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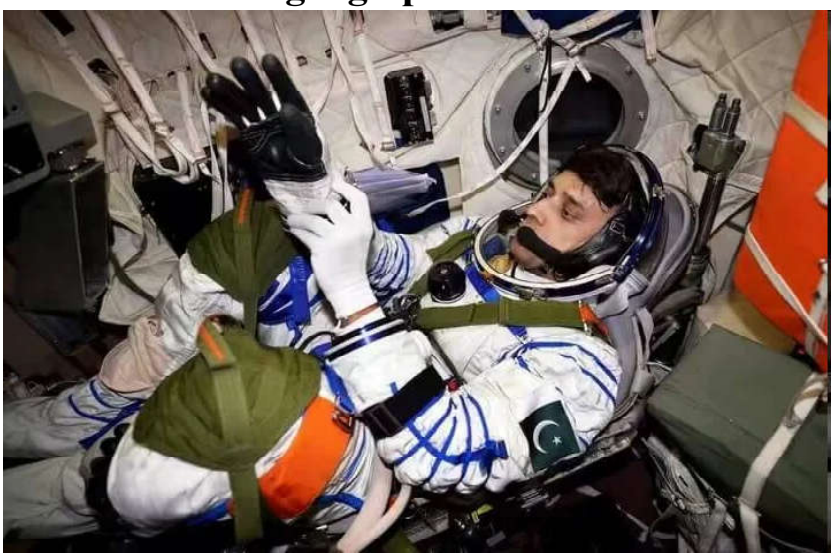
XINHUA,NEWS:

ISLAMABAD : Pakistan's first astronaut, Muhammad Zeeshan Ali, has reached China's Tiangong Space Station aboard the Shenzhou-24 manned spacecraft, marking a historic milestone for Pakistan's space programme and scientific cooperation with China.

The China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) confirmed the successful launch of Shenzhou-24 on Wednesday. Zeeshan Ali, selected as a payload specialist, became the first foreign astronaut to reach the Tiangong Space Station.

Muhammad Farooq, Deputy Director General of SUPARCO's Space Application Center for Climate Change, said Zeeshan had undergone extensive training for conducting scientific experiments in a microgravity environment. He described the mission as a major honour for Pakistan and expressed confidence that Zeeshan would successfully fulfil his responsibilities and bring pride to the country. According to CMSA, the mission will conduct four joint China-Pakistan research projects in biotechnology and materials science. Zeeshan will also conduct an experiment involving photosynthetic cyanobacteria.

Experts at Pakistan's Institute of Space Technology said the mission could inspire young Pakistanis to pursue space science, astronomy, engineering and research.



Pakistan's first astronaut, Muhammad Zeeshan Ali, has reached China's Tiangong Space Station aboard the Shenzhou-24 manned spacecraft

The mission is being viewed not only as an individual achievement but also as a significant step in strengthening Pakistan-China space cooperation and opening new opportunities for Pakistani scientists, researchers and students.

Three killed, 14 injured as under-construction building collapses in Karachi's Baloch Colony: Rescue 1122

NEWS DESK:

At least three people were killed and 14 injured after an under-construction building collapsed in Karachi's Baloch Colony on Wednesday, according to officials.

The Sindh Rescue 1122 spokesperson said the death toll rose to three as rescuers continue to fish out injured and deceased from the debris of the six-storey



building. He added that the injured were taken to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) for treatment.

Sindh Rescue 1122 Director Abid Jalal said rescue teams had established three access routes into the building to reach those trapped beneath the debris.

He said the exact number of people still trapped inside the rubble could not be confirmed at this stage.

"Our efforts are focused on rescuing those trapped inside the building as soon as possible," Jalal stated during a media briefing.

In an order seen by The Express Tribune, a senior civil judge of District South issued an injunction on August 4 restraining Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) and officials from tampering with the property that suffered collapse today.

The judge noted, "In the meantime, without touching the merits of the case, till the next date of hearing, the defendants [SBCA] and their officials are restrained from taking any coercive action including demolition, sealing, or forceful interference with the suit property except strictly in accordance with due process of law." Earlier, Karachi Commissioner Hassan Naqvi said the fifth or sixth floor of the building had collapsed.

Balochistan Rolls Out Digital Expo Dates, Telehealth Gains, and Civic Crackdowns

ALI HAMZA :

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday announced that the province's first-ever four-day Digital Balochistan Expo 2026 will be held from December 21 to 24 at BUITEMS in Quetta. Unveiling the dates via a digital dashboard at the Chief Minister's Secretariat alongside BBoIT Vice Chairman Bilal Khan Kakar, Bugti urged youth from Dera Bugti, Zhob, Turbat, Buleda, Kharan, and Awaran to embrace artificial intelligence, digital entrepreneurship, and paperless governance rather than relying solely on government jobs. He highlighted progress under Rize Balochistan, digitized PC-1 and finance systems, and the Sehat Dehleez telemedicine platform—which Sibi Deputy Commissioner Maj (retd) Ilyas Kibzai noted has already delivered 5,500 free online medical consultations across Sibi district.

Elsewhere in Quetta, Balochistan Food Authority Director Operations Kashif Zubair led raids along Airport Road and Almo Chowk, fining three outlets and partially sealing two units—including a bakery, distribution centers, and an ice cream unit—over expired 2025 and March 2026 stock, dual labeling, and poor hygiene. Meanwhile, Provincial Ombudsman Saadatullah Khan Bazai resolved merit and disability-quota grievances for Noshki candidates Bibi Zakia and Hameed Umar, securing their appointments as Muallim-ul-Quran and Junior English Teacher.



Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, is formally inaugurating the announcement of the final dates for Balochistan's first Digital Expo 2026: Photo DGPR

Across the province, district administrations focused on service delivery and public safety:

GWADAR: Fisheries DG Atiqullah Khan and new GDA chief Anees Tariq Gurgej discussed a 200-acre fishermen colony, fish landing jetties, and anti-trawling measures.

Jaffarabad & Nasirabad: DC Khalid Khan reviewed December anti-polio NID preparations with WHO officials, while DC Warinder Lal finalized security plans with police for November 28–December 3 WAPDA recruitment in Dera Murad Jamali.

SIBI: DEO Abdul Sattar Langove inaugurated a cultural fair, meena bazaar, and science exhibition at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Dhapal Khurd.

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Balochistan's 25,000 Jobs Promise: Merit and Equal Opportunity Must Prevail

SYED ALI SHAH ANALYSIS:



QUETTA: The announcement by Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti in the Balochistan Assembly that recruitment against 25,000 vacancies will proceed on a population-based district distribution marks an important policy commitment.

Acknowledging the support of President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, the provincial leadership has framed this initiative as a major step toward addressing chronic unemployment.

Yet public trust cannot rest on announcements alone; it depends entirely on how fairly and transparently these commitments are executed on the ground.

Recent protests by hundreds of candidates outside BUITEMS in Quetta over alleged mismanagement in QESCO and WAPDA interviews underscore how fragile confidence in recruitment processes remains.

While allegations of irregularities require impartial verification rather than premature judgment, the recurring frustration among applicants highlights a deeper structural concern.

A Shared Federal and Provincial Duty

For years, the people of Balochistan—especially its educated, unemployed youth—have demanded a recruitment system anchored in strict merit, clear rules, and verifiable transparency.

Ensuring fair employment across Balochistan is a joint responsibility of both the federal and provincial governments.

Federal ministries, autonomous bodies, and provincial departments alike must enforce uniform standards that leave zero room for favoritism, nepotism, or political interference.

When candidates invest time, money, and hope into applying for public-sector roles, any perception of opaque procedures or preferential treatment erodes institutional credibility and deepens alienation.

True equity also demands that opportunity reach beyond major urban centers to every corner of the province. Balochistan has endured years of instability and terrorist violence that have disrupted livelihoods and stalled development. Rebuilding confidence requires tangible inclusion across every administrative tier:

Every district must receive its rightful, transparent share of vacancies without administrative delays or manipulation.

Every tehsil must have accessible testing, clear communication, and fair evaluation so remote applicants are not disadvantaged by geography.

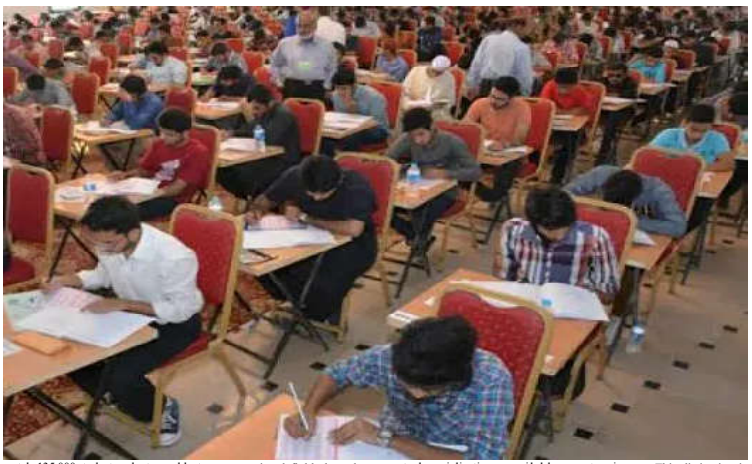
?Every union council must see its youth given genuine, equal opportunity to compete solely on competence and qualification.

Turning Policy Into Credible Action

The protests in Quetta should serve as an immediate wake-up call for authorities at every level. Transparent inquiries into disputed recruitment drives, publicly accessible merit lists, and standardized, accountable interview mechanisms are essential safeguards—not optional courtesies.Balochistan's youth do not seek special favors; they ask for a fair system where hard work is rewarded and every citizen stands equal before the rules. If the 25,000-job initiative is to become a genuine turning point for stability and progress, both Islamabad and Quetta must ensure that the banner of merit is upheld without compromise, across every district and for every young person in the province.

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.

Hafiz Majid Appointed as New Information Secretary Balochistan



QASEEM SHAH:

QUETTA: Senior bureaucrat Hafiz Majid has been appointed as the new Information Secretary of Balochistan.

According to an official notification issued by the Services and General Administration Department (S&GAD), he has been posted against an existing vacancy.

Widely regarded as one of the province's most dynamic and capable officers, Hafiz Majid brings extensive administrative experience to the role, having previously served as Secretary of Higher Education, Secretary health, Secretary of Irrigation, and in several other key provincial positions.

Haji Mir Ali Madad Jatak Meets Tribal Elders, Political Leaders and Public at Jatak House in Quetta



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Agriculture and Khadim-e-Saryab, Haji Mir Ali Madad Jatak, held a series of meetings with tribal elders, political and social figures, and a large number of people at his residence, Jatak House, in Quetta.

During the meetings, tribal elders and members of the public highlighted various basic issues affecting their respective areas and briefed the provincial minister on public needs, local challenges, and development-related matters. They also presented different proposals and suggestions for addressing these concerns.

Haji Mir Ali Madad Jatak listened attentively to the concerns raised by the visitors and assured them that all possible measures would be taken to resolve public issues and promote development across the region.

On the occasion, the provincial minister thanked tribal elders and members of the public for visiting him, extending their congratulations, and expressing their love and confidence. He said that the affection, trust, and prayers of the people were his greatest asset.

He stated that being entrusted with ministerial responsibilities once again was both an honour and a major responsibility, which he would strive to fulfil with dedication and a strong commitment to public service.

The provincial minister emphasized that public service remained the fundamental pillar of Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) political philosophy, adding that resolving people's problems had always been his top priority. He reaffirmed his commitment to remaining connected with the public, as he had in the past, and using all available resources and capabilities to address public grievances, ensure the provision of basic facilities, and accelerate development in the region. Haji Mir Ali Madad Jatak further said that his journey of public service would continue with renewed enthusiasm, determination, and dedication. He added that coordination with relevant government departments would be strengthened to address key public issues, including electricity, gas, water, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities.

He maintained that the true purpose of public representation was to become the voice of the people and raise their legitimate concerns at relevant forums. He pledged to work tirelessly to fulfil public expectations and serve the people of his constituency as well as the entire province of Balochistan.

At the conclusion of the meetings, tribal elders and members of the public expressed their best wishes for Haji Mir Ali Madad Jatak and voiced hope that he would play an effective role in resolving public issues and promoting regional development during his renewed ministerial tenure.

Deputy Commissioner Khalid Khan Chairs Key Security and Coordination Meetings in Jaffarabad



JAFFARABAD: Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad Khalid Khan chaired three separate meetings of the District Coordination Committee (DCC), District Intelligence Coordination Committee (DICC), and District Implementation Committee (DIC) to review administrative matters, security challenges, and law and order arrangements across the district.

The meetings were attended by heads and representatives of various district departments, along with representatives of intelligence and security agencies.

During the meetings, participants held detailed discussions on several important issues, including mapping and profiling of Fourth Schedule-listed individuals, security arrangements for railway tracks, bus terminals and National Highway Authority (NHA) infrastructure, protection of sensitive locations, and potential threats to law and order.

Other matters reviewed included registration of religious seminaries (madrassas), the legal status of undocumented foreign nationals, tenant registration, security arrangements for non-local workers, and measures to prevent the smuggling of Iranian oil, narcotics, and illegal spectrum-related equipment. The participants also reviewed the updating of the BISA dashboard concerning illegal spectrum activities, implementation of national directives in educational institutions, and the possible use of print and social media for subversive activities.

The meetings further examined concerns regarding the alleged involvement of government employees in subversive activities and the possible misuse of government resources for such purposes.

Addressing the meetings, Deputy Commissioner Khalid Khan directed officials of the relevant departments to ensure effective and practical implementation of government-issued instructions and policies.

He emphasized the need to strengthen coordination and cooperation among all government institutions and ensure that every department performs its responsibilities efficiently.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed that coordinated efforts among administrative, intelligence, and security agencies were essential to maintaining peace and order, protecting the lives and property of citizens, and further strengthening security arrangements throughout Jaffarabad district.

TENDER NOTICE

TSE-26271111227093 Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (Building), City QUETTA CWPP&H invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2026 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates

Tender Fee 1,500 PKRand Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	Renovation Of Office Building, Boundary Wall, Fiber Glass Parking Shade, Solar System & Installation of Elevator in BPSC Quetta	30,000,000

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 21,000,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Affidavit confirming no conflict, no current blacklisting/debarment, major litigation, non-performance in last 5 years, or failure to sign contract. Any prior blacklisting/debarment and restoration must be disclosed with details and proof Bidder must have completed at least 3 Solar Street Light projects in the last 5 years, each costing at least 50% of the estimated cost. Bidder must have required equipment and staff. Subcontracted works are not accepted. Bidder must have completed at least 3 similar projects in the last 5 years. Each project must have at least 80% similar work and cost at least 50% of the estimated cost. Maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation and subcontracted works are not accepted. Bidder must have completed at least 3 General projects in the last 5 years. Each project must have at least 80% similar work and cost at least 50% of the estimated cost. Maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation and subcontracted works are not accepted. CDR and Green Challan must mention Tender TSE on both documents The bidder must submit the Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) and Green Challan within 72 hours after the attendance sheet has been uploaded on the BPPRA website. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of the bidder. **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee,Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk **Last Date of bid submission:** Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 10 December, 2026till 09:00 AM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 10:00 AM on EPPS System Address: whyte Road Quetta

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DC Naseerabad Reviews Security Arrangements for WAPDA Recruitment from November 28



NASEERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Naseerabad, Virender Lal, chaired an important meeting to review law and order arrangements and security measures for the upcoming recruitment process in the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), scheduled to take place from November 28 to December 3.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Naseerabad, the Principal of Boys Degree College Dera Murad Jamali, Special Branch representative Qadir Bakhsh Khosa, and other relevant officials.

During the meeting, participants held detailed discussions on the recruitment schedule, movement of candidates, security arrangements at examination and recruitment centres, monitoring of entry and exit points and preventive measures to avoid any untoward incidents.

Emphasis was also placed on strengthening coordination and developing an effective joint strategy among the police and other relevant departments to ensure smooth security arrangements throughout the recruitment process.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Virender Lal said providing candidates with a peaceful, safe, and conducive environment during recruitment was the administration's foremost responsibility.

He directed all concerned departments and security agencies to perform their assigned duties efficiently and ensure that no negligence occurred in security arrangements.

The Deputy Commissioner further stressed that coordinated efforts were essential to ensuring that the recruitment process was completed peacefully, transparently, and

Gwadar Port Authority, Chinese Delegation Discuss Major Investment and Industrial Opportunities in Gwadar Free Zone

GWADAR: A high-level joint meeting was held at the Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) Head Office under the chairmanship of Gwadar Port Chairman Noor-ul-Haq Baloch to explore opportunities for Chinese investment and promote industrial activities in the Gwadar Free Zone.



The meeting was attended by representatives of the Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC), Guangdong Metal Processing Industry Association, and Qingdao Company.

The Chinese delegation included COPHC Chairman Professor Hu Bo, Guangdong Metal Processing Industry Association Chairperson Ms. Yang, and other representatives, alongside senior officials of the Gwadar Port Authority.

The meeting focused on Chinese investment in the Gwadar Free Zone, the establishment of industrial units and manufacturing facilities, import and export opportunities, business facilitation for investors, and measures to remove administrative and legal obstacles.

Addressing the participants, Gwadar Port Chairman Noor-ul-Haq Baloch highlighted the geographical significance of the Gwadar Free Zone and its strategic proximity to the port. He said establishing industrial units in the area would provide investors with significant advantages in importing raw materials and exporting finished products. He informed the Chinese delegation that businesses operating in the free zone were entitled to various incentives under applicable laws and policies, including exemptions and concessions on import duties.

Antimicrobial Resistance a Serious Threat to Human and Animal Health, Food Security: Livestock Secretary Saleh Muhammad Baloch



QUETTA: Secretary Livestock and Dairy Development Department Balochistan, Saleh Muhammad Baloch, has described antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as a serious challenge to human health, animal health, and food security, stressing the need for coordinated efforts by government departments, veterinary professionals, farmers, and the private sector to address the growing threat.

He said responsible use of medicines, improved biosecurity, vaccination, and public awareness were essential measures to prevent the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

He expressed these views while addressing an awareness session organized at the Animal Scientists Institute (ASI), Quetta, in connection with World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week 2026.

The event was jointly organized by the Government of Balochistan's Livestock and Dairy Development Department and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The Livestock Secretary emphasized that antimicrobial resistance could not be addressed through the efforts of a single department. Instead, coordinated cooperation among the health, livestock, environment, and food sectors was essential.

He also stressed the importance of practical measures to achieve the target of significantly reducing the use of antimicrobial medicines in agrifood systems by 2030.

On the occasion, Director General Animal Health and Extension Services Dr. Muhammad Farooq Tareen welcomed the participants and said antimicrobial resistance was not merely a future concern but a serious challenge already affecting the present world.

He highlighted the importance of improved animal healthcare, vaccination, biosecurity measures, and the responsible use of medicines to prevent antimicrobial resistance.

FAO representatives Waleed Mehdi and Dr. Mujeeb-ur-Rehman delivered technical presentations explaining how resistant bacteria and their genes could spread between animals, humans, food systems, and the environment.

They highlighted the importance of exploring alternatives to antibiotics, strengthening surveillance systems, improving laboratory diagnosis, and adopting better practices at farm level.

Speaking at the session, World Health Organization (WHO) Balochistan Head Dr. Asfandyar Sherani said.

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

SUIT NO. 196/2026

Askri Bank Limited,
M.A Jinnah Road Branch. **Plaintiff**

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Loan A/C: 0030250500515. **Borrower/Defendant**

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE FACILITY RS: 1,648,000/- BEARING ACCOUNT NO. 0030250500515 U/S 9 OF 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: 1,648,000/-** 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.

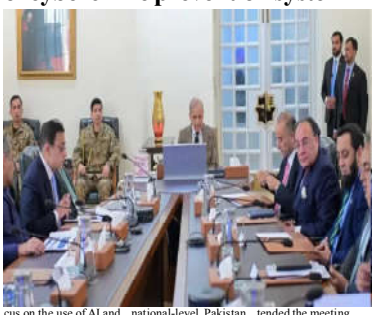
In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense 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 24-12-2026.**

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, **this 24th day of November, 2026.**

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

PM approves NCCIA restructuring, orders overhaul of cybercrime prevention system



NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday ordered the modernisation of the system to prevent cybercrime in the country and approved the restructuring of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA).

A meeting, presided over by the premier, was held to review the NCCIA's performance, administrative structure and future strategy.

Speaking at the meeting, the prime minister said efforts to prevent and investigate cybercrime should be modernised in line with contemporary requirements.

"Protecting the public from cybercrime is among the government's top priorities," the prime minister said. "Restructuring of the NCCIA should be expedited to transform it into an effective, proactive and modern institution."

The premier directed the appointment of information technology (IT) and artificial intelligence (AI) experts at the NCCIA and all its subordinate offices. "The NCCIA should recruit the best available workforce strictly on merit," he said.

The prime minister said the agency's restructuring should focus on the use of AI and modern technologies. He added that all available resources should be utilised to resolve pending cybercrime cases.

He also ordered the formation of a committee comprising Federal Ministers Mohsin Naqvi, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Muhammad Aurangzeb and Shaza Fatima Khawaja to review the reform proposals submitted by the NCCIA.

The committee will submit its recommendations to the prime minister by the end of this week.

The meeting was informed that a proposal had been made to transform the NCCIA into a national-level Pakistan Cyber Police, with recruitment based strictly on merit. A dedicated system for national security in relation to cybercrime has also become operational.

The meeting was further told that all possible measures were being taken under the existing system to resolve cybercrime cases.

The NCCIA's performance, administrative structure and future strategy were also reviewed.

Federal Ministers Azam Nazeer Tarar, Musadik Malik, Ahsan Khan Cheema, Muhammad Aurangzeb and Mohsin Naqvi attended the meeting.

Minister of State for Interior Tallal Chaudhry, Minister of State for Finance Bilal Azhar Kiani and senior officials of relevant institutions were also present.

On Friday, NCCIA claimed to have uncovered an extensive alleged financial network involved in illegal online gambling, fraudulent business operations and suspected money laundering, with an estimated transaction exposure of up to Rs1 trillion.

Earlier this month, the agency called for stricter regulations governing company registration and bank account verification.

Maldives national airline to start direct flights to Pakistan soon, meeting told



NEWS DESK: Maldivian, the national airline of the Maldives, will soon start direct flights to Pakistan in a bid to boost tourism, trade and people-to-people contacts between the two countries, it emerged on Wednesday.

The announcement was made during a meeting of the Maldives Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Mohamed Ameen with Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Minister of State for Interior, Tallal Chaudry, as per a statement issued by the ministry.

An official launch date and flight schedule have not been announced yet.

"Direct flights will make travel to Maldives much easier for Pakistani citizens," Naqvi said at the meeting.

He said Pakistani citizens have a "deep interest" in tourism and direct flights would facilitate Pakistani tourists in the Maldives. Well-known Pakistani cricketers, artists and other celebrities will travel to the Maldives on the first direct flight, the meeting was told.

"Pakistani celebrities are extremely popular in Maldives; their arrival will promote tourism," the Maldivian minister said.

Pakistan and the Maldives also agreed to enhance cooperation in tourism, sports, health, trade, manpower and other sectors, the statement said.

The Maldives minister praised Islamabad's modern infrastructure and cleanliness system during the meeting.

"I am extremely happy to see Islamabad's rapid development, beauty and natural scenery," he was quoted as saying during the meeting.

"Islamabad truly holds great potential as a tourism capital city."

Naqvi added that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) was working on a proposed project to build a cricket stadium in the Maldives.

A cricket academy will also be established along with the stadium, which will provide training opportunities to youth, the statement quoted the interior minister as saying.

The Maldives would also welcome manpower from Pakistan, Ameen said, adding that there were vast opportunities for imports of construction material, medicines and other goods from Pakistan, as per the statement.

Naqvi was quoted as saying that he was looking forward to the Maldivian interior minister's visit to Pakistan.

Pakistan and the Maldives celebrated the 60th anniversary of their diplomatic relations, established in 1966, in October.To mark the anniversary, Maldivian President Dr Mohamed Muizzu travelled to Islamabad on a three-day visit last month, marking the first by a Maldivian president to Pakistan in 11 years.

During President Muizzu's visit, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said he had issued instructions for direct flights between Pakistan and the Maldives.

On the occasion, PM Shehbaz had said, "I want to say that connectivity is very important.

We don't have direct flights from Malé to Islamabad or Karachi, so this air link is very important.

"I have already given instructions to our ministry of civil aviation to prepare a quick feasibility [study], be it Pakistan International Airlines, or any other airline in Pakistan, to find the ways and means to take the first flight comprising tourists [and the] business community to Malé," he announced.

The premier said he had been informed by

Pakistan, China agree on governmentto government arrangements for fuel storage, terminal facilities

NEWS DESK: Pakistan and China agreed on Wednesday to pursue government-to-government (G2G) arrangements for Chinese investment in Pakistan's petrol and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage and terminal facilities, according to a Petroleum Division statement.

Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik and Pakistan State Oil (PSO) Chief Executive Officer Jawwad Ahmed Cheema met Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, and his commercial team, said the statement.

The two sides explored transformative investment opportunities and agreed on concrete steps to deepen bilateral cooperation across Pakistan's energy and mining sectors.

Both sides identified two G2G priorities for early action: an LPG plant with associated storage and terminal facilities to expand domestic supply,

improve access to cleaner fuel and ease peak-season shortages; and the import of motor gasoline (MoGas), including sourcing, storage and logistics, to strengthen fuel security and ensure a reliable supply at competitive prices.

Both initiatives are expected to deliver early results, with tangible benefits for consumers and the wider economy, the statement said.

To ensure tangible progress, both sides also agreed to constitute



a joint commercial team comprising representatives from Pakistan and China.

The team will evaluate identified opportunities, engage prospective companies, assess investment and partnership models, and develop a structured roadmap for mutually beneficial projects across upstream, offshore and downstream operations, including the G2G LPG plant and MoGas import arrangements, as well as minerals and mining.

The minister also encouraged the Chinese side to advance investment across upstream, offshore, minerals, mining and downstream energy infrastructure, building on President Xi's priorities announced at Apec 2026 in Shenzhen.

Moreover, Malik congratulated Pakistan Air Force Wing Commander Muhammad Zeeshan Ali on his historic participation in China's Shenzhou-24 space mission from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.

Journalist Shahid Maitla Granted Bail in X Post Case Against Former PM

QASEEM SHAH:

QUETTA: An Additional District and Sessions Judge in Quetta has granted post-arrest bail to senior journalist Shahid Maitla in a cybercrime case registered over a social media post regarding former Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Additional Sessions Judge Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Bukhari announced the verdict on Wednesday after hearing detailed arguments from both the defense and the prosecution. Maitla, who is currently incarcerated at the Quetta District Jail,

is expected to be released following the completion of legal formalities.

Case Background and Legal Proceedings

The case stems from a First Information Report (FIR) lodged against Maitla in Quetta by the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) over a post on X (formerly Twitter) concerning the former premier.

Following the registration of the FIR, the agency arrested Maitla and obtained a one-day transit remand from a judicial magistrate in Islamabad to shift him to Quetta for further investigation.

Earlier in the proceedings, Maitla's initial bail application was rejected by the court of Judicial Magistrate Quetta Syed Akhtar Shah. Challenging the lower court's decision, Maitla filed a bail petition before the Sessions Court through his legal counsel, Advocate Rahib Buledi.

Courtroom Representation

During Wednesday's hearing



before Judge Abdul Qadir Shah Bukhari, a panel of lawyers—comprising Advocates Rahib Buledi, Uzair Shahwani, and Sajjad Ahmed Abro—represented the senior journalist. After reviewing the case records and listening to arguments from both sides, the court accepted the plea and ordered Maitla's release on bail.

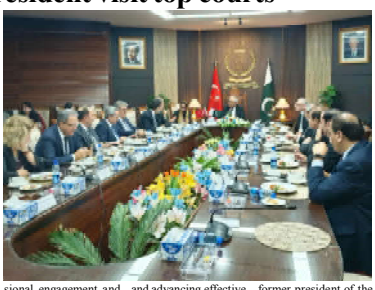
Turkish judicial delegation, ex-Swiss president visit top courts

NEWS DESK: A seven-member judicial delegation from Turkiye, led by President of the Court of Cassation Omer Kerkez, visited the Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) on Tuesday.

The delegation met FCC Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan, the judges of the court, the registrar and the secretary to the chief justice.

On the occasion, a documentary was screened for the visiting delegation highlighting the court's establishment, institutional structure, jurisdiction and performance during its first year. The documentary presented the court's major achievements, administrative and judicial initiatives, and institutional progress.

During the meeting, the FCC chief justice highlighted the historic and fraternal relations between Pakistan and Turkiye and underscored the importance of strengthening bilateral judicial ties. He emphasised the exchange of legal and judicial experience, professional engagement and enhanced institutional cooperation.



Mr Omer Kerkez acknowledged the deep-rooted friendship and shared values between the two countries and highlighted the importance of expanding engagement between their judicial institutions. He described such exchanges as an important step towards learning from each other's judicial systems, strengthening mutual understanding and advancing effective cooperation.

The FCC chief justice presented commemorative souvenirs to the guests. The visit reaffirmed the enduring fraternal ties between Pakistan and Turkiye and their shared commitment to strengthening international judicial engagement and sustained institutional cooperation.

Ex-Swiss president meets CJP

Ruth Dreifuss, former president of the Swiss Confederation and Steering Committee Member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, accompanied by Rabiya Javeri Agha, Chairperson of the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR), and her delegation, called on Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi at the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

During the meeting, discussions centred on criminal justice reforms,

Demand for new provinces justified when people denied rights: JI chief

NEWS DESK: Jamaat-i-Islami chief Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Tuesday said demands for new provinces would inevitably emerge if people continued to be denied their constitutional rights, resources and political representation and urged provincial governments to empower local bodies and ensure equitable distribution of resources.

"Why should there be demands for new provinces if people are given their rights and powers within the existing provinces?" he asked while addressing a press conference at party headquarters Idara Noor-i-Haq.

Responding to Pakistan Peoples Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's remarks that any attempt to create new provinces in Sindh would lead to bloodshed,

Hafiz Naeem said such statements were unbecoming of a national political leader.

"He [Mr Bhutto-Zardari] should speak through arguments, the Constitution and democratic principles rather than threats," he said, warning that such rhetoric would aggravate public anxiety instead of resolving political and administrative issues.



Announcing a series of public rallies, the JI chief said a public meeting would be held at Minar-i-Pakistan in Lahore on Nov 29, Peshawar on Dec 12 and Karachi on Dec 20 to mobilise people for their rights.

Hafiz Naeem says Bilawal's 'bloodshed in Sindh' remarks unbecoming of a national leader

He accused the Sindh government of PPP of failing to deliver despite receiving substantial financial resources over the past 18 years.

He said the provincial government had received around Rs40 trillion over the years through the NFC Award, federal grants and royalties,

besides Rs1.6 trillion from international financial institutions and questioned how the money had been spent.

He also sought an explanation for the government's claims regarding housing for flood victims, saying the chief minister had announced the construction of one million houses and plans for another 2.1 million, despite the province having approximately 4.2 million residential units outside Karachi.