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India biggest sponsor of terrorism in Pakistan, says DG ISPR

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RAWALPINDI: The Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (DG ISPR), Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, has accused India of being the biggest sponsor of terrorism in Pakistan, alleging that the Afghan Taliban regime is acting as an Indian proxy.

In an interview with international news agency Reuters on October 30, 2026, he said terrorist groups, including the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), were also being used as Indian proxies against Pakistan.

Sharif alleged that the Afghan Taliban were using non-state actors and hired fighters to achieve their objectives, adding that Afghanistan was still being run by non-state elements rather than functioning as a normal state. Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif said several intelligence agencies and proxy groups had established their roots in Afghanistan following the Russian intervention there.

He also claimed that international militant organisations, including Jaish al-Adl, Al-Qaeda and Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP), were present in Afghanistan.

He said the United Nations, the United States and several other countries had also highlighted the presence of such groups.

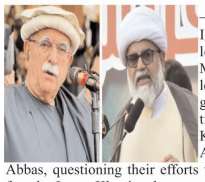
The DG ISPR said Pakistan was asking the Afghan Taliban only to stop supporting terrorists operating inside its territory.

He alleged that the Afghan Taliban regime had provided shelter to wanted militant commanders, including Noor Wali Mehsud, Bashir Zeb and Gul Bahadur.



LAHORE: Malik Sultan Mahmood Hanjra, Senior Politician of PML (N) calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Achakzai, Allama Nasir doing nothing to secure Imran's release: Saif



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ISLAMABAD: PTI leader Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif has levelled a series of allegations against opposition leaders Mahmood Khan Achakzai and Allama Raja Nasir Abbas, questioning their efforts towards securing party founder Imran Khan's release.

Speaking on Geo News programme "Jirga", Saif said Senate Opposition Leader Raja Nasir was in contact with key figures in the establishment, but maintained that those contacts were not aimed at securing Imran's release.

He also took aim at National Assembly Opposition Leader Achakzai, saying the veteran politician was unwilling to sit with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for negotiations on Imran's behalf.

Saif said Achakzai had obtained a seat he had lost with the help of PML-N President Nawaz Sharif, yet was not prepared to engage with PM Shehbaz for talks concerning the incarcerated PTI founder.

He further said Achakzai had gone to Quetta at a crucial stage of the negotiation process.

Pakistan responds to unprovoked firing from Afghan posts along border in Lower SW: DC



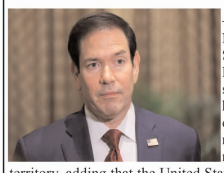
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LOWER SOUTH WAZIRISTAN: Pakistani security forces have responded to unprovoked firing from the Afghan border posts, the deputy commissioner of Lower South Waziristan district said on Sunday. In a post on X, the DC's official account said, "Unprovoked firing from Afghan border posts onto Pakistani border checkpoints continues." It added that Pakistani security forces responded immediately and effectively, targeting "multiple Afghan border posts, mortar positions, and defensive checkpoints". "The Afghan Taliban were forced to abandon their posts and flee in response to the Pakistani forces' strong response," the post read. It further said no reports of any casualties have emerged from the border areas on the Pakistani side.

"Pakistani forces remain prepared to deliver a full response to any kind of aggression," the deputy commissioner affirmed. The military's media affairs wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), is yet to comment on the development.

The fresh exchange of fire follows Friday's skirmishes, when Pakistan's armed forces responded to unprovoked firing from the other side, state media reported, citing security sources. As a result, several Afghan Taliban posts in areas adjacent to South Waziristan and Parachinar were destroyed.

Rubio says US ready to play constructive role in tackling terrorism from Afghanistan



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NEW YORK: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has said Washington has heard Pakistan's concerns over terrorist attacks originating from Afghan territory, adding that the United States would be willing to play a constructive role if it could help address the issue. Speaking at a news conference in Atlanta, Rubio said Pakistan had serious concerns about cross-border terrorist attacks and believed the Afghan Taliban had failed to take adequate measures to prevent them. "Pakistan is concerned about terrorist attacks that are being sponsored from the territory of Afghanistan. They feel as if the Taliban have not done enough to constrain those attacks, and they have taken action against it. "We obviously have heard those concerns on their part. We obviously don't want them to be targeted for terrorism. So if there's a productive role for us to play, we would play it," Rubio said. Commenting on Washington's relationship with the Afghan Taliban administration, Rubio said the United States did not have particularly close ties with the Taliban authorities.

Chinese minister arrives on three day visit to Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: At the invitation of the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister, Liu Haixing, Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee (IDCPC), arrived here on a three-day official visit to Pakistan. According to the Foreign Office, he was received by Senator Anusha Rahman Khan and Dr. Mohammad Faisal, Additional Secretary (Asia Pacific), Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Minister of IDCPC will call on the leadership of Pakistan and co-chair a high-level event alongside the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister in Islamabad.

Iranian attacks damaged 26 US military sites across Middle East

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TEHRAN: Iranian missile and drone attacks have caused heavy damage to US military bases and facilities across the Middle East, with satellite images revealing the scale of destruction, according to an investigation by the Associated Press (AP).

The news agency analysed satellite images from several companies and spoke to four regional officials familiar with the damage to independently verify the impact of the attacks.

According to the AP report, more than 115 Iranian missile and drone attacks between the start of the war in late February and August damaged or destroyed US military facilities at 26 military bases and other locations.

The investigation found that Iran first targeted American air defence systems and radar installations before attacking military aircraft, hangars, warehouses and other buildings. The attacks caused billions of dollars in damage to American military equipment and facilities. Iran targeted US military sites in Kuwait most frequently, but American facilities in Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were also hit. Kuwait's Ali Al Salem Air Base came under at least 30 attacks. Satellite images showed damage to or destruction of at least 15 aircraft hangars, several warehouses and 10 buildings near a residential area.



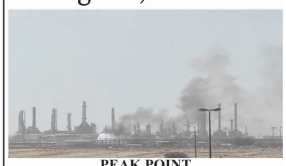
Camp Buehring in Kuwait also suffered heavy damage, leaving most of its aircraft hangars unusable.

The deadliest known attack on American troops during the conflict took place at Port Shuaiba in Kuwait on March 1, when an Iranian drone strike killed six US soldiers.

During the first two days of the war, Iranian attacks also destroyed protective structures around American radar systems at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait and the Naval Support Activity site in Bahrain.

Iran also targeted mobile radar systems at Saudi Arabia's Prince Sultan Air Base and Jordan's Muwaffaq Salti Air Base. Radar installations in Jordan and Qatar were also hit. At Prince Sultan Air Base, an Iranian attack in March destroyed the rear section of a Boeing E-3 Sentry surveillance aircraft. The AP investigation further found that Iran carried out more than 50 successful attacks on 18 locations storing American military equipment during the first month of the war. Sites containing military aircraft were among the main targets.

Houthi media renews threats on Saudi oil giant, aviation



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YEMEN: Houthi media, citing an anonymous military official, renewed threats on Sunday against Saudi oil giant Aramco and aviation in the kingdom. Yemen's Houthis, fighting a Saudi-led coalition backing the internationally recognised government, are allies of Iran, which on Sunday warned the US and Israel not to renew strikes on the Islamic republic after they had threatened a return to war. "Aramco facilities are within range of the Yemeni Armed Forces, and investments in them are a venture fraught with losses," the Houthis' Saba news agency quoted the military official as saying.

The official also warned international airlines against using Saudi airspace "except for the airspaces of Mecca and Medina".



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Pakistan beat Oman by 18 runs to win Hong Kong Sixes Plate title



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MONG KOK: Pakistan defeated Oman by 18 runs in the Plate final of the Hong Kong Sixes 2026 to claim the second-tier title after failing to retain their championship crown at Mission Road Ground in Mong Kok on Sunday.

Batting first, the Men in Green posted an imposing 154-4 in their allotted six overs, with captain Abbas Afridi leading from the front with a blistering 73 off just 16 deliveries, featuring one four and 11 sixes. He subsequently retired before returning to the crease in the final over.

Abdul Samad chipped in with 26 off five deliveries, including two boundaries and three sixes, while opener Khawaja Nafay scored seven off three balls, including a six.

Ahmed Daniyal added a quickfire 25 off five deliveries, smashing four sixes, while Muhammad Shahzad contributed 13 off four balls, including two sixes. Irfan Niazi, meanwhile, was dismissed for a first-ball duck.

In reply, Oman managed 136-4 in their allotted six overs despite a dominant opening partnership between Usman Ali and Zohaib Amanat. Captain Aamir Kaleem was the first batter dismissed, falling for a duck following a run-out effected by Ahmed Daniyal. Usman led Oman's charge with a magnificent 67 off just 17 deliveries, striking four boundaries and eight sixes, while Amanat contributed 61 off 18 balls, featuring four boundaries and eight sixes.

Oman's remaining batters, Sami Hassan, Shafiq Jan and Muzahir Khan, were retired out as the side attempted to keep its leading batters at the crease. Usman subsequently returned to the crease following the dismissal of the first wicket, prompting the retirement of the three batters.

It is pertinent to mention that six-time champions Pakistan concluded their Hong Kong Sixes 2026 campaign without defending their main title, eventually securing the Plate championship to finish fifth in the tournament standings. The Green Shirts began their campaign with a defeat against the UAE in their Group C opener. Batting first, Pakistan posted 106-3 in their allotted six overs, with captain Abbas Afridi leading from the front with a blistering 53 off just 13 deliveries, featuring one four and eight sixes.

Hard work will pay off

Salma Ali's journey from Breaking Barriers to Golden Glory

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PESHAWAR: Proving that strong determination can break through socio-cultural limitations, Salma Ali—a talented athlete from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa—has emerged as a beacon of inspiration for young women across Pakistan.Representing the Higher Education Commission (HEC) at the 54th National Athletics Championship in Karachi, Salma achieved a stellar milestone by winning one gold and two silver medals. Despite hailing from the conservative Malakand Division, where societal norms often restrict women from pursuing professional sports, Salma successfully convinced her family through her talent and dedication. Today, her family fully supports her athletic aspirations.Salma holds a Master's degree in Sports Sciences from the University of Central Punjab. She is currently undergoing intensive training in Peshawar under the guidance of renowned coach Abid Afridi. Following a rigorous daily regimen that includes fitness gym sessions, structured nutrition, and endurance training, she remains committed to honing her skills."Winning at the national level is a huge honor, but my ultimate goal is to represent Pakistan internationally and raise the green crescent flag high on global podiums," Salma said in an interview with media representative Ghani-ur-Rehman. Expressing firm faith in her hard work and divine grace, she added, "Allah never lets anyone's efforts go to waste. InshaAllah, my hard work will pay off, and I will make the nation proud on the international stage.

Abida Batool becomes Pakistan's first woman to win WIBA world boxing title



MOHSIN ALI

PATAYA: Pakistani boxer Abida Batool has made history by winning the Women's International Boxing Association (WIBA) world atomweight title after defeating her Thai opponent by technical knockout in Pattaya.

Abida stopped Thailand's Wandee Sinongkhrot in the fifth round of their eight-round fight on October 31 at FCC Stadium.

The bout was part of the 'Brave Hearts' boxing event.

Hailing from Quetta, Abida became the first Pakistani woman to compete for the WIBA world title.

Her victory is also expected to improve her international boxing ranking.

The win marks her second international professional fight.

Abida started her boxing career in 2018 and has also won Pakistan's national professional boxing title.

Her journey was not easy. She faced financial problems and resistance from her family in the early days, but she did not give up on her dream.

After winning the title, Abida thanked her family, sponsors, coach Shariq Khan, and the people of Pakistan for supporting her journey.

Islamabad to host 23rd Asian Team Squash Championship from Nov 3



Imperious Alcaraz crushes dogged De Minaur in Vienna final

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LONDON: Carlos Alcaraz completed an unbeaten season in ATP 500-level events when he cruised past Alex de Minaur 6-1, 6-4 in the Vienna Open on Sunday.

Alcaraz closed out the victory on his first match point on De Minaur's serve, in 1 hour and 27 minutes to beat the Australian for the seventh time in as many meetings.

De Minaur battled hard.

He took seven games in the first set to deuce but only won one.

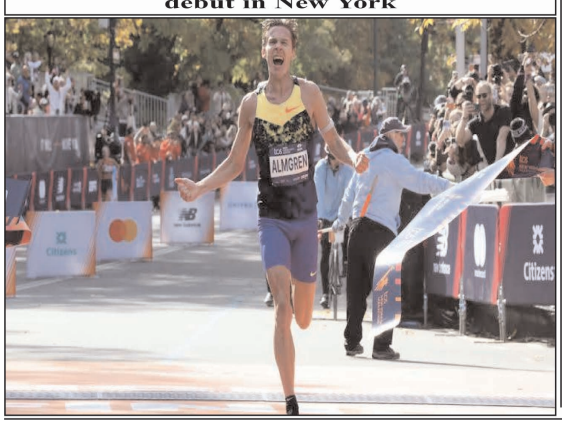
In the second set, De Minaur, who entered the final on a ten-match indoor unbeaten streak, saved break points in three of his first four service games. Alcaraz forced the break he needed in the 10th and final game.

"His style is really dangerous," said Alcaraz. "He's really fast, so you have to earn every point. You might hit a winner against everybody, except him. I had to be really focused on that."

"I tried to be aggressive and show him that if he wants to win, he has to play better, more aggressively, more solidly, and be smarter than me." Alcaraz did not drop a single set in five matches in Vienna as he claimed the 28th title of his career. The victory followed his title in Tokyo four weeks ago. The seven-time Grand Slam champion made his return to the courts at the US Open in New York, where he was eliminated in the quarterfinals. Alcaraz said his form in Vienna had been encouraging. "Obviously it has been a really emotional and amazing week for me. I learned a lot, to keep going forward, step by step, playing on indoor courts, and trying to gain more confidence playing on this surface," he said.



Almgren makes triumphant marathon debut in New York



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ICRC National Physical Disability Cricket Championship to Begin in Peshawar

Sixteen regional teams from across the country to participate; Waseel Khan to inaugurate the event

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KARACHI: The ICRC National Physical Disability Cricket Championship will commence in Peshawar on Monday, featuring 16 regional teams from across the country.According to Pakistan Physical Disability Cricket Association (PPDCA) Secretary General Ameeruddin Ansari, the opening match will be played between Peshawar and Lahore at 9am on Monday at Imran Khan Stadium, Peshawar.Regional Director of the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB), Peshawar Centre, Wasil Khan, will be the chief guest at the opening ceremony and formally inaugurate the championship.The ceremony will also be attended by Star Marketing CEO and former international physical disability cricketer Sher Ali Afridi, Imran Khan Cricket Stadium Director Jaffar Shah, Lahore Regional Head Javed Ashraf, Abbottabad Regional Head Raja Tahir, Peshawar Regional Head Sajid Khan, PPDCA Director Muhammad Nizam and event coordinator Nasrullah Khan.The first phase of the championship will be held in Peshawar, featuring Peshawar, Lahore, Abbottabad and KP Stars. The second phase is scheduled to begin in Rawalpindi on November 8, with Islamabad, Faisalabad, Sialkot and Rawalpindi competing.The third phase will take place in Bahawalpur, while Karachi will host the fourth and final phase, including the championship final.Multan will enter the competition as the defending champions.The second match on the opening day will be played between Abbottabad and KP Stars.

More than 26,000 applications for 31 posts in three federal bodies

NADEEM TANOLI

ISLAMABAD: Just two federal government jobs reserved for candidates from Balochistan attracted 651 applications, while three attached organisations recorded another 26,335 applications for 31 posts, according to a government reply to a Senate question moved by Senator Humayun Mohmand.The documents provide details of the recruitment process, written test and interview marks, selection committee members and appointment orders for two posts in the Establishment Division. They also list recruitment figures for the Secretariat Training Institute, AHK NCRD and the Federal Public Service Commission. The two posts in the Establishment Division were one Statistical Assistant in Basic Pay Scale 15 and one Data Entry Operator in Basic Pay Scale 14. Both were reserved under the six percent Balochistan quota. The vacancies were advertised in newspapers on October 2, 2022, and attracted 651 applications from candidates holding Balochistan domiciles.Of these applicants, 370 applied for the Statistical Assistant position and 281 for the Data Entry Operator position.For the Statistical Assistant post, Nawab Khan secured the highest total of 71.1 marks, with 44.1 marks in the written test and 27 in the interview. He was recommended as the principal candidate. Tahir Iqbal secured 61.4 marks, with 43.4 in the written test and 18 in the interview, and was placed as the alternative candidate.The other candidates who appeared for the interview were Muhammad Yahya, who obtained 55.7 marks, and Abdul Saboor, who secured 54 marks. The selection committee records show that five candidates had been shortlisted for the post, but only four appeared for the interview.For the Data Entry Operator position, Syed Muhammad Asif obtained the highest total of 89.6 marks, including 61.6 in the written test and 28 in the interview. He was recommended as the principal candidate.Muhammad Raza secured 76.3 marks, with 55.3 in the written test and 21 in the interview, and was recommended as the alternative candidate. The other candidates who appeared were Muhammad Ali Shafiq, with 73.4 marks, Maria Masood, with 71.3, and Furqan Noor, with 69.3. The committee had shortlisted six candidates for interview, but only five appeared.The selection committee used a system in which the written test carried 70 percent of the weight and the interview carried 30 percent. Its meeting was held on January 26, 2023, at the Establishment Division in Islamabad.The committee was headed by the Joint Secretary for Administration, Basic Pay Scale 20. Its two members were the Deputy Secretary for Administration II and the Deputy Secretary for CP IV, both in Basic Pay Scale 19.Appointment orders dated March 1, 2023, show that Nawab Khan and Syed Muhammad Asif were appointed to the two posts with effect from February 18, 2023. Both appointments were made on a temporary basis under the six percent Balochistan quota.Nawab Khan was appointed as Statistical Assistant in Basic Pay Scale 15, with a basic pay scale ranging from Rs23,920 to Rs33,320, plus allowances allowed under the rules. Syed Muhammad Asif was appointed as Data Entry Operator in Basic Pay Scale 14, with a basic pay scale ranging from Rs22,530 to Rs29,730, plus admissible allowances.The orders placed both employees on probation for one year, which could be extended for another year under the stated conditions.The reply also provided figures for recruitment in three attached organisations. The Secretariat Training Institute listed nine posts that attracted 8,048 applications. These included one Assistant post in Basic Pay Scale 15, which received 2,268 applications; five Stenotypist posts in Basic Pay Scale 14, which received 1,742 applications; one Upper Division Clerk post in Basic Pay Scale 11, which received 1,629 applications; and two Lower Division Clerk posts in Basic Pay Scale 9, which received 2,409 applications.AHK NCRD listed three posts and 168 applications. One Assistant post in Basic Pay Scale 15 received 141 applications. A Stenotypist post reserved for the Punjab women quota received 21 applications, while another Stenotypist post under the Punjab minority quota received six.The Federal Public Service Commission listed 19 posts and 18,119 applications. Eight Assistant posts in Basic Pay Scale 15 attracted 10,506 applications. Five Upper Division Clerk posts in Basic Pay Scale 11 received 4,363 applications, while six Lower Division Clerk posts in Basic Pay Scale 9 received 3,250 applications.These figures show strong competition for clerical positions across the three organisations, with the largest number of applications recorded by the FPSC. The attached records also include names and marks of candidates interviewed by the relevant organisations, along with details of their selection committees, interview dates and venues. According to the schedules, interviews at the Secretariat Training Institute took place on January 25 and 26, 2023. The AHK NCRD interview record lists March 13, 2023, while FPSC records include interviews held in July 2023 and October 2024 at its headquarters in Islamabad.

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NUST's triumph

The announcement that 45 researchers from the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) have been ranked among the world's top 2% of scientists is a moment of genuine national pride. Data compiled by the prestigious Stanford University and academic publishing giant Elsevier places NUST and its faculty among the world's finest, crediting their work with advancing knowledge across disciplines. In a country where education-related headlines are usually limited to lacklustre education standards and dilapidated buildings, this is a reminder of what Pakistan can achieve when merit, investment and institutional vision align. The achievement reflects decades of hard work. NUST's representation in the prestigious list has grown from 23 researchers in 2022 to 31 in 2023, 43 in 2024, and 47 in 2025. Although the number fell to 45 in 2026, it includes 16 scholars who have appeared consistently over successive years, which should be taken as proof of durable scholarly impact rather than fleeting recognition. It is also worth noting that the researchers' areas of expertise span AI, nanotechnology, biomedical engineering, cyber security, materials science and fluid mechanics, which is a breadth of expertise that any world-class university would envy.

The Global Day and the Dual Tragedy of Pakistani Journalism!

By: Tariq Usmani / Special Analysis



Every year on November 2nd, the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists" is observed across Pakistan and around the globe. This day serves as a stark reminder of how the soldiers of the pen are targeted, assassinated, abducted, and tortured worldwide just to suppress the voice of truth, while the perpetrators of these heinous crimes roam free from the grip of law. Pakistan ranks among the most dangerous countries in the world, where journalists continuously face grave perils in the line of duty.Yet today, as the world observes this global day, Pakistani journalism is undergoing a dual and far more terrifying tragedy. On one hand is the external threat and the lingering fear of unpunished killers, while on the other hand is an internal storm of economic and intellectual decay—a crisis I had predicted exactly twenty-two years ago.Over two decades ago, in March 2004, when electronic media was just finding its footing in Pakistan and digital or social media was nowhere in sight, I penned a column in the pages of this very newspaper titled: "For God's Sake! Save Us from Such a Death." Being primarily an investigative reporter, it was my professional hallmark to unearth the truth and maintain a deep, analytical gaze on emerging situations. Furthermore, through my deep-rooted association with journalistic politics for the past four decades and active role as a dynamic trade unionist, I possess a profound and comprehensive understanding of the working conditions of journalists, not just nationally but also at an international level. Guided by this vast national and global experience, I foresaw the horrifying situation that we face today. But alas! Neither the governments of the time nor our own journalistic institutions paid any heed to this timely awakening and investigative plea.During that era, as an investigative journalist, I not only wrote the column but also personally warned the then-leadership of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) about the impending storm. I pleaded before them that if we did not immediately establish a robust code of ethics and a protective firewall against the oncoming digital wave, fake news, and the lack of professional training for reporters, this deluge would wash everything away. Regrettably, our journalistic organization at the time gave no attention to this highly critical matter. What was the consequence? In the years that followed, not only did the standard of journalism plummet, but the historic PFUJ—which had fought tirelessly for the rights of working journalists—itself fell prey to internal rifts, fracturing into divided factions.The ultimate price of this organizational breakdown and journalistic division is being paid today by the ordinary, honest media worker. The threats of fake news, falsehood, and sensationalism that I warned of twenty-two years ago have now completely swallowed our media sector. Genuine news has been replaced by "clickbait" and the monetization of "views." Truth stands orphaned, while the business of sensationalism is at its peak. Emerging from this intellectual decline is the greatest and most horrifying human tragedy: the current plight and working conditions of our journalists and media workers.On this International Day to End Impunity, where we remember the journalists who fell victim to bullets, we must also not forget those unsung martyrs falling victim to economic terrorism. Today, thousands of workers of the pen—reporters, sub-editors, and technical staff—are sinking into the quicksand of unemployment, with no one to look after them. Governments look away, divided journalistic unions offer no aid, and media house owners remain entirely indifferent. Everyone has been left helpless. The issue is no longer just about losing a job; it has become a battle for survival. Driven by extreme unemployment, starvation, and mental agony, several of our proud journalist brothers have already lost their lives, dying untimely deaths. Hundreds of media workers are severely ill due to unemployment, lacking the money even for basic medical treatment or medicines, left to languish helplessly in the cold wards of hospitals.I had concluded my 2004 column with these words: "If arrangements are not made for the training of working journalists, no one will be able to save the dignity and values of national journalism in the coming years... journalism will suffer an untimely death." Today, as an investigative reporter, my heart bleeds rather than takes pride in seeing my prediction come true; if only the leadership of that time had listened to my voice. Today, Pakistani journalism is indeed dying an untimely death on our screens every day, while its protectors are breathing their last on the streets.We will only earn the right to observe this global day of November 2nd when we hold accountable both the external elements oppressing journalists and their economic murderers. If the state, PEMRA, major media houses, and all factions of the PFUJ do not rise above their personal interests and politics to take emergency measures for these unemployed, ill, and suffering journalists, this entire profession will be buried forever. For God's sake! Save journalism and the human beings attached to it from this horrific economic, physical, and intellectual death before it is too late!

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani emphasized the importance of strengthening parliamentary cooperation, institutional exchanges and mutual learning between Pakistan and China.

While addressing the inauguration of the Pakistan-China Research Center for Party and State Governance he said that China's experience in governance, institutional development, long-term planning and economic transformation offers valuable insights for strengthening Pakistan's legislative and policy institutions. Gilani also accepted the honorary chairmanship of the research center which will contribute towards strengthening multidimensional cooperation through research and development. The Chairman Senate warmly welcomed Leo Hye-shing, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, and his distinguished delegation to Pakistan. He congratulated the Pakistan-China Economic and Cultural Council (PCECC) on establishing the Research Center and expressed gratitude for being invited to serve as its Honorary Chairman, a responsibility he accepted with humility and commitment.

Referring to the photo exhibition showcasing the history of Pakistan-China relations, Gilani said the photographs reflected much more than diplomatic milestones, depicting an enduring friendship rooted in mutual respect, trust and people-to-people connections. Recalling his family's historical association with China, he noted that his father had visited China in 1956 as a member of Pakistan's first Constituent Assembly, describing this connection as a cherished legacy that must be carried forward by future generations.

Highlighting the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China, the Chairman Senate said that the Senate of Pakistan had commemorated this historic milestone through a unanimous resolution, reaffirming that the friendship between the two countries transcends political affiliations and social backgrounds.

Over 12 mln deserving people being provided subsidised petrol at pre-war prices: Ali

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik said on Sunday that more than 12-13 million deserving people were being provided subsidised petrol at pre-war prices. Speaking at a university convocation, he said: "Today, as I stand before you, I am pleased to share with all of you that more than 12-13 million people who deserve this subsidy, who deserve subsidised fuel, are being provided subsidised petrol at pre-war prices." Explaining the impact of the crisis, he said the disruption around the Strait of Hormuz had affected everyone. Families had been forced to make difficult choices as countries struggled to arrange foreign exchange to buy increasingly expensive oil, gas, LPG and other fuels to keep their economies running. He described the Strait of Hormuz crisis as unprecedented in both its depth and breadth. He said the prolonged crisis, had tested the resilience of countries around the world. He said Pakistan was among the few countries that had successfully moved from unsustainable blanket subsidies to targeted subsidies supported by technology. These subsidies were focused on people who needed assistance the most. He said Pakistan had managed to navigate the crisis without suffering the same damage as many countries in the region.

M-4 motorway section to be upgraded to six lanes, beautified with green belts: Aleem Khan

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan on Sunday said the 53-kilometre Faisalabad–Pindi Bhattian section of the M-4 Motorway was being upgraded from four to six lanes to provide safer and more convenient travel facilities to commuters. During a visit to the Kamalpur Interchange to inspect the ongoing construction work, the minister said the project would fulfil a long-standing demand of the people of Faisalabad, pending for the last three decades, said a press release. He added that the M-4 Motorway would be transformed into a state-of-the-art highway, with trees planted along both sides, green belts developed in the central section and date palm trees added to enhance its landscape & Beautification rest areas will also be established to facilitate commuters travelling between Pindi Bhattian and Faisalabad.

The minister said that by ensuring the timely completion of the M-4 expansion project, the Government would present the people of Faisalabad with a modern motorway as a New Year gift. Abdul Aleem Khan said that the expansion of the M-4 Motorway would help ease traffic congestion make travelling safer and more convenient and contribute to preventing road accidents. He paid tribute to the motorway police personnel who had sacrificed their lives while performing their duties adding that a key objective of the project was to ensure safe travelling facilities for both commuters and motorway police personnel.

Abdul Aleem Khan directed the authorities to increase the number of machinery units and workforce to accelerate construction activities. He made it clear that while timely completion was essential no compromise would be tolerated on construction quality. He added that since all project funds had been arranged by the National Highway Authority (NHA) through its own resources there should be no reason for any delay. He further directed that the beautification of the motorway should meet modern standards. He also instructed the authorities to ensure complete lighting arrangements along the Pindi Bhattian–Faisalabad section and finalise the designs of rest areas within one week to facilitate travellers. Appreciating the satisfactory performance of the NHA and Motorway Police officials, the minister said that the construction of modern highways and provision of safe travel facilities remained among the government's top priorities. Senior officials from the NHA, National Logistics Cell (NLC) and other construction companies briefed the Federal Minister in detail on the progress achieved so far.



FAISALABAD: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan inspected extension work of Motorway M4 at Kamalpur Interchange.

Ayaz felicitates G-B people on 79th independence anniversary

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has felicitated the people of Gilgit-Baltistan on the 79th anniversary of their independence from Dogra rule and accession to Pakistan, paying rich tribute to the heroes and martyrs of the freedom movement. In his message on the occasion, he said that November 1, 1947, was a glorious chapter in the history of Gilgit-Baltistan, when its people secured freedom from Dogra rule through extraordinary courage, determination and sacrifices. He said the people of Gilgit-Baltistan had demonstrated remarkable commitment and unwavering love for Pakistan.

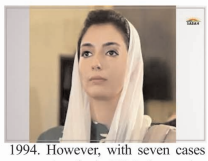
, which was a source of pride for the entire nation.

Ayaz Sadiq paid glowing tribute to the Ghazis and martyrs who played a historic role in the freedom movement, saying their sacrifices would always be remembered with respect and gratitude.

Highlighting the strategic geographical importance and abundant natural resources of Gilgit-Baltistan.

Polio Vaccination Campaign from November 2: Asifa Bhutto

PEAK POINT



ISLAMABAD: First Lady of Pakistan Bibi Asifa Bhutto Zardari said as Pakistan begins its sub national Polio Vaccination Campaign from 2 to 8 November, all parents and caregivers should ensure that every child under five receives polio drops during the campaign. In a message on Polio Vaccination Campaign, she said, "The campaign aims to vaccinate approximately 24 million children in 97 selected districts, with more than 200,000 frontline polio workers taking part. Their efforts are essential to reaching children in every targeted community."

"Pakistan has made significant progress in reducing polio cases by 99.8 per cent since the launch of its national eradication programme in 1994. However, with seven cases reported so far in 2026, the continued presence of the virus remains a serious concern. Our goal is to make Pakistan polio-free by June 2027, and this requires sustained efforts to reach every eligible child," she said adding, "Polio has no cure and can cause lifelong paralysis, but it is preventable through vaccination. Every child under five must receive two drops during each campaign, regardless of how many doses they have received previously.

WUM holds 8th meeting of the board of advanced studies and research

PEAK POINT



PESHAWAR: Women University Mardan convened the 8th Meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (ASRB), wherein 64 M.Phil. research proposals from the Departments of Biotechnology, Botany and Urdu were placed before the Board for consideration. The proposals included 23 from Biotechnology, 26 from Botany and 15 from Urdu, covering diverse areas of scientific research, environmental sustainability, plant sciences, medicinal plants, literary criticism and Urdu literature.Prof. Dr. Razia Sultana, Vice Chancellor, Women University Mardan, emphasized the importance of promoting quality research and strengthening postgraduate academic standards. Ms. Haleema Ikram, Director ASRB, coordinated the proceedings and facilitated the consideration of research proposals in accordance with the University's academic framework.The meeting reflects Women University Mardan's continued commitment to fostering research excellence.

Pakistan assumes G-24 chairmanship, calls for a stronger, more inclusive and development-oriented global financial system

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday assumed the Chairmanship of the Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-Four (G-24), reaffirming its commitment to strengthening the collective voice of developing economies and advancing a more responsive, fair and development-oriented international financial system.

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, described the Chairmanship as a profound responsibility, calling for renewed international cooperation, stronger multilateral institutions and reinforced global commitments to address climate shocks, development financing gaps and global economic fragmentation, said a press release.

"The future of developing economies is not peripheral to the future of the global economy. It is central to it," the Finance Minister stated, highlighting the immense potential of emerging and developing nations as drivers of investment, innovation, entrepreneurship and global growth. Outlining Pakistan's agenda, Senator Aurangzeb identified three strategic priorities for its Chairmanship:

First, placing development at the centre of global economic policymaking. Macroeconomic stability must serve as a foundation for investment, productivity, employment and shared prosperity, enabling developing and low-income economies to move beyond crisis management towards sustainable growth.

Second, strengthening multilateral frameworks for the collective benefit of members through more inclusive and representative institutions. Pakistan will advocate for more equitable and fair governance, meaningful participation in decision-making and greater responsiveness of the Bretton Woods institutions to the evolving needs and realities of their members.

Third, advancing a development-oriented international financial architecture. Priorities will include affordable and timely development financing, sustainable debt solutions, stronger global financial safety nets, climate resilience and greater mobilisation of public and private capital.

"Our task is to ensure that the immense potential of developing economies is not constrained by an international financial architecture that has yet to fully adapt to a changing world," Senator Aurangzeb emphasised.

Drawing on Pakistan's own experience of economic stabilisation, reform and resilience, the Finance Minister underscored the importance of aligning financial stability with long-term development objectives, while ensuring that reforming economies have the necessary financing and policy space to pursue sustainable growth.

He reaffirmed that Pakistan's Chairmanship would be guided by the G-24's longstanding principles of consultation, consensus and collective advocacy, working closely with members across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, alongside the IMF, World Bank and other international partners, to translate shared priorities into practical outcomes.