, and the timely execution of public duties," IG Captain (R) Asim Khan stated.

He warned that strict action under the law will be taken across the board against any staff member engaging in dereliction of duty, unauthorized absence, or rule violations.

The decisive move underscores ongoing efforts by provincial authorities to maintain strict accountability and professional standards within public service departments.

Bill proposing quarterly gas pricing lands in Senate

NEWS DESK:

In what is set to stir a new controversy, a bill proposing quarterly determination of natural gas prices landed in the upper House of Parliament on Friday.

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was introduced in the House by Minister of State for Interior Tahir Chaudhry at a time when the daily fuel pricing mechanism has drawn widespread criticism.

The bill seeks to insert a new Section 8A in the Ogra Ordinance, 2002.

Under the proposed mechanism, a licensee for natural gas will submit its total revenue requirement on a quarterly basis—only to the extent of wellhead gas prices and the cost of imported



gas, including Re-Gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG)—for review by the authority.

Ogra will then advise the federal government, which must, within 30 days, advise minimum

charges and sale prices for each category of retail consumer for gazette notification.

The bill also empowers the federal government to advise Ogra to carry forward the entire or part of a quarterly adjustment to its forthcoming half-yearly determination under Section 8.

In a clause likely to trigger debate, the bill amends Section 9 to state: "Provided that public hearing shall not be held by the Authority for revision of prescribed prices under Section 8A."

The statement of objects and reasons states that the primary objective is to align tariffs with market realities by adjusting for Rupee-Dollar parity in a timely manner, signal accurate pricing, curb accumulation of circular debt in the gas sector and ensure financial and operational stability of the gas supply chain.

The bill landed in the Senate at a time when consumers are complaining of unpredictable fuel

price shocks.

If passed, it shall come into force at once.

Will Karachi's sea be shifted next?

During the Senate session on Friday, PPP Senator Waqar Mehmud raised the proposed shifting of Pakistan Petroleum Limited's (PPL) head office from Karachi to Islamabad, warning that a pattern was emerging of moving federal headquarters, ministries and corporations away from Karachi.

"The head office has been in Karachi since around 1951. Now attempts are being made to shift it to Islamabad through the board of directors, whose members are not elected representatives of the people," Mehmud said.

He pointed out that the current office's rent was around Rs4 million per month, but shifting would cost billions.

QUETTA VOICE

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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

ZIA-UD-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-seventeen 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 province's 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 local 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 Pledges Affordable and Timely Justice for Poor Citizens Through Quasi Court

QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has reaffirmed his commitment to providing affordable, accessible, and timely justice to poor and deserving citizens, stressing that no individual should be deprived of their legitimate rights or forced to struggle endlessly to obtain justice.

He said the provincial government was taking concrete steps to make the Provincial Ombudsman institution more active, effective, and accessible so that it could serve as a reliable platform for resolving public grievances, particularly those involving government departments.

The Governor expressed these views while hearing public complaints and applications against various government departments during the weekly hearing session held at Governor House, Quetta.

Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail stated that providing timely and affordable justice to citizens who cannot afford expensive lawyers' fees



and prolonged legal proceedings was a fundamental responsibility of the government.

He emphasized that ensuring justice for disadvantaged and vulnerable segments of society was not merely an administrative requirement but also an important constitutional, moral, and social responsibility of the state.

He observed that when ordinary citizens receive justice without unnecessary delays and financial burdens, their confidence in public institutions is strengthened.

The Governor said that equal rights, social justice, and an effective public grievance redressal system were essential characteristics of a responsible government.

He directed the Provincial Ombudsman to further improve the institution's overall performance, strengthen the complaint registration mechanism, ensure impartial examination of public grievances, and facilitate timely decisions.

He also stressed that the Provincial Ombudsman should become an easily accessible forum where citizens could seek their legitimate rights without facing lengthy legal complications or excessive financial expenses.

The Governor further remarked that the true measure of any government institution's performance was not its buildings, resources, or administrative structure, but the quality of services it provided to the public and its commitment to resolving citizens' problems.

He added that the Governor House Quasi Court, a platform for public grievance redressal, was worth mentioning that the weekly hearings conducted through the Governor House Complaint Cell operate as a quasi-judicial forum, commonly known as a Quasi Court.

lays in the provision of justice created even greater difficulties for poor and underprivileged people. Therefore, simple, transparent, and result-oriented procedures must be adopted to address public complaints effectively.

Governor House Quasi Court, A Platform for Public Grievance Redressal

It is worth mentioning that the weekly hearings conducted through the Governor House Complaint Cell operate as a quasi-judicial forum, commonly known as a Quasi Court.

Through this platform, complaints submitted by citizens against various government departments were examined, and appropriate steps are taken for their resolution in accordance with relevant laws, rules, and regulations.

The initiative aims to improve public access to justice, strengthen institutional accountability, and ensure that deserving citizens can obtain relief without unnecessary delays and financial hardship.

Commissioner Irfanullah Khan Launches Anti-Polio Campaign in Sibi Division, Targets 142,000 Children

SIBI: Commissioner Sibi Division Irfanullah Khan officially inaugurated the anti-polio vaccination campaign across the division by administering polio drops to children under the age of

five. The Commissioner appealed to religious scholars, tribal elders, parents, and all segments of society to actively support the anti-polio campaign and ensure that every child under five receives polio vaccination.

He emphasized that eliminating polio is a shared responsibility and protecting every child against the disease is a national duty. Irfanullah Khan further stated that comprehensive security arrangements would be made to protect polio workers and ensure the safety of children during the immunization drive.

cover 64 Union Councils across the division, with health department teams conducting door-to-door visits to administer polio drops to all children under the age of

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dren, marking the start of the immunization drive. Deputy Commissioner Sibi, Major (Retd.) Ilyas Kubzai, also administered polio drops to children and participated in the campaign's inauguration ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Irfanullah Khan said that approximately 142,000 children have been targeted for polio vaccination across the three districts of Sibi Division: Sibi, Kachi, and South Dera Bugti.

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activities in all areas so that the vaccination targets could be achieved within the scheduled timeframe. In line with the vision of the Chief Minister of Balochistan, the provincial government has prioritized effective anti-polio campaigns to achieve a polio-free Balochistan and secure a healthier future for coming generations.

The Commissioner urged all communities to cooperate with vaccination teams and play their part in protecting children from the potentially debilitating disease.

Quetta Deputy Commissioner Reviews Preparations for Anti-Polio Campaign Starting November 3

QUETTA: An important meeting chaired by Quetta Deputy Commissioner Mehruallah Badini was held to review arrangements and preparations for the upcoming anti-polio campaign, scheduled to begin on November 3.

The meeting was attended by the District Health Officer (DHO), National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) representatives, the District Coordinator, and other relevant officials.

During the meeting, officials briefed participants on the campaign's overall targets, security arrangements, micro-planing, deployment of vaccination teams, and effective monitoring mechanisms.



According to officials, the campaign aims to administer polio vaccine drops to 429,000 children across Quetta.

A total of 1,600 polio vaccination teams have been formed to achieve the target, while 1,800 security personnel will

be deployed to ensure the safety of vaccination teams throughout the campaign. Deputy Commissioner Mehruallah Badini directed the concerned authorities to ensure effective implementation of the security and campaign plans. He emphasized the need for a thorough review of micro-plans covering all areas and regular monitoring of polio vaccination teams.

He further instructed officials to ensure complete coverage of children whose parents initially refuse polio vaccination, stressing that no child or area should be left out of the immunization campaign.

The Deputy Commissioner also urged all relevant departments and institutions to maintain close coordination.

Price Control Inspection in Usta Muhammad: Tehsildar Reviews Prices and Quality of Essential Commodities

USTA MUHAMMAD: Acting on the special directives of Deputy Commissioner Usta Muhammad Ramzan Palal, Tehsildar Usta Muhammad Gaman Khan Bohar conducted an inspection of the local market to review the prices, quality, and availability of essential food items. During the visit, the Tehsildar inspected the prices of vegetables, fruits, meat, flour, sugar, pulses, and other daily-use commodities.

He also checked whether shopkeepers were complying with the officially notified government price lists. The inspection focused on ensuring the sale of essential commodities at government-approved rates and preventing arbitrary price hikes, overcharging, and profiteering by shopkeepers. On the occasion, the Tehsildar directed traders to prominently display official price lists at their shops and ensure that all food items and essential commodities are sold strictly according to government-prescribed rates.

He emphasized that charging customers excessive prices, creating artificial inflation, and engaging in illegal profiteering would not be tolerated under the inspection.

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He expressed these views during a visit to different areas of Jaffarabad district to review the ongoing Kharif season girdawari process.

Tehsildar Sultan Ahmed Khan, Babu Rafiq Ahmed Abro, and other relevant officials accompanied him during the visit.

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Women in Qalat Gain Greater Access to Administration as Deputy Commissioner Ayesha Zehri Takes Steps to Address Public Issues

QALAT: Following the appointment of Engineer Ayesha Zehri as Deputy Commissioner of Qalat, efforts to address public grievances and improve service delivery are continuing through various administrative initiatives.

Women are increasingly approaching government and administrative offices without hesitation to raise their concerns. Deputy Commissioner Ayesha Zehri is reportedly taking immediate notice of their aspirations and issuing necessary instructions to the concerned departments for timely resolution of their problems.

An open court

(Khali Kachri) recently organized for women from Khaliqabad was highlighted as an example of the provincial government's efforts to improve public access to administration. The initiative reflects the vision of the Chief Minister of Balochistan and the good governance priorities of the Chief Secretary of Balochistan.

Local residents have expressed satisfaction with the administration's efforts and appreciated the initiatives aimed at addressing public grievances, particularly those faced by women.

The Deputy Commissioner Qalat has em-

phasized that officers of all administrative and government departments must ensure effective public service delivery and perform their responsibilities with dedication.

She further stressed that government departments should remain accessible to the public and take practical measures to resolve citizens' issues promptly.

The district administration aims to continue these efforts to improve governance, strengthen public trust, and ensure timely resolution of public complaints across Qalat district.

Pakistan Army destroys Afghan Taliban posts in response to firing at Angoor Adda: state media

NEWS DESK: Pakistan's armed forces targeted and destroyed several Afghan Taliban posts and military positions in areas adjacent to South Waziristan and Parachinar, state media reported on Friday, citing security sources.

According to state-run Radio Pakistan, the army "gave a befitting reply to unprovoked firing by the Afghan Taliban along the Pak-Afghan border in the Angoor Adda area" on Tuesday.

"Using heavy weaponry, the Pakistan Army forced Afghan Taliban personnel to abandon their posts and flee," the report said.

Citing reports, it added that several Afghan Taliban regime personnel were also killed during the operation.

"Security forces remain committed to the defence of the country and the protection of its people and there will be no compromise on national security," the report said.

On Tuesday, Afghan security forces opened unprovoked fire in Pakistan Army border posts and residential areas in the Angoor Adda border area, which claimed the life of one local and injured a family of five.

According to officials, the firing originated from posts located inside Angoor Adda. The border area is one of the most important and sensitive crossings along the Pak-Afghan border, serving as a key trade route and one of the main points of public movement between the two countries.

Pakistan conducted "calibrated" airstrikes in the border region with Afghanistan against terrorist hideouts, with the government saying more than 28 terrorists were killed.

Information Minister Attaulah Tarar described the action as part of Operation Ghazab lil Haq, which was launched on the night of Feb 26 in response to unprovoked cross-border firing by the Afghan Taliban.

Days later, Pakistan shot down eight drones launched from across the border that had entered Pakistani airspace near the Torkham border and Kohat.

It was also reported that the Afghan Taliban engaged in unprovoked firing the night before near Kurram as security forces foiled an attempt by terrorists to cross into Pakistan.

Taliban administration in Kabul to dismantle terrorist sanctuaries on Afghan soil, particularly those linked to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, that are used for attacks in Pakistan. Officials say those appeals have gone unheeded.

September witnessed another bout of conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

On Sept 21, in response to recent major terrorist attacks in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan issued a statement condemning the firing, asserting that Pakistan would "never tolerate" attacks on its people or violations of its sovereignty.

Meanwhile, Pakistan had also dismissed a statement by Afghanistan's defence ministry regarding the incident that claimed that Pakistan was the aggressor, terming it a "fabrication of lies."

Lawmakers voice alarm over KP situation, seek electoral reforms

NEWS DESK: Lawmakers in the National Assembly and Senate on Thursday raised concerns over the political situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and alleged human rights violations, while both houses also discussed electoral reforms and the need to strengthen parliamentary institutions.

National Assembly Opposition Leader Mehmood Khan Achakzai criticised the government for failing to take parliament into confidence over recent diplomatic developments in Tehran. "How can four people decide the future of the whole nation? He asked, warning that such decisions could push the country towards 'anarchy and civil war'."

Mr Achakzai also opposed the suspension of trade with Afghanistan, describing Afghans as traditional friends of Pakistan and criticising the country's past policies towards its neighbour. PTI Chairman

Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said the parliamentary proceedings and the prevailing political situation in KP were creating a negative impression among the public. He also called for an end to hereditary politics in the country.

Rights concerns raised.

Meanwhile, speaking on a point of order in the Senate, PTI parliamentary leader Barrister Syed Ali Zafar accused the government

of undermining constitutional protections through the imposition of emergency and governor's rule in KP.

He argued that fundamental human rights could not be suspended or compromised, regardless of the political situation. "There is one thing that cannot be taken, suspended or compromised: the fundamental human rights of the people of Pakistan."

Through its initial order, the high court had disposed of the writ petition through a consent order, which was later modified. During the

Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) sets guidelines to prevent prolonged land litigation

NEWS DESK: Expressing concern over a delay of around 40 years in a case relating to land consolidation proceedings and its adverse implications for the proprietary rights of landowners, the Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) on Thursday issued guiding principles for revenue authorities, particularly the Punjab Board of Revenue, to prevent protracted litigation.

"Consolidation proceedings should be concluded expeditiously, within prescribed statutory timelines or within a reasonable period," observed FCC Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan.

The chief justice was heading a two-judge bench, also comprising Justice Ali Bagar Najafi, which, on a civil petition filed by Khaliq Zaman, overturned the Lahore High Court's (LHC) Rawalpindi Bench order of Sept 26, 2024, remanding the matter to the revenue authority.

Through its initial order, the high court had disposed of the writ petition through a consent order, which was later modified. During the

hearing before the FCC, the petitioner's counsel argued that the LHC order was not a consent order, referring to a subsequent LHC order dated Nov 18, 2024, which rectified the original judgement by deleting the sentence "learned counsel for the respondents have no objection in this regard". The FCC observed that, with the consent-related portion of the order removed, "the question of consent no longer arises".

Singapore FM commends Pakistan's 'incredibly valuable role' amid Gulf tensions

NEWS DESK: Singapore's Foreign Minister Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, in a joint press briefing with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday, commended him for "the incredibly valuable role" in the Gulf, extending wishes of success "because if you succeed, it's good for all of us."

Discussing regional and international developments, Balakrishnan noted, "We know there's the current crisis in the Gulf, and in fact most of the energy that comes through the Gulf is actually headed to the east, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and to Northeast Asia." He stated that in this regard, Pakistan played a "unique but very constructive and valuable role" which he praised.

Pakistan is a "key mediator between the US and Iran. Its earlier mediation efforts with both parties resulted in an interim peace agreement signed in June but which has quickly faltered, and new fighting between Iran and the US weeks after. Further, Balakrishnan noted that for both Pakistan and

Singapore, "international law is critical." He stated that Singapore was "an island city-state," with a trade volume three times its GDP, making the maritime arena essential for the

are very heartened that Pakistan stands in exactly the same position on this critical issue with us," FM Dar, addressing the briefing, said bilateral discussions had covered "the impact of regional tensions and maritime trade," highlighting "secure sea routes and uninterrupted supply chains as 'essential to trade and economic stability.'" Dar also noted that Pakistan reaffirmed the "central role of dialogue and diplomacy" respect for international law and adherence to the principles of the UN Charter in addressing regional and global challenges.

resolve outstanding challenges. "The foreign minister also noted that he 'expressed concern over the continued expansion of illegal settlements and efforts to alter the status of the West Bank and Al-Quds Al-Sharif,' adding that he 'stressed the urgent need for unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza.'"

PPP delegation calls on Senate opposition leader, urges participation in proposed committee on electoral reforms

NEWS DESK: A PPP delegation called on Senate Opposition Leader Allama Raja Nasir Abbas on Friday and urged the opposition to join a proposed parliamentary committee on electoral reforms, Senator Sherry Rehman said after the meeting.

"He told us that he will respond to the proposal after consultation. We are hopeful that their response will be positive," Rehman said in a video statement.

The proposal for the committee's formation was shared by PPP chairperson Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari during the National Assembly (NA) on Thursday. He had said Parliament had decided to constitute a committee on electoral reforms in response to a PPP request and urged Opposition Leader in the NA Mehmood Khan Achakzai to nominate a representative to the committee since the opposition had described electoral rigging as a "fundamental issue".

PTI lawmakers had quit the parliamentary standing committees last year on the directives of

their party chief.

Another PPP delegation, comprising party's secretary general Nayyar Bokhari, Senator Wasim Mehmood, Nadeem Afzal Chan and Rehman, visited Senate Opposition Leader Abbas today with yet another invitation to join the proposed body.

"Every political party should ensure its participation in the committee. We all know that the PTI has boycotted parliamentary committees. So we asked them

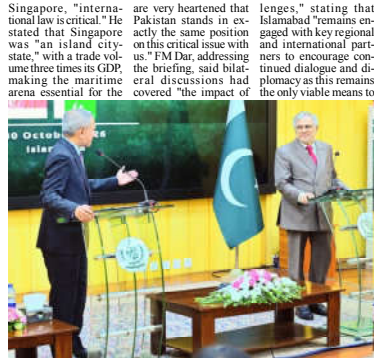
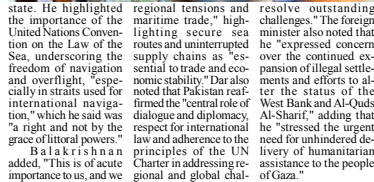
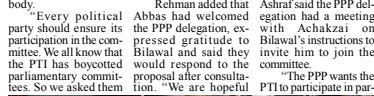
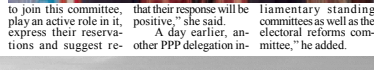
to join the proposed

body. Rehman added that Abbas had welcomed the PPP delegation, expressed gratitude to Bilawal and said they would respond to the proposal after consultation. "We are hopeful

to join this committee, play an active role in it, express their reservations and suggest re-

that their response will be positive," she said. A day earlier, another PPP delegation in-

liamentary standing committees as well as the electoral reforms committee," he added.



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