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18 Balochistan Engineers Complete International Mining Training for Reko Diq Project

HASEEB KHAN:

QUETTA: Eighteen young engineers from Balochistan have completed international mining training in Argentina and Zambia under the Reko Diq Mining Company's (RDMC) International Graduate Development Programme (IGDP), selected from more than 3,000 applicants.

The engineers, including four women, returned to Pakistan after gaining practical experience and technical skills at Barrick's world-class mining facilities and met Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti to share their experiences and express their commitment to contributing to the Reko Diq project.

The engineers were selected in 2024 through a rigorous and transparent merit-based process. They represent various districts of Balochistan, including Chagai, Quetta, Gwadar, Panjgur, Khuzdar, Loralai, Nushki, Musa Khel and Qila Saifullah.

Welcoming the delegation led by RDMC Country Manager Zarar Jamali, the chief minister praised the engineers' achievements and said Balochistan's youth were the real architects of the province's development.

He said internationally trained young engineers would contribute to the Reko Diq project and the province's economic progress, adding that providing talented youth with opportunities and professional support enabled them to excel globally.



Photo DGPR: Group photo of graduates of the second phase of the International Graduate Development Program of Barracks and RDMC with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti.

Bugti also appreciated RDMC and its operating company Barrick for investing in the professional development of local youth, saying that equipping the local workforce with international-standard skills was essential for economic growth, employment generation and industrial development.

RDMC Country Manager Zarar Jamali said the company considered the sustainable development of the Reko Diq project closely linked to the development of local communities and the professional advancement of young people.

He said the International Graduate Development Programme provided young engineers with international technical training and practical experience to advance their careers and contribute to Balochistan's eco-

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Balochistan Observes Shutter-Down Strike Against Terrorism, Extortion

NEWS DESK:

A shutter-down strike was observed across Balochistan on Thursday on the call of All Parties and traders' organisations to protest rising terrorism, lawlessness and extortion incidents across the province.

the burning of goods transport vehicles and kidnappings on national highways.

They expressed concern over increasing incidents of extortion from transporters and cargo vehicles on national highways,

adding that armed groups continued to operate in different areas of the province.



Political workers pose for a photograph on the eve of shutterdown strike : Photo SM

Markets and businesses remained closed in Quetta and other major and smaller cities of Balochistan as traders responded to the strike call.

In a joint statement, the organisers said the strike was held against terrorist incidents,

Protest demonstrations were also held in Quetta and other cities to draw attention to the deteriorating law and order situation and demand effective measures to protect traders, transporters and the public.

Passenger Bus, LPG Bowser Collide on Makran Coastal Highway Near Ormara

MIR SALAM JOGEZAI:

Gwadar : A passenger bus and an LPG bowser collided on the Makran Coastal Highway near Taji Kaur in the Ormara area of Gwadar district on Thursday morning,

triggering a major rescue operation and fears of multiple casualties.

The accident occurred at around 10:30 a.m. when a passenger bus travelling from Turbat to Karachi collided with an LPG bowser heading from Karachi towards the Iran-Gabd border in Gwadar.

Deputy Commissioner Gwadar Naqeebullah Kakar said that rescue teams were immediately dispatched to the site following the collision.

The passenger bus reportedly caught fire after the crash, raising fears that several passengers may have been trapped inside the burning vehicle. Rescue personnel continued efforts to rescue injured passengers and retrieve those trapped in the wreckage.

According to local sources, around 40 passengers were travelling on the bus at the time of the accident.

Several injured passengers were shifted to nearby hospitals



Thick black smoke rising from the damaged passenger bus

for medical treatment, while emergency teams remained engaged at the crash site.

Authorities have not yet confirmed the exact number of fatalities or injured persons.

The scale of the casualties is expected to become clearer after rescue operations are completed and officials conduct an assessment of the accident site.

The collision has also raised fresh concerns over road safety on the Makran Coastal Highway, a major route connecting coastal Balochistan with Karachi and other parts of the region.

Further details regarding the casualties and circumstances surrounding the crash are awaited from the authorities.

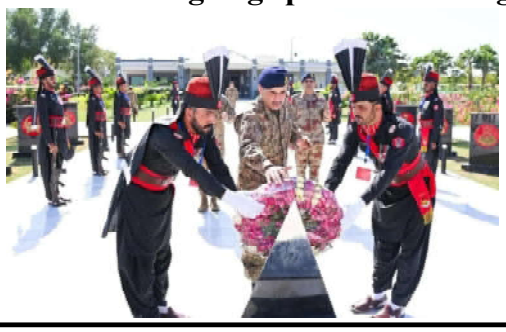
CDF Munir briefed on ongoing operations during Balochistan visit: ISPR

NEWS DESK:

Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and Chief of the Army Staff Field Marshal Asim Munir was briefed on counterterrorism operations during a visit to Turbat, Balochistan, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a press release on Thursday.

CDF Munir received a comprehensive briefing on "the prevailing security environment, operational preparedness and successful ongoing operations against externally sponsored terrorism", ISPR said. He was also informed of progress in ongoing socioeconomic development initiatives in Balochistan.

Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of the Army Staff Field Marshal Asim Munir attends a briefing in Turbat, Balochistan in this photo released on November 19,



2026. —Facebook/ISPR

CDF Munir, in interactions with the troops, "commended their high state of operational preparedness, professionalism and unwavering resolve to defend the motherland, amidst challenging operational conditions", ISPR said.

He also laid a floral wreath at the Shuhada Monument.

The army chief reaffirmed Pakistan army's "unwavering commitment to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Balochistan in their continued pursuit of peace, prosperity and sustainable development".

Upon his arrival in Turbat, the CDF was received by Corps Commander Balochistan, the ISPR statement added. In a separate statement, ISPR said security forces had killed 22 terrorists earlier this week, on Nov 16 and 17, during multiple engagements in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The operations in South Waziristan, Bannu and Tank were conducted on Monday and Tuesday, the statement said, adding that 15 terrorists were killed during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in South Waziristan.

ISPR said the slain terrorists belonged to "India-sponsored Fitna-al-Khawarij" — a term that the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan.

Moreover, army troops engaged terrorists in two encounters in the Bannu district, during which six terrorists were killed, according to ISPR. Another terrorist was killed in an encounter in the Tank district, the press release said. It added that weapons and ammunition had been recovered from the killed terrorists, who were "actively involved in numerous terrorist activities in the area".

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Pakistan's Climate Vulnerability: A Governance Dilemma

Zia Ud Din:

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

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

Rising temperatures, droughts, irregular weather patterns, sea-level rise, melting glaciers, floods, and water insecurity demonstrate its far-reaching global consequences.

Since these impacts transcend national borders, climate change is inherently a global challenge. Along with other developing nations, Pakistan remains highly vulnerable.

In 2024, Pakistan recorded its ninth warmest year in the last 64 years, with an average temperature of23.52°Cand rainfall levels 31 percent above the historical average. This highlights the urgency of collective international action.

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

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in global weather patterns and temperatures, primarily driven by human activities. According to United Nations findings, excessive greenhouse gas emissions have intensified heat retention in the atmosphere.

Gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide have thickened the atmospheric blanket, largely due to deforestation, fossil fuel consumption, and rapid industrialization.

One of the most visible consequences of climate change is rising global temperatures.

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



Another major consequence is sea-level rise. Oceans absorb nearly 90 percent of excess heat caused by greenhouse gas emissions, leading to thermal expansion. Simultaneously, melting glaciers and ice sheets contribute to rising sea levels.

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

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

A report by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics places Pakistan among the most water-risk-prone nations.

Water scarcity places immense pressure on agriculture, industry, and households, undermining economic stability and food security.

Despite contributing minimally to global emissions, Pakistan bears a disproportionate share of climate-related losses. The Global Climate Risk Index ranks Pakistan among the most vulnerable countries to climate change.

The 2022 floods alone caused an estimated economic loss of $40 billion and claimed at least 1,700 lives. More recently, monsoon floods in 2025 resulted in over 1,000 deaths.

Given these realities, climate adaptation is no longer an academic debate but a strategic necessity.

Mitigation remains essential to limit future warming through reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydropower is critical.

Equally important is adaptation. Since climate impacts are already unavoidable, societies must strengthen resilience. Investment in climate-resilient infrastructure, improved urban planning, and effective water management is vital.

Global cooperation remains the third pillar of climate response. Climate change transcends borders and requires collective responsibility. Developed nations must honor climate finance commitments and support vulnerable countries in adaptation efforts.For Pakistan, effective climate governance is central to resilience. Addressing financing constraints, strengthening legislation, improving federal–provincial coordination, and prioritizing adaptation over rhetoric are critical steps.Climate change presents urgent challenges that demand immediate action. Without decisive reforms in climate governance and a strategic shift toward adaptation, Pakistan will continue to pay an unjust price for a crisis it did little to create.

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MDCAT Registrations Decline, has the MBBS Dream Lost Its Shine in Pakistan?

Syed Muhammad Yaseen

For decades, becoming a doctor in Pakistan has been viewed as one of the most prestigious and desirable career choices. Thousands of students and families have traditionally spent years preparing for the MDCAT, often treating admission to an MBBS programme as the ultimate measure of academic success.

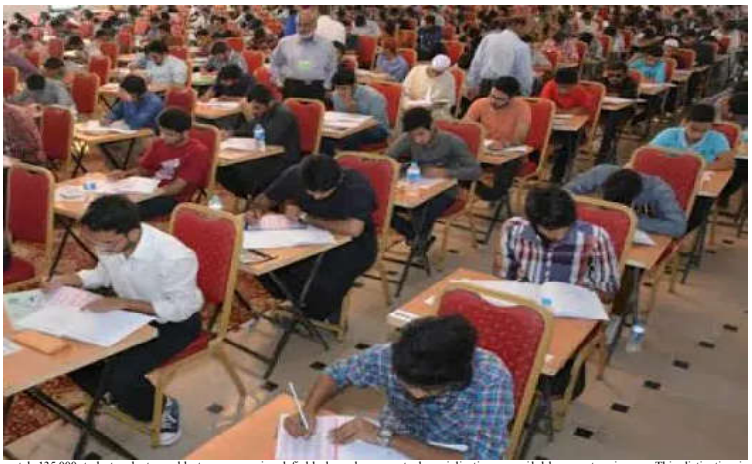
The MDCAT picture appears to be changing.

Official figures indicate a noticeable contraction in the MDCAT candidate and registration pool. In 2022, 204,253 candidates appeared in the MDCAT, followed by 180,534 in 2023. In 2024, PM&DC reported 167,772 registrations, while the number fell to 140,071 registrations in 2025.

These figures require an important qualification. The 2022 and 2023 figures refer to candidates who appeared in the examination, whereas the 2024 and 2025 figures refer to registrations. Therefore, they should not be treated as a perfectly comparable year-by-year series.

The clearest recent comparison is between 2024 and 2025. Registrations declined by 27,701, or approximately 16.5 percent.

The early picture for 2026 also deserves attention, but with caution. According to a National Assembly briefing on July 10, approximately 135,000 students had registered for MDCAT 2026 at that point.



However, registration was restarted for some days as it got delayed till 20 September. It should therefore not be presented as a confirmed 2026 decline.

The more interesting question is not simply whether MDCAT numbers are falling. It is why?

One obvious factor is the rising cost of medical education. For students unable to secure public-sector seats, private medical colleges can represent a major financial commitment. Families are increasingly evaluating medicine not only through the lens of prestige, but also through affordability, career progression and financial return.

At the same time, students today have far more career options. Technology, artificial intelligence, software development, business, finance and other professional fields have become increasingly attractive.

It would be premature, however, to claim that these sectors are directly responsible for the MDCAT decline without comprehensive national research.

Another concern is the uncertainty surrounding the medical education pathway itself. Students face a long journey from MDCAT preparation to MBBS, house job, postgraduate training and eventual specialization. Limited postgraduate opportunities, demanding working conditions and uncertainty about career progression can influence how families assess the profession.

The emergence of vacant seats in some private medical colleges is particularly significant. Reports of unfilled MBBS seats in provinces such as Sindh and Punjab suggest that the traditional situation—where demand overwhelmingly exceeded available seats—is changing in parts of the private sector.

But vacant seats should not automatically be interpreted as evidence that students no longer want to become doctors.

High tuition fees, admission rules, students declining offers and other factors can also contribute. In fact, a court record from Sindh highlighted the role of expensive private-college fees in difficulties filling certain seats.

This distinction is important because the solution should not simply be to lower admission standards whenever seats remain vacant.

Pakistan certainly needs doctors. Large parts of the country continue to face healthcare shortages, particularly outside major urban centres. But increasing the number of medical graduates alone cannot solve these problems.

The country needs a medical education system that offers quality training, adequate clinical exposure, affordable education, transparent admissions and a credible postgraduate career pathway.

Policymakers should therefore investigate the reasons behind the changing MDCAT trend through a nationwide study of applicants and eligible students. How many reject private medical seats because of fees? How many choose foreign universities? How many switch to other professions? How many are discouraged by postgraduate uncertainty?

Until these questions are properly answered, conclusions about a "collapse" of medical education demand would be premature.

The falling MDCAT numbers should instead be viewed as a warning signal. Pakistan may not be losing interest in medicine; rather, students may be becoming more selective about the price they are willing to pay for a medical career.

The answer is not to force more students into MBBS.

It is to make medicine a profession that students choose because it offers quality education, professional dignity, financial sustainability and a clear future.

Pakistan does not simply need more doctors. It needs a medical education system that future doctors can believe in.

Balochistan Right to Information (Amendment) Bill 2026 Reviewed by Provincial Assembly Standing Committee



QUETTA: The Standing Committee on Information of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly held a meeting to review the Balochistan Right to Information (Amendment) Bill 2026 and discuss various provisions aimed at strengthening public access to information.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Rahmat Saleh Baloch at the committee room and attended by committee members Hadiya Nawaz Bahrani, Sanjay Kumar and Safia Bibi.

During the meeting, the proposed amendment bill was examined in detail. Former Information Secretary Imran Khan briefed the committee on the objectives and key provisions of the legislation.

He explained that the primary purpose of the law was to ensure the timely provision of information to the public.

He added that citizens would have the right to approach the relevant Information Commission if their requests for information were not addressed.

He also briefed participants on the proposed formation of the Information Commission and its legal responsibilities.

Speaking during the meeting, Committee Chairman Rahmat Saleh Baloch said that standing committees of legislative assemblies served as important forums for detailed discussions on legislation and matters of public interest, particularly issues that could not be thoroughly debated on the floor of the assembly.

He further observed that the Constitution of Pakistan guarantees citizens the right to access information.

However, he emphasised that information classified as confidential or exempt under the law must also be protected to maintain necessary confidentiality.

The committee also discussed various aspects of the proposed Information Commission, including its composition, members' eligibility criteria, professional experience and qualifications.

Following deliberations, the committee decided that three of the five members of the proposed commission should belong to relevant professional fields to strengthen its performance, expertise and effectiveness.

The meeting was also attended by Provincial Assembly Secretary Tahir Shah Kakar, former Information Secretary Imran Khan, Special Secretary Assembly Abdul Rahman,

Deputy Secretary Law Saeed Iqbal, Ehsan Barkat and other concerned officials.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Rahmat Saleh Baloch thanked committee members and relevant officials for their participation, valuable suggestions and contributions to the deliberations.

Jhal Magsi Deputy Commissioner Reviews Healthcare Facilities, Orders Action Against Absent Staff



JHAL MAGSI: Deputy Commissioner Jhal Magsi Syed Rehmatullah Shah chaired the monthly review meeting of the District Health Committee to assess the availability of medical facilities, staff attendance and administrative matters at government healthcare centres across the district.

Participants also discussed various administrative and medical issues affecting healthcare facilities across Jhal Magsi.

During the meeting, important decisions were taken regarding action against employees found absent from duty, including salary deductions, withholding of salaries and departmental proceedings in accordance with government rules and regulations.

The meeting also reviewed several key healthcare issues, including the extension of contracts for doctors working on a contractual basis, problems related to medico-legal cases (MLCs), the availability and operational challenges of ambulances, and staff attendance at Basic Health Units (BHUs).

The availability, supply and stock of medicines at government health centres were also reviewed.

The deputy commissioner directed the relevant authorities to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essential medicines and stressed that negligence in providing basic healthcare services to the public would not be tolerated.

Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Syed Rehmatullah Shah said providing timely and quality healthcare facilities to the public remained one of the top priorities of the district administration.

He directed concerned officials to take indiscriminate action against absent employees and ensure continuous monitoring of staff attendance, medicine availability and essential facilities at all government healthcare centres.

He further emphasised the need for effective supervision and accountability to improve healthcare service delivery and ensure that residents of Jhal Magsi receive timely and accessible medical facilities.

Balochistan Textbook Board Chairman Dr. Gulab Khalji Represents Province at Global Schools Conference 2026



QUETTA: Chairman of the Balochistan Textbook Board, Dr. Gulab Khalji, represented Balochistan at the 3rd International School Awards and Global Schools Conference 2026, highlighting the province's educational priorities and initiatives at an international platform.

The international conference was organised by International School Networks (ISN) in collaboration with key educational partners and brought together prominent policymakers, curriculum specialists, education researchers, academics and school leaders from Pakistan and several other countries.

Among the notable participants were Member of the National Assembly Shameela Rana, Chief Executive Officer of Dar-e-Arqam School System, one of Pakistan's leading educational networks, Chaudhry Munir Ahmed, and Mian Musaddiq Munir.

Addressing the conference, Dr. Gulab Khalji said the primary objective of the international gathering was to recognise outstanding contributions and achievements in education while promoting positive, effective and sustainable reforms in school education systems.

He emphasised that aligning education with the demands of the modern era required a strong connection between research-based curriculum development, innovative teaching methodologies and the promotion of quality education.

Dr. Khalji stressed that modern research, effective policymaking, curriculum improvement and innovation in teaching practices must be prioritised to prepare educational institutions for future challenges.

He added that students should be equipped not only with quality education but also with the knowledge and skills needed to meet the requirements of a rapidly changing world.

Dr. Gulab Khalji's participation in the international conference provided an opportunity to highlight Balochistan's experiences, educational priorities and efforts to improve curriculum development and academic standards at the global level.

His participation also provided a platform for engagement with international education experts and policymakers on emerging trends, educational reforms and strategies for improving the quality of school education.

Parking Shed Completed at Government Boys Degree College Gwadar Under BSDI Phase-I at a Cost of Rs 6.73 Million

GWADAR: Construction of a parking shed at Government Boys Degree College Gwadar has been successfully completed at a cost of Rs 6.733 million under Phase-I of the Balochistan Special Development Initiative (BSDI).

The project was completed under the supervision of the Balochistan Government's Communications and Works Department and Physical Planning and Housing Department, following decisions taken at a meeting of the District Coordination Committee. The initiative was carried out through the special efforts and supervision of Deputy Commissioner Gwadar Naqeebullah Kakar. Completed under the provincial government's education-friendly and development-oriented policies, the project is expected to provide improved parking facilities for students, teachers and college staff.

The newly constructed parking shed will help address parking-related difficulties at the institution while contributing to the improvement of basic infrastructure and the development of a more conducive educational environment.

The project reflects the provincial government's efforts to improve public infrastructure and provide better facilities at educational institutions across Balochistan.

Kech Deputy Commissioner Reviews Healthcare Services, Staff Attendance and Medicine Availability



TURBAT: Deputy Commissioner Kech Yasir Iqbal Dashti chaired an important meeting of the District Health Committee to review the overall performance of the Health Department and the provision of medical facilities across the district.

The meeting examined healthcare services at government hospitals and Basic Health Units (BHUs), staff attendance, availability of medicines and departmental action against employees found absent from duty.

District Health Officer Kech Dr. Abdul Rauf Baloch, Medical Superintendent of Teaching Hospital Turbat Dr. Waheed Baledai, PPHI Makran Director Murtaza Baloch, Drug Inspector Akram Baloch, Treasury Officer Saddam Baloch and other relevant officials attended the meeting.

During the session, District Health Officer Dr. Abdul Rauf Baloch briefed the deputy commissioner on the performance of the Health Department across Kech district, availability of medical facilities at healthcare centres, employees' attendance and administrative measures,

including salary deductions for absent staff.

PPHI Makran Director Murtaza Baloch informed the meeting that a total of 132 employees were performing their duties at various Basic Health Units under the PPHI network in Kech district.

He further stated that salaries of four employees had been deducted during the current month due to absenteeism. He also confirmed that the organisation had sufficient medicine stocks available to meet requirements for the next four months.

Medical Superintendent Teaching Hospital Turbat Dr. Waheed Baledai briefed the meeting on the hospital's performance and administrative matters.

He informed participants that the hospital was facing certain technical issues with its AI-based attendance system. However, no employee absenteeism had been reported during the current month.

University of Balochistan Completes Three-Day AI Training Workshop for Faculty and Administrative Staff

QUETTA: The University of Balochistan (UoB), Quetta, has successfully concluded a three-day training workshop on the practical application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for university administration and faculty members.

The workshop was organised by the University's Training and Development Centre (UTDC) to familiarise administrative officers and faculty members with modern AI

tools and their practical applications in office management, teaching and research activities.

The programme aimed to help participants perform their professional responsibilities more efficiently, quickly and effectively by incorporating emerging AI technologies into their daily work.

On the third day of the workshop, Director GIL Dr. Waheed Noor conducted a detailed training session on the practical use of Artificial Intelligence.

Jaffarabad Administration Steps Up Price Control Measures to Curb Inflation and Overcharging



NASIRABAD DIVISION, November 19: The district administration of Jaffarabad has intensified efforts to ensure the availability of quality essential commodities at affordable prices and prevent profiteering and overcharging in local markets.

The initiative follows special directives from Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan to provide relief to the public and ensure effective price control across the province. On the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad Khalid Khan, an important meeting of the Price Control Committee was held under the chairmanship of Assistant Commissioner Dera Allah Yar, Dheeraj Kalra.

Representatives of various trade unions, office-bearers of the business community and officials from relevant government departments attended the meeting. During the meeting, participants reviewed prevailing market prices, the availability of essential commodities and compliance with officially notified price lists.

Prices of vegetables, fruits, meat, pulses, rice and other daily-use items were discussed in detail. Traders were directed to ensure the supply of quality food items to consumers at government-approved rates and refrain from imposing arbitrary price increases. Addressing the meeting, Assistant Commissioner Dheeraj Kalra said the district administration was utilising all available resources to provide relief to the public and would not allow anyone to violate officially notified prices. He warned that shopkeepers involved in overcharging, profiteering or selling essential commodities above government-approved rates would not receive any leniency. Strict legal action would be taken against violators.

The assistant commissioner also directed relevant officials to conduct daily inspections of bazaars and markets, monitor commodity prices and ensure that official price lists were prominently displayed at commercial locations. He stressed the need for strict implementation of government-notified rates and called on the business community to cooperate with the district administration.

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Tender Fee 2000 PKR and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	FORTIFICATION OF POLICE POST AT PEKAL TOP, NORTH DERA BUGTI PSDP NO 2390 /2025 1461	17,759,235

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1	CONSTRUCTION OF GPS KILLI WADERA BULFATI (B/C: 18480) PSDP#477422026 3746	23,382,979

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MQM-P's Khalid Maqbool urges courts to take notice of Bilawal's 'bloodshed' remark

NEWS DESK: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) chief Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui on Thursday urged the courts to take notice of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's remark, which the latter made during a speech that covered the creation of new provinces, among other matters.

"We talk about the garbage on Karachi's streets, but if Sindh is divided, we will see blood flow through its streets," Bilawal had said, calling for a "political reset" in the same address. Asked about it a day later, the PPP chief insisted he was not issuing a threat, but rather warning of the likely reaction to Sindh's division.

The speech drew a strong reaction from leaders of PML-N, as well as its ally MQM-P, which has been calling for the creation of new administrative units in the country, particularly Karachi.

In a fresh rebuke of Bilawal on Thursday, Siddiqui particularly took exception to the Bhutto scion's warning of bloodshed and said it warranted that the courts take suo motu notice.

Speaking at a press conference in Karachi, the MQM-P convenor said his party expected to be countered with arguments, not threats, in response to its own arguments.

"One should pause and think carefully before threatening us and the people of Sindh's urban areas," he said, alleging that presently, Pakistan had "feudalistic democracy" that was a far cry from democracy.



In "feudalistic democracy", a political worker would not transition to becoming a leader, but an individual was made a leader on the basis of their background, he explained.

"And when the leadership emerges from dynastic and feudal backgrounds, their temperament is also feudalistic," he commented.

Siddiqui asserted that MQM-P had been calling for the creation of new provinces across the country and never restricted their demand to just Sindh or Karachi.

Directly addressing Bilawal, he questioned: "If the demand was for the creation of provinces in all of Pakistan, why would there be bloodshed in just Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas or Nawabshah? Are you threatening us?"

He alleged that PPP's objection to the creation of new provinces in Sindh was due to "Karachi contributing 97 per cent to the province's budget".

Siddiqui then reiterated his query: "The urban areas of Sindh are waiting for an answer to the question why there would be bloodshed in these areas? And who will do it? Will you get Uzair Baloch to do it?"

Commenting on PPP's governance in Sindh, Siddiqui highlighted issues of low literacy and lack of development in the province.

"Corruption happens everywhere in the world. It is called a by-product of development. But in Sindh, development is the by-product of corruption," Siddiqui further alleged.

He went on to point out that the PPP was not just in power in Sindh but also had governance roles in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Balochistan."Were you able to become rulers there under democratic requirements?

Senior Journalist Shahid Maitla Sent to Quetta Jail on Judicial Remand in PECA Case

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QUETTA: A local court in Quetta on Thursday remanded senior journalist and television anchor Shahid Maitla to judicial custody in connection with a cybercrime defamation case filed on the complaint of former caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Following the decision by Judicial Magistrate-VII, Maitla was shifted to the Quetta district jail. His legal team immediately submitted a post-arrest bail petition, prompting the court to issue formal notices to the relevant parties and set the next hearing for Friday, November 20.Maitla's transfer to Balochistan's provincial capital followed a two-day transit remand granted by an Islamabad court to the Quetta wing of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) on Wednesday. Due to the unavailability of flights on the day of his initial court appearance, the journalist was held overnight at an NCCIA facility in Islamabad before being flown to Quetta on a 10 a.m. flight Thursday morningUpon his arrival, cybercrime officials presented Maitla before the magistrate. During the proceedings, investigators informed the court that they had completed their initial questioning and no longer required physical custody of the anchor.

With no request for extended police detention, the magistrate ordered him placed under judicial remand.

The hearing drew strong backing from Pakistan's media community, with several senior journalist representatives gathering at the courthouse to show solidarity.

Following a request by Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) President Afzal Butt, a panel of lawyers—including Rahab Buledi, Azeer Shahwani, and Sajjad Abro—appeared in court to defend Maitla.

The legal action against Maitla stems from a case registered under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA).

following defamation allegations leveled against him by former premier Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar. All eyes now turn to Friday's session, where the court will take up arguments on his plea for release on bail.

Airspace ban on Indian aircraft extended till Dec 23

NEWS DESK: Pakistan has extended its airspace ban on Indian aircraft until Dec 23, according to a Notice to Airmen (Notam) issued by the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA).

The previous extension of the ban was set to expire on Nov 24.

"Pakistan airspace not available for Indian registered aircraft and aircraft operated/owned or leased by Indian airlines/operators, including military flights," the Notam said.

According to the notice, the ban will remain in place until 23:59 on Dec 23.

The country's airspace is divided into two flight information regions (FIRs) — Karachi and Lahore, according to a Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) document from 2022.

The Notam applies to both the Karachi (OPKR) and Lahore (OPLR) FIRs.

India and Pakistan closed their airspaces to each other's airlines in late April 2025, when tensions between them escalated in the wake of a deadly attack in India-occupied Kashmir's Pahalgam.

On April 24, Pakistan's top brass announced a series of measures, including the closure of its airspace to all India-owned or Indian-operated airlines with immediate effect, as it retaliated against New Delhi's slew of aggressive measures against the country.

New Delhi, without evidence, had alleged that Islamabad backed the Pahalgam attack.



However, Pakistan had strongly denied any involvement and offered a neutral probe. The nuclear powers had the fiercest air battle in May, in which Pakistan said it downed seven Indian fighter jets.

Since then, Pakistan has extended the airspace ban several times, forcing Indian carriers to use longer and costlier routes.

For Air India, the country's only carrier with a major international network, fuel costs rose by as much as 29 per cent and journey times by up to three hours on some long-haul routes,

according to a document submitted to Indian officials last October.

The airline, owned by Tata Group and Singapore Airlines, estimated the Pakistan airspace closure's impact on its profit before tax at $455 million annually — a significant amount given its fiscal 2024-25 loss stood at $439m.

Two PTI-affiliated Pakistanis detained in UAE over 'state security' cases, LHC told

NEWS DESK: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) has informed the Lahore High Court (LHC) that two Pakistani citizens affiliated with the PTI and detained at Abu Dhabi's Al-Wathba Jail are being held in connection with cases relating to "state security".

The ministry said that Pakistan's mission, bound by diplomatic norms, could not interfere in the host country's internal affairs.

In separate reports submitted in response to two contempt of court petitions, MoFA said one of the detainees, Syed Salman Raza Zaidi, had been convicted in a "state security" case. The other, Muhammad Junaid Jahangir, was detained in connection with a case of a similar nature.

The report did not specify whether Jahangir had been convicted or was still awaiting trial.

Justice Tariq Mahmood Bajwa on Wednesday disposed of the contempt petitions in light of MoFA's replies.

However, Barrister Abuzar Salman Niazi, counsel for the families of both citizens, expressed disappointment with the ministry's response, saying it had failed to provide any meaningful information about the cases against them.

He said the two Pakistani citizens were detained in the UAE, but their families had received no charge sheets, details of the allegations, copies of the proceedings or disclosure of the legal basis for their detention. The only explanation provided was that it was a "state security" case.

He said the ministry had not provided any substantive information about Jahangir's case. In Zaidi's case, he said, the ministry claimed that he was an undertrial prisoner despite having been convicted, which was contradictory.

The counsel announced that he would file fresh petitions before the court on behalf of the families.

MoFA reports

In both reports, the ministry said it had referred the matter to the Pakistan mission in Abu Dhabi following the court's directions, instructing it to pursue the matter with the UAE authorities.



It added, however, that the Mission's role was subject to Article 41(1) of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961, under which diplomats are required not to interfere in the internal affairs of the host state.

MoFA said the mission had reported that Zaidi was an undertrial prisoner detained at Al-Wathba Jail following his conviction in a "state security" case. An embassy official who visited him found him to be in generally good health.

According to the report, requests for prison visits were submitted on June 25 and 30, 2025. Both were accepted by the UAE authorities, and a meeting was held on July 22, 2025.

Supreme Court Bar Association hails modified FCC order on MPO cases

NEWS DESK:The Supreme Court Association (SCBA) on Wednesday welcomed the Federal Cons-titutional Court's (FCC) Nov 16 order, which allows the Peshawar High Court (PHC) to hear petitions against the preventive detention of PTI wor-kers under the Mainte-n-a-nce of Public Order (MPO) Ordina-n-ce, except in matters relating to the chal-lenges to the emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

In a joint statement, newly elected SCBA President Syed Amjad Shah, Secretary Muhammad Arif Awan and the association's 29th Executive Committee welcomed the modification order on behalf of the lawyers' community.

The FCC had on Nov 5 suspended proceedings before the PHC under Article 199 of the Constitution in cases filed on or after Oct 12, following the deployment of armed forces in aid of civilian authorities across KP. The order had prevented the high court from hearing petitions concerning the preventive detention of PTI workers and activists under the MPO.



On Nov 16, the FCC modified its earlier directive after examining a report submitted by the KP government in response to its direction to identify areas where the armed forces were no longer required to act in aid of civil power.

Under the modified order, the PHC can hear petitions challenging detention orders under the MPO. However, it cannot hear pleas relating to the proclamation of emergency and governor's rule in the province.The FCC also clarified that other categories of petitions filed under Article 199 could be entertained and heard by the PHC.

The SCBA said the modification of the earlier injunctive order was a welcome step towards safeguarding the constitutional jurisdiction of the high court, strengthening access to justice and upholding the rule of law.

"We consider this order a positive development and hope that it will further reinforce public confidence in the independence of the judiciary and the constitutional system," the statement said.

The lawyers' community reiterated its commitment to the supremacy of the Constitution, independence of the judiciary and the rule of law, it added.

Formation of electoral reforms committee delayed because opposition not finalisingnominees: minister

NEWS DESK: Parliamentary Affairs Minister Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Thursday said the formation of the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms (PCER) had been delayed because the opposition had yet to submit its nominees.

He made the remarks after meeting opposition chief whip Malik Amir Dogar to discuss the committee's formation.

In a post on X, Chaudhry said the government and its allied parties had submitted all their nominees for the committee.

"The opposition should finalise its nominees soon; the (National Assembly) Speaker will issue the notification to form the committee as soon as the names are received," he said.

Chaudhry further said that if the PTI wanted to return to mainstream politics, it should join the electoral reforms committee and present its position there instead of expressing reservations on talk shows and in the assembly.

"PTI will have the opportunity to address its concerns about the upcoming elections in the committee," he said, adding that the party's "constructive proposals" would be incorporated into the final draft of the electoral reforms.

Besides the next general elections, the committee can also discuss the current political situation, said the PML-N leader.

"The government is providing PTI with a forum to present its position and electoral proposals," he claimed.

PTI decides to hold parliamentary party meeting

PTI, meanwhile, has decided to convene a meeting of its parliamentary party to decide whether to participate in the PCER.



According to a senior party leader, lawyers Latif Khosa and Salman Safdar did not recall asking party founder Imran Khan about the matter during their three-hour meeting with him.

"If they had asked Imran about joining the committee, there would be no confusion, as PTI follows the directions of its founding chairman," the leader said.However, PTI believes that, as in 2017, when an electoral reform process was undertaken, the government and opposition should have equal representation in the PCER to prevent one-sided decision-making.

PTI Central Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram told Dawn that a decision could not be taken because a meeting of the parliamentary party had to be held during a National Assembly session, but it had been delayed.