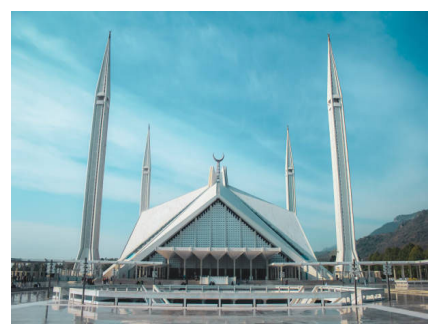


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Pakistan, Iran ‘brothers with one heart and one soul’: Pezeshkian



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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Iranian President Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening Pakistan-Iran relations, promoting regional peace and expanding mutual cooperation during a joint press conference in Islamabad.

The two leaders highlighted the historic ties between the neighbouring countries, with both sides expressing appreciation for diplomatic efforts that led to the “Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding” and emphasising the importance of continued engagement for regional stability.

PM Shehbaz began his remarks in Persian and recited a poem, drawing warm applause from President Pezeshkian and the Iranian delegation. Addressing the gathering, PM Shehbaz said that “a true friend is the one who holds your hand in difficult times”, reaffirming Pakistan’s longstanding friendship with Iran. He described President Pezeshkian’s visit as a matter of great pleasure, calling him a great leader of a great country and praising his services to humanity as a doctor.

Shehbaz said Pakistan played the role of a mediator in the signing of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding and made sincere

diplomatic efforts towards achieving peace.

He also appreciated the vision and leadership of Iran’s Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, while expressing relief over the end of the war between Iran and the United States. However, he also conveyed sorrow over the loss of thousands of precious lives during the conflict.

The prime minister said Pakistan and Iran are connected through thousands of years of cultural and historical relations, adding that Islamabad considers Iran’s success as its own success and its losses as its own. He said certain elements attempt to undermine peace agreements, but Pakistan would continue playing its role for regional

peace and stability.

Shehbaz also expressed hope that the friendship between Pakistan and Iran would continue forever, describing the relationship as a bond built on trust and mutual respect.

President Masoud Pezeshkian thanked the Pakistani premier for the warm hospitality extended during his visit and began his address by reciting a verse from the poetry of philosopher and poet Muhammad Iqbal.

He said Pakistan is not only Iran’s neighbour but also its brother and close friend, describing the relationship between the two countries as “one soul in two bodies”.

Pakistan, Iran reaffirm commitment to stronger ties, regional peace



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ISLAMABAD: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian held talks with President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday, lauding Pakistan’s constructive efforts in Iran-US dialogue and reaffirming Tehran’s commitment to enhancing bilateral cooperation and regional peace. President Pezeshkian landed in Islamabad earlier today on a day-long visit following Islamabad-mediated talks between Tehran and Washington in Switzerland. The trip — Pezeshkian’s first foreign visit since the United States and Israel launched strikes on Iran on February 28 — comes a day after Pakistan and Qatar announced that the opening round of high-level US-Iran talks in Burgenstock, Switzerland, had produced a 60-day roadmap towards a final agreement. The Iranian president arrived on a special aircraft operated by Mirage Airlines, identified as Minab 168 — a symbolic tribute to the 168 children who were martyred in an attack on their school by the United States and Israel in Iran’s Minab city. Given a red carpet welcome with a guard of honour, the Iranian president was welcomed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, President Asif Ali Zardari, and other top leadership, while Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was also present.

This is Dr Pezeshkian’s second visit to Pakistan in his capacity as president of Iran. During his meeting with President Zardari, Pezeshkian discussed bilateral relations, mainly regional peace and security, bilateral and regional connectivity, economic cooperation and other issues of mutual interest, the President House said in a state-

ment.

The Iranian president was accompanied by Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi, Chief of the President’s Office Mohsen Haji Mirzaei, Minister of Interior Eskandar Momeni, Chief of Political Affairs of President’s Office Saeed Abbas Mousavi, and Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan Reza Amiri Moghaddam.

From the Pakistani side, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and former foreign minister and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, State Minister for Interior Talal Chaudhry, Senate Chief Whip Senator Saleem Mandviwala and Dr Asim Hussain were present during the meeting.

President Zardari welcomed President Pezeshkian on his first state visit to Pakistan after the recent conflict and noted that the visit reflects the longstanding brotherly relations between the two countries and a desire to stay together in good and bad times.

He congratulated President Pezeshkian on the signing of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding and expressed the hope that the ongoing technical-level negotiations would culminate in permanent peace in the region.

The president reaffirmed Pakistan’s principled support for Iran’s peace, stability, national unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity. He stated that Pakistan has consistently opposed one-sided initiatives and has supported dialogue and diplomacy as the means to achieve a durable and sustainable solution to regional and global challenges.

PM confident Iran-US MoU will lead to lasting agreement, promote global peace

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed confidence that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Iran and the United States would evolve into a long-term agreement following 60 days of technical-level dialogue, helping ensure peace and stability across the world.

Addressing the National Assembly, the prime minister congratulated the nation on a historic development, saying that the MoU had been signed by Iran and the United States, with Pakistan serving as a mediator.

“It is a historic moment that Pakistan signed the MoU as a mediator between Iran and the United States,” he remarked. The prime minister informed the House that the leadership of both countries participated in a high-level committee meeting in Burgenstock, Switzerland, a couple of days ago. He said Pakistan made sincere efforts to facilitate dialogue and reconciliation between the two sides, resulting in the preparation of a joint statement. He said a ceasefire between Iran and the United States had come into effect and that technical-level talks would continue over the next 60 days. Congratulating the nation, Shehbaz Sharif described Pakistan’s role in securing the truce as historic, adding that the country’s efforts had received widespread recog-



nition in international media.

“The respect Pakistan has earned around the world through this achievement could not have been bought even by spending billions,” he said. The prime minister also informed the House that Iranian President Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian was scheduled to arrive in Islamabad later in the day, where discussions would be held on further expanding bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

Referring to remarks made by Opposition Leader Mehmood Khan Achakzai in the National Assembly, the prime minister said all four provinces had contributed to the development of Balochistan, which he termed a matter of satisfaction. He reiterated his longstanding view that Pakistan could not achieve sustainable economic development unless all four provinces progressed equally.

Pakistan honours Iran President with honorary fellowship in cardiac surgery



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ISLAMABAD: Iranian President Dr Masoud Pezeshkian has been awarded an honorary fellowship in Cardiac Surgery by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan (CPSP) during a ceremony held in Islamabad.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif conferred the honorary fellowship upon Dr Pezeshkian in recognition of his contributions to public health, medical education, healthcare research and social services. The ceremony was attended by senior Pakistani leadership, including PM Shehbaz and Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir, along with other prominent officials and dignitaries.

The CPSP awarded the honorary fel-

lowship in the field of cardiac surgery as a mark of appreciation for Dr Pezeshkian’s services and contributions to the medical sector.

Dr Pezeshkian, who has a background in medicine, was recognised for his role in promoting healthcare development, strengthening medical learning and supporting advancements in the field. The honour reflects the importance of professional and academic ties between Pakistan and Iran, particularly in the healthcare sector. The conferment of the fellowship aims to encourage stronger collaboration between medical institutions of both countries, including cooperation in medical education, research initiatives, faculty exchanges and the exchange of examiners. The CPSP’s recognition is expected to further support links between Pakistani and Iranian healthcare institutions, creating opportunities for greater interaction among medical professionals and researchers. The award ceremony took place during Dr Masoud Pezeshkian’s visit to Islamabad, where discussions focused on strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in various sectors.

SC orders correction of wrongly recorded testimonies in Sanam Umrani murder case

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ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan has directed the trial court to correct errors in the recorded testimonies in the murder case of Sanam Umrani, sister of petitioner Nayab Umrani, within two weeks of receiving the court’s order. A bench headed by Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail heard the matter on Tuesday and expressed serious concern over the inaccurate recording of witness statements during the trial proceedings. During the hearing, Justice Mandokhail questioned the manner in which evidence had been recorded, remarking, “Has the recording of testimony become a joke?” The observation came amid allegations that significant errors had been made in documenting witness statements and cross-examinations. Counsel for the accused informed the court that the High Court had earlier directed the issuance of a memorandum regarding the matter and clarified that his clients had no objection to the High Court’s order. In response, Justice Mandokhail observed that the accurate recording of testimony is a judicial responsibility and that any mistake brought to the court’s notice can and should be rectified.

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RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), HJ called on the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian, during which views on regional developments and peace initiatives were exchanged. “The Iranian President appreciated Pakistan’s constructive and responsible role in promoting dialogue, de-escalation, and regional stability. He acknowledged Pakistan’s consistent efforts to encourage peaceful resolution of disputes and foster understanding among regional stakeholders at a time of heightened geopolitical challenges”, said a news release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR). Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir reiterated Pakistan’s unwavering commitment to peace and stability in the region. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening Pakistan-Iran relations



and maintaining close consultations on issues of advancing peace, prosperity and stability across mutual interest, with the shared objective of the region, the news release said.

US-Iran talks in second phase, next stage will be tough: Dar

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ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has said that negotiations between the United States and Iran could have begun several days earlier, adding that the next phase of talks will be more difficult, though a final agreement remains achievable.

In an interview with Arab media, Ishaq Dar said Israeli attacks on Lebanon significantly impacted the diplomatic process, which nearly stalled efforts to bring American and Iranian delegations back to the negotiating table. He said that after renewed reconciliation efforts, technical-level

talks resumed, which are now focused on implementing a recent memorandum of understanding. He added that this represents the second phase of diplomatic engagement between the United States and Iran.

Dar stated that Iran will reduce uranium enrichment levels instead of sending enriched uranium abroad, while working groups are actively engaged on issues related to the nuclear programme, sanctions, and frozen assets. Lebanon-related matters are also included in the negotiation agenda.

He further said that Pakistan is playing a facilitation role throughout the process with no personal or strate-

gic interest, describing it as a sincere contribution toward regional and global peace. He said certain matters have a 30-day timeline for resolution, while a broader agreement is expected within 60 days.

According to him, vessels passing through the Strait of Hormuz will be allowed transit for 60 days without tariffs, subject only to standard navigation or service fees.

Ishaq Dar added that former US President Donald Trump personally guided the US-Iran negotiations, while Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates are supporting the mediation process.



President Pezeshkian inspected the guard of honour. Later, the delegations of the both countries were introduced.

NA passes Finance Bill 2026

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ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly on Tuesday passed the Finance Bill 2026 after a clause-by-clause consideration by rejecting all the amendments presented by the opposition.

Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb moved the motion for consideration of the Finance Bill, 2026 to give effect to the financial proposals of the federal government for the year, commencing on July 1, 2026.

The motion was passed with majority vote which led to the passage of Finance Bill-2026 after clause-by-clause reading.

The total outlay of the federal budget for the fiscal year 2026-27 is Rs 18.77 trillion. The budget outlines a comprehensive fiscal framework aimed at strengthening macro-economic stability, enhancing exports, improving foreign exchange reserves, reducing fiscal imbalances, and promoting sustainable economic growth.

The budget projects an economic growth rate of 4.0% for the fiscal year 2026-27. Inflation is expected to remain at 8.2%, while the fiscal deficit has been estimated at 3.6% of GDP and the primary surplus is projected to reach 2.0% of GDP.

The revenue collection target by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has been set at Rs 15.264 trillion, reflecting an increase over the previous fiscal year.



Net federal revenues are estimated at Rs.11.752 trillion whereas total expenditures have been projected at Rs 18.77 trillion. Out of these expenditures, around Rs 8.05 trillion will be spent on debt servicing and markup payments. An amount of Rs 1 trillion has been earmarked for the Federal Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), while the overall national development programme is estimated at approximately Rs 3.675 trillion. In addition, substantial allocations have been made for pensions, civil administration, subsidies, and

social protection programmes.

Likewise, Rs 838 billion has been allocated for the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), representing a significant increase from the previous year. The enhanced allocation is aimed at expanding social protection coverage and increasing financial assistance to vulnerable households. The government intends to further strengthen the flagship initiatives of the Benazir Income Support Programme by expanding its outreach and improving support mechanisms for low-income families.

The budget proposes a 7% increase in salaries of government employees and a corresponding increase in pensions, while additional relief measures have also been announced for public sector employees and armed forces personnel.

Meanwhile, various tax reforms and relief measures have been introduced in the budget to broaden the tax base, improve compliance, and support economic growth. The government has maintained its focus on minimizing the tax burden on lower-income groups while increasing contributions from higher-income segments and under-taxed sectors.

As per the Finance Bill, several measures relating to taxation, energy reforms, digital economy regulation, and investment facilitation have been proposed to improve fiscal sustainability and enhance competitiveness. The government has also announced policy initiatives aimed at industrial development, promotion of electric vehicles, export enhancement, energy sector reforms, and investment facilitation to achieve long-term economic growth.

It is pertinent to mention here that the budget for fiscal year 2026-27 is a balanced fiscal plan focused on economic stabilization, revenue enhancement, social protection, export promotion, fiscal discipline, and sustainable development, with the objective of fostering inclusive growth and strengthening Pakistan's economy.

Amir Muqam felicitates GB's new leadership

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON, Engineer Amir Muqam, on Tuesday congratulated the newly elected leadership of Gilgit-Baltistan, expressing hope that the government and opposition would work together to promote development, prosperity and public welfare across the region.

In a congratulatory message, the minister extended his heartfelt felicitations to newly elected Chief Minister Advocate Amjad Hussain on his success. He also congratulated newly elected Leader of the Opposition Hafiz Hafeezur Rehman, as well as Speaker Imran Nadeem and Deputy Speaker Malik Kifayatpur Rehman on their election to key constitutional offices in the Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly. Amir Muqam said that the welfare and prosperity of the people of Gilgit-Baltistan required collective efforts and political harmony among all stakeholders. He expressed confidence that the newly elected leadership would play an effective role in meeting the expectations of the people and addressing the region's challenges. The federal minister underscored that the sustainable development of Gilgit-Baltistan remained among the national priorities and stressed that cooperation between the government and opposition were essential for ensuring progress and stability in the region. Mr Muqam said that through mutual understanding and coordinated efforts, the leadership could effectively overcome the challenges facing Gilgit-Baltistan and create new opportunities for socio-economic development. Reaffirming the federal government's commitment to the region, Amir Muqam assured the newly elected provincial government of full support and cooperation.

Digital Youth Hub crosses 800,000 users milestone

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ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister's Digital Youth Hub (DYH), Pakistan's first national digital platform dedicated to youth empowerment, has surpassed 800,000 registered users, marking a significant milestone in the government's efforts to connect young people with education, employment, engagement and environmental opportunities across the country. Developed under the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP), the Digital Youth Hub has reached more than 800,240 registered users as of June 2026, offering a centralized digital gateway that links youth with scholarships, jobs, internships, skills development initiatives, volunteer programmes and climate action projects. The platform uses artificial intelligence powered tools to provide personalized recommendations, enabling young people to access opportunities tailored to their interests, qualifications and career aspirations. According to official figures, the platform has partnered with 3,163 organizations and currently hosts over 114,783 opportunities nationwide. These include 114,374 employment opportunities, 292 education opportunities, 38 engagement opportunities and 79 environment related opportunities.

Ministry of national health services launches Integrated task management system to strengthen e-governance

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ISLAMABAD: On the directions of Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Mustafa Kamal, the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations & Coordination have launched an Integrated Task Management System (ITMS) aimed at enhancing transparency, accountability, and efficiency through digital governance in all its subsidiary departments programmes.

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The announcement was made during a meeting chaired by Federal Health Minister

Mustafa Kamal with the heads of attached departments and senior officials of the Ministry on Tuesday. During the meeting, officials were briefed on the newly introduced system and its key features. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the introduction of the internal Task Management System marks a significant step towards effective e-governance within the Ministry. He emphasized that promoting digital systems in line with the requirements of the modern era is essential for improving institutional performance.

He stated that the new system will ensure that all tasks are managed online, clearly assigned, and fully traceable. A complete record of task allocation, pro-

gress, responsibilities, and completion status will be maintained through the platform. Under the new framework, all official directives and instructions issued by the Ministry have been consolidated a centralized digital platform. The system also provides a real-time dashboard, enabling live monitoring of assigned tasks and allowing progress to be reviewed at any time from a single interface.

The Minister announced that he will personally monitor the implementation and progress of delegated tasks through the system. He noted that the initiative represents a major milestone in transforming the Ministry into a fully digital and paperless institution.

"From now onwards, all official business will be conducted through the Task Management System, and accountability, performance evaluation, and reward and disciplinary mechanisms will be determined accordingly," he said.

Mustafa Kamal added that the system will reduce reliance on conventional working methods and is fully aligned with the Government's vision of promoting transparency, effective governance, and modern digital solutions. He directed all officers and heads of departments to adopt the new system with complete seriousness and to prepare their teams accordingly so that the Ministry's performance and service delivery can be further strengthened.

Park Road underpass work draws complaints over dust, diversions, delays

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ISLAMABAD: Residents, students and traders along Park Road have raised concerns over what they describe as inadequate environmental and safety measures at the site of the ongoing Park Road underpass project, alleging that dust pollution, unsafe traffic diversions and project delays are disrupting daily life and affecting public health.

The project, launched by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) in January, was initially scheduled for completion within six months. However, residents said construction work appears far from completion, while temporary traffic arrangements have increased travel times and caused difficulties for commuters.

Mukaram Shah, a resident of the area, said the diversion road constructed to facilitate traffic during the project had itself become a major source of inconvenience. "The diversion road itself needs a diversion," he remarked, describing the route as heavily damaged and riddled

with potholes that were causing damage to vehicles and increasing travel times.

He said residents were not opposed to development projects but questioned the manner in which the work was being executed. "Acres of greenery have been removed, a recently completed road has been dug up again, and there seems to be little consideration for environmental protection or public convenience," he said. Another resident, Zenia Sohail, said dust generated by construction activity had become a major concern for families living near the site.

"Construction debris and dust are everywhere. Vehicles are being damaged and people are forced to breathe polluted air while sitting in traffic jams for long periods," she said. Sohail added that the narrow and uneven diversion routes posed safety risks, particularly for motorcyclists and school-going children. Students commuting through Park Road said prolonged congestion and poorly managed diversions were affecting their academic routines.

PNCA Summer Art Camp fosters creativity, keeps children engaged during vacations

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) continues to engage children and young learners through its Summer Art Camp 2026, offering an inspiring platform to nurture creativity and develop artistic skills through hands-on training in drawing, painting, calligraphy and keyboard.

The two-month camp, which commenced on June 10, is providing participants with an opportunity to explore their creative potential under the guidance of experienced instructors in a vibrant and interactive learning environment.

According to PNCA, separate drawing and painting classes are being conducted for children aged 7-12 years and 13-20 years.

Calligraphy classes are open to participants aged 7-14 years, while keyboard training is being offered to students between 8 and 16 years of age. Talking to APP, a parent whose two children are attending the junior painting classes said one of the biggest challenges for parents during the summer vacations was keeping children away from excessive use of mobile phones and other digital gadgets.

"Activities like the PNCA Summer Art Camp provide children with a healthy and creative alternative. They foster positive and constructive thinking.

Punjab Police Deploy 60,000 Personnel for Muharram Security Across Province

BY: Special Correspondent ANI:

GUJRANWALA--- Punjab Police have deployed around 60,000 officers and personnel across the province, including Sialkot and Lahore, to ensure security during the 7th of Muharram.

According to a Punjab Police spokesperson, 1,377 mourning processions and 3,869 religious gatherings were held across the province, while in Lahore alone 98 processions and 435 majalis took place. Around 27,000 community volunteers also assisted law enforcement agencies in security arrangements.



Inspector General Punjab Police Abdul Karim said that strict security measures will remain in place

throughout Muharram, and all available resources are being utilized to maintain law and order. He added that enforcement of Section 144 will be ensured across the province.

Officials stated that processions are being closely monitored through Safe Cities Authority cameras, while CTD, Special Branch, Traffic Police, Dolphin Squad, and other units are actively deployed. Authorities also warned against aerial firing, hate speech, illegal weapons display, and violations of designated procession routes, stressing strict legal action against violators.

Shifa International Puts Pakistan on the Global Healthcare Map as the First Hospital in the World with Unprecedented Dual JCI Certification

BY: Hurish Shah:

ISLAMABAD --- Shifa International Hospitals Ltd. has made history by becoming the only hospital in the world to simultaneously succeed in achieving Joint Commission International (JCI) Clinical Care Program Certification for both Acute Ischemic Stroke and Acute Coronary Syndrome Programs, a distinction held by no other hospital globally.

Only five other hospitals worldwide hold either of these two certifications individually. Shifa is the only hospital to achieve both simultaneously, placing it among an elite group of institutions at the forefront of clinical excellence in stroke and cardiac care.

The certifications were awarded after JCI surveyors carried out detailed evaluations of both programs, reviewing the full journey of

patient care; from emergency response and diagnosis to treatment, rehabilitation, and long-term management.

This dual achievement highlights the strong teamwork across Shifa's multidisciplinary teams, including physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, quality teams, and support staff, who worked together to meet rigorous international standards.

Leadership at Shifa noted that these certifications reflect the hospital's ongoing commitment to evidence-based care, where clinical decisions are guided by the best available evidence to deliver the best outcomes for the patients.

"Alhamdulillah, this is a proud and historic moment for Shifa," said Dr. Zeeshan Bin Ishtiaque, Chief Executive of Shifa International Hospitals Limited. "It is the result of

the dedication and collective effort of our entire team. We are deeply grateful to Almighty Allah for His blessings and guidance throughout this journey."

Both certifications mark significant firsts for Pakistan. Shifa is now the first hospital in the country to earn JCI Clinical Care Program Certification in Acute Ischemic Stroke as well as in Acute Coronary Syndrome. These achievements further strengthen Shifa's ability to provide timely, high-quality care for patients facing stroke and heart emergencies. The recognitions build on Shifa's recent JCI accreditation as an Academic Medical Center, achieved just last week. "Accreditation is a journey, not a destination," said Dr. Zeeshan while adding that "the hospital remains focused on continuously improving care for patients across Pakistan".

FC Balochistan South Holds Open Kachehri in Nok Kundi to Address Public Grievances

BY Our ANI Reporter .

NOK KUNDI --- FC Balochistan South, in collaboration with the district administration, organized an open kachehri in Killi Nokcha to hear public grievances and discuss local development issues.

The session was chaired by Wing Commander Ali Mehdi of Dalbandin Rifles and Assistant Commissioner Taftan Naeem Qasim Shahwani, with participation from officials, local elders, and community members.

Residents raised concerns regarding road infrastructure, school upgradation, and basic civic facilities, along with the issuance of addi-



tional border-crossing tokens for youth. Officials assured that the issues would be addressed and reaf-

firmed their commitment to improving public services and development in the area.



Islamabad: Group photo of Chairman Pakistan Alternative Energy Association Asif Javed and others with President ICCI.

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America facing a growing terror threat from within

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The US is being tested by a threat that is no longer distant, organized in foreign camps or directed solely from abroad. It is increasingly diffuse, harder to detect and more dangerous precisely because it grows from within. The rise in terrorist plots and attacks inspired by radicalism and extremism should alarm every American — not only because of their frequency but because of the conditions that allow them to take hold.

This is not speculation. It is the conclusion of America's own intelligence community.

The 2026 Annual Threat Assessment, released last week by Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, shows that the biggest terrorist risk America is facing today comes from individuals or small groups acting on their own, driven by extreme beliefs. These attackers are often not directly tied to larger organizations or guided by foreign groups. But they are still influenced by dangerous ideas that make violence seem justified and even necessary in response to what they see as injustice.

This shift represents a profound evolution in the threat landscape. Groups such as Daesh and Al-Qaeda may have lost much of their ability to carry out large-scale, coordinated attacks. But their ideological reach remains intact. In some ways, it has expanded. They no longer need to plan every attack. They only need to inspire one. The results are visible across the country. Two weeks ago in New York, two young men attempted to detonate improvised explosive devices outside the mayor's residence. According to federal prosecutors, they were motivated by Daesh-inspired ideology and sought to carry out an attack of devastating scale. The devices failed to detonate but the intent was unmistakable.

In Michigan, a Lebanese American male drove his vehicle into a synagogue while children were inside, turning a place of worship into a scene of fear. Investigators say the attacker held extremist views and deliberately chose his target, using his vehicle as a weapon to spread harm and intimidation. It was not just an attack on a building but on an entire community and its sense of safety.

On the same day in Virginia, a gunman

with a prior terrorism conviction opened fire in a university classroom while shouting religious slogans. Students who had come to learn found themselves in the middle of a violent, ideology-driven attack. The fact that the attacker was already known to authorities raises serious concerns about how such threats are monitored and contained.

In each case, the attackers did not act in isolation from ideas. Their actions were shaped over time by beliefs that frame violence as justified, even necessary. These are not isolated incidents but part of a pattern.

According to FBI Director Kash Patel, US authorities disrupted 640 planned terrorist attacks in the past year alone. At the same time, the FBI is investigating about 1,700 domestic terrorism cases. Many of these involve individuals driven by what officials describe as "nihilistic violent extremism" — a mindset rooted in hatred of society and a desire to create chaos. This is what terrorism in America looks like today: scattered, driven by ideology and much harder to detect and stop. But addressing this threat requires more than law enforcement. It requires honesty

about how people become radicalized — and how public narratives can speed up that process. Because terrorism does not start with violence, it starts with ideas.

It begins with the idea that a person's identity is under attack, their faith is under siege and the society around them is hostile and irredeemable. Once that belief takes hold, the path to radicalization becomes far shorter. This is why rhetoric matters.

When political figures suggest that the US is fundamentally hostile to a particular religion, they are not merely engaging in debate, they are shaping perceptions, especially among the young — impressionable individuals who may already feel alienated. Among the most prominent voices advancing this narrative is Rep. Ilhan Omar, who has repeatedly framed criticism of extremist ideologies as an attack on Muslims more broadly. This framing is deeply irresponsible. It blurs the line between protecting religious freedom and confronting extremist ideas. Washington must defend the first, but it cannot ignore the second. When criticism is dismissed as bigotry, harmful ideas go unchallenged, gain acceptance and

can push some individuals to see violence as justified. Such a pattern has been observed repeatedly, both in the US and abroad.

Policy needs to adapt to this threat.

The US should focus more on stopping radicalization early, especially online, and work with trusted voices in communities to push back against extremist ideas. Law enforcement also needs better tools, coordination and support to track lone attackers, who are harder to detect. At the same time, immigration and citizenship policies should reflect the seriousness of terrorism, with clear consequences for those who turn to violence. And most importantly, key security agencies must be fully supported, without political disruptions, so they can do their job effectively and keep the country safe. Finally, there must be a renewed commitment to clarity in public discourse. America is not at war with a religion. It is confronting an ideology that distorts faith, exploits grievance and justifies violence. Failing to make that distinction clear does not promote tolerance. It creates confusion — and that confusion is precisely what extremist groups rely on.

— Arab News

Africa is forging its own green future

ELIAS KAGUMYA

The Belem Package — the set of climate finance and adaptation measures adopted at last year's COP30 UN Climate Change Conference in Brazil — was limited in scope. Still, by acknowledging that the world can no longer design climate solutions for Africa without meaningful African input, it marked a profound shift in policymaking.

Despite accounting for less than 4 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, Africa is bearing the brunt of the climate crisis. As a result, the continent has in recent years moved from the periphery of the climate finance debate to the forefront. Much of the world now recognizes that Africa's path to net-zero emissions must foster development, not constrain it. Rather than replicating old patterns of dependency, African countries must industrialize, trade and grow while forging a low-carbon future.

The inaugural environmental, social and governance report by the African Export-Import Bank, known as Afreximbank, released during COP30, reflects this shift. It finds that instead of waiting for external solutions, African institutions are already taking the necessary steps to support the continent's economic development and climate ambitions. But to unlock climate finance at scale, African multilateral institutions must act as a coordinated force promoting a shared continental vision. The Afreximbank report highlights a range of practical instruments, such as the Climate Change Adaptation Finance Facility, which could help mobilize sustainable investments. Whether supporting solar projects in Cameroon or providing Nigerian businesses with stable power, these instruments demonstrate how decentralized clean energy can underpin Africa's industrialization and economic competitiveness.

Similarly, facilities such as the Africa Trade Transformation Fund can help address the continent's twin challenges of a heavy debt burden and climate vulnerability. The innovative Africa Trade Trust Fund, in particular, exemplifies the kind of project-driven instruments that will be critical to scaling up climate investment.

Effective climate action in Africa is inseparable from economic sovereignty and trade. Localizing green value chains, building low-carbon manufacturing hubs and investing in climate-resilient infrastructure are not merely climate initia-

tives, they are also nation-building projects crucial to a just transition.

The question now is whether the global financial system can adjust to this new reality. As Africa builds the necessary institutions for a sustainable future, advanced economies must honor their commitments by fully funding the Loss and Damage Fund, easing access to concessional finance and treating Africa not as an aid recipient but as an equal trading partner. Far from an act of charity, supporting Africa's green transition is the only viable path to global climate resilience and equitable growth. As COP30 made clear, the continent's financial institutions are already shifting toward clean energy on their own terms.

Africa's economic transformation will depend on technology transfer and capacity building, both of which are essential to the projects Afreximbank and its partners are financing. Consider solar farms. Beyond installation, this generating capacity becomes part of a future electricity grid, stimulates local component manufacturing and helps train a new generation of engineers.

Nigeria's Aba Integrated Power Project illustrates this holistic approach. By delivering stable, clean gas power to small businesses, it simultaneously tackles emissions, boosts productivity and strengthens local value chains.

The resulting multiplier effect reinforces the case for treating climate finance as development finance. Doing so answers a key question raised by many COP30 attendees: How can economies become both climate-resilient and globally competitive? The answer lies in integrated projects that link environmental progress with economic strength.

Make no mistake: systemic obstacles remain. Africa faces a staggering financing gap of \$1.6 trillion to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, underscoring the persistent misalignment between the global financial system and the continent's needs. The Belem Package, which acknowledges that imbalance, is a step in the right direction. Correcting distorted risk perceptions and the resulting high credit spreads, however, will be key to unlocking private capital at concessional rates.

Encouragingly, African institutions are already responding by developing de-risking tools and blended finance models, including concessional windows and trust funds, to attract private capital.

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Iran-US Rapprochement: A Historic Opportunity for Pakistan

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Pakistan occupies a unique geopolitical position at the crossroads of the Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia. Consequently, major regional shifts invariably carry implications for Islamabad. Any meaningful improvement in Iran-US relations could unlock new economic and commercial opportunities across the region, from which Pakistan stands to benefit considerably—provided its leadership adopts timely and forward-looking policies.

One of Pakistan's most pressing challenges remains the energy crisis. High electricity tariffs, rising fuel prices, and energy shortages continue to place enormous pressure on the economy and industrial sector. As one of the world's major producers of oil and natural gas, Iran possesses the potential to become an important energy partner for Pakistan. Should regional circumstances continue to improve, Islamabad should seriously explore avenues for expanding energy cooperation with Tehran. Affordable and reliable energy supplies could provide much-needed relief to consumers while enhancing industrial productivity and economic competitiveness.

In this context, the long-delayed Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline project deserves renewed attention. For years, the project has remained stalled due to geopolitical and international constraints despite its strategic importance for Pakistan's energy security. A more conducive regional environment could create an opportunity to revive the initiative, helping Pakistan diversify its energy sources and strengthen its economic foundations. The significance of these developments is particularly profound for Balochistan. Border districts adjacent to Iran have long faced challenges related to electricity supply and infrastructure deficits. Enhanced energy

cooperation could help address these longstanding issues while extending benefits to larger parts of the province. Greater access to affordable electricity would encourage industrial activity, attract investment, and generate employment opportunities, contributing to the socio-economic development of Balochistan.

Beyond energy, there are substantial prospects in trade and regional connectivity. Balochistan serves as Pakistan's gateway to Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia. Investments in modern highways, logistics facilities, border markets, and trade corridors connecting Quetta, Taftan, and other strategic routes could transform the province into a regional hub of commerce. Such initiatives would not only strengthen Pakistan's economy but also create sustainable development opportunities for local communities.

The modernization of railway infrastructure is equally important. Upgrading rail links from Taftan to Quetta and onward to the rest of Pakistan could significantly enhance regional trade and improve Pakistan's overland access to Iran, Türkiye, and eventually Europe. Successful economies around the world have built their growth on efficient transportation and logistics networks, and Pakistan must pursue a similar path if it seeks to maximize its strategic location.

However, the success of these ambitious initiatives ultimately depends on domestic stability. Sustainable development can only be achieved when political leadership, state institutions, and citizens are united around a shared national vision. If Pakistan advocates dialogue and reconciliation at the regional level, it must also promote political harmony, democratic continuity, and institutional cooperation at home. National progress requires consensus on issues of economic growth, stability, and public welfare.

The emerging prospects of Iran-US rapprochement have created a new regional dynamic. The real challenge for Pakistan is whether it can translate this diplomatic opening into tangible economic gains. Through strategic planning focused on energy security, trade expansion, infrastructure development, and the uplift of Balochistan, Pakistan can position itself as a key beneficiary of regional transformation.

History occasionally presents nations with opportunities capable of reshaping their future. Pakistan should view the evolving Iran-US understanding not merely as a diplomatic development, but as a chance to strengthen its economy, enhance regional influence, and improve the lives of its people. With prudent leadership and visionary policymaking, this moment could mark the beginning of a new chapter of prosperity and regional integration for Pakistan.

The US and Israel have different goals in the war on Iran

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Donald Trump's claim that he knew nothing about Israel's attack on Iran's main gas field suggests that significant tensions exist between the US president and Israel over how best to prosecute their joint military campaign against Iran. Ever since Trump launched Operation Epic Fury more than three weeks ago, questions have been raised about the precise nature of the cooperation between the US military and its Israeli counterpart.

While Trump has suggested his main priority is to destroy, once and for all, Iran's ability to develop a nuclear weapons arsenal, the Israelis, who have dubbed their effort Operation Roaring Lion, appear determined to wage their campaign until regime change has been achieved in Tehran.

To this end, Israel's Mossad intelligence service has ruthlessly targeted key figures in the Iranian regime, with Israel said to have been heavily involved in last week's assassinations of Ali Larijani, Iran's national security chief, and Intelligence Minister Esmail Khatib.

There have even been reports of Mossad agents directly calling Iranian police officers and threatening to kill them in an attempt to secure defections. Leaked documents and recordings have revealed a wide-scale Israeli effort to scare lower-ranking officials in the hope of enabling a popular uprising in Iran, while also assassinating senior regime figures. By contrast, the US military has mainly been targeting Iran's nuclear and military sites, especially the country's ballistic missile launch pads that have been used to attack neighboring Gulf countries. While Trump has indicated he would like to see the war ultimately result in regime change in Tehran, he does not appear as committed to such an outcome as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu, who has specifically said that he wants Israel's military attacks on Iran to result in regime change.

One crucial difference in the prosecution of the war by the Americans and the Israelis has been an unwillingness on the part of the Americans to target key Iranian infrastructure, especially its energy sector — at least so far.

Trump's approach was clear during the recent US military attack on Kharg Island, the narrow strip of Iranian territory in the Gulf that is responsible for about 90 percent of Iran's oil exports. While the US attacked a number of military bases operated by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, it avoided attacks on the island's oil facilities, with Trump declaring that he had deliberately left them untouched. By contrast, Israel appears to have no qualms about attacking key Iranian infrastructure targets, with Israeli warplanes launching an attack on the South Pars gas field on Wednesday.

While Israel insists that key Iranian infrastructure presents a legitimate target in its war against the regime, the attack on South Pars has exposed tensions between Israel and the Trump administration, with the American president insisting that he knew nothing about the Israeli attack, stating that Israel had "violently lashed out" by attacking the gas field. In an attempt to draw a red line over which targets should and should not be attacked in the war, Trump insisted that Israel would not conduct any more attacks against Iran's energy sector unless the Iranians continued their attacks on energy targets in the Gulf.

"Israel, out of anger for what has taken place in the Middle East, has violently lashed out at a major facility ... in Iran," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "No more attacks will be made by Israel pertaining to this extremely important and valuable South Pars field unless Iran unwisely decides to attack a very innocent, in this

Letters to the Editor

Women's safety

The pressing issue for women in society is their safety. Many women do not feel safe when they walk in public, especially when they go to school, the market or their workplaces. This fear limits their freedom and participation in daily activities. Due to this fear, they are forced to stay at home, and they are not allowed to participate in any activities. But women's contributions have an immense role in keeping communities progressive and healthy. To improve safety in our community, I kindly request the installation of CCTV cameras and streetlights across the city. In our society, there are no streetlights which increases the risk of incidents. I also urge the provincial government and the Balochistan Commission on the Status of Women (BCSW) to take immediate measures for their safety.

Tamana Hanif
Hub

Underdeveloped institute

Turbat, a city that is already considered underdeveloped in many aspects, is facing serious challenges in the field of education — especially technical and vocational training which is essential for the progress of any nation. In our city, there is an institution called the Technical Training Centre. Although the building exists and the department is officially established, it is not functioning properly. This institution has the potential to play a vital role in developing skills among the youth of the area. If managed properly, it could help young people become self-reliant and contribute positively to society and the economy. I respectfully request the district administration and the Government of Balochistan to take immediate action to make this department fully functional. Proper monitoring, accountability and sincere management are urgently needed so that this centre can truly serve its purpose and help produce skilled individuals who can stand on their own feet.

Mehrullah Ali
Turbat

Educational capabilities

Children have different IQ levels, and they perceive events around them in their own unique ways. It is true that even mediocre students can present wonderful results if the concepts are explained to them effectively. Students with lower IQ levels can also excel in their studies if they are properly guided and given due attention. The environment also equally affects the performance of children. Often, if a student does not perform well in lower classes, teachers in higher classes label them as slow. The same perception is then often reinforced by parents. But the success of most students depends upon the behavior, hard work and dedication of teachers as well as parents to keep them on the right track. This is, no doubt, a huge responsibility, and it brings great respect to both teachers and parents. The need of the hour is to make sincere efforts to strengthen the nation by imparting quality education to the new generation.

Muhammad Iqbal Awan
Mianwali

Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan Nasar Discusses Regional Situation, Iran-US Talks and Pakistan’s Diplomatic Role

BY: Hurish Shah:

ISLAMABAD--- Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan Nasar held separate meetings with Senators, elected representatives, and members of civil society to discuss the country’s political situation, regional peace and stability, ongoing Iran-US diplomatic engagements, and other issues of mutual interest.

During the meetings, which included Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan, and Raja Khan Jakhrani, the Deputy Chairman Senate emphasized that Pakistan has consistently advocated peace, dialogue, and diplomatic solutions to regional and international disputes.

Syedaal Khan Nasar described the ongoing Iran-US negotiations as a positive development and expressed hope that continued dialogue would contribute to greater peace and stability across the region. He said Pakistan remains committed to promoting regional harmony and resolving conflicts through constructive diplomacy.

He also appreciated the leadership of Shehbaz Sharif, stating that the government’s balanced foreign policy



has helped protect national interests while enhancing Pakistan’s international standing.

The Deputy Chairman Senate paid tribute to Syed Asim Munir for his professional leadership and contributions to national security, noting that the armed forces continue to play a vital role in safeguarding the country’s sovereignty and stability.

Participants commended Pakistan’s diplomatic efforts for regional peace and stressed the importance of dialogue, cooperation, and coordination among national institutions to strengthen unity, political stability, and economic development.

Concluding the meetings, Syedaal Khan Nasar reaffirmed that Parliament would continue to work for national interests, democratic values, and public welfare while supporting efforts to promote peace, tolerance, and mutual respect at regional and global levels.

NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq Reaffirms Commitment to Constitution, Parliamentary Decorum and National Unity

BY: Maryam Sajid/ANI

ISLAMABAD--- Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has reaffirmed his commitment to upholding the Constitution, parliamentary traditions, and the dignity of the House during the Budget Session 2026-27.

Responding to opposition remarks, the Speaker said freedom of expression in Parliament must remain within the framework of the Constitution and parliamentary rules. He emphasized that anti-state, anti-institutional, and inflammatory



statements would not be allowed on the floor of the House.

Ayaz Sadiq stressed the importance of respecting democratic institutions, strengthening parliamentary committees, and ensuring constructive engagement among lawmakers. He also called on all political parties to remain united on matters concerning Pakistan’s national interest, sovereignty, and stability.

In separate remarks, the Speaker described the Senate as an integral part of Parliament and urged members of both Houses to maintain mutual respect and parliamentary harmony.

DPO Mandi Bahauddin Awards Police Team for Solving Blind Murder and Robbery Case

BY: ANI CORRESPONDENT:

MANDI BAHAUDDIN--- District Police Officer (DPO) Mandi Bahauddin, awarded certificates of appreciation to officers of Police Station Civil Lines for successfully tracing a blind murder and robbery case.

The officers honored for their outstanding performance included SHO Civil Lines Sub-Inspector Khurram Zafar Bosal, Sub-Inspector Chaudhry Muhammad Khan Gondal, Sub-Inspector Muhammad Bilal, Sub-Inspector Moazzam Abbas Bosal, and In-Charge Police Chowki Sufi City Sub-Inspector Chaudhry Saifullah Gondal along with their team members.

Speaking on the occasion, DPO Kamran Aamir Khan praised the officers for their dedication and professionalism, stating that personnel who excel in crime prevention, arresting offenders, and protecting



the lives and property of citizens are the pride of the police department.

He expressed confidence that the team would continue serving the public with the same commitment and take effective action against criminal elements. The DPO reiterated that Mandi Bahauddin Police is pursuing a zero-tolerance policy against crime and is taking all possible measures to ensure the safety and security of citizens.

Funeral Prayers Offered for Martyred Police Constable Irfan Haider in Quetta

BY: ANI Correspondent:

QUETTA--- Funeral prayers for Police Constable Irfan Haider, who embraced martyrdom in a tragic traffic accident, were offered in Quetta with a large number of people in attendance.

Among those present were Abdul Wasay, Muhammad Tahir, religious scholars, senior police officers, government officials, and members of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam.

Following the funeral prayers, special prayers were offered for the elevation of the martyr’s ranks. Speaking on the occasion, Senator Maulana Abdul Wasay paid tribute to the deceased, describing Irfan Haider as a dedicated and dutiful police officer. He expressed sympathy with the bereaved family and said the entire community shares their grief over the tragic loss.



A smartly turned-out contingent of Balochistan Police presented a guard of honor and salute to the martyred constable at Quetta Police Lines.

Pakistan Awami Quwat Party Women Wing to Hold Special Muharram Program in Islamabad

BY : ANI Correspondent

ISLAMABAD--- On the special directives of Chairman Khakan Waheed Khawaja, Pakistan Awami Quwwat Party, a special program is being organized by the party’s women wing in connection with the holy month of Muharram.

The event, titled “Paigham-e-

Karbala aur Hamari Zimmedariyan” (Message of Karbala and Our Responsibilities), is being arranged under the leadership of Central President of the Women Wing and Advisor to the Chairman, Syeda Firdous.

The program will be held on Wednesday, June 24 (8th Muharram) at 12 noon in the conference room of Rawal General and Dental Hospital.

On the occasion, General Secretary Pakistan Awami Quwwat Party Malik Ijaz Hussain and Media Cell Incharge Malik Shakeel Awan will attend as guests of honour.

Party leadership has invited all male and female office bearers and members to participate in the religious gathering.



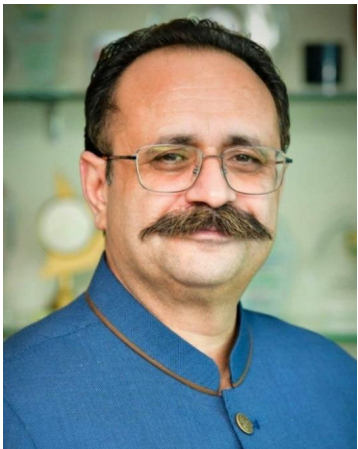
Islamabad :President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Sardar Tahir Mahmood, former ICCI President Zafar Bakhtawari, and President of the All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajiran Ajmal Baloch inaugurate a new business establishment at E-11 Markaz, Islamabad. Khalid Chaudhry and Zahir Abbasi are also present on the occasion.

Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Submits Nomination Papers from Four AJK Constituencies

BY:ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- Former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan has decided to contest the upcoming elections from four constituencies simultaneously and has submitted his nomination papers from Central Bagh, Constituency No. 5 Poonch, Upper Neelum, and Rawalakot City.

According to sources, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas’s decision to enter the electoral race from multiple constituencies has sparked fresh debate in the political landscape of Azad Kashmir. Political observers believe that this move could prompt various



political parties to reassess and

adjust their electoral strategies.

Following the submission of nomination papers, PPP workers in different areas welcomed the decision. Party leaders stated that under the leadership of Sardar Tanveer Ilyas, the PPP would participate in the elections with full vigor and determination. Meanwhile, political opponents have also described the move as a significant development in the region’s electoral politics.

Political analysts suggest that contesting from multiple constituencies may accelerate election campaigns and political activity across Azad Kashmir. However, they note that the ultimate outcome will depend on public opinion and the electoral process.

DPO Akhlaq Ullah Tarar Announces Security Arrangements for Muharram in Toba Tek Singh

BY: ANI Correspondent:

TOBA TEK SINGH--- District Police Officer Akhlaq Ullah Tarar has said that foolproof security arrangements have been made across the district during Muharram-ul-Haram, especially on Ashura. He said police have been placed on high alert and additional personnel deployed along procession routes and sensitive locations.

The DPO added that processions



are being escorted by police teams, while CCTV monitoring, search operations, and checking at Imam bargahs are ongoing. He also confirmed close coordination with the district administration, Rescue 1122, and the Health Department to deal with any emergency situation.

He urged citizens to maintain peace and cooperate with law enforcement agencies during Muharram.

Government Committed to Empowering Women, Says Talal Chaudhry

BY: Hurish Shah

ISLAMABAD--- Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry has said that the Government of Pakistan is committed to empowering women and ensuring their effective participation in all spheres of national life. He stated that women’s role is essential for national development, economic growth, and sustainable peace.

He expressed these views while addressing an international conference titled “Women as Peace Leaders”, jointly organized by the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and NACTA. The event was attended by policymakers, experts, diplomats, and



representatives from various sectors.

Talal Chaudhry said the government’s vision is to build a Pakistan where women have equal access to education, leadership, and development opportunities. He emphasized that women’s

empowerment is not merely a social goal but a national necessity.

Speakers at the conference highlighted the vital role of women in promoting peace, countering extremism, and strengthening social harmony.

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BY: ANI CORRESPONDENT

MURREE-- -The Government of Punjab has launched a new initiative to issue Juvenile Driving Permits for individuals aged 16 to 18, allowing them to drive legally, safely, and responsibly.

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