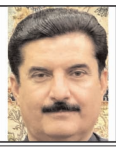


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PM Shehbaz,Nawaz Sharif discuss political situation,economic reforms

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LAHORE: Prime Minister(PM) Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday visited Jati Umra and held a meeting with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Muhammad Nawaz Sharif to discuss the country's political situation and various national matters. During the meeting,the PM took Nawaz Sharif into confidence regarding the law and order situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and briefed him on recent measures taken for the development and prosperity of the province. The PM also briefed him on the government's ongoing reforms,particularly economic reforms,challenges facing the country and measures being taken to address them.

Both leaders held detailed consultations on national political affairs and measures aimed at improving the country's economy.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator,Ishaq Dar and Punjab Chief Minister(CM),Maryam Nawaz Sharif also attended the meeting.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said he was deeply saddened by the tragic shooting incident in Kraków, which has resulted in the loss of precious human lives and left several others injured.

In a post on X, he said, "On behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan, and on my own behalf, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Prime Minister Donald Tusk, the bereaved families and the people of Poland.



RAIWIND: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs on the Prime Minister's Youth Business & Agriculture Loan Scheme, alongside Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan and Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb.

20 injured in 5.7 magnitude earthquake in central Japan



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JAPAN: At least 20 people were injured after a 5.7-magnitude earthquake struck central Japan early Sunday, local media reported.

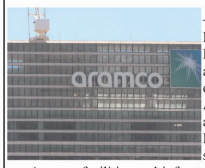
Injuries were reported in Aichi and Shizuoka prefectures, Tokyo-based Kyodo News reported, citing local authorities. No tsunami warning was issued.

The earthquake originated in the western part of Shizuoka prefecture at a depth of about 40 kilometres (25 miles), according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. The quake was the most severe in about three decades to hit Aichi.

No abnormalities were detected at the Hamaoka nuclear power plant in Shizuoka, according to its operator, Chubu Electric Power Co.

The quake forced authorities to suspend some local train services. A 4.3 magnitude earthquake hit the Kumamoto prefecture in southwestern Japan on Sunday morning. Japan, which sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire and directly atop four major tectonic plates, is one of the most seismically active countries in the world.

Aramco skyscraper damaged as Riyadh financial district targeted



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RIYADH: An Aramco building in Riyadh was targeted in an "attempted attack", the Saudi energy ministry said on Sunday, with eyewitnesses telling AFP the skyscraper sustained damage, after the Saudi-led coalition fighting Houthis said it had intercepted missiles launched by the group.

Aramco facilities and infrastructure have been repeatedly struck by the Houthis rebels in Yemen in recent months, with tankers, refineries, storage areas and the company headquarters all targeted by the group.

The energy ministry said in a statement that "an administrative building belonging to Saudi Aramco in Riyadh was subjected to an attempted attack today".

"The incident resulted in falling shrapnel that caused minor damage to the building, with no injuries or fatalities reported, thankfully." "Aramco tower in KAFD has been targeted, that's the sure thing," an eyewitness told AFP, referring to the King Abdullah Financial District. Two other witnesses confirmed seeing damage to the building.

The Houthis seized the Yemeni capital Sanaa in 2014. A 2022 truce that had paused fighting in the long-running conflict fell apart in July, and Saudi Arabia has since traded blows with the Houthis, who have struck Saudi airports, energy infrastructure and military sites. KAFD is one of the most visible manifestations of the kingdom's ongoing economic and social reforms drive.

Trump confirms new US strikes on Iran's Qeshm island



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NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump has confirmed United States military strikes on Iran's Qeshm island, while also claiming Washington has made "a lot of progress" in talks with Iran. Trump said that US forces had carried "minor strikes" against Iranian air defence systems. Trump told reporters in West Palm Beach, Florida, "They knocked out – they built a little bit of an anti-aircraft device, and we knocked it out in about 15 minutes, maybe five." The US president spoke shortly after Iranian state media reported two missile strikes in the Suza area of Qeshm island in the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial route for oil shipments. State broadcaster IRIB also reported an Iranian army statement, saying that the country's air defence forces intercepted and destroyed an American MQ-9 drone over Qeshm island. In response to reports of explosions heard on Qeshm, US Central Command (CENTCOM), which oversees US military operations in the Middle East, said the situation is "relatively calm". A CENTCOM official told Al Jazeera that they were aware of the reports, adding they had no further comment. CENTCOM announced in a post on X late.

Pakistan to host major diplomatic events next week

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ISLAMABAD: Delegations from different foreign countries will visit Islamabad during the next week. Diplomatic sources said that three international diplomatic events would be held in the federal capital. Renowned security experts will participate in the Margalla Dialogue. Pakistan Mineral Investment Summit will be held, in which delegations from foreign countries and experts will participate. Delegations from the United States of America (USA).

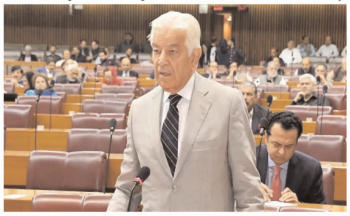
Khawaja Asif backs creation of new provinces, says even 12 could be considered

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SIALKOT: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has backed the creation of new provinces in Pakistan, saying even 12 could be considered, provided they are established on administrative rather than ethnic or political grounds.

Speaking exclusively to Geo News in Sialkot on Sunday, the defence minister said the proposal to create new provinces had been under discussion for the past two months, with opinions emerging from across the country. "If there is a proposal for 12 provinces, then make it 12, but they should not be created on the basis of language, ethnicity or political interests," he said.

Asif advocated the creation of smaller administrative units, arguing that Pakistan's growing population required a more effective system of governance to ensure the provision of public services.



He said power should not remain concentrated in provincial capitals such as Lahore, Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar, calling instead for administrative powers to be transferred to smaller units.

The defence minister also criticised the existing distribution of financial resources, saying funds transferred from the Centre remained at the discretion of provincial governments.

He maintained that these funds were ultimately intended for local government institutions, which themselves remained dependent on provincial authorities. Asif also called on politicians to reconsider their approach towards exercising authority.

"We politicians want to exercise all the power ourselves," he said, adding that political leaders must recognise that power was a trust bestowed upon them by the people.

Referring to Pakistan's administrative history, he recalled that the country's provinces had previously been merged under the One Unit scheme before the decision was reversed.

He also cited Afghanistan as an example of administrative restructuring, saying its provinces had been increased from around eight or 10 to more than 30. Proposal for 12 provinces. His remarks come amid reports that a proposal to reorganise Pakistan into 12 provinces is under consideration, with a nationwide referendum envisaged ahead of a possible 28th Constitutional Amendment. According to a report published in The News, the proposed arrangement could see Punjab divided into four provinces, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan into three each, and Sindh into two.

Heavy rains wreak havoc in war-torn Gaza



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GAZA: Heavy rains have flooded tens of thousands of displaced people's tents in the war-devastated Gaza, Palestinian authorities said, leaving many of them without shelter.

About "70,000 tents sheltering tens of thousands of displaced people were flooded on the first day" of rains, the Hamas-run government media office stated.

There were also reports of "collapse of dozens of cracked walls and roofs, which caused injuries", some critical, in various areas of the tiny territory, it added.

Civil defence spokesman Mahmoud Bassal told AFP his teams had received more than 1,500 calls during the night from residents requesting urgent assistance after their tents were flooded.



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SPORTS



Pakistan Defeat India by Three Wickets in U19 Asia Cup Thriller

Hamza Zahoor's unbeaten century guides Pakistan to second consecutive victory; UAE beat Nepal by seven wickets



SHAKEEL UR REHMAN

ISLAMABAD: Al Amerat, Oman: Pakistan defeated arch-rivals India by three wickets in a thrilling Group A encounter of the ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup 2026, registering their second consecutive victory in the tournament.Wicketkeeper-batter Hamza Zahoor played a match-winning innings, scoring an unbeaten century to steer Pakistan to victory in a challenging run chase. In the other Group A match, the United Arab Emirates defeated Nepal by seven wickets.Pakistan vs IndiaAfter winning the toss, India elected to bat first but struggled against Pakistan's impressive bowling attack. Indian captain Lakshya Raichandani was dismissed for a duck in the opening over by Ali Raza.Ali Raza struck again to remove Vik Vinnet, while Rizwanullah dismissed Yashvardhan Chouhan for one. India lost four wickets for just 42 runs and found themselves in serious trouble.Arjun Rajpoot produced a brilliant counter-attacking century, scoring 107 off 85 balls, including 11 boundaries and five sixes. Aryan Veer Sehwag contributed 22, while Anvay Dravid scored 10 and Manal Chauhan added 11. Kavya Patel made 23.Despite Rajpoot's outstanding effort, India were bowled out for 208 in 46.3 overs.For Pakistan, Ali Raza, Rizwanullah and Niqab Shafiq claimed three wickets each, while Mohammad Sayyam took one wicket.Chasing 209, Pakistan also faced difficulties as wickets fell at regular intervals. However, Hamza Zahoor demonstrated tremendous composure and batting ability, scoring an unbeaten 100 to guide his team home.Pakistan reached the target at 209 for seven in 48.1 overs, securing a memorable three-wicket victory.Hamza Zahoor was named Player of the Match for his match-winning century.UAE Beat Nepal by Seven WicketsIn the other Group A fixture, the United Arab Emirates defeated Nepal by seven wickets.Batting first, Nepal were bowled out for 153 in 41 overs. Sohail Kunwar scored 33, while Sachin Bhatt contributed 32.For the UAE, Naseem Khan delivered an outstanding performance, taking five wickets. Ayan Misbah claimed three wickets, while Noorullah Ayubi took two.In reply, the UAE comfortably chased down the 154-run target, reaching 158 for three in 34.4 overs.Ayan Misbah led the chase with an impressive 75 off.

We aim to build a strong team for next World Test Championship: Babar Azam



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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Skipper Babar Azam has said that the inclusion of young and talented players in the squad aims at preparing a strong team for the next World Test Championship, adding that the blend of senior and junior players will give new energy to the team.

Speaking at a press conference at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Sunday, Azam said that after the tour of England, it was decided to adopt a new strategy keeping in view the future of the team.

"In the current World Test Championship, Pakistan's position is such that now our focus is on preparation for the next championship. For this purpose, six to eight new players have been included in the team. These players have been selected keeping in view their performances in first-class and A team cricket," he said. "All players have come after playing domestic and first-class cricket and are ready for the competition. Our effort will be to give opportunities to young players so that they can express their talent and take the team forward through good performances," Babar said.

He said as captain, it is his responsibility to get the best performance from the players, take correct decisions on the field.

23rd Asian team squash championship concludes with Pakistan & Hong Kong claiming Men's and Women's titles



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ISLAMABAD: In a spectacular display of skill, resilience and sporting excellence, Pakistan clinched the Men's Team title at the 23rd Asian Team Squash Championship-2026, defeating Korea 2-0 in a thrilling final at Mushaf Squash Complex, Islamabad. Federation under the patronage of Pakistan Air Force, the prestigious continental championship was held from 03 to 07 November, 2026. The tournament witnessed intense matches, exceptional athleticism and remarkable displays of determination, as participating teams battled for continental supremacy. Pakistan's commanding victory in the Men's Team Final marked a proud moment for the nation, reaffirming its determination to reclaim its illustrious place in international Squash. Mr Adel Jassim Al-Ghareeb, Vice President, Asian Squash Federation, graced the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest and awarded trophies and medals to the triumphant teams and outstanding players. The ceremony was attended by Squash legends, senior officials of Pakistan Squash Federation, representatives of participating nations, players, coaches and an enthusiastic gathering of sports enthusiasts. Speaking on the occasion, Air Marshal Kazim Hammad, President Pakistan Squash Federation, hailed Pakistan's historic triumph, highlighting that the national team had reclaimed the prestigious Asian title after a decade. He attributed this remarkable achievement to the unwavering patronage of Chief of the Air Staff, who has consistently played a pivotal role in promoting Squash across Pakistan. Hong Kong China emerged victorious in the Women's Team event, overcoming Malaysia 2-1 in a fiercely contested final. The electrifying encounters brought the curtain down on five days of exhilarating Squash action, featuring some of Asia's finest talent.Organized by Pakistan Squash

Defiant Khawaja defends re-igniting ball-tampering scandal



Anti-smog cycle rally held in Lahore



KP Kabaddi Association Elections Completed: Sultan Syed Ali Shah Elected President, Haji Abdul Ghani General Secretary

PEAK POINT

PESHAWAR: In a significant step toward promoting the traditional sport of kabaddi and highlighting grassroots talent across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the KP Kabaddi Association has unanimously elected its new office-bearers unopposed for the upcoming term.The formal announcement was made during a General Body meeting held at a local hotel in Peshawar, presided over by the Association's Chairman, Arbab Naseer Ahmad Khan. Representatives and officials from all major districts and divisional associations—including Peshawar, Charsadda, Mardan, Swabi, Lakki Marwat, D.I. Khan, Buner, and Lower Dir—attended the event in large numbers.Distinguished guests included Pakistan Kabaddi Federation (PKF) General Secretary Rana Muhammad Sarwar, KP Olympic Association General Secretary Zulfiqar Ali Butt, and KP Sports Department Assistant Director Ashfaq Ahmad.Following thorough consultation and unanimous approval from the General Body members, the new provincial cabinet was officially endorsed:Chairman: Arbab Naseer Ahmad Khan President: Sultan Syed Ali Shah (popularly known as Sultan Barey)Senior Vice President: Muhammad FaheemVice Presidents: Muhammad Zahir, Intikhab Khan Chamkani, Tahir, and Syed Rasool ShahGeneral Secretary: Haji Abdul Ghani Deputy General Secretary: Gul Muhammad Khan Associate Secretaries: Parvez Khan, Kaleem Ullah, and Saeed KhanFinance Secretary: Muhib Ullah Executive Body Members: Tor Khan, Masood, Iftikhar, Sher Akais, Naeem Farooq, Aijaz, and Muneer Khan Congratulating the newly elected cabinet, PKF General Secretary Rana Muhammad Sarwar stated that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has always been a stronghold for kabaddi, boasting immense talent.





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CMU renews nationwide campaign to promote HIV awareness

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ISLAMABAD: The Common Management Unit (CMU), under the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, has renewed its nationwide efforts to strengthen HIV awareness, prevention, testing, and treatment by reviving its landmark campaign.

The initiative is being carried out in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pakistan and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), with the support of national and international health partners.

CMU renews nationwide campaign to promote HIV awareness

Originally launched in 2022, the campaign aims to encourage open and informed discussions about HIV, improve access to prevention and treatment services, and address the stigma and discrimination faced by people living with the virus.



The renewed initiative focuses on raising public awareness, promoting HIV testing and early diagnosis, improving access to treatment and highlighting the experiences and voices of people affected by the disease.

The World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Association of People Living with HIV-Pakistan are among the key partners supporting efforts to strengthen the national HIV response.

The CMU acknowledged the continued commitment of government institutions, development partners, community organisations and UN agencies in advancing HIV awareness and prevention across the country.

It emphasized that collective action, accessible healthcare services and a stigma-free environment were essential to ensuring an effective and inclusive response to HIV in Pakistan.

FIA nabs woman in Rs 5.2 mln UK visa fraud, recovers Rs 2 million

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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Islamabad Zone has nabbed a woman allegedly involved in a Rs 5.2 million UK work visa fraud involving a fake IELTS certificate, marriage registration certificate and other documents, recovering Rs 2 million during the investigation. According to an FIA official, the Anti-Human Trafficking Circle Rawalpindi arrested the accused in connection with FIR No. 285/2026 following a complaint regarding fraudulent promises of arranging a UK work visa. He said the complainant alleged that the woman received a total of Rs 5.2 million in different payments on the promise of sending him to the United Kingdom. During the initial investigation, it emerged that the accused allegedly provided a fake International English Language Testing System (IELTS) certificate to the complainant against a payment of Rs 1 million. The official said the woman later allegedly promised to arrange a UK visa through marriage and provided a fake marriage registration certificate and an agreement on e-stamp paper. Another accused reportedly acted as a guarantor in the agreement. He said when the complainant demanded his money back, the accused allegedly refused to return the amount and threatened him. The official said Rs 2 million had been recovered from the arrested woman, while efforts were underway to recover the remaining amount and determine the involvement of other suspects.

NCCIA recovers Rs 2.94 mln for woman defrauded of Rs 9.5 mlin

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ISLAMABAD: The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) Islamabad has recovered Rs 2.94 million and returned the amount to a woman who had allegedly lost Rs 9.5 million in an online financial fraud case, while efforts are underway to recover the remaining money.

According to an NCCIA official, the recovery was made during an investigation conducted under the supervision of Inspector Waqar Masih Ghouri.

He said the woman had suffered a financial loss of Rs 9.5 million in the alleged fraud, prompting the agency to initiate an investigation into the matter.

The official said Rs 2.94 million had so far been recovered and handed over to the complainant, while further investigation was underway to trace the remaining amount and determine the involvement of those responsible.

Meanwhile, the woman expressed satisfaction over the recovery of part of her money and thanked NCCIA Islamabad for its timely action and cooperation.

She appreciated the efforts of the investigation team, particularly the assistance provided during the recovery process, and expressed hope that the remaining amount would also be recovered.

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Marine conservation

Pakistan's marine waters harbour a wealth of biodiversity that remains largely unexplored and inadequately protected. The first recorded sighting of a sperm whale off the Sindh coast, approximately 40 nautical miles southwest of Karachi, is a reminder of this ecological richness. The 45-foot mammal, documented during an expedition by a WWF-Pakistan board member, adds to evidence of the Arabian Sea's importance as a habitat for some of the world's largest marine species. With 26 species of whales and dolphins already documented in Pakistani waters, the discovery should encourage greater scientific interest in marine ecosystems that have received far too little attention from the authorities. Protecting these mammals is closely connected to preserving the ecological processes on which marine life depends. Yet these delicate systems face mounting pressure from overfishing, plastic waste, industrial pollution, shipping activity and rising sea temperatures. Entanglement in fishing nets and collisions with vessels pose particular dangers to whales and dolphins. The degradation of marine habitats also threatens fish populations and, consequently, the livelihoods of coastal communities dependent on them.

Iqbal's Shaheen and PAF's wings of resolve

Waqar Wadho

A[illegible] influences on the spirit of Pakistan Air Force came not from a military strategist or an aviation pioneer, but from a poet, Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal. His poetry offers neither the comfort of easy praise nor the promise of effortless greatness. It demands courage, self-belief and relentless endeavour. Its promise is exacting: we need not remain confined by the limits we inherit, but we must earn the heights we seek. For PAF, that promise takes wing in Iqbal's Shaheen, high-flying, keen-eyed, restless in spirit and sustained by its own strength. As Pakistan commemorates the poet's 149th birth anniversary, the question is not simply how deeply we admire his vision, but how faithfully we live it.

Iqbal does not ask the Shaheen to admire its wings. He challenges it to use them. Beyond achievement lies another horizon; beyond recognition, another responsibility. Yesterday's accomplishment must never become tomorrow's excuse. Here, inspiration meets its test: aspiration must become preparation, confidence must become competence and pride must answer to duty.The Shaheen's qualities give that pursuit its discipline. High flight demands high purpose; keen sight suggests foresight. Its restless spirit rejects stagnation, while its solitary struggle speaks of endurance and self-reliance. Together, these qualities offer an uncompromising ideal: strength earned through effort, not distinction borrowed from privilege.That ideal has a contemporary institutional expression in PAF's modernization and indigenization drive under Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu. Describing a transition towards a "Next Generation Air Force", the Air Chief has outlined changes in operational doctrine and the induction of capabilities in Kinetic domains, Unmanned Systems, Electronic Warfare, and Space & Cyber capabilities. The stated ambition reaches beyond individual platforms towards a connected, Multi-Domain Force.The connection with Iqbal is not in the terminology. It is in the refusal to stand still. An institution honours that spirit when it encourages inquiry, rewards initiative and prepares its people for challenges that yesterday's methods cannot answer.For every young Shaheen, the blue uniform therefore marks both an arrival and a beginning. Selection opens the door; character determines what follows. The aircraft commands the gaze, but the instructor's patience, the engineer's ingenuity, the technician's precision and the fighter pilot's preparation make flight possible. There is patriotism in exactness. There is honour in work done faithfully when no one is watching.

The palace offers comfort. The mountain demands endurance. Iqbal places the Shaheen on the rock, not beneath the gilded dome: stature must be earned, not bestowed. For the Men in Blue, the lesson is not hardship for their own sake. It is the refusal to let convenience outrank duty.That distinction gives remembrance its purpose. The courage of Air Commodore M M Alam, Squadron Leader Sarfaraz Rafiqui (Shaheed) and Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas (Shaheed) places a demanding inheritance before succeeding generations. The remembrance of 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars & Operation Swift Retort carries its own call to readiness. A legacy is not a shelter beneath which to rest. It is a standard to carry forward.During the conflict of May 2025, one of the largest Beyond-Visual-Range aerial engagements of the 21st century, PAF demonstrated the significance of preparation, coordination and effective employment of technology. Its success in the air battle included independently corroborated Indian aircraft losses, among them 04 Rafale, 01 MiG-29, 01 Mirage 2000, a Su-30 MKI and a Heron UAV worth nearly USD 09 million. Additionally, the breach of Indian Air Defence Shield in the shape of destruction of 02x S-400 Air Defence Systems speaks volumes of PAF's professional prowess.The strategic lesson extends beyond a tally of aircraft and equipment lost by the enemy. Modern air combat demands that detection, tracking, decision-making and engagement work together. The Shaheen's keen vision finds a contemporary parallel in situational awareness: seeing the threat, understanding its significance and acting before the opportunity passes.The Air Chief has described PAF's transformation in terms of a home-grown, Multi-Domain Kill Chain, bringing Unmanned Systems, Electronic Warfare, Space and Cyber assets into its operational approach by prioritizing indigenization through National Aerospace Science and Technology Parks. In that stated vision, strength rests not in an aircraft alone, but in the coordinated capabilities behind it.Iqbal's poetry does not explain a missile's trajectory or establish a combat result. It speaks to the human discipline behind capability: the willingness to learn, the composure to judge and the resolve to act. Achievement must deepen that discipline, not diminish it. The Shaheen cannot remain aloft on yesterday's flight. The impulse here is unmistakable: no station is final while the desire for flight endures. For the professional, that means remaining teachable after success, inquisitive after qualification and alert after recognition. Knowledge loses its power when its possessor decides there is nothing left to learn.The National Aerospace Science and Technology Parks initiative brings a practical dimension to this pursuit. By seeking to connect industry, academia and government across aerospace and emerging technologies, NASTP spearheaded by Pakistan Air Force, places research and innovation within the larger ambition of national capability. Its deepest promise lies in the people and institutions able to turn an idea into a working system and to improve, sustain and eventually replace it.The JF-17 Thunder offers another expression of that ambition through indigenization at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex. Self-reliance is built through such cumulative work: a design refined, a process mastered, a difficult problem solved. Its foundations lie as much in workshops and laboratories as in the aircraft that finally takes to the sky.And the summons reaches beyond any PAF Air Base. To the young Pakistani Shaheen looking upwards, the first instrument of ascent may be a book, a skill or a question pursued with patience. The future needs those who can fly, but also those who can teach, design, build and discover. Each has a part in making national ambition real.This Iqbal Day, let remembrance become resolve: excellence in uniform, integrity at work and purpose in youth. Let the child watching an aircraft cross the sky see more than the splendor of flight. Let that child recognize what learning, discipline and courage can make possible and find the resolve to begin.

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Muqam accuses PTI of corruption in 13-year rule in KP, vows to make it accountable

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MALAKAND: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON and President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Ameer Muqam, here on Sunday said that PTI's rule was marked by rampant corruption and poor governance and claimed to make PTI accountable for its 13 years of corrupt practices in the province.

"Peace, development and resources will now be delivered to the people at their doorsteps," he said while addressing a public gathering in Batkhela, Malakand district, on Sunday.

The PML-N organised a large public gathering in Batkhela under the banner of "Youm-e-Nijat" to celebrate the end of PTI's 13-year incompetent, poor rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Thousands of party workers and local residents attended the gathering led by Federal Minister Ameer Muqam amid pro-Pakistan and PMLN slogans.

Addressing the large participants, Muqam claimed that PTI's tenure had been characterised by corruption and that the party that deceived people in the name of change would be held accountable for its 13 years of poor governance and corruption in the province.

He said PTI's departure would usher in an era of peace, development and prosperity in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, adding that public resources and development opportunities would now be directed towards the welfare of the people.

The federal minister alleged that if PTI had not facilitated terrorists, there would have been no need to impose Governor's Rule and an emergency in the province. He said the people had not stood by PTI because the party had failed to protect them from terrorism.

He pledged that the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be provided with peace, security, development and prosperity.

Referring to the sacrifices of security personnel, Engr Amir Muqam said it was unacceptable that the Army, police and other security agencies were laying down their lives in the fight against terrorism while the PTI government was allegedly speaking in favour of terrorists.

He claimed that those who paid extortion money to terrorists could never protect the public from militant violence.

"During the past 13 years, only PTI leaders became wealthy, while the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, despite their courage and resilience, became poorer," he remarked.

Questioning PTI's poor performance, he said a party that could neither properly construct nor efficiently operate a single Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system or a hospital could hardly be expected to run an entire province effectively.

Amir Muqam further criticised political opponents, saying that a religious party leader, who once used to describe PTI founder as an agent of Zionists.

Naqvi lauds FC's performance in fight against terror

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ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday said that the Frontier Constabulary had showed outstanding performance in the fight against terrorism, as they were trained by Special Services Group (SSG) commandos and instructors.

Interior Minister was addressing the participants at the passing-out parade of the first batch of Frontier Constabulary's Special Protection Wing and Anti-Riot Wing in Shabqadar area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The minister said that the federal government had equipped FC with the latest weapons to fight against terrorism.

Naqvi said that Frontier Constabulary personnel had always led the fight from the front. He said that a huge responsibility rested on their shoulders.

He advised them to serve the country with their heart, soul, and honesty.

He said that the history of Frontier Constabulary was 100 years old.

"Today's parade has shown that you all are organised and united and are ready to start your mission," he said, adding, "You represent a big change introduced in the FC in recent times."

He went on to say that the Force had always stood out among the rest due to its traditions and its performance.

Education cornerstone of national progress, prosperity: Deputy Chairman Senate

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ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan Nasir has emphasised that education is the cornerstone of national progress, prosperity and economic stability, stressing the need to nurture young talent and provide opportunities for knowledge and skills development.

He said educated and talented youth were the true architects of Pakistan's bright future and national development.

He expressed these views while presenting the first-ever degree of Alhamd Islamic University to Rubab Tabassum.

He congratulated her on the academic achievement and extended his best wishes for her bright and successful future.

On the occasion, the deputy chairman also congratulated President of Alhamd Islamic University, Prof Dr Shakeel Roshan, the university administration, faculty members and staff on achieving an important milestone in the institution's academic journey.

He appreciated the university's efforts to promote quality education in the country, saying educational institutions not only equip young people with knowledge and awareness but also prepare them to meet future challenges and play an effective role in national development.

Syedaal Khan Nasir observed that Pakistan's youth possessed immense talent, competence and creative potential. He emphasised the need to provide them with greater access to quality education, modern knowledge and practical training so they could demonstrate their capabilities at national and international levels and emerge as valuable assets to the country.

He further said the government was focusing on reforms and initiatives to promote education, improve the education system and increase the literacy rate. He stressed that cooperation and collective efforts between public and private educational institutions were essential to achieving.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan presents the first degree of Alhamd Islamic University to Ms. Rabab Tabassum in the presence of University President Prof. Dr. Shakeel Roshan and a visiting delegation at Parliament House.

CM Maryam removes Jhelum DC after intermediate exam rescheduled for her visit

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has removed Jhelum Deputy Commissioner Mir Reza Ozgen from his post over his orders to postpone Intermediate examinations due to her expected visit to the district on November 10.

The Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Rawalpindi had postponed the Computer Science papers of the Intermediate Second Annual Examinations, scheduled for November 10, until November 30 on the recommendation of the Jhelum deputy commissioner.

The recommendation was made in view of CM Maryam's visit to Jhelum and Pind Dadan Khan and anticipated traffic congestion. In a post on X, the chief minister said the incident amounted to a clear disregard for her directions, announcing that the deputy commissioner was being removed from his post with immediate effect. The Punjab chief minister said she had explicitly directed that her visits.

BISP Chairperson to undertake visit to Karachi, Badin, Tharparkar to review regional operations

PEAK POINT



PESHAWAR: Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid has embarked on a multi day official visit to Sindh to inspect BISP operations, assess public service delivery, and review district level facilities across Karachi, Badin, and Tharparkar. According to an official statement released here on Sunday, the visit aims to ensure seamless distribution of funds, monitor administrative performance, and directly evaluate relief mechanisms established for vulnerable beneficiaries in the province. Senator Khalid commenced her tour in Karachi with an administrative review at BISP Central Zonal Office in Jacobline, Saddar. During the meeting, she assessed regional operations and directed officials to maintain strict standards of efficiency and transparency. As part of her district level engagements, Chairperson visited the BISP District Office in Badin, located at the Elementary College Agrovil Colony, to observe local operations and inspect beneficiary facilitation centers firsthand.

Continuing her visit to Tharparkar, Senator Khalid reviewed BISP.

KP will now receive dictation from Islamabad, not Kabul: Faisal Kundi

PEAK POINT

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said on Sunday that previously there was a lack of coordination between the federal and provincial governments in the fight against terror.

Addressing a press conference in Peshawar, he said that now after the imposition of governor's rule in KP, there would be a better coordination between the Center and the province. "Now Islamabad will dictate us the policies, and not Jalalabad, Kabul or Kandahar," he added.

He categorically ruled out any talks with those not accepting the state, constitution and taking up arms.

The governor said that the restoration of law-and-order in restive areas of the province was a priority for the government.

He further said that the KP government had demanded Rs160 billion to meet its security needs, which the federal government approved. Kundi alleged that the Afghan soil was being used to carry out terrorist attacks in Pakistan. "As a matter of fact, India is using Afghanistan for its nefarious designs against Pakistan," he said, adding it was unfortunate that the former PTI government remained tightlipped on statements emanating.

Pakistan's climate vulnerability underscores urgency of global emissions cuts, experts warn

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's growing exposure to floods, heatwaves, glacial melting and other climate-related hazards highlights the urgent need for deeper global greenhouse gas emission cuts, as the world risks exceeding the 1.5-degree Celsius warming threshold for decades, according to a new United Nations assessment.

Despite contributing less than one per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan remains among the countries most vulnerable to climate change, facing mounting threats to its agriculture, water resources, livelihoods and economic stability.

The United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Emissions Gap Report 2026: The Point of Return estimates that global greenhouse gas emissions must decline by 18 per cent by 2030, 45 per cent by 2035 and 69 per cent by 2040, compared with 2025 levels, to limit temperature overshoot and eventually return global warming to 1.5C by 2100.

Mohammad Saleem Shaikh, a climate policy advocacy and governance expert and member of the Climate and Environmental Change Group at the University of Portsmouth, told APP that the opportunity to prevent global warming from exceeding 1.5C without or with limited overshoot had passed, but the extent and duration of the overshoot could still be reduced.

For Pakistan, the stakes are particularly high as rising temperatures and changing weather patterns threaten an already climate-sensitive economy.

The devastating 2022 floods, which affected around 33 million people, displaced millions and caused more than $30 billion in damage and economic losses, demonstrated the scale of the country's vulnerability. The risks extend from extreme monsoon rainfall and urban flooding to prolonged heatwaves, water stress and accelerated melting of glaciers in the northern mountain ranges.

Saleem Shaikh said further warming could have devastating consequences for ecosystems, biodiversity and human societies, making deep and sustained emission reductions essential across all major sectors of the global economy.

The UNEP assessment projects that even under the lowest-emissions pathway, global temperatures could peak at 1.7C to 1.8C above pre-industrial levels around the middle of the century before declining towards 1.5C by 2100.

The report estimates that a pathway offering roughly a 50 per cent chance of returning warming to 1.5C by the end of the century remains possible, but would require unprecedented reductions in emissions.

However, existing national climate commitments remain insufficient. Even if countries fully implement their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), global emissions would decline by only 5 to 8 per cent by 2030 and 11 to 15 per cent by 2035, compared with 2025 levels.

Under current policies, the world is heading towards approximately 2.8C of warming by the end of the century. Full implementation.