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COAS vows to crush cross-border terrorism with full might of state



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RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) and Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), IJ, has reiterated that terrorism emanating from across the borders will be crushed with the full might of the state.

Addressing the graduating officers of the National Security and War Course comprising participants from all services at National Defence University (NDU), the COAS said the Armed Forces, with the support of the nation, will ensure that terrorist

sanctuaries of these proxies along with their facilitators are completely dismantled, said a news release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

He said that the Armed Forces remain fully cognizant of state-sponsored attempts by hostile intelligence agencies to destabilize Pakistan. Efforts of such proxies and networks, who operate under the tutelage of hostile intelligence agencies are futile and will not be allowed to undermine Pakistan's internal security and economic prosperity, he said.

The Field Marshal highlighted the evolving character of warfare

and underscored centrality of strategic clarity and institutional professionalism in navigating complex strategic issues.

He lauded the role of premier institutions like NDU in nurturing future military-civil leadership capable of mitigating hybrid, conventional and sub-conventional threats with foresight, confidence and resolve.

The Field Marshal also highlighted that Pakistan Armed Forces were recalibrating their employment and development strategies in line with the evolved character of warfare.

The Field Marshal remarked

that wars are not won through media rhetoric or political sloganeering but through faith, unity and discipline.

Expressing full confidence in the professionalism, morale and operational readiness of the battle-hardened Armed Forces of Pakistan, the COAS urged the graduating officers to dutifully adhere to the values of integrity, selfless service and unwavering commitment to the nation.

Earlier, upon arrival at National Defence University the Field Marshal was received by the President NDU.

11 Soldiers Martyred, 14 Terrorists Killed in Bela-Winder Attack

DR WAHEED M KHAN

RAWALPINDI: A junior commissioned officer (JCO) and 10 soldiers were martyred after an army convoy came under attack in the area of Bela, Winder, along the N-25 highway, Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (DG ISPR) Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said on Wednesday. Inter-Services Public Relations Director General (DG ISPR) Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said on Wednesday that 11 soldiers were martyred after an army convoy came under attack in Balochistan's Bela, Winder, along the N-25 highway, as he provided security updates about the province in recent days. The DG ISPR said two additional operations were carried out in Kharan and Dalbandin, where security forces killed six and eight terrorists. He said the operations are part of the military's ongoing response to recent terrorist attacks in Balochistan.

He further said that Pakistan had witnessed three major terrorist incidents over the past four days. Lt Gen Chaudhry said, "The first incident occurred on the night between July 4 and 5, when terrorists belonging to Fitna-ul-Khawarij attacked the local population in Hanna Urak". The DG ISPR said residents resisted the attack and forced the terrorist to retreat. He said four civilians were martyred and six others injured during the incident. He said that Fitna-ul-Khawarij was an "Indian proxy".

Fitna-ul-Khawarij is a term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). The second incident, DG ISPR said, terrorists belonging to Fitna-ul-Khawarij carried out a "multi-directional attack" on a police check post near pumping station no 3 of Mangi Dam in Ziarat district.

He said the water from Mangi Dam supplies Quetta, and the police check post was established to protect the pumping station and the pipeline, with personnel deployed there working day and night to ensure the water supply to the people of Quetta. "The terrorists of Fitna-ul-Khawarij attacked the checkpoint in a multi-directional manner," the DG ISPR said. He paid tribute to the police personnel, saying they stood their ground and fought back against the attackers. He said 15 terrorists, whom he referred to as "Kharjis", were killed during the bat-



tle. He said nine young police personnel were martyred in the intense engagement.

The DG ISPR said army reinforcements were immediately dispatched, but before they could reach the location, the remaining attackers were engaged and killed by the police personnel. He said that after security forces reached the area, the bodies of 15 terrorists were found there.

Lt Gen Chaudhry said the police personnel involved in the fight were locals from the area. "These young police personnel are from that area. They are all locals. Those who claim they are fighting for Balochistan are Muslims, Baloch, Pashtuns or people from the same area and the same land," he said.

He said Frontier Corps, the army and other law enforcement agencies continued their engagement with the terrorists and kept pressure on them.

The DG ISPR said security forces exercised caution and avoided the use of aerial assets due to concerns over collateral damage because police personnel were engaged with the attackers. He said the engagement had continued since July 6 in the Ziarat mountains, during which many terrorists were killed.

The DG ISPR said that when the terrorists realised that they were surrounded, they attempted to resist, adding that 18 young men were martyred in the attack.

He said the engagement was continuing and security forces had confirmed the deaths of the terrorists involved. "The actual number is much higher," he said.

Referring to the Mangi Dam incident, the DG ISPR said nine police personnel were martyred on the first day of the attack, while 18 more were martyred later, bringing the total number of police personnel martyred to 27.

Pakistan, Russia agree to deepen security cooperation at UN meeting



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ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi, held a meeting with Russian Interior Minister Vladimir Alexandrovich Kolokoltsev at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, where both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation on key security issues. The two ministers held detailed dis-

cussions on the prevailing regional situation and explored avenues to enhance collaboration in counter-narcotics, counterterrorism, cybercrime prevention, and joint police training exercises. They also discussed developing a coordinated strategy to counter terrorist networks operating in the region, particularly in Afghanistan. During the meeting, Pakistan and Russia agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between their respective interior ministries to institutionalize and expand bilateral cooperation. The discussions also included a review of progress made on decisions taken during their previous meeting. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi invited his Russian counterpart to visit Pakistan.

18 MW solar systems to be installed on 499 govt buildings in GB by Dec 2026: PM briefed

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was told on Wednesday that under the 100 MW Solar Energy Project for Gilgit-Baltistan, 18 MW of rooftop solar systems, including battery storage, will be installed on 499 government buildings by December 2026. In addition, the PC-I for the 82 MW utility-scale solar project has been submitted to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for approval. Officials informed that the 82 MW utility-scale solar project is expected to benefit approximately 1.3 million people. Upon completion, the project will significantly improve the quality of electricity services in Gilgit-Baltistan and help eliminate load shedding across the region. These updates were shared during a review meeting on the 100 MW Solar Energy Project for Gilgit-Baltistan, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.



During the meeting, the prime minister said that the promotion of solar energy was a key component of the national energy strategy aimed at providing clean, affordable, and sustainable power. He described the 100 MW solar project as a gift

from the Federal Government to the people of Gilgit-Baltistan. The prime minister directed the Power Division to fulfill all its responsibilities to ensure the timely installation and completion of the project.

Talal slams KP Assembly over law granting perks to lawmakers

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ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry has accused the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly of promoting the very "VIP culture" it once pledged to abolish, describing recently approved privileges for provincial lawmakers as a form of "political bribery."

Speaking to PTV News, Chaudhry said the party that had promised to eliminate elite privileges had instead enacted legislation granting unprecedented benefits to its own members. "They have one face for the public and another for themselves. They tell people one thing but do something entirely different," he said. He said successive governments and assemblies in Pakistan have introduced various benefits for legislators, but he claimed no previous legislature had approved a package of privileges comparable to those recently passed by the KP Assembly. Chaudhry recalled that the party had once promised modest governance, with leaders claiming they would travel by bicycle and dismantle VIP culture. Instead, he alleged, its leadership had embraced official privileges while extending new benefits to lawmakers.

President visits Ata Beit Memorial Complex, meets Speaker Kyrgyz Parliament

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ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari, during an official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic, Wednesday, paid tribute to the nation's historical legacy. He also held a key meeting with Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament Mamataliev Marlen Abdyrakhmanovich, in Bishkek, aimed at converting deep-rooted political goodwill into tangible economic and parliamentary cooperation. The president visited the Ata Beit Memorial Complex (literally "Grave of our Fathers") in Chong-Tash, a solemn historical site and resting place of Kyrgyzstan's national figures. He laid



a wreath at the central monument and paid tribute to the Kyrgyz nationals martyrs of different historical eras

and the nation's struggle for independence, President Secretariat Media Wing said in a press release.



Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister (DPM/FM) Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Chairman, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Wednesday discussed the current situation in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB).

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Home secy briefs British High Commission delegation on security, welfare initiatives

APP- LAHORE: A delegation from the British High Commission in Islamabad visited the Punjab Home Department on Tuesday and met Home Secretary Dr. Ahmad Javed Qazi to discuss the province's law and order situation, security cooperation and ongoing public welfare initiatives.

The delegation, led by First Secretary (Justice and Home Affairs) Gemma Wilson, also included Head of the British High Commission Office in Lahore Ben Warrington and Programme Officer Saddiqa Batool.

The meeting focused on matters of mutual interest, including, measures to curb human trafficking, the professional capacity of security institutions, the use of modern technology in policing, border security, prison reforms, countering violent extremism and anti-narcotics efforts.

Home Department Special Secretary Zainab Khan, Punjab Additional Inspector General Operations Muhammad Ali Nekokara, Probation and Parole Director General Shahid Iqbal, Additional Secretary Ejaz Cheema, Additional Secretary Internal Security Maham Asif Malik, Additional Secretary Foreign National Security Uzma Saleem, Additional Secretary Financial Action Task Force Ayesha Mumtaz, Additional



Secretary Judicial Abdul Rauf and other senior officials were also present.

Briefing the delegation, Dr. Ahmad said the Punjab government was making the province safer through the use of modern technology while strengthening the operational capacity of law enforcement agencies to ensure durable peace and effective maintenance of law and order.

He said construction of 14 modern inter-provincial border check posts was

in its final stages to establish an effective border security system. The Home secretary said protection and welfare of vulnerable segments of society remained the top priority of the Punjab government. He added that the Punjab Home Department's Cyber Patrolling Cell was actively working to curb online incitement and sectarian content on social media. He said the Punjab government was successfully implementing a Rs22 billion programme under which mosque

imams received a monthly honorarium of Rs25,000. Highlighting prison reforms, Dr. Ahmad Qazi said the government was undertaking multiple initiatives to rehabilitate inmates by providing technical and vocational training to help them become economically self-reliant and productive members of society.

He said the Civil Defence Resilience Corps had been modernised in line with contemporary requirements, adding that more than 350,000 volunteers had been registered and were undergoing phased training.

The Home secretary said the Centre for Excellence on Countering Violent Extremism was playing an active role in preventing extremism, while a comprehensive public awareness campaign was being carried out alongside enforcement measures to combat narcotics.

He added that the Punjab Home Department was also taking effective measures to ensure the protection and welfare of children in addition to strengthening national security.

The British High Commission delegation appreciated the Punjab government's social welfare initiatives. The delegation also reviewed products manufactured by prison inmates and praised the inmate rehabilitation and vocational skills development programme.

Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs held

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ISLAMABAD: The 15th meeting of the Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs of the National Assembly was convened here at the Parliament House, under the Chairmanship of Member National Assembly (MNA) Abdul Qadir Patel. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by collective prayers in remembrance of the civilians and members of the Armed Forces and law enforcement agencies who embraced martyrdom or lost their lives in various tragic incidents across different parts of the country, said a press release. At the very outset, the Chairman introduced Muhammad Rajpar, Chairman, Pakistan Ships Agents Association. He sought the consensus of the Committee to permit him to attend the meeting as a special invitee to assist and apprise the Committee with his views and expert opinion, as and when required during the proceedings. With the Committee's consent, he joined the meeting as a special invitee. Muhammad Rajpar appreciated the efforts of the Minister in addressing the longstanding issues confronting the maritime and shipping sector. He informed the Committee that several matters which had remained unresolved for many years had been taken up by the Minister and resolved within a period of one month. He also acknowledged and appreciated the Committee for its keen interest and proactive consideration of issues affecting the shipping industry. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting and considered Agenda Item No. 2 regarding comprehensive reports on the implementation status of previous recommendations.

ICT Police arrest 15 in 24-hour crackdown against illegal weapons

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police have arrested 15 suspects and recovered 15 pistols and one gun during a 24-hour crackdown against illegal weapons. An official told APP on Wednesday that cases had been registered against all the arrested suspects, while targeted operations were carried out in different parts of the federal capital as part of the ongoing "Weapon-Free Islamabad" campaign.

The official said the operation was aimed at eliminating illegal weapons and ensuring a safer environment for residents of the capital.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Muhammad Jawad Tariq said ICT Police remained fully committed to protecting the lives and property of citizens and would continue taking strict action against those involved in possessing or displaying illegal weapons.

He said special police teams were conducting targeted operations against individuals involved in keeping or displaying illegal weapons, adding that Islamabad Police had adopted a zero-tolerance policy against such offences.

Teachers welcome expansion of BS Programs in Federal Government Colleges

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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Directorate of Education's (FDE) decision to open admissions for the 2026 academic session and restore several discontinued BS programmes in Federal Government colleges has been widely welcomed by teachers, who described the move as a major step towards strengthening affordable higher education in Islamabad. FDE recently invited online applications for its 4-Year BS and 2-Year BS Lateral Entry programmes in 17 public colleges affiliated with Quaid-i-Azam University. Applications will remain open until 15 July 2026. Result-awaiting students of HSSC have also been allowed to apply for admission.

Teachers particularly appreciated the restoration of several BS programmes in boys' colleges of the former Federal Government (Ex-FG) setup, saying the decision would significantly benefit male students of Islamabad by providing access to

quality, globally competitive education at a fraction of the cost charged by many universities.

Under the new admissions plan, Islamabad Model Postgraduate College H-8 has been allowed to resume BS Geography alongside continuing BS Environmental Sciences. Similarly, Islamabad Model College for Boys (IMCB) H-9 has been permitted to restart BS Islamic Studies after a one-year gap, while IMCB F-10/4 will relaunch BS English and introduce a new BS Data Science programme in addition to its existing Statistics discipline. A senior teacher said the initiative had been warmly received by the academic community and parents alike, as it would enable students to pursue quality higher education at public sector colleges with affordable tuition fees. Akram Khan Khosa, President of the Federal Government College Teachers Association (FGCTA), lauded FDE's vision of expanding BS programmes in both traditional and emerging disciplines.

Lok Virsa launches three-month singing training programme

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ISLAMABAD: The National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa), working under National Heritage and Culture Division, has launched a three-month singing training programme aimed at preserving and promoting Pakistan's rich musical heritage by providing aspiring vocalists with professional training in diverse musical genres. The programme is open to beginners as well as aspiring singers and will offer instruction in classical singing, traditional ghazals, Pakistani folk music, modern songs and contemporary singing. The initiative forms part of Lok Virsa's continued efforts to preserve the country's intangible cultural heritage and encourage young talent to pursue traditional and contemporary music through structured learning. According to Lok Virsa, music instructor Wazir Ali will conduct classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, while Sohail Jehangir will hold sessions on Saturdays and Sundays.

graced the ceremony as the chief guest and congratulated the award recipients for their outstanding academic achievements. Addressing the gathering, he reaffirmed the University's commitment to strengthening research and innovation, describing research as the foundation of sustainable national development and academic excellence. The Vice Chancellor announced a significant increase in the University's internal research grant, raising it from Rs. 250,000 to Rs. 1 million per project.

AIOU celebrates research excellence, distributes 171 Awards

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ISLAMABAD: In a landmark initiative to promote research culture and recognize outstanding scholarly contributions, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) through its Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) has organized the Research Awards 2026 Ceremony during which 171 research awards were distributed among faculty members and researchers. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood

Seminar marks 10th martyrdom anniversary of Burhan Muzaffar Wani, calls for resolution of Kashmir Dispute

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ISLAMABAD: A seminar was organized jointly by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) and the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Council (JKLC) here at the Kashmir House, to commemorate the 10th martyrdom anniversary of Burhan Muzaffar Wani.

The seminar concluded with the unanimous adoption of a resolution paying tribute to Wani and all those described by the participants as martyrs. The participants also pledged to continue what they termed the struggle until its stated objectives are achieved.

The event was attended by a large number of students and members of civil society. Addressing the seminar were former President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan, former President and Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar



Yaqoob Khan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Minister Nabela Ayub, and Hurriyat leaders Muhammad Farooq Rehmani, Altaf Hussain Wani, Muhammad Ahmad Sagar, Shamim Shawl, Abdul Rashid Turabi, and Raja Afsar Khan. The speakers paid tribute to those killed in the Kashmir conflict and highlighted what they described as their sacrifices and the ongoing struggle over the Kashmir issue.

Seminar marks 10th martyrdom anniversary of Burhan Muzaffar Wani, calls for resolution of Kashmir Dispute. The resolution called for the immediate release of political leaders and human rights activists detained in Indian prisons, including Shabir Ahmad Shah, Muhammad Yasin Malik, Masarat Alam Bhat, Asiya Andrabi, Naeem Ahmad Khan, and human rights defender Khurram Pervaiz, along with other detainees.

Jetour Capital Inaugurates New Showroom in Rawalpindi, Launches Advanced Jetour T2 PHEV

BY: ANI Correspondent:

BY: Jetour Capital has officially inaugurated its new state-of-the-art showroom on Main GT Road, T-Chowk, Rawalpindi, while unveiling the advanced Jetour T2 Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) in Pakistan. The launch marks a major milestone in the expansion of the Jetour brand and the promotion of modern automotive technology in the country.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by prominent business leaders, automotive industry experts, media representatives, business partners, valued customers, and automobile enthusiasts. Guests were introduced to the Jetour T2 PHEV's advanced technology, stylish design, exceptional performance, and innovative features.

Addressing the gathering, Jetour Capital's management reaffirmed the company's commitment to providing Pakistani consumers with world-class, safe, and environmentally friendly vehicles. They highlighted that the Jetour T2 PHEV combines



advanced plug-in hybrid technology, powerful performance, premium comfort, intelligent driving features, and outstanding off-road capability to meet the evolving needs of modern drivers.

The management also emphasized that Jetour Capital is dedicated to delivering not only high-quality vehicles but also a world-class ownership experience through reliable

after-sales service, professional customer support, and customer-friendly facilities.

The event concluded with a live demonstration of the Jetour T2 PHEV. Visitors were invited to explore the new Jetour Capital showroom at Main GT Road, T-Chowk, Rawalpindi, and experience the SUV's advanced features and performance through a test drive.

D-12 Markaz Needs Immediate CDA Attention, Says Muhammad Nauman

BY: ANI Correspondency

ISLAMABAD: President of the D-12 Markaz Traders Association and Deputy General Secretary of the Islamabad Estate Agents Association (IEAA), Muhammad Nauman, has urged the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to immediately address the growing civic and infrastructure issues in D-12 Markaz.

He said the commercial center is facing a shortage of Safe City surveillance cameras, inadequate street lighting, poor sanitation, and insufficient police patrolling, which are affecting the business environment



and public safety. He called for enhanced security measures and public safety.

Educationist Chaudhry Muhammad Sajid's Daughters Achieve Academic Distinction

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- Principal of Islamabad Model School for Boys, Rawal Dam, Chaudhry Muhammad Sajid, has reason to celebrate as his daughters, Manahil Sajid and Iqra Sajid, have earned outstanding academic achievements, continuing the family's tradition of excellence.

Manahil Sajid secured a perfect 4.0/4.0 GPA and was honored at



the Scholar's Night for her exceptional performance in BS Accounts and Finance and BS Business

Analytics at and Iqra Sajid also distinguished herself by earning a 3.8/4.0 GPA in BS Information Technology from , securing a scholarship in recognition of her academic excellence. Family members, colleagues, and members of the academic community congratulated Chaudhry Muhammad Sajid and his daughters on their remarkable success and wished them continued excellence in their future endeavors.

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Trump’s Board of Peace and the politics of control

DR. RAMZY BAROUD

The history of American power is, in many ways, the history of reinventing rules – or designing new ones – to fit strategic US interests. This may sound harsh but it is a necessary realization, particularly in light of US President Donald Trump’s latest political invention: the “Board of Peace.”

Some have hastily concluded that Trump’s newest political gambit – unveiled last week at the World Economic Forum in Davos – is a uniquely Trumpian endeavor, detached from earlier US foreign policy doctrines. They are mistaken, misled largely by Trump’s self-centered political style and his constant, though unfounded, claims that he has ended wars, resolved global conflicts and made the world a safer place.

At the Davos launch, Trump reinforced this carefully crafted illusion, boasting of America’s supposed historic leadership in bringing peace, praising alleged unprecedented diplomatic breakthroughs and presenting the Board of Peace as a neutral, benevolent mechanism capable of stabilizing

the world’s most volatile regions.

Yet a less prejudiced reading of history allows us to see Trump’s political designs – whether in Gaza or beyond – not as an aberration but as part of a familiar pattern. US foreign policymakers repeatedly seek to reclaim ownership of global affairs, sideline international consensus and impose political frameworks that they alone define, manage and ultimately control.

The Board of Peace – an invitation-only political club controlled entirely by Trump – is increasingly taking shape as a new geopolitical reality. Through this scheme, the US is imposing itself as the self-appointed caretaker of global affairs, beginning with genocide-devastated Gaza, and positioning itself as an alternative to the UN.

The irony is staggering. A body ostensibly meant to guide Gaza through reconstruction after Israel’s devastating genocide does not include Palestinians – let alone Gazans. Even more damning is the fact that the genocide it claims to address was politically backed, militarily financed and diplomatically shielded by successive US administra-

tions, first under Joe Biden and later Trump.

It requires no particular insight to conclude that Trump’s Board of Peace is not concerned with peace, nor genuinely with Gaza. So what, then, is this initiative really about?

It is not about reconstruction or justice but about exploiting Gaza’s suffering to impose a new US-led world order, first in the Middle East and eventually beyond.

Gaza – a besieged territory of just 365 sq. km – does not require a new political structure populated by dozens of world leaders, each reportedly paying a \$1 billion membership fee. Gaza needs reconstruction, its people must be granted their basic rights and Israel’s crimes must be met with accountability. The mechanisms to achieve this already exist: the UN, international law, long-standing humanitarian institutions and, above all, the Palestinians themselves, whose agency, resilience and determination to survive Israel’s onslaught have become legendary.

The Board of Peace discards all of this in favor of a hollow, improvised structure tailored to advance US-Israeli political and geopolitical interests. In effect, it drags Palestine

back a century, to an era when Western powers unilaterally determined its fate, guided by racist assumptions about Palestinians and the Middle East – assumptions that laid the groundwork for the region’s enduring catastrophes.

Yet the central question remains: Is this truly a uniquely Trumpian initiative?

No, it is not. This is a familiar American tactic, particularly during moments of profound crisis. This strategy is persuasively outlined in Naomi Klein’s 2007 book “The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism,” which argues that political and economic elites exploit collective trauma – wars, natural disasters and social breakdown – to impose radical policies that would otherwise face public resistance.

Trump’s Board of Peace fits squarely within this framework, using the devastation of Gaza not as a call for justice or accountability but as an opportunity to reshape political realities in ways that entrench US dominance and sideline international norms. This is hardly unprecedented. The pattern can be traced back to the US-envisioned UN, estab-

lished in 1945 as a replacement for the League of Nations. Its principal architect, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was determined that the new institution would secure the structural dominance of the US, most notably through the Security Council and the veto system, ensuring Washington’s decisive influence over global affairs. When the UN later failed to fully acquiesce to US interests – most notably when it refused to grant the George W. Bush administration legal authorization to invade Iraq – the organization was labeled “irrelevant.” Bush then led his own so-called coalition of the willing into a war of aggression that devastated Iraq and destabilized the entire region, with consequences that persist to this day. A similar maneuver unfolded in Palestine with the 2002 invention of the Quartet on the Middle East, a US-dominated framework. From its inception, the Quartet systematically sidelined Palestinian agency, insulated Israel from accountability and relegated international law to a secondary – and often expendable – consideration.

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The affable aide to Mr. President

GHASSAN CHARBEL

Don’t say that you have a solution. You are not a decision-maker and have no right to steal the spotlight or praise. Your fate is to remain in the shadows and for others to take credit for your work. The solution comes from the source. Your participation in devising it does not give you any right to it. Solutions are part of the indisputable skills of Mr. President. No one else is party to them.

Don’t say that you have the winning idea. Salvation is not part of your duties or even your rank. Salvation is the responsibility of the man in power – the man whom the nation chose before the ballot boxes did. Men of landmark moments are not born of ballot boxes. Fate chooses them for major duties; then comes the role of the citizens in voting and applauding.

Don’t say that the situation is difficult. Always say that it is under control and that the fate of livelihoods and people are in safe hands. Always say that the man in charge is skilled at knowing the dreams, feelings and needs of the nation. Say that the people will be held responsible should any misunderstanding arise because they failed to grasp Mr. President’s pioneering ideas. You are Mr. President’s aide. You are the echo, not the voice. Don’t even dare to speak about concerns over destiny or correcting course. Destiny is the responsibility of the savior alone. The course itself is glittering, no matter how much the enemies or critics say otherwise. Your primary task is to preserve your position and safety and appease the man in charge of your fate. This means paying compliments and issuing praise whenever necessary.

Don’t say that Mr. President is following in his predecessor’s footsteps. Mr. President has his own unique path. His style is out of the ordinary and his own. He doesn’t imitate anyone and no one can imitate him. I once asked a man who worked with Saddam Hussein if any member of the Baath Party’s central command had ever implied to Mr. President that the decision to invade Kuwait was catastrophic, reckless or costly. The answer was no secret. Tariq Aziz said it pained him to remain seated during the meeting in which it was announced that Kuwait would be annexed and become an Iraqi province. He realized the dangers but, when confronted with the ruthless people surrounding the president, he chose to keep his thoughts to himself. Saddam once met with Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh on the sidelines of a Non-

Aligned Movement summit in Havana. The minister flattered the president. At the end of the meeting, Iraqi Ambassador to the UN Salah Omar Al-Ali described the talks as positive and that more could be built upon them. Mr. President was quick to reprimand him, saying: “Don’t ever say that again. I will break the Iranians and reclaim every inch of territory they seized.” Al-Ali realized the difficulty of offering advice to the “historic leader.” During a trip to Damascus, I met with President Bashar Assad and then-Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam. I asked Khaddam about why Bashar was chosen to succeed his father Hafez. Khaddam knew the walls had many ears, so he replied by saying that he was the natural choice. Bashar was raised around his father and grew up in his environment, so it was normal for the party leadership to name him as successor. Years later, I again met with Khaddam, who by then was living in Paris after defecting from the regime. I asked him the same question and he replied that, at the time, he had been summoned by Hafez and informed that the decision related to Bashar had been taken. So, Khaddam had no role in Bashar’s rise to power. He said Bashar was not fit to assume such a major post. The party’s policy of having sons inherit their father’s position was wrong because it showed that Hafez had no one but his son to whom he could entrust the running of the country.

Libyan diplomat Ali Abdussalam Treki once told me that he hid his face in embarrassment when Muammar Qaddafi tore up a copy of the UN Charter while he was addressing the General Assembly. Treki admitted that he did not dare to call on the leader to cut short his speech, even when he had far exceeded his allotted time. Treki most certainly did not criticize the leader after the scandalous incident.

Has the world returned to the time of the strongman who does not recognize any borders or whom no aide or adviser dares to confront with even a fraction of the truth? We don’t have the necessary information as to whether Vladimir Putin consulted Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov before ordering the Russian army to enter Ukraine. We don’t know the veteran Lavrov’s opinion, even if he were consulted. It is difficult to imagine that an aide to Donald Trump would have warned him of the dangerous precedent of kidnapping Venezuela’s Nicolas Maduro. It is difficult to believe that an aide urged him to tone down his statements about NATO.

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There is scope for Trump to strike a deal on Greenland

ANDREW HAMMOND

US President Donald Trump has previously threatened both military action and trade tariffs on much of Europe as he tries to acquire Greenland. The irony is that there is significant scope for a deal to be done that secures US interests, should America’s approach be based on skillful diplomacy that focuses on both security and commerce. The public debate tends to focus on two main options: that of US military action or the potentially expensive purchase of Greenland. However, there are other pathways, such as an agreement along the lines of the Compacts of Free Association, which the US has with three Pacific island nations.

Denmark, an EU member state and NATO member, has controlled Greenland for about 300 years. In 1916, the US formally recognized Copenhagen’s interests in the island in exchange for the Danish West Indies, which became the US Virgin Islands. In recent decades, the autonomous territory that Greenland has become, with a population of about 57,000, has gone from direct Danish rule to much greater independence. Today, Denmark retains the powers of defense and foreign policy, monetary policy and justice.

The leaders of all five political parties in Greenland’s parliament this month said in a joint statement that “we do not want to be Americans, we do not want to be Danes, we want to be Greenlanders.” While this may preclude any future US purchase of Greenland, Washington could push forward with diplomacy in other ways to boost its influence in and around the island. On the security front, the US first opened Thule Air Base (now known as the Pituffik Space Base) to house military assets in the 1940s. During the height of the Cold War, some 10,000 US troops were stationed on the island. The US has options to increase its military presence again very significantly, as long as it consults Denmark

and Greenland. This could help to deliver key goals of America’s new security strategy, released in November, which puts greater emphasis on securing its interests in the Western Hemisphere.

This is what NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, a former Dutch prime minister, emphasized to Trump at the World Economic Forum in Davos last week. A growing number of European leaders, including Rutte, recognize the need for a bigger collective effort to work with the Trump team to try to make the Arctic (not only Greenland) safer for Western interests. For instance, numerous European countries, including the UK and Germany, are debating sending more military assets to Greenland and the wider region, including ships and aircraft, as Denmark is doing. This is not incompatible with allowing the US to also expand its military base there or build new ones.

Beyond security and Trump’s cited concerns about China and Russia, what is often missing from his recent professions of interest in Greenland is its resource richness. As think tanks like the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington have shown, a defining feature of Trump’s second presidency so far has been significant US efforts to secure greater access to critical minerals and other resources across the world. Greenland, which is currently about 80 percent ice-capped, is about 2.1 million sq. km in size. It boasts the world’s northernmost point of land – the closest land to the North Pole – just off its coast. The growing economic focus on the Arctic stems, in large part, from the region’s melting ice caps, which are opening up new shipping lanes. These have significantly decreased maritime trade transport times, allowing ships to bypass the Suez and Panama canals. The melting ice caps are also exposing unclaimed lands. This has been described as a modern-day gold rush, with states competing over resources including zinc,

Asad Shamim Takes Helm as Chairman of OM International’s Advisory Board, Strengthening Global Growth Strategy

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LONDON: OM International has appointed internationally recognised British-Pakistani entrepreneur and investor Asad Shamim as Chairman of its Advisory Board, a move the organisation describes as a significant step in strengthening its global leadership and advancing its long-term vision across education, technology, consultancy, international business, research, and digital financial services. The appointment comes at a time when OM International is expanding its international operations and building new strategic partnerships across multiple sectors. According to the organisation, Asad Shamim’s extensive experience in entrepreneurship, corporate leadership, governance, investment, and international diplomacy will play an important role in supporting its next phase of development.

Working closely with the organisation’s Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Professor Dr. Omar Masood, Asad Shamim will advise on strategic planning, corporate governance, international partnerships, investment opportunities, and sustainable organisational growth. He will also contribute to the development of OM Financial Services, a proposed digital-first financial services platform designed to support innovation and financial inclusion.

Professor Dr. Omar Masood, an internationally recognised educationist, financial strategist, author, and private equity expert, has led OM International’s expansion over the past several years. With more than two decades of experience across banking, finance, academia, consultancy, and economic development, he has advised governments, multinational organisations, financial institutions, and universities on financial strategy and institutional growth.

Under his leadership, OM International has evolved into a diversified international organisation operating across education, consultancy, technology, research, innovation, and international business development. The organisation has established partnerships across different regions, focusing on knowledge exchange, sustainable development, and international collaboration.

The appointment of Asad Shamim is expected to further strengthen this vision by bringing additional entrepreneurial expertise and global business experience to the organisation’s leadership.

Asad Shamim is best known as the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Furniture in Fashion, one of the United Kingdom’s leading online furniture retailers. Through innovation and strategic planning, he successfully transformed the company into a recognised e-com-



merce brand serving customers across the UK.

In addition to his business achievements, Asad Shamim has built an international reputation as an investor, philanthropist, and strategic adviser. Over the years, he has worked with governments, ministries, policymakers, institutional investors, and private-sector organisations across the United Kingdom, the Gulf region, Europe, and Asia. His work has included advising on governance, international cooperation, business development, investment strategies, and public-sector initiatives.

His broad professional experience is expected to support OM International as it continues to expand its international footprint and strengthen relationships with governments, businesses, universities, and investors.

Beyond business, Asad Shamim has also gained recognition for his contribution to international sport. One of his most notable achievements was successfully challenging the long-standing policy of the British Boxing Board of Control that prevented athletes with diabetes from competing professionally.

Working alongside medical experts and legal advisers, he helped secure a landmark change in the regulations. The decision enabled his client, Muhammad Ali, to become the first professional boxer with Type 1 diabetes in the United Kingdom in 2018. The achievement has since been recognised as an important milestone in promoting equal opportunity and inclusion in professional sport.

Asad Shamim also serves as Vice President of the International Football Association (IFA7) and continues to manage professional athletes. His involvement in sport reflects the same values that have shaped his business career, including leadership, perseverance, fairness, and creating opportunities for others.

According to OM International, these qualities align closely with the organisation’s long-term mission of promoting responsible leader-

ship and sustainable development.

A major focus of the organisation’s future strategy is the development of OM Financial Services. The proposed initiative aims to create a digital-first financial ecosystem that combines financial technology, innovation, digital transformation, and secure financial services to improve accessibility for businesses and individuals.

The organisation believes technological innovation will continue to reshape global financial services, creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs, investors, and businesses worldwide. Through OM Financial Services, it aims to contribute to financial inclusion while supporting responsible innovation and long-term economic growth.

Speaking about his appointment, Asad Shamim said he was honoured to join OM International during an important stage in its development.

He said the organisation’s vision of combining education, innovation, technology, investment, and financial services offers significant opportunities for international collaboration. He added that responsible leadership, strategic partnerships, and innovation would remain central to achieving sustainable growth.

Professor Dr. Omar Masood welcomed the appointment, describing Asad Shamim as an accomplished entrepreneur whose international business experience and commitment to excellence would strengthen the organisation’s leadership team and support its future ambitions.

OM International has also announced plans to engage with banking professionals, financial institutions, fintech experts, technology innovators, compliance specialists, venture capital firms, academic institutions, and strategic investors as it continues expanding its international activities.

The organisation believes that collaboration between the public and private sectors, combined with innovation and responsible governance, will be essential in addressing future economic challenges and creating sustainable opportunities across global markets.

With Asad Shamim assuming the role of Chairman of the Advisory Board, OM International enters a new phase focused on expanding its international partnerships, strengthening institutional leadership, and advancing initiatives in education, technology, consultancy, innovation, and digital financial services. The appointment reflects the organisation’s broader ambition to build a globally connected platform that supports entrepreneurship, knowledge sharing, investment, and sustainable development while responding to the changing demands of the international business environment.

Burning Balochistan and the Indifference of Those in Power



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Balochistan is once again engulfed in bloodshed, violence, and uncertainty. While terrorist attacks continue to shake different parts of the province, fear and insecurity are steadily growing among its people, raising serious questions about the writ of the state. Sadly, every tragedy is followed by routine condemnations, emergency meetings, and official announcements, yet the meaningful change expected from a responsible government remains absent.

The recent incidents in Hanna Urak on the outskirts of Quetta, Halaura in Ziarat District, and Mastung have once again exposed the fragile security situation in the province. These events have compelled the people to ask a painful question: Who is truly responsible for maintaining law and order in Balochistan? When violent incidents occur repeatedly across different districts, they cannot be dismissed as isolated events; they point instead to a broader and more complex security challenge.

Balochistan constitutes nearly half of Pakistan’s total landmass and possesses immense strategic importance due to its rich natural resources, mineral wealth, coastline, and international trade routes. Yet its people continue to struggle for basic necessities, quality education, healthcare, employment opportunities, and above all, a secure environment. Without peace, there can be no sustainable development, no investment, and no restoration of public confidence.

The attack on police personnel in Halaura was not merely an assault on a few officers; it was a direct challenge to the authority of the state.

Likewise, the incidents in Hanna Urak and Mastung demonstrate that terrorist elements continue attempting to undermine peace and assert their presence in different parts of the province. Such circumstances demand not temporary reactions but a comprehensive, coordinated, and long-term security strategy.

It must also be acknowledged that the people of Balochistan, along with the police, Levies, Frontier Corps, and other law enforcement agencies, have made immense sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. The true tribute to these sacrifices lies not in words but in tangible improvements in public security. If violence continues unabated, it is only natural for citizens to question whether the government’s administrative authority is sufficiently effective.

The Government of Balochistan must recognize that public patience is wearing thin. People seek more than official statements; they seek protection of life and property, safe roads, secure business conditions, and a visible and effective state presence. If the provincial administration faces challenges in maintaining its authority across every district and tehsil, it should candidly acknowledge those challenges and immediately implement meaningful institutional reforms. The federal government, too, cannot remain a passive observer. Peace and stability in Balochistan are not merely provincial concerns; they are matters of national security, economic stability, and national cohesion. Under the Constitution of Pakistan, the federation bears a responsibility to assist provinces in strengthening law enforcement, governance, and institutional capacity. The current situation demands a united national approach in which the federal government, provincial administration, security institutions, and elected political leadership work with complete coordination and shared purpose.

Equally important is restoring hope among

the youth of Balochistan. Investment in education, vocational training, employment opportunities, local participation in the province’s natural resources, industrial development, and transparent public projects can significantly reduce the conditions that fuel extremism. Military force may suppress terrorism, but lasting peace can only be achieved through justice, economic opportunity, inclusive development, and public trust.

The people of Balochistan have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment and loyalty to Pakistan. It is now the responsibility of the state to assure them that they are not forgotten and that Balochistan remains a national priority. Sustainable peace cannot be achieved without good governance, transparent accountability, effective administrative reforms, and the impartial enforcement of the rule of law.

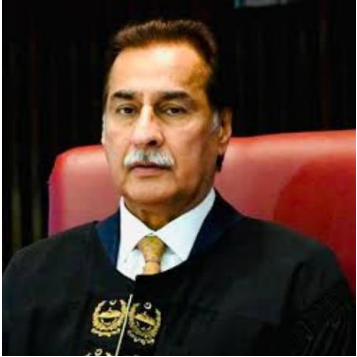
The time has come for those entrusted with authority to move beyond routine governance and adopt bold, practical, and forward-looking policies. The incidents in Hanna Urak, Halaura, Mastung, and other parts of Balochistan are not merely headlines—they are warning signs. Ignoring them will only deepen the crisis. However, if the state responds with political resolve, strategic vision, and institutional effectiveness, Balochistan can emerge not only as a province of lasting peace but also as the strongest pillar of Pakistan’s economic growth and national stability. Balochistan is burning, but this fire can still be extinguished. It requires the Government of Balochistan to fulfill its constitutional and administrative responsibilities with determination, the federal government to play its constitutional role with urgency, and all state institutions to reassure the people that the writ of the state is firmly established across every corner of the province, that the rule of law prevails equally for all, and that the peace of Balochistan will not be allowed to weaken.

NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Pays Tribute To Madar-E-Millat Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah On Her 59Th Death Anniversary

BY: Hurish Shah:

ISLAMABAD--- Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq paid a rich tribute to Madar-e-Millat Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah on the occasion of her 59th death anniversary, stating that she played a historic role alongside Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah during the Pakistan Movement and continued to uphold democratic values, constitutional supremacy, and the protection of the rights of the people after the creation of Pakistan. He said that the nation would always remember her unparalleled services with profound respect and reverence.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah dedicated her entire life to serving the nation, upholding integrity, principled leadership, and promoting democratic traditions. He noted that Madar-e-Millat inspired generations of women by promoting education, self-confidence, national awareness,



and a spirit of social service, encouraging them to play a meaningful and active role in the development and progress of the country.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq further stated that a strong, united, democratic, and prosperous Pakistan is the true manifestation of the vision of Madar-e-Millat Ms. Fatima Jinnah. He said that the nation would continue to draw inspiration from her ideals, principles, and invaluable

services in striving for national development, unity, the strengthening of democracy, and the welfare of the people.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq prayed to Allah Almighty to elevate the ranks of Madar-e-Millat Ms. Fatima Jinnah and grant the nation the wisdom and resolve to uphold her principles, ideals, and democratic values.

Deputy Speaker National Assembly Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah also paid tribute to Madar-e-Millat Ms. Fatima Jinnah, describing her as one of the most distinguished and revered personalities in Pakistan's history. He said that her remarkable contributions to promoting women's political and social participation, democratic consciousness, and national unity remain a source of inspiration. He added that her principled and honest struggle serves as a guiding light for the younger generation and that her services to the nation will forever be remembered in the annals of history.



“ACTING PRESIDENT SYED YOUSAF RAZA GILANI MEETS POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AT AIWAN-DELEGATION INCLUDED MALIK BILAL KHANI, ALI SYED, NAWAB ZIAUDDIN KHAN, COLONEL (R) NAIR ABBAS, MALIK MANAK RAWAN, MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY SALAHUDDIN JUNEJO, MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY MIAN ALAMDAR QURESHI, ASHRAF KHAN RIND, FORMER MEMBER OF THE PRO AND OTHERS.

Punjab CM’s Gift to Mandi Bahauddin: 9 Electric Buses to Improve Public Transport

BY: ANI Correspondent:

MANDI BHAHAUDDIN--- Punjab Parliamentary Secretary for Justice and Law, Chaudhry Khalid Mahmood Ranjha (MPA) has thanked Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif for providing nine electric buses to Mandi Bahauddin, calling the initiative a valuable gift for the district's residents.

Addressing a gathering of Pakistan Muslim League workers from PP-42, he said the electric buses will offer safe, comfortable, affordable, and environmentally friendly transportation, particularly benefiting women, students, and working people. Several local leaders, including Chaudhry Usman Altaf Ranjha, Chaudhry Khurram Ehsan Ranjha, Chaudhry Zeeshan Altaf Ranjha, and Sarfraz Ahmed Khan, attended the event.

Ranjha described the electric bus



project as a major step toward modernizing public transport across Punjab. He added that, besides improving travel facilities, the project will help reduce traffic-related air pollution and contribute to efforts against climate change.

He said the Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, remains committed to public welfare, environmental protection, and the development of a modern transport system.

Misbah Khar Proposes Pakistan–Bulgaria Parliamentary MoU to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation

BY: Hurish Shah ;

ISLAMABAD--- Advisor to the Chairman Senate and Ambassador of the Inter-Parliamentary Speakers’ Conference (ISC), Ms. Misbah Khar, proposed signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Pakistan–Bulgaria Parliamentary Friendship Groups to institutionalize parliamentary cooperation and further strengthen bilateral relations.

She made the proposal during a meeting of the Pakistan–Bulgaria Parliamentary Friendship Group held at Parliament House, chaired by Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman. The meeting was attended by Secretary Senate Syed Hasnain Haider, the Ambassador of Bulgaria to Pakistan, and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Misbah Khar highlighted the important role of parliamentary friendship groups in promoting people-to-people contacts and strengthening inter-parliamentary dialogue. She emphasized the significance of women's leadership and youth engagement in advancing bilateral relations and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to expanding cooperation with Bulgaria through sustained parliamentary engagement.

She also praised the Inter-Parliamentary Speakers’ Conference (ISC) initiative, describing its theme, “Peace, Security and Development,” as timely and relevant, and appreci-



ated Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani's vision of strengthening parliamentary diplomacy through friendship groups.

Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman underscored the longstanding friendly relations between Pakistan and Bulgaria and called for enhanced cooperation in trade, investment, education, information technology, agriculture, renewable energy, tourism, healthcare, and cultural exchanges through regular parliamentary interaction.

The Bulgarian Ambassador appre-

ciated the warm hospitality extended by the Parliament of Pakistan and reaffirmed Bulgaria's commitment to expanding cooperation with Pakistan in areas of mutual interest.

The participants agreed to promote stronger parliamentary relations through regular exchanges, joint initiatives, and enhanced institutional cooperation while developing a comprehensive roadmap to advance collaboration in education, economic development, cultural diplomacy, innovation, and parliamentary capacity building.

Punjab Police Arrest 6,687 Members of Organized Criminal Gangs; Stolen Property Worth Rs. 1.7 Billion Recovered



BY: ANI Correspmdent:

GUJRANWALA--- Punjab Police has intensified its crackdown against organized criminal gangs across Lahore and the rest of the province, achieving significant success during the current year.

According to a Punjab Police spokesperson, 6,687 members of 2,753 criminal gangs have been arrested. During the operations, stolen property worth more than Rs. 1.7159 billion was recovered.



The recovered items include 255 vehicles, 4,713 motorcycles, 4,105 mobile phones, 2,131 livestock animals, and 915 tolas of gold.

Inspector General of Police Punjab Abdul Kareem directed all police officers to further strengthen operations against criminal elements across the province. He emphasized that indiscriminate action against organized criminal gangs must continue and that the protection of citizens' lives and property remains the Punjab Police's top priority.

Punjab Governor Meets Malik Guldad Khan Baghour and Professor Malik Muhammad Saeed Baghour

BY:ANI Correspondent, :

SARGODHA-- IPP ticket holder for Constituency PP-83 and candidate for PP-83, Malik Guldad Khan Baghour, along with Professor Malik Muhammad Saeed Baghour, held a special meeting with Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at the Governor's Office.

During the meeting, the participants discussed the regional and national political situation in detail, including the upcoming general elections in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, as well as other matters of mutual interest.

It is noteworthy that Malik Guldad Khan Baghour is the brother of Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Communications and Member of the National Assembly, Engineer Malik Gul Asghar Khan Baghour, and is widely recognized for his dedication to selfless public service. Professor Malik Muhammad Saeed Baghour is regarded as one of the most respected and popular educational personalities in the district.

Meanwhile, social and public circles have welcomed the meeting



between these two prominent personalities from District Khushab and the Governor of Punjab. They expressed hope that the discussions

would contribute to resolving long-standing public issues and promoting the development and welfare of the region.



Islamabad: Vice President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Irfan Chaudhry, congratulates Tahir Ayub on assuming the office of Acting President. Also present on the occasion were former Senior Vice President Khalid Chaudhry, Zulqarnain Abbasi, Waseem Chaudhry, Mazhar Chaudhry, Tamas Butt, and other members of the business community.

Death toll in Ziarat terrorist attack rises to 31

BY: ANI Correspondent:

QUETTA/ZIARAT --- Armed terrorists attacked Ziarat, killing 9 people on the spot and abducting 19 police personnel. A video released on social media a short while ago showed the bodies of all 19 abducted personnel, with families asked to collect them. After receiving the information, the Ziarat district administration immediately shifted the bodies to Ziarat Hospital via ambulances.

It should be noted that three days earlier, hundreds of armed terrorists besieged a village in the Hanna Urak area of Quetta and opened indiscriminate fire on local tribes. 4 people were killed and several injured in that incident.

According to government sources, the terrorists then moved toward Ziarat and attacked the Mangi Dam.



Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti personally visited Ziarat and appealed for the reopening of the international highway at Ziarat Cross, stating that they will not rest until the last terrorist is eliminated.

Protest sit-in continues in Quetta

Meanwhile, the protest sit-in by the martyrs' families, tribal elders, various political parties, and the traders' community in front of BA Mall in Quetta has entered its fourth day. The protesters demand that the government improve the law and order situation and guarantee the prevention of such incidents in the future.

In this regard, a joint public gathering of all political parties, social and religious organizations, and the traders' community will be held today, Wednesday, at 4 PM, where the future course of action will be formally announced.

PPP Continues to Strengthen Public Engagement and Democratic Values Under Bilawal Bhutto Zardari’s Leadership: Sumblina Hassan

BY: ANI Correspondent: London / Islamabad:

Senior Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and former Secretary to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, Sumblina Hassan, has said that under the leadership of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the Pakistan Peoples Party remains committed to promoting democratic values, public welfare, and national unity.

She stated that the party is actively engaging with people across Pakistan and overseas, strengthening its organisational structure



while encouraging greater participation of women and youth in the democratic process. According to her, PPP has always stood for constitutional supremacy, social justice, and the protection of citizens' rights.

Sumblina Hassan emphasized that the vision of Shaheed Zulfikar

Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto continues to inspire the party's mission of serving the people. She urged party workers to remain united, strengthen public outreach, and contribute positively towards Pakistan's progress and stability.

She further said that overseas PPP members will continue to support the party's democratic mission and work to enhance Pakistan's positive image at the international level through constructive engagement with the global Pakistani community.