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## Pakistan carries out 'calibrated' airstrikes against terrorist camps, hideouts in border region with Afghanistan

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ISLAMABAD: The information ministry confirmed on Monday that Pakistan had conducted airstrikes on terrorist sites "in the border region with Afghanistan", killing more than 28 terrorists. The ministry stressed that the "calibrated" strikes were carried out "against the hideouts and safe havens of terrorist organisations responsible" for the recent multiple terrorist incidents in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

"Based on credible intelligence, selective targeting of terrorist camps and hideouts belonging to Fitna al Khawarij and its affiliates has also been carried out in the border region with Afghanistan with precision and accuracy," the statement said.

It added: "Three targets were destroyed with precision, including a suicide bombers' training markaz (centre), killing 28 terrorists alongside multiple suicide bombers. "Large quantities of weapons and ammunition stored at these markaz (centres) and hideouts were also destroyed." The state uses the term Fitna al Khawarij for the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Prior to the airstrikes, security forces conducted a "well-planned intelligence-based ground operation" on Sunday against a group of terrorists in KP's Kohat and Hangu districts, the ministry said. "As a result of precise and skilful engagement, nine khawarij belonging to Indian proxy.



ISLAMABAD: A view of containers placed near Faizabad Interchange for Security reasons ahead of multiple protest march by the opposition parties towards country's capital.

## Fazlur Rehman claims 'govt writ' absent in KP and Balochistan

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ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has expressed concern over the worsening law and order situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

and Balochistan. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad on Monday after conclusion of the party's two-day central general council meeting in Peshawar, Fazlur Rehman said the meeting discussed the country's internal situation as well as regional developments. The meeting also reviewed the security situation and the party's future political strategy. He claimed that the government's writ was absent in parts of KP and Balochistan, while alleging that bandits were also operating in Sindh. Referring to Balochistan, the JUI-F chief alleged that banks were being robbed and money was being distributed along roads. Fazlur Rehman further alleged that armed men were stopping vehicles in the province and firing at their tyres, raising questions about the security of political representatives and public officials. JI chief said the security situation had become so difficult that members from Balochistan told the meeting they could not safely travel to Karachi by road.

## Iran's Guards threaten to hit new targets if US attacks

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IRAN: Iran's Revolutionary Guards on Monday warned they would attack new targets and deploy new weapons if the US launches further attacks on the country. Almost seven months into their war, Tehran and Washington remain locked in a stalemate, though neither side appears willing to return to full-scale war. In a statement, a spokesman for the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, the ideological arm of Iran's military, said "there will certainly be significant changes in our defence and our counteroffensive" in the event of a new US attack. "We will introduce new weapons with new capabilities into the battlefield, and the world will be surprised," he said. "Our targets will not necessarily be the same as before either. We have new targets that have not yet been attacked." The Guards also said they were prepared for a "prolonged war". On Saturday, the central command of Iran's military said the US was planning new action against Tehran, according to state television, but it did not elaborate. Fighting between the US and Iran has eased in recent days after a flare-up at the end of last month, though Tehran continues sporadic attacks on commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz. Both sides are maintaining rival blockades in the waterway in an effort to exert pressure. The war has spread to Yemen, with the country's Iran-backed Houthis taking more territory from the Saudi-backed government and the group launching attacks on Saudi targets, including the capital Riyadh.

## PM Shehbaz arrives in New York for 81st UNGA



MAHPARA ZAMAN

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has arrived in New York to represent Pakistan at the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly. Accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar and Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi, the prime minister will address the UN General Assembly on September 25. In his address, PM Shehbaz is expected to highlight Pakistan's position on regional and global security, diplomacy, peaceful conflict resolution, climate change, terrorism, Islamophobia and global economic challenges. He will also raise the issues of Jammu and Kashmir and Palestine and hold bilateral meetings with world leaders and the UN secretary-general.

## Bodies of 2 FC personnel who went missing in Bannu recovered

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BANNU: The bodies of two Frontier Constabulary (FC) personnel who went missing a day earlier were recovered from the Kamali graveyard in Palosi, Rescue 1122 and local sources said on Monday. The deceased personnel were identified as Havaladar Ishaq and Sepoy Umar Hayat. Both belonged to Platoon No 59. According to sources, the personnel were allegedly abducted by unidentified armed men from Saifan Kozi Khel in the Karam Garhi area within the jurisdiction of Cantt police station on Sunday evening.

## After Aleema, Imran's sisters Uzma and Noreen also detained in Lahore under MPO for 30 days

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ISLAMABAD: Former prime minister and PTI founder Imran Khan's sisters, Dr Uzma Khan and Noreen Niazi, were detained for 30 days on Monday, ahead of the party's September 27 protest call. The development follows the detention of Imran's other sister, Aleema Khan, after Lahore's deputy commissioner (DC) ordered her detention or arrest for 30 days on Sunday.

The detention has come amid reports of a crackdown on the PTI ahead of its September 27 country-wide protest and march to Islamabad, which the party has called to demand Imran's release from jail and mobilise people for the supremacy of the Constitution.

In an order dated Sept

20, a copy of which is available with Dawn, the

Central Jail, Kot Lakhpat, it said. The order stated that



Lahore DC Office ordered that Noreen and Uzma be detained for 30 days under the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960, stating that the two were "prejudicial to the public safety and maintenance of public order". The MPO ordinance allows the authorities to order detention and restrict judicial review of such orders. The two will remain in custody under the superintendent,

the two were involved in the May 9 protest and "motivated the workers to damage public and government property". "Moreover, they are again mobilising the workers through social media and public meetings to create a law and order situation, raising/chanting objectionable slogans amongst the general public against the government/institution in order to provoke and incite

them," the order read.

"Accordingly, multiple cases including 96/23 PS Race Course were registered," it said, stating that Uzma and Noreen were "potential dangers to public peace and tranquillity".

"Such activists will give rise to a situation prejudicial to public safety and maintenance of public order, if left unchecked."

The decision was taken in a meeting held on Sunday, under the chairmanship of the Lahore DC Muhammad Ali Ijaz, where the issue was discussed and members "endorsed" the "evidence" presented by the police. The order stated that the Lahore DC was convinced that Uzma and Noreen's presence "at any public place will pose a grave threat to the public safety and will likely cause breach of public peace and public order".

## Two Baloch women reveal how militants trained them for suicide attacks



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BALUCHISTAN: A plot by Fitna Al-Hindustan to use women for terrorist activities in Balochistan has been exposed, after two women accused of involvement in the Nokkundi bombing spoke publicly about their activities. Khadija Pir Jan and Safiya Abdul Khaliq, who were recovered from the militant group, told a press conference that terrorists had influenced them against the country. They said security agencies had recovered them safely and returned them to their families. Khadija Pir Jan said her husband had been linked to a terrorist organisation and was killed in 2022.

She said militants had influenced her against the country and that she became involved in the Nokkundi bombing.

She said the security agencies treated them with dignity and safely handed them over to their families. Khadija also apologised to the Baloch people for the actions she had taken.



# SPORTS



## Asian Games open in Japan with glitzy ceremony after troubled buildup



MOHSIN ALI

ISLAMABAD: The 20th Asian Games opened in Japan's Nagoya city on Saturday with a glittering ceremony of dance and fireworks following a buildup marred by operational gaffes and logistical problems.

Five years after the Tokyo Olympics played out at empty venues due to COVID-19 restrictions, Japan welcomed fans to the Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium for a curtain-raiser that was initially subdued before bursting into a festival of colour and sound.

Emperor Naruhito declared

the Games open after watching the parade of 45 nations and regions at a dignitaries' table along with International Olympic Committee boss Kirsty Coventry. Naruhito's visit with royal family members was accompanied by a heavy security operation. Organisers had said up to 10,000 police would be deployed for the ceremony.

"While the world is too often divided by conflict, they (the Asian athletes) remind us that sport remains a powerful force for peace, understanding and friendship among nations,"

Olympic Council of Asia

President Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani said in a speech. Japan's father-and-son duo of Shigenobu Murofushi and Koji Murofushi, both former Asian Games champions in hammer throw, jointly lit the cauldron after climbing a set of stairs at the end of the torch relay.

Organisers will hope the ceremony can draw a line under a rocky buildup laden with complaints from athletes and officials involving accommodation and transport.

Japan's reputation for precision and efficiency has been under scrutiny as the nation wel-

comes more than 11,000 athletes competing for 369 gold medals in a whopping 43-sport programme. Instead of building a dedicated Games village, organisers have housed the athletes and officials in a mix of hotel rooms, temporary wooden containers and a cruise ship docked in the bay as a cost-cutting measure.

Several national team delegations, including hosts Japan, have found the arrangements below par, complaining of mix-ups and double-bookings, while South Korea said the containers at Garden Pier were too cramped for their basketballers.

## Pakistan's table tennis teams face humbling opening to Asian Games



PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's table tennis teams endured a chastening opening two days at the Asian Games, with the women's side crashing out of the group stage without winning a single match and the men's team also losing both of their opening ties.

The women's team suffered a 3-0 defeat to India in their final Group F match at the Sky Hall Toyota on Monday, completing a miserable campaign that began with identical losses to Singapore and Indonesia on Sunday.

Against India, 15-year-old Aleena Khan was dispatched in just 10 minutes, losing 11-3, 11-3, 11-4 to the experienced Sutirtha Mukherjee. Kulsoom Khan, 19, then fell in straight games, 11-6, 11-7, 11-5, to Syndrel Das, before Fatima Khan suffered the same fate against Sreja Akula, India's highest-ranked player, going down 11-4, 11-4, 11-5 in 11 minutes.

Sunday's defeats followed a similar pattern. Against Singapore, Aleena, Kulsoom and 55-year-old Nosheen Aslam all lost in straight games. Fatima, Kulsoom and Nosheen were then beaten in equally brutal fashion by Indonesia, leaving Pakistan without a single game won across the entire event. The men's team fared little better. Pakistan lost both of their Sunday ties 3-0, against Iran and Indonesia, and face India later on Monday.

## PCB unveils first-ever central contracts for U19 players



SHAKEEL UR REHMAN

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi hosted the Pakistan Under-19 cricket team for a dinner and meeting, congratulating the young players on their impressive performances during their tour of England. In a significant step for Pakistan's junior cricket structure, the PCB has also decided to award central con-

tracts to Under-19 Pakistan's leading players for the first time. The initiative aimed at encouraging 240 runs, including a young cricketers and brilliant 151. His outstanding hundred-plus innings was among the most memorable individual performances of the series. Other Pakistani batters who made significant contributions included captain Farhan Yousaf, Abdul Qadir, Hamza Zahoar and Hasnain Abbas Dar. Abdul Qadir also produced an impressive 146, while Farhan Khan emerged as Yousaf played an

important role with the bat alongside his leadership responsibilities. One of the highlights of the series was the remarkable 268-run partnership between Usman Khan and Farhan Yousaf in the opening ODI. Their outstanding stand laid the foundation for Pakistan's comprehensive victory and demonstrated the quality of the country's emerging talent. Pakistan's success was also built on a disciplined bowling attack. Mohammad Sayyam, Rizwanullah, Abdul Subhan and the other bowlers consistently applied pressure on England's batting line-up and delivered crucial breakthroughs at important stages of the matches.

## Pakistan begin training for Asian Games men's cricket



## Maaz, Shadab, Sufiyan stand out as CPL ends with Antigua triumph

### PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan players stole the limelight as the Caribbean Premier League ended early on Monday morning with the crowning of Antigua and Barbuda Falcons as champions, who beat the Jamaica Kingsmen by eight wickets to secure their maiden title.

The Kingsmen, put into bat, were carried to 170-9 by a blistering 114 by Maaz Sadaqat, and restricted by a four wicket haul by Sufiyan Muqem. The Falcons raced to the title with ease, losing only two wickets in the chase as they breezed to 173-2. Shadab Khan was named player of the tournament for his all-round efforts for the Falcons. Maaz made a distinct statement of intent as he began proceedings by flicking Jayden Seales behind square for a six off the first ball of the match. He picked up three more boundaries off

the bowler in the second over of his spell.

Maaz reached his 50 in the tenth over, on the back of some innovative shot-making, and reached the three-figures mark off just 49 balls with a single that followed

The opener was, however, the only bright spot on an otherwise bleak batting scorecard for the Kingsmen, with Saim Ayub being the only other batter to reach double figures with his 22-ball-29. Though the Kingsmen got off to a fly-



two sixes. The century was his second in three matches, having scored 112 off 49 balls in the Eliminator against the Barbados Tridents last week. It was also the culmination of his supreme form throughout the tournament, having scored 363 runs in seven matches at an average of 52, striking at almost 175.

ing start, reaching the 100-run mark at the loss of just two wickets, the dismissal of Saim triggered a collapse. Hassan Nawaz completed the catch as Sufiyan dismissed Saim off his second ball in an all-Pakistan affair, before Sufiyan struck again to dismiss Royman Powell in the same over.

## Pakistan crush Malaysia 65-22 in Asian Games men's kabaddi





# FUUAST Governance crisis deepens as senate and syndicate remain incomplete

NADEEM TANOLI

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has expressed serious concern over governance problems at the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology, saying incomplete Senate and Syndicate bodies are affecting the university's operations and financial decisions. The issue came under discussion during the committee meeting after members questioned the university's decision to hold a Syndicate meeting despite earlier directions from the committee. The committee had previously visited

Karachi and directed the university to address the incomplete Senate and Syndicate and had also planned to form a subcommittee to help resolve the matter. During the meeting, a committee member said the university administration had earlier admitted that its Senate and Syndicate were not complete. The member also referred to a statement by independent member Wajid Jawad, who had claimed that meeting minutes were being changed. These were comments made during the proceedings and were not established as a finding by the committee in the material provided. The committee also questioned why the university called

another Syndicate meeting before waiting for the committee's planned discussion. The chairperson asked the Vice Chancellor whether the committee's earlier direction had been unclear. The Vice Chancellor defended the university's position, stating the Senate and Syndicate were two different bodies. He said the Senate was the university's top body and that the university had regular officials serving as registrar, controller and treasurer. He also said there had been a gap in communication and that detailed information had now been provided to the committee. The Vice Chancellor further said the Senate had approved certain matters and

that decisions related to university statutes become part of the statutes after approval. He also explained that the Syndicate had to deal with routine university matters, including finance, salaries and pensions, because the Senate meeting was not taking place at that time. He said new names for the Senate were expected to be sent to the Ministry and that a new Senate could soon be announced. According to his explanation, some matters had to be handled by the Syndicate during the year and later sent to the Senate where required. The committee chairperson, however, objected that the university should have formally

informed the committee about its actions. She said the committee had travelled to Karachi to provide a fair hearing and expected the university to write back and explain its position before taking further steps. The Vice Chancellor apologised for the impression caused by the lack of communication. He said instructions had been passed on but may not have been properly communicated by officials working between him and the committee. The chairperson then asked Senator Masroor Ahsan to move the matter forward through the committee's subcommittee. The senator suggested that the issue be taken up on priority

through the subcommittee, while the chairperson called for the matter to be addressed by the following week. The meeting had originally included a briefing on pension payments to FUUAST pensioners, but the discussion also focused heavily on the university's governance structure and the working of its Senate and Syndicate. The committee has now moved the matter to its subcommittee for further review, with the university administration expected to provide explanations and relevant records regarding the disputed decisions.

## Calls for competitive localization, faster shift towards electric mobility: Rana Ihsan

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to the Prime Minister for Commerce and Industries Rana Ihsan Afzal Khan on Monday underscored the need for competitive localization, technological advancement and a faster transition towards electric mobility to secure the future of Pakistan's automotive industry.

He expressed these views while addressing automotive industry leaders, government

stakeholders and representatives of academia as chief guest at the PAAPAM Symposium, held on the second day of the Pakistan International Auto Show 2026 at the Lahore International Expo Centre.

Organized by the Pakistan Association of Automotive Parts and Accessories Manufacturers (PAAPAM), the symposium was held under the theme, "Competitiveness, Localization and Electric Mobility," said a news

release.

Rana Ihsan said localization must go beyond domestic production and be strategically aligned with global competitiveness, affordability, quality and reliability. He stressed that consumers must be provided with greater choice and confidence through a competitive and technologically advanced automotive ecosystem.

Highlighting the sector's substantial economic footprint, the Coordinator said every vehicle produced in

Pakistan supports an extensive value chain comprising manufacturers, vendors, engineers, technicians and workers. The automotive sector, he noted, contributes nearly four per cent to the national GDP and provides employment to millions of Pakistanis.

He reaffirmed the government's resolve to work closely with industry stakeholders in developing policies that are inclusive, future-oriented, consistent and fair.

Commending the automotive industry for its resilience and continued growth despite challenging economic conditions, Rana Ihsan Afzal Khan said the time had come for the sector to prepare decisively for emerging technologies, particularly electric vehicles.

"The future of Pakistan's automotive industry lies in competitive localization, innovation and electric mobility. The Government remains committed to creating an enabling environment

in which industry can grow, invest and compete internationally," he said.

The coordinator's participation in the PAAPAM Symposium reaffirmed the government's commitment to sustained engagement with stakeholders and to building a competitive, innovative and future-ready automotive industry in Pakistan.

The coordinator also visited the stalls of local and international exhibitors and held discussions with industry representatives.

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## The Age of AI: Today's students, Tomorrow's developed Pakistan

Zaheer Haider Jafri



The world is entering a new technological era, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is at the centre of this transformation. AI is no longer a distant concept associated only with science fiction movies or advanced laboratories. It has become part of our daily lives and is rapidly changing the way we study, work, communicate and solve problems. For Pakistan, this new era brings both challenges and opportunities. If we prepare our students today, they can become the architects of a more developed and prosperous Pakistan tomorrow. The most important investment a country can make is an investment in its young generation. Pakistan has a large and energetic youth population, but this demographic strength can become a real national asset only when young people receive modern education and practical skills. In the age of AI, traditional education alone may not be enough. Our education system must prepare students not only to pass examinations but also to understand technology, think creatively and solve real-world problems. Artificial Intelligence should therefore be introduced gradually into Pakistan's education system, beginning from the early classes and continuing through colleges and universities. At the primary level, children can be introduced to basic concepts through simple activities, educational games, logical exercises and creative learning. As they move to higher classes, students can learn more about

computers, data, algorithms, programming and the practical applications of AI. However, introducing AI into education does not mean that every student has to become a programmer or computer scientist. AI can be useful in almost every field of study. Medical students can use it for research and analysis. Agricultural students can explore AI-based farming techniques. Students of environmental sciences can use technology to study climate change and environmental risks. Those studying economics, political science, international relations and journalism can use AI for research, data analysis and information management. This is why AI should be viewed as a basic modern skill rather than a subject limited to technology departments. The ability to understand and use technology intelligently will increasingly become important in almost every profession. Pakistan can also use AI education to strengthen its economy. Thousands of young Pakistanis are already working in the digital economy, including freelancing, software development, online services and content creation. With better education and training, this potential can grow considerably. Pakistani youth can compete in international markets, earn foreign exchange and develop technology-based businesses while remaining connected to their communities and country. AI can also help Pakistan deal with some of its most serious national challenges. Agriculture is facing problems related to water shortages, changing weather patterns and declining productivity. AI can assist farmers through weather forecasting, crop monitoring and

better use of water and other resources. In healthcare, AI can support medical research, diagnosis and the management of health information. In climate change, it can help researchers analyze environmental data and predict risks. Similarly, AI can contribute to better traffic management, disaster preparedness, education and public administration. But technology alone cannot guarantee progress. The quality of human thinking remains essential. Students must be taught that AI is a tool for learning and innovation, not a substitute for their own intelligence. They should not simply copy answers generated by AI. Instead, they should learn how to ask meaningful questions, verify information, compare different sources and develop independent opinions. Teachers will continue to have a central role in this process. AI may provide information within seconds, but a teacher provides guidance, discipline, values and human understanding. The future classroom should therefore not be a competition between teachers and technology. It should be a partnership in which teachers use technology to make education more effective and students use AI to expand their knowledge and creativity. Another major issue is equal access to technology. Pakistan cannot achieve meaningful progress if AI education remains available only to students in major cities and expensive private schools. Rural schools and public-sector institutions must also receive computers, internet facilities, digital learning resources and trained teachers. Every child, regardless of social or economic background, should have the opportunity to learn modern

technological skills. Teacher training must therefore become a national priority. Teachers should be provided with practical training on how to use AI in lesson planning, research, classroom activities and student assessment. At the same time, they should be taught about the risks of misinformation, plagiarism, privacy and irresponsible use of AI. Pakistan also needs a clear and long-term national policy on Artificial Intelligence and education. Government institutions, universities, schools, technology experts and the private sector should work together to develop curricula and training programs. Research and innovation should be encouraged so that Pakistani students do not remain only users of foreign technology but become creators of new solutions. The future of Pakistan will depend greatly on the knowledge and skills of today's students. The children sitting in our classrooms today will become tomorrow's doctors, engineers, teachers, journalists, researchers, civil servants, entrepreneurs and political leaders. If they are equipped with modern knowledge and technological skills, they can contribute significantly to national development. The AI revolution is already underway. Pakistan has a choice: remain a passive consumer of technology or prepare its young generation to become active creators and innovators. The decision must be made today. Today's students can become tomorrow's builders of a developed Pakistan. If we place knowledge in their minds, technology in their hands and creativity in their hearts, the future of Pakistan can be brighter, stronger and more prosperous.

## A tense calm

A tense standoff has gripped Rawalpindi and Islamabad as the twin cities brace themselves for major protest demonstrations. Jamaat-e-Islami, farmers' groups and PTI plan to demonstrate inside the capital, respectively demanding the removal of the petroleum development levy, agricultural relief, and the release of Imran Khan from jail. Labeling the moves as an attempt to incite lawlessness, the government has warned of a stern crackdown. The Interior Minister, referencing an Islamabad High Court order, has made it loud and clear that no entry or disruption will be tolerated. Security forces are on a high alert to strictly maintain law and order.

Escalating political friction between the government and the opposition signals further instability. The six-party opposition alliance – TTAP – has proposed an All Parties' Conference, though its timing relative to PTI's September 27th protest remains undecided. The ruling coalition has arguably missed vital opportunities to de-escalate by squeezing the opposition's political space. Complying with the Supreme Court's August 18th order to transfer Imran Khan to a private hospital and resume regular meetings would have been a beneficial confidence building measure.

## Naqvi warns PTI against Sept 27 protest call, urges party to change course



PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Monday warned PTI against its proposed September 27 long march, urging the party to refrain from proceeding with the protest.

He made the statement while addressing a press briefing. Naqvi's remarks come as the party prepares for a nationwide protest and march towards Islamabad on Sept 27 to press for the release of its incarcerated founder, Imran Khan. "We have clearly told them (PTI) that they can never achieve anything through such

drama, and I will say again that there is still time; they should not go into this situation," he said, advising the party to "not enter a dead-end street". Naqvi vowed the government will not "leave any loopholes" in its response if the party went ahead with the protest. The interior minister held that PTI's majority leadership was not in favour of the march. However, "if they do, then we have the Islamabad High Court (IHC) order, and the government will ensure its implementation". He appealed to PTI to adopt a different approach. "Do not harm yourself and your workers," he said. On being asked if the government had any "long-term solution" to PTI's frequent protest calls, the interior minister said, "I believe this time we will find a permanent solution; we will not leave it halfway". On Imran Khan's medical treatment, the minister said PTI's demand was for the former premier to undergo a medical check-up at a hospital.

He was responding to a question about whether the party's basic demand was to shift Imran to a hospital, what the issue was and why he had not been shifted.

When asked why the government was reluctant to shift PTI founder Imran Khan to a private health facility — as requested by his party and family — amid concerns about his health, the minister said Imran was examined at a hospital last night. However, he did not name the hospital. "If they demand that his check-up should be done at a hospital, then we did have one last night [...] we are already fulfilling the demand," Naqvi said.

"As for the treatment that is prescribed under the law, we will do everything according to the law. But we will not do it simply because they are demanding it," the interior minister added. Naqvi, during his talk, reiterated that PTI's senior leadership was not in favour of the march.

## On Int'l Peace Day, President says lasting peace possible only through dialogue, diplomacy

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ISLAMABAD: As the world community observes International Day of Peace on Monday, President Asif Ali Zardari has said that lasting peace can only be achieved through dialogue, diplomacy, justice and full respect for international law and the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

The president, in his message on the Day, annually observed on September 21, said that this year's theme, "Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day", reminds us that peace requires sustained efforts at every level. "Pakistan remains firmly committed to international peace and security and to a strong, effective and inclusive multilateral system with the UN at its core," he said and reiterated that the country supports the



peaceful settlement of disputes and a comprehensive approach to conflict prevention and resolution based on dialogue, diplomacy and collective action. He highlighted that for decades, Pakistani peacekeepers have served in UN missions across the globe, helping protect civilians, support communities affected by conflict and create conditions in which peace can take root.

"Their service, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, reflects Pakistan's enduring commitment to international peace."

## DPM/FM Dar arrives in New York to attend 81st session of UN General Assembly

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UNITED NATIONS: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar flew into New York on Sunday afternoon to attend the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

He was received at Kennedy International airport by Pakistan UN Ambassador, Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Ambassador to the United States, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Consul General in New York Aamer Ahmed Atozai and senior officials of the Pakistan Mission and the consulate General. DPM/FM Dar will go through a tight schedule of engagements at the United Nations. He will participate in the meeting of the OIC Contact



Group on Jammu and Kashmir during which he will highlight Pakistan's unwavering support for the right to self-determination of the Kashmiris. The Deputy Prime Minister will also attend several OIC Ministerial meetings on the sidelines of the UNGA, including OIC Foreign Ministers' Annual Coordination Meeting, as well as other OIC Contact Group meetings. He will attend several high-level meetings on Palestine, including the meeting of the Group of Eight Arab.

## Tanveer calls for coordinated global action to protect food security and public health

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain on Monday stressed that global commitments must translate into practical action at the national level, backed by effective coordination and implementation.

He stated this, while speaking at the FAO Global Conference for Actions on One Health in Agrifood Systems, being held in Rome from September 21 to 23, 2026, said a press release issued by the Ministry of National Food Security.

The conference focuses on turning the One Health approach into concrete action across agrifood systems, bringing together international stakeholders to address challenges ranging from animal and plant diseases to food safety, environmental sustainability and public health. Addressing the opening plenary session, Rana Tanveer Hussain said One Health was fundamental to Pakistan's food security, livestock productivity, rural

livelihoods and sustainable agriculture.

The Minister said Pakistan was focusing on healthier and more resilient livestock and food production systems. He highlighted disease prevention, improved biosecurity, responsible antimicrobial use and stronger veterinary services as essential measures to protect animal and human health and sustain agricultural productivity.

Speaking about rangelands and pastoral communities, he said pastoralists were central to Pakistan's livestock economy and deserved greater support. Improved access to animal health services, water, feed and markets, he noted, would help strengthen their livelihoods while promoting the sustainable management of rangelands. On food safety, the Minister emphasized the need to protect consumers at every stage of the food chain, from farm to table. He called for stronger surveillance of foodborne diseases and antimicrobial resistance, alongside responsible antimicrobial use under a coordinated One Health framework.



ROME: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain, attends the FAO Global Conference for Actions on One Health in Agrifood Systems in Rome, Italy.

## Speaker Ayaz Sadiq expresses grief over passing of Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

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ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, on his behalf and on behalf of the Parliament of Pakistan, has expressed grief and sorrow over the passing of Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, brother of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates. Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq extended his heartfelt condolences and sympathies to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the bereaved family and the brotherly people of the United Arab Emirates, saying that the people and Parliament of Pakistan stand with them in this hour of grief. Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that the remarkable services rendered by Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum for the betterment and development of UAE and Dubai will be remembered for a long time to come. Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq prayed to Allah Almighty.

## Tarar visits families of Kohat attack victims, vows to eliminate terrorism

PEAK POINT

KOHAT: Information Minister Attaullah Tarar on Monday visited the families of police personnel martyred in last week's deadly attack in Kohat, offering condolences to the bereaved and vowing that the government would not rest until terrorism was eliminated. At least 21 people, including 15 police personnel and six civilians, were killed when an explosion struck a mosque at Kohat's Police Lines during Friday prayers, followed by an attack involving several armed terrorists, according to an initial incident report issued by the DHQ Hospital Kohat medical superintendent and district health



officer. More than 100 people were injured in the attack. Tarar visited the residence of policeman Faheemullah, the only brother of three sisters, who was among those killed. He met his father, Ikramullah, and offered Fataha for the departed soul, state-run Radio Pakistan reported. Minister for Information and Broadcasting @TararAttaullah visited.

## On Int'l Day of Peace, Bishop Azad Marshall congratulates Ashrafi on Global Peace Award

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, President of the Church of Pakistan Bishop Azad Marshall, accompanied by a delegation, called on Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council and Coordinator of the National Paigham-e-Aman Committee, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, at his residence and congratulated him on receiving the "Global Peace Award" from the Church of Pakistan.

Bishop Azad Marshall

said Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi's long-standing services for the promotion of peace, interfaith harmony, religious tolerance and dialogue were commendable and a source of pride.

He said the Christian community of Pakistan deeply valued Ashrafi's contributions and paid tribute to his continued efforts to promote understanding, respect and harmony among followers of different faiths.

Bishop Marshall said Ashrafi had consistently raised his voice for the pro-



tection of the rights of non-Muslim Pakistanis and religious minorities and had stood with the Christian community during difficult times.

He said the Christian community held Ashrafi's

services and role in high regard, describing his efforts for peace and interfaith cooperation as an important contribution to promoting harmony in society.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi thanked Bishop Azad Marshall and his delegation for their visit, appreciation and confidence in his efforts.

"I consider it my duty to work for the peace, security and service of every Pakistani living in Pakistan. Protecting the lives, property, dignity and rights of non-Muslim Pakistanis is our moral, legal and religious responsibility," Ashrafi said.

He expressed his gratitude to the Christian community of Pakistan for the

trust, affection and encouragement extended to him.

Ashrafi said that on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the commitment to peace, mutual respect, tolerance and interfaith harmony should be further strengthened through collective efforts.

He said joint efforts would continue to promote interfaith harmony, mutual respect, tolerance and dialogue in Pakistan and to build a society where all citizens, regardless of their faith, can live with dignity, security and equal rights.