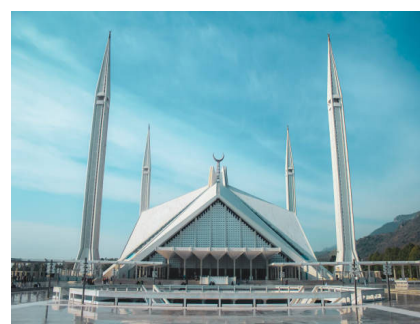




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Iran has asked to continue talks and the US agreed, Trump says



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US President Donald Trump on Friday said the United States had agreed to talks with Iran after Tehran asked to continue negotiations, while stressing that the June ceasefire between the two nations was over.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has asked us to continue 'talks.' We have agreed to do so, but the United States has stated to them, in no uncertain terms, that the Cease Fire is OVER!" Trump wrote in a post on Truth Social.

The US and Iran traded strikes this week, with the Iranian armed forces launching attacks on US military infrastructure in Gulf states

on Thursday following US strikes on Iran's southern coastal and eastern provinces. The two nations reached an interim deal last month to end a four month conflict that has throttle worldwide energy supplies.

Trump's inability to end the war has frustrated the president, whose Republican Party faces midterm elections later this year amid high gas prices and voter discontent.

Qatar has called on the United States and Iran to honour their memorandum of understanding and continue dialogue to prevent further escalation, according to Al Jazeera.

Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani said in a post on X

that he made the appeal during a phone call with Egypt's Foreign Minister, Badr Abdelatty.

He also emphasised the importance of safeguarding freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz, warning that maintaining safe passage is vital for regional security. The IRGC's top commander has pledged vengeance against the US and Israel for the killing of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, saying it won't "be erased from the historical memory".

According to Al Jazeera, Brigadier-General Ahmad Vahidi called for the "full realisation of justice and a fitting response to the criminals, especially the child-killing

American army". "The criminal leaders of America and all enemies of the Islamic Revolution and the Resistance Front must know that by the cowardly assassination of this divine leader they will never ... bring the flag of resistance to the ground," Vahidi said in a statement carried by Sepah news agency.

"Avenging the martyrs and the punishment of the perpetrators ... will remain a definitive, legitimate, and an unforgettable demand."

Vahidi's comments come after Khamenei was buried in his hometown of Mashhad on Thursday, four months after he and four family members died in US-Israeli air strikes.

PM says easy credit for SMEs vital for sustainable economic development



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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday underscored that providing easy financial facilities to various sectors is essential for sustainable economic development. He emphasized that banks should significantly increase the provision of loans to priority sectors, especially the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector, which is the backbone of the country's economy.

The prime minister chaired a high-level meeting on promoting access to finance in Pakistan and was briefed on the Access to Finance Plan, a Prime Minister's Office news release said.

Speaking on the occasion, the prime minister said the availability of easy-to-access financial facilities would enable increased exports, new employment opportunities and sustainable economic growth. He also announced that the banks that perform better in extending financial facilities would be encouraged.

"I will personally chair the monthly review meeting regarding the progress on the Access to Finance Plan. The government wants to make the economy stronger and more export-oriented by increasing access to financial facilities," Prime Minister Shehbaz said. During the briefing, the officials highlighted the priorities and goals of the Access to Finance Plan that were aimed to accelerate the journey from economic stability to sustainable economic growth. They briefed that the key priorities include expanding the provision of financial services and making it a part of the national mainstream.

The main focus of the plan is to increase access to easy loans and credit for SMEs, agriculture, exports, renewable energy,

housing and IT sectors. The main objective of the plan is to increase exports, sustainable economic growth and create new employment opportunities, the officials said. The forum was informed that a system-wide approach involving the Ministry of Finance, State Bank of Pakistan, provincial governments and relevant institutions would be adopted for implementation. The Finance Minister will head the new governance structure while the Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan will be the co-chair. Moreover, regular meetings will be held under the governance structure and the prime minister will be informed of the progress every month.

The officials also informed during the briefing, under the new governance structure, ambitious targets have been set for the provision of financial facilities in various sectors for the next two years. The goals of the Access to Finance Plan include a significant increase in the number of loans provided by banks to the SME sector and the number of businesses receiving loans. A target has been set to increase the share of the SME sector in private sector loans from 7 percent to 10 percent in the next two years. The target has been set to increase the number of loan beneficiaries in the SME sector from 310,000 to 750,000 in the next two years, they added. The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Federal Ministers Attaullah Tarar, Rana Tanveer Hussain, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Ahad Khan Cheema, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister of State for Finance Bilal Azhar Kayani, Special Assistant Haroon Akhtar, Governor State Bank Jamil Ahmed, Presidents and CEOs of Pakistani banks, provincial chief secretaries and senior government officials.

Pakistan, Bangladesh agree to enhance cooperation against cybercrime, online fraud



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ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met his Bangladeshi counterpart, Salahuddin Ahmed, with both sides agreeing to increase cooperation in areas of mutual interest, the interior ministry said on Friday.

According to the post on X, the meeting discussed training and exchange programmes for police officers. The two ministers also agreed to enhance cooperation to prevent cybercrime and online fraud.

"The ministers also held a detailed discussion on the US-Iran conflict and the current situation in the Middle East," the post added. Ahmed appreciated Pakistan's constructive role in establishing peace.

Naqvi said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Asim

Munir had played "an unforgettable role for peace", adding that "we must seize new opportunities to further strengthen our mutual ties".

Earlier, Naqvi met with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on the regional situation and a range of international issues.

During the meeting, Pakistan's mediation efforts aimed at ending conflicts in West Asia, as well as the United Nations' peacekeeping initiatives, with particular emphasis on Pakistan's longstanding and invaluable contributions to UN peacekeeping operations, were also focused. The UN Secretary-General appreciated Pakistan's efforts to promote peace, said a news release issued here.

43 terrorists neutralised in Balochistan's Operation Shabaan so far: security sources

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RAWALPINDI: Security forces have killed 17 more Indian-backed terrorists during an ongoing operation in Balochistan, bringing the total number of terrorists killed in Operation Shabaan to 43, security sources said on Friday.

The joint operation by the Pakistan Army, Frontier Corps (FC) and Balochistan Police was launched in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the Mangi Dam Police Station and remains underway, with forces intensifying action against terrorists across the province. Terrorists ambushed police personnel deployed in the Kach Mangi Phase III area of Ziarat on Tuesday, triggering hours-long gun battles that left nine police officers, including two station house officers, dead. Terrorists also abducted several civilians and police personnel



after the attack. The military subsequently launched a series of counterterrorism operations across Balochistan. In a statement issued today, security sources said the ongoing operation had further tightened the cordon around terrorists hiding in the region's rugged mountainous ter-

rain, adding that multiple ground and aerial operations were continuing.

It said that in the past 24 hours, security forces killed another 17 terrorists, taking the total number of those killed in Operation Shabaan to 43. The sources said an attack on a police station in the Zehri area of Khuzdar earlier today was repulsed. They said swift action by the Pakistan Army and FC troops resulted in the confirmed killing of eight terrorists, while reports suggested that five to six more were killed during helicopter operations. The joint operation by the Pakistan Army, Balochistan FC and police later continued, with security forces targeting terrorists hiding in the mountains using heavy weapons, the sources said. During the latest phase of the operation, four more terrorists were killed, while several others were reported injured, according to the sources.

More debris of crashed cargo plane recovered, search for crew ongoing: PAA

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KARACHI: The Pakistan Aviation Authority (PAA) said on Friday that search and rescue operations for the K2 Airways cargo aircraft remain underway in the deep sea. According to posts on X, the PAA said search and rescue (SAR) missions by the Pakistan Navy (PN) and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) continue in the deep sea. "The search for the crew members is continuing with full vigour through the coordinated employment of aerial and sea-borne assets," the PAA said. It added that "additional parts and debris of the ill-fated aircraft have been located and retrieved for subsequent analysis by the investigation team". "Further updates will be shared as the search and rescue (SAR) operation continues," the PAA said. Late on Tuesday night, a K2 Airways Boeing 737-400 cargo aircraft with five crew members aboard was reported missing off the coast of Karachi. In a series of posts on X, the PAA said a K2 Airways Boeing 737 cargo flight was en route from Sharjah to Karachi at 2118 PST when it reported a navigational system issue.

Dar chairs meeting on improving government efficiency

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ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday chaired a meeting of the committee on Improving Government Efficiency, which finalised actionable recommendations prepared by five sub-working groups, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).

In a post on X, MoFA said the committee discussed, deliberated, and finalised the "actionable recommendations of the five sub-working groups" on restructuring of the federal secretariat, upgradation of e-office into a decision-making processing system, transformation of the MS wing,



reforming the performance evaluation report (PER) system, and developing a whole-of-government approach. "The recommendations will be presented to the prime minister for consideration,"

it added. The meeting was attended by the ministers for petroleum and information technology and telecommunication, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Tariq Bajwa.

KP govt to roll back controversial privileges law after public backlash



Monitoring Desk, PESHAWAR:

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to withdraw all controversial provisions from the provincial law governing the perks and privileges of members of the provincial assembly, saying the legislation will be restored in line with the 1988 Act. According to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Adviser Shafi Jan, the decision was made during a meeting of the provincial cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Sohail Afridi on Friday. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Speaker Babar

Saleem Swati also attended the meeting via video link. Shafi Jan said the decision to remove all objectionable clauses was taken on the instructions of the chief minister and in consultation with the speaker. He added that the disputed provisions would be eliminated and the law would be amended to conform with the 1988 Act in order to address public concerns. The information adviser said an important meeting would be held on Monday, during which all parliamentary leaders would be taken into confidence to ensure broad-based consultation before a final decision is made.

Shafi Jan further stated that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government was formed on the basis of the public mandate and would not make any decision that failed to reflect the aspirations of the people.

He also said the government would carefully consider concerns raised by journalists and the public and take appropriate steps in light of the feedback.



Malaysian Consul General in Karachi, Herman Hardynata Ahmed is holding a farewell meeting with Governor Sindh Syed Muhammad Nehal Hashmi at the Governor's House.

Parliamentary panel to visit Quetta as Balochistan security tops agenda

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ISLAMABAD: Signaling growing parliamentary concern over the country's security landscape, the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control on Friday decided to hold a special meeting in Quetta to undertake an on-ground assessment of the law and order situation in Balochistan, marking a significant shift from the proposal to receive a briefing within Parliament House.

The decision came during the committee's 28th meeting, chaired by Raja Khurram Shahzad Nawaz, MNA, at Parliament House, where lawmakers also reviewed key legislative proposals, infrastructure delays in Islamabad, the regularization of illegal housing schemes, and longstanding land record disputes affecting residents of the federal capital.

The committee confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on June 9, 2026, and expressed satisfaction over the implementation of its earlier recommendations after reviewing the compliance report submitted by the relevant authorities.



ties. Security issues dominated the proceedings as members deliberated on the prevailing law and order situation in both Balochistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. While some lawmakers suggested an in-camera security briefing in Islamabad, the committee ultimately agreed that a visit to Quetta would provide members with firsthand insight into the situation and enable them to formulate informed recommendations for the government.

On the legislative front, the committee considered three government-sponsored

measures: the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2025, the West Pakistan Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Following detailed discussions, the committee deferred consideration of both the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill and the ICT Local Government (Amendment) Bill for further examination.

Officials from the ICT Excise and Taxation Department informed members that the Ministry of Law and Justice had

advised that the objectives of the West Pakistan Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill had already been incorporated into the Finance Act, 2026-27, making separate legislation unnecessary. Consequently, the committee recommended that the bill be treated as withdrawn.

The committee also expressed serious concern over the prolonged delay in the construction of Sher Dhamial Road and Sigga Bintrar Road in Islamabad. Chairman of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) attributed the delay to inadequate budgetary allocations but assured lawmakers that additional funds would be provided subject to resource availability. Directing the CDA to prioritize completion of ongoing road projects rather than launching new development schemes, the committee stressed that public convenience should take precedence over expansion plans. Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control Talal Chaudhry informed members that the CDA would present a detailed account of available funding for the projects at the committee's next meeting.

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August 14 preparations reviewed as ICT admin assigns duties to all departments

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad district administration has stepped up preparations for Pakistan's Independence Day, with a review meeting held to assess arrangements for August 14 celebrations across the federal capital. The meeting, chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue (ADCR) Farhan Ahmed, brought together representatives from the police, Air Force, Capital Development Authority (CDA), Traffic Police, and other government departments.

SSP Security Suleman Zafar represented Islamabad Police during the session. Officials reviewed plans for the central flag-hoisting ceremony, security measures, traffic management, cleanliness drives, and public events scheduled throughout the city. During the meeting, responsibilities were assigned to all participating departments to ensure smooth coordination and implementation of Independence Day activities. Officials also discussed arrangements for public gatherings and reviewed preparations related to crowd management and traffic flow. ADCR Farhan Ahmed directed all departments to complete their assigned tasks without delay and finalize preparations at the earliest. He stressed the importance of coordination among institutions to ensure that all events are conducted according to plan.

APNS welcomes appointment of Raisa Adil as PIO; hopes for resolution of print media issues

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ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) on Friday welcomed the appointment of Raisa Adil as the new Principal Information Officer (PIO) of the Press Information Department (PID).

In a joint statement, APNS President Senator Sarmad Ali and Secretary General Muhammad Athar Kazi expressed optimism that during her tenure, the newly appointed PIO would play a pivotal role in safeguarding the freedom of the press and addressing the challenges faced by the print media industry. They expressed confidence that the ideal working relationship and mutual cooperation between the government, PID, and the print media would continue to flourish under her leadership. Meanwhile, the APNS office-bearers also acknowledged and appreciated the services of the outgoing PIO, Mubashir Hassan, thanking him for the extensive support and cooperation extended to the newspaper industry throughout his tenure.

Govt's top priority to provide basic healthcare at people's doorstep: Tariq

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Friday said providing basic healthcare facilities at people's doorsteps was the government's foremost priority.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony of a digitalised health centre in Phulgran, he said nearly 50 per cent of Islamabad's population lived in rural areas.

Patients from these areas had to travel to major hospitals in the city for treatment, while Islamabad's hospitals also catered to patients from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Jhelum, Murree and Kotli Sattian.

He said the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) previously received around 400 to 500 patients daily, but the number had now increased to between



8,000 and 10,000 patients a day.

The minister said the federal government had allocated Rs 1,163 billion for the health sector.

He added that Islamabad had 22 Basic Health Units (BHUs), many of which were

not fully functional, adding that making these facilities operational was the need of the hour. He said Federal Health Minister Mustafa Kamal was doing commendable work to improve the health sector. "If the commitment he has expressed is implemented, we will be able to provide healthcare services to our population at less than half the current cost without any difficulty," he said.

Dr Tariq said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif believed the country's challenges could be overcome through reforms and effective policymaking, adding that providing quality healthcare was one of the government's fundamental responsibilities.

Recalling an official visit to the United States in 2009, he said he had witnessed robotic surgery at a hospital.

He added that technology had advanced to the point where doctors could now perform surgeries while sitting in another country.

Describing the establishment of the digitalised health unit in Phulgran as a welcome initiative, he said there was a need to create public awareness about this model Basic Health Unit. He added that women from the area, particularly mothers and sisters, would be able to visit the facility to receive quality medical treatment.

The minister said modern warfare had become a battle of intellect and technology.

Referring to the recent conflict with India, he said Pakistan had demonstrated the effective use of technology without crossing the border and had achieved remarkable success.

DPO Raza Tanveer Sapra, CNF Director Murad Ali Khan Vow Joint Action Against Drug Traffickers

BY: ANI Correspondent:

MURREE-- Director of the Counter Narcotics Force (CNF) Murree, Colonel Murad Ali Khan, called on District Police Officer (DPO) Murree, Raza Tanveer Sapra, to discuss the district's law and order situation, anti-narcotics efforts, and enhanced institutional cooperation.

During the meeting, both officials pledged to continue coordinated operations between the CNF and Murree Police to eliminate drug trafficking. They agreed to strengthen intelligence sharing, expand public awareness campaigns, improve coordination, and intensify crackdowns against narcotics dealers.

DPO Raza Tanveer Sapra said that close cooperation among all relevant institutions is essential to eradicate drugs from society. Colonel Murad Ali Khan reaffirmed the CNF's commitment to working closely with Murree Police to ensure indiscriminate action against drug traffickers.

The meeting concluded with DPO Murree presenting a commemorative



shield to Colonel Murad Ali Khan on behalf of Murree Police. Both officers reiterated their resolve to further

strengthen institutional collaboration and continue joint efforts to make Murree drug-free.

Raisa Adil Appointed Principal Information Officer of Press Information Department

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government has appointed Ms. Raisa Adil, a senior BS-20 officer of the Information Group, as the new Executive Director General/Principal Information Officer (PIO) of the Press Information Department (PID), Islamabad, with immediate effect.

According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Raisa Adil has been transferred from her position as Executive Director General, External Publicity Wing (EPW) and posted as Executive Director General/Principal Information Officer, Press Information Department (PID), Islamabad, in her own pay and scale until further orders.

Before assuming her new assignment, Raisa Adil served as Executive Director General of the External Publicity Wing, where she played a key role in projecting Pakistan's image internationally and strengthening the country's public diplomacy initiatives through strategic communication and media engagement.

Her appointment has been widely welcomed by members of the media fraternity and officers of the Information Group, who described it as a well-deserved recognition of her



distinguished professional career, administrative competence, and commitment to public service. Throughout her career, she has earned a reputation for professionalism, integrity, transparent communication, and effective public administration.

Journalists and colleagues who have worked with her have praised her constructive engagement with the media and her efforts to strengthen cooperation between government institutions and journalists. Media organizations have expressed confidence that under her leadership, the Press Information Department will further enhance its engagement with the media, adopt modern communication practices, and reinforce its role as a bridge between the Government of Pakistan and the media.

The Press Information Department (PID) serves as the government's principal public information organization, responsible for disseminating official information, facilitating communication between government institutions and media organizations, organizing press briefings, and ensuring the timely distribution of authentic information to national and international media outlets.

Observers believe Raisa Adil's extensive experience in strategic communications, media relations, and public information management will further strengthen PID's role at a time when timely, credible, and effective communication has become increasingly important.

Senior journalists and members of the media community have congratulated Raisa Adil on her appointment and expressed optimism that her tenure will promote greater transparency, improve access to official information, and strengthen institutional cooperation between the government and media organizations across Pakistan. They also extended their best wishes for her success in the new assignment and expressed hope that, under her leadership, the Press Information Department will continue to uphold the highest standards of professionalism while effectively serving both the Government and the media fraternity.

Empowering Youth Key to Pakistan's Sustainable Future, Says NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq on World Population Day

BY: Hurish Shah :

ISLAMABAD--- Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has said that empowering young people and adopting inclusive, forward-looking policies are essential to transform Pakistan's demographic challenges into opportunities for sustainable development and national progress.

In his message on World Population Day, observed globally on July 11, the Speaker said this year's theme, "Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people - today and for the future," highlights the need to invest in quality education, accessible healthcare, skills development and meaningful employment opportunities for the country's youth.

He said Pakistan's rapidly growing population presents significant chal-

lenges in education, healthcare, housing and employment, but these can be addressed through effective policymaking, human capital development and by harnessing the potential of the country's young population.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq stressed that addressing population-related challenges requires coordinated efforts by Parliament, the government, provincial administrations, civil society, academia, religious scholars, the media and all segments of society. He also underscored the importance of raising public awareness, particularly at the grassroots level, to promote informed decision-making and sustainable development. The Speaker reaffirmed Parliament's commitment to supporting legislation and initiatives aimed at promoting social inclusion, improving public services and

ensuring sustainable development for present and future generations.

Deputy Speaker National Assembly Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, in his message, said balanced population growth is closely linked to economic progress, social well-being and effective public service delivery. He emphasized that strengthening education, healthcare and employment opportunities for young people is essential to enable them to contribute meaningfully to the country's development.

He added that addressing population challenges requires long-term strategies, strong institutions and a collective national commitment, reaffirming Parliament's continued support for sustainable development and improving the quality of life of the people of Pakistan.

FCCP withdraws Supreme Court's general orders in Karachi illegal constructions case

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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Constitutional Court (FCCP) has withdrawn the Supreme Court's general directions imposing restrictions on land conversion in Karachi and ordering the demolition of illegal constructions, holding that building regulations and their enforcement fall within the jurisdiction of the provincial government, not the courts. In a 10-page written judgment authored by Justice

Aamer Farooq, the court observed that the Constitution and relevant laws require the Sindh Building Control Authority and the Sindh government to take action against illegal constructions. It said officials of the SBCA and the provincial government are responsible for enforcing the law and must fulfil their constitutional and legal obligations. According to the judgment, the matter before the Supreme Court originally concerned an appeal relating to an illegally constructed building in Lyari.

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ISLAMABAD: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Operations Safe City Capt. (R) Hamzah Humayun addressed a Bomb Disposal training session at the Capital Police College Islamabad, emphasizing the importance of specialized training to effectively respond to explosive threats and other emergency situations.

An official told APP on Friday that course instructors and participants

from various police units attended the training session. Participants successfully completed the specialized course, during which they received professional training in bomb identification, safe handling of explosive devices, search techniques, threat assessment and practical field exercises to enhance their operational capabilities. Addressing the participants, Capt. (R) Hamzah Humayun underscored the importance of continuous professional training and said such specialized

courses played a vital role in improving the operational preparedness and response capacity of Islamabad Police.

He encouraged the participants to effectively utilize the knowledge and skills acquired during the training while performing their professional duties. At the conclusion of the ceremony, certificates were distributed among the successful participants in recognition of the successful completion of the Bomb Disposal Course, the official added.



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Pakistan’s Power Sector at a Crossroads: Decarbonization Is No Longer a Choice



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Pakistan’s energy sector has reached a defining moment. Rising electricity demand, expensive fuel imports, mounting circular debt, and the growing impact of climate change have exposed the weaknesses of the country’s traditional energy model. At the same time, these challenges present an opportunity to reshape Pakistan’s power sector through cleaner, more sustainable sources of energy.

For decades, Pakistan has relied heavily on imported coal, furnace oil, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) to meet its electricity needs. This dependence has made electricity generation costly and vulnerable to fluctuations in global fuel prices. It has also placed immense pressure on foreign exchange reserves while increasing the financial burden on households and businesses.

Yet Pakistan possesses enormous renewable energy potential. With abundant sunshine throughout the year, strong wind corridors in Sindh and Balochistan, significant hydropower resources, and growing opportunities in biomass and waste-to-energy projects, the country has the natural resources needed to build a cleaner and more secure energy future.

However, expanding renewable energy alone will not be enough. A successful transition requires modernizing Pakistan’s ageing transmission and distribution network so it can efficiently integrate renewable sources, whose output naturally varies with weather conditions. Investment in smart grids, digital monitoring systems, and upgraded transmission lines will improve reliability, reduce technical losses, and enhance the overall performance of the electricity system. Equally important is tackling power theft and dis-

tribution inefficiencies, which continue to drain valuable financial and energy resources.

Energy efficiency must also become a national priority. Encouraging the use of energy-efficient appliances, inverter technology, high-performance industrial equipment, and green building standards can significantly reduce electricity demand while lowering costs for consumers. Mandatory energy management practices in major industries would further improve efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.

As renewable energy expands, energy storage will become increasingly important. Battery storage systems and pumped-storage hydropower can store excess electricity generated during periods of high solar and wind production and release it when demand peaks. These technologies will strengthen grid stability, improve energy security, and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Pakistan’s industrial sector also has a vital role to play. Industries should gradually electrify their operations and increase their use of renewable energy wherever possible. Emerging technologies such as green hydrogen, carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), and low-carbon manufacturing will become increasingly important for sectors such as cement, steel, and fertilizers. Although these technologies remain expensive today, investing in them now will improve Pakistan’s competitiveness in an increasingly carbon-conscious global economy.

Government policy will determine how quickly this transition takes place. Investors need long-term policy certainty, transparent procurement systems, and stable regulatory frameworks that encourage private investment in renewable energy. Green financing, climate funds, sovereign green bonds, and public-private partnerships can help mobilize the significant capital required to modernize the country’s energy infrastructure.

Beyond environmental benefits, the energy transition represents a major economic opportunity.

Renewable energy industries can create thousands of skilled jobs in engineering, manufacturing, installation, maintenance, software development, and research. Expanding local production of solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, and other clean energy technologies can reduce import dependence while strengthening Pakistan’s industrial base.

The transition must also be fair and inclusive. Workers employed in conventional energy industries should receive retraining, education, and employment support so that they can participate in the emerging green economy. A just transition will ensure that economic progress does not come at the expense of communities that have long depended on traditional energy sectors.

Although Pakistan contributes only a small fraction of global greenhouse gas emissions, it remains one of the countries most vulnerable to the devastating effects of climate change. Extreme weather events, floods, heatwaves, and water shortages continue to threaten lives, livelihoods, and economic development. This makes decarbonization not merely an environmental objective but an economic and national necessity.

Ultimately, transforming Pakistan’s power sector is about much more than reducing emissions. It is about delivering affordable electricity, strengthening energy security, attracting investment, creating sustainable employment, and ensuring long-term economic resilience. With visionary leadership, consistent policies, and close cooperation between government, industry, academia, and the private sector, Pakistan has the opportunity to build a cleaner, stronger, and more competitive energy system.

The road to net zero will not be easy, but it offers one of the greatest development opportunities in Pakistan’s modern history. The choices made today will determine the country’s energy future for decades to come. Decarbonization is no longer simply an environmental aspiration—it is an economic imperative and a national necessity.

*Martyred Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, from the cradle to the grave

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The martyred Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was the second Supreme Leader of Iran, a high-ranking Shia religious authority, and a very powerful and influential political and religious figure in the Islamic world, who was martyred in an airstrike in Tehran on February 28, 2026. He served as the Supreme Leader of Iran and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces for almost 36 years from 1989 until his martyrdom. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was born on April 19, 1939, in the holy city of Mashhad, Iran, into a scholarly and religious family. His father, Ayatollah Javad Khamenei, was a renowned religious scholar. He received his early religious education in Mashhad and later attended the great seminaries of Najaf Ashraf (Iraq) and Qom (Iran) to study higher Islamic sciences, jurisprudence, and principles of jurisprudence, where he benefited from the guidance of great teachers such as Ayatollah Boroujerdi and Imam Khomeini. In the 1960s and 1970s, he was an active member of the movement against the oppressive royal regime of Iran (Reza Shah Pahlavi) under the leadership of Imam Khomeini, for which he was arrested several times and was also exiled. After the success of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, he was appointed a member of the Revolutionary Council and played a central role in laying the foundation of the Islamic Republic. In 1981-1989, he was elected President of Iran with a large majority twice and led the country through the most difficult period of the Iran-Iraq War. After the death of the founder of the revolution, Imam Khomeini, in June 1989, the Assembly of Experts (Majlis-e-Khargan) elected him as the second Supreme Leader of Iran. He held this highest position for almost 37 years and was considered the most powerful figure in the region’s strategic politics. On February 28, when Israel and the United States launched attacks on Iran, Ali Khamenei was targeted along with other members of his family in a joint attack in Tehran the very first day. Some members of his family were also killed with him, for whom a ceremony was held in Tehran last week. During the war, it was said that Ali Khamenei’s burial was being postponed until an appropriate time, but no date was given. Even after the ceasefire, preparations for the ceremony were mentioned, but for some reason they did not take place. After his martyrdom, his son, Ayatollah Murtaba Khamenei, was elected as the new Supreme Leader.

The funeral prayer of Iran’s martyred Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was led by his eldest son Ayatollah Seyyed Mustafa Khamenei. The six-day funeral ceremonies were held in Tehran, Qom, Najaf, Karbala and Mashhad. Approximately 43 million people attended the condolence procession at the shrines of Imam Hussein (AS) and Hazrat Abbas (AS) in Karbala, while more than 7 million mourners attended in Najaf Ashraf. Millions of people gathered on the streets of Mashhad, carrying black and red flags symbolizing revenge and shouting strong slogans against Israel, the United States, and US President Donald Trump. The funeral prayer was attended by other members of the Khamenei family, as well as high-ranking religious and political figures. However, the current Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, was not present in Mashhad on this occasion, which became a focal point. It is clear that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was martyred in a US and Israeli attack on February 28. His funeral and burial ceremonies began on July 3 after the ceasefire. Political leaders and representatives from more than 45 countries attended these events. According to the Iranian News Agency, another condolence gathering was held after the Maghrib and Isha prayers at the Shrine of Hazrat Masoumeh (Qom), in which Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei participated. This marked the end of his last journey, but prayer ceremonies continue across the country. He established a strong defensive bloc against the United States and Israel in the Middle East by backing Lebanese Hezbollah, Palestinian resistance groups (Hamas), and Yemen’s Houthis, which made him emerge as the most influential leader in regional



politics. During his 36-year reign, Iran made extraordinary defense and strategic progress in the fields of nuclear technology, missile program, and science despite US and Western economic sanctions. He served for some time during the revolutionary period as Deputy Minister of Defense, Supervisor of the Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and Imam of Friday prayers in Tehran. During a speech in a mosque in June 1981, He was bombed, permanently disabling his right hand, but miraculously survived: he was elected Iran’s third president in October 1981 with a landslide majority (97% of the vote). He served two consecutive terms during the most difficult and critical period of the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988).The attack to assassinate Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, did not take place in the middle of the night (darkness of night); contrary to expectations, the attack took place in the morning light. The reason for the attack in the morning light was the important intelligence that American and Israeli intelligence had received a few hours earlier. American and Israeli intelligence decided to take immediate advantage of this intelligence without waiting for nightfall. The United States and Israel had been looking for an opportunity for the past several months to see when top Iranian officials would gather in one place to attend a meeting. The intelligence was that Seyyed Ali Khamenei would be present in a compound located in the central area of Tehran. Along with the information about Khamenei’s presence in the compound, Israeli and American intelligence had also learned the location where other top Iranian military and intelligence officers were to gather to attend the meeting at the same time. The United States and Israel had been monitoring the movements of Supreme Leader Seyyed Ali Khamenei for the past several months. Although the method of monitoring was kept secret, US President Donald Trump hinted at it in a social media post. Trump wrote that “he (Khamenei) failed to evade our intelligence and sophisticated tracking systems.” It is possible that a human source in Iran was reporting his movements, but it is more likely that key Iranian officials were being monitored on technical grounds. During the Iran-Israel 12-day war in June last year, Israel successfully targeted scientists and senior officials associated with Iran’s nuclear program, and it was later reported that telecom and mobile phone systems were accessed to track the movements of these key individuals. During this process, the movements of the bodyguards who were responsible for the security of key Iranian officials were also tracked. This long-term surveillance and monitoring approach helped to learn about the lifestyle and routine of key figures. With the help of this method, it was possible to find out their moments of weakness along with being aware of their target’s activities. Iran knew that Supreme Leader Seyyed Ali Khamenei was being targeted by enemies, so the failure to identify and deal with moments of weakness during the process of ensuring his safety reveals a major failure of Iranian security and intelligence agencies. It also proves that the US and Israel keep changing their methods of identifying targets and find new ways to track people. The Iranians probably also guessed that a major attack of this nature could not have been carried out during daylight hours. According to a report in the New York Times, intelligence information about the Supreme Leader’s presence in the compound came from the US intelligence agency, the CIA, which was shared with Israel because the attack was to be carried out by Israel. The US and Israeli approach shows a division of labor, with Israel focusing on attacks targeting the top leadership, while the US targets mostly military targets. Importantly, intelligence on the

movements of the Supreme Leader and other officials was obtained well in advance, allowing for the planning of attacks using jets that could launch missiles from a distance and hit targets. The attack was not designed to target just one senior leader (Khamenei) but was intended to be the start of a broader campaign (after targeting Khamenei), which was now being expanded over time and as opportunities arose. It takes about two hours for the Israeli jets to reach Tehran, but it is still unclear how far they fired their missiles at Tehran. When the decision to attack was made after receiving intelligence about Khamenei’s presence, Israeli planes dropped 30 bombs on his compound at around 9:40 a.m. The purpose of dropping 30 bombs at once was to reach a depth that would ensure that the target was hit, as the Supreme Leader was using an underground bunker beneath the compound for protection. To reach that depth, different types of bombs were used to ensure that the target was successfully reached. In addition to the Supreme Leader’s compound in Tehran, other locations, including the office of President Masoud Peshkian, were also attacked. The Iranian president later issued a statement saying he was safe in the attacks. Iran confirmed the deaths of three top defense officials, including Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of the Defense Council, Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasserzadeh, and General Mohammad Pakpour, Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Guards. When the attack took place in Tehran, it was nighttime at Mar-a-Lago, Florida, and President Trump was closely monitoring the situation with his top officials. Israeli and American officials knew that it could take several hours for confirmation of the Supreme Leader’s death to come after the attack. Iran was prepared for this possibility, and therefore the successors of not only Khamenei but also other top Iranian officials were planned in advance. Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir attended the funeral prayers of Iran’s martyred Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Tehran, as the Pakistani delegation offered condolences and paid tribute to the nation’s



martyred leader. The funeral prayers were attended by several heads of state, government leaders, and top foreign dignitaries. Shaheed Khamenei was killed in a US-Israeli airstrike on February 28, the first day of the Iran-Iran war, but funeral ceremonies were postponed for months due to the conflict. Pakistan is trying to bolster its rising diplomatic profile after playing a central role in mediating between Iran and the United States during this year’s conflict. Pakistan facilitated a temporary ceasefire between Iran and the United States on April 8, ending weeks of fighting and creating space for diplomacy. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir then emerged as key negotiators during the temporary ceasefire that led to the Islamabad talks on April 11-12, which brought together senior American and Iranian negotiators for the highest-level face-to-face meeting since Washington and Tehran severed diplomatic ties in 1979. Although the talks did not produce a comprehensive agreement, they laid the groundwork for continuing diplomacy. Pakistan’s mediation efforts later contributed to Islamabad’s Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), an interim framework aimed at advancing talks on regional security, sanctions relief and maritime stability after the ceasefire. Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir was tasked with maintaining direct communication channels between Tehran and Washington during the height of the tensions, while Pakistan’s Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif engaged regional leaders to maintain diplomatic momentum.

UK should be bolder in its ‘reset’ of EU ties

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This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Brexit referendum and none of the promises made by those who supported leaving this unique arrangement have ever materialized. The UK is not more independent, because it was independent then; the economy is not doing better, but the opposite; public services have not enjoyed a bonanza as a result of not paying into the EU’s coffers; and immigration, which motivated many of the Brexiters, some more openly, others more tacitly, has only increased in recent years.

The case of resetting the relationship between the UK and the EU in the post-Brexit era reminded me of an Armenian proverb: “One fool threw a stone in the well, 40 wise people couldn’t get it out.” Hence, it is the task of the current wise people in government to rectify one of the

interest began almost immediately but are moving slowly, reflecting the cautious nature of the British leadership. Winning the last general election with a vast majority, even if not all Labour MPs are Europhiles, and the fact that most Britons constantly express in surveys that it was wrong for Britain to leave the EU and think that Brexit has been more of a failure than a success, should have encouraged the UK government to move faster. The price for not doing so is dear and the progress in negotiations should have been more rapid.

The Office for Budget Responsibility, the UK’s official independent economic and fiscal forecaster, concluded that the Brexit deal would reduce long-run productivity by 4 percent relative to remaining in the EU, while both exports and imports will be about 15 percent lower in the long term. Some estimate the cost to public finances of leaving the EU at £40 billion (£53

ated by immigration, it is almost impossible to rethink Brexit in full. With Labour lagging in third place in opinion polls behind the anti-migration Reform UK and Conservative parties, the government is more inclined to incremental steps than big leaps forward. Starmer is refusing to consider rejoining the EU customs union, which reduces trade barriers by removing tariffs between its members and allows member states to charge the same taxes on goods imported from outside the bloc, let alone the single market that allows freedom of movement.

Given the overwhelming support among Labour voters in 2024 for rejoining the customs union, and the support among many in Parliament, such a move might prop up a government with very low approval ratings. The signing of trade deals with the US and India puts the UK in a more favorable position in the forthcoming negotiations with Brussels, but it would be a mistake for London to see that as a substitute for closer relations with its near neighbors, not only because of geographical proximity but also because of shared values. To sustain these shared values, advancing the case for a youth mobility scheme, for instance, is essential, as it would enable young people to study and work, at least for limited periods of time, on either side of the Brexit border. They would therefore build mutual rapport, appreciation and ties for a lifetime. Likewise the decision for the UK to rejoin Erasmus, the EU’s education and training scheme.

It is hardly a secret that the EU will not let the UK cherry-pick only what is convenient for itself, while opting out of one of the most daring experiments in history to bring nations together and overcome rivalries through open borders for people, goods and finance, which is precisely what the UK is trying to achieve.

To maximize the benefits for both sides, “resetting” the EU-UK relationship should be much bolder, mainly through seeking a formula for London to become as close to being a member as possible without becoming one officially, at least not for the time being. One measure could be to leave the door ajar to allow greater freedom of movement for those who can improve the economy or foster scientific and cultural collaboration. By reframing the conversation over migration more positively, this could allow for the richer experiences that are currently being denied to so many people.

The right-wing opposition would continue to shout from the sidelines and rooftops, as it does, that this government is betraying its promises on Brexit. However, since it is more than three years until the next general election and the majority of voters would like closer relations with the EU after the demonstrable failure of the Brexit experiment, this may just prove to be the joker up Starmer’s sleeve.

—Arab News

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most colossal acts of self-harm in British politics.

There is not a single member of the current Cabinet who did not support staying in the EU, including Prime Minister Keir Starmer. However, considering the paralysis the Brexit debacle caused, there is no appetite to reopen the question of returning as a full EU member. There is hardly any sign from the EU headquarters in Brussels, either, that European leaders have the energy to start such negotiations anytime soon.

Yet there is also recognition that burying the Brexit hatchet is in the interest of both Brussels and London — a view reinforced by the war in Ukraine, the Russian threat to Europe and the return of the unpredictable Donald Trump to the White House. Labour and its leader, Starmer, campaigned in the 2024 election on a platform of resetting relations with the EU, which was a euphemism for healing the rift with Europe and showing pragmatism, something that was missing throughout the Brexit affair. Negotiations over areas of common

billion) and it is already causing damage to the labor market, badly affecting tourism and leading to fewer students from the EU, which has an impact on universities’ finances.

The tone under this government regarding Europe has changed, becoming friendlier and more positive, and has been followed by baby steps to repair the damage, with an emphasis on youth and some areas of trade. Some of these — such as the UK agreeing to rejoin the Erasmus student exchange program and further negotiate a youth jobs scheme, plus agreeing to adhere to the EU’s rules on food safety and animal health, clearing the way for trade in farm goods and reducing barriers between Northern Ireland and Great Britain — are most welcome. Moreover, on security issues, which have become crucial to defending Ukraine and containing Russia’s adventurism in other parts of Europe, the UK and the EU have drawn closer together and shown resolve.

Nevertheless, as long as the domestic agenda in the UK is domi-



Medical Admission System Sparks Debate as National Assembly Committee Backs MDCAT

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ISLAMABAD: Differences have emerged between Senate and National Assembly lawmakers over Pakistan's medical college admission system, with a Senate subcommittee reportedly proposing a reduction in MDCAT passing marks or even the abolition of the entrance test. However, the National Assembly Standing Committee on National Health Services firmly supported retaining MDCAT, saying it is essential for maintaining a transparent and merit-based admission process.

During a briefing, officials informed the committee that MDCAT 2026 will be held on August 16 under the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) Act, making it mandatory for admission to all medical and dental colleges across the country. More than 130,000 candidates have already registered, while the registration process remains open.

Committee members maintained

that admissions should not rely solely on Matriculation and Intermediate examination results because marking standards vary across educational boards. They suggested that the weightage of board examination marks could be reduced, but stressed that MDCAT should remain the central component of the admission policy.

Officials said the current admission formula allocates 50% weight to MDCAT, 40% to Intermediate marks and 10% to Matriculation marks. The examination will comprise 180 multiple-choice questions to be completed in three hours, with no negative marking. Candidates will require 55% marks for MBBS and 50% for BDS programmes.

The committee also took notice of registration difficulties faced by students in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) due to strikes and local unrest. It was decided to grant affected students an additional two to three days to complete their registrations. MDCAT centres will be established

in Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot and Mirpur, while the examination in AJK will be conducted by a federal university to ensure uniform standards.

Officials further informed lawmakers that a National Item Bank containing more than 8,000 questions has been developed to strengthen the transparency and integrity of the examination. To minimise the risk of paper leaks, PMDC will provide three separate question papers to provincial authorities, with each province selecting one for its examination under strict security protocols.

The committee also reviewed issues relating to vacant medical college seats, examination arrangements in Balochistan and other admission policy matters. It decided to convene a special meeting after July 25 with vice chancellors and representatives of the universities conducting MDCAT to review the admission system and consider further improvements

Senate Committee Seeks Complete List of Non-Custom-Paid Vehicles Allocated to Government Departments



BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- The Senate Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control reviewed the policy governing the allocation and use of non-custom-paid vehicles by government departments and directed the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to provide a complete list of all such vehicles allocated to various public institutions. The matter came under discussion during a meeting of the committee chaired by Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman at Parliament House, Islamabad, where FBR offi-

cials briefed members on the existing policy and allocation mechanism. FBR officials informed the committee that non-custom-paid vehicles are allocated to government departments strictly for official use under court orders and are assigned to designated offices or posts rather than to individual officers.

The officials further stated that while the FBR had previously managed the allocation process, the responsibility for future allocations would now rest with the Cabinet Division. They added that vehicles already allocated to the police and

other government departments would continue to remain with those departments in accordance with Supreme Court orders and approved government lists.

During the deliberations, the committee also examined whether future allocations under the existing legal framework would require fresh approval from the federal cabinet.

To ensure transparency and effective oversight, the committee directed the FBR to submit a comprehensive list of all non-custom-paid vehicles allocated to government departments for further scrutiny.

LHC Chief Justice Alia Neelum Inaugurates Key Development Projects at Mandi Bahauddin Judicial Complex

BY: ANI Correspondent:

MANDI BAHAUDDIN-- Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Justice Miss Alia Neelum, accompanied by Justice Malik Waqar Haider Awan, Inspection Judge for District Mandi Bahauddin, visited the District Courts Judicial Complex, where she inaugurated several development projects aimed at improving judicial infrastructure and enhancing facilities for litigants and lawyers.

The Chief Justice was received by the District and Sessions Judge, judges of the district judiciary, office-bearers of the Bar Association, and members of the legal fraternity.

During the visit, Justice Alia Neelum laid the foundation stone for several infrastructure projects and inaugurated a modern waiting room for litigants, a solar power system for the Bar Association, a state-of-the-art e-library in the Bar Association and Sessions Courts, and a fully equipped Ladies Bar Room for women lawyers. She also launched a tree plantation campaign by planting saplings within the Judicial Complex and laid



the foundation stone of a sports and recreational centre for members of the Bar Association.

The Chief Justice held a detailed meeting with representatives of the Bar Association, listened to their concerns, and issued on-the-spot directions for the prompt resolution of their problems.

She later chaired a high-level meeting with judges of the district judiciary to review their performance and stressed the importance of ensuring the prompt, transparent, and efficient dispensation of justice.

Addressing the judges, Chief Justice Alia Neelum said that no time should be wasted in providing timely justice to litigants, emphasizing that facilitating people seeking justice is the foremost responsibility of the judiciary.

She further stated that providing modern facilities to judges, lawyers, and particularly litigants at judicial complexes across Punjab remains one of the Lahore High Court's top priorities, adding that the ongoing development initiatives reflect this commitment.

FPCCI, SIFC Join Hands to Accelerate Pakistan's IT Exports and Digital Economy



BY: Hurish Shah:

ISLAMABAD--- The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Central Standing Committee on Import and Export Trade held a meeting under the convenship of Tahir Rasheed Bhutta to discuss strategies for promoting IT exports and digital investment. Brig. Syed Nadir Hussain Shah, SI(M), Project Director IT & Telecom at the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), attended as the chief guest.

The meeting was attended by FPCCI Vice President Tariq Jadoon,

Deputy Conveners Syed Zulfiqar Haider and Ms. Samia Rashid, Rana Farrukh Ilyas, Kareem Aziz Malik, Malik Sohail, and other business leaders and stakeholders.

Speaking on the occasion, Tahir Rasheed Bhutta said Pakistan's economic future depends on digital innovation, IT exports, and sustainable investment, stressing the need for business-friendly policies, regulatory reforms, and strong public-private partnerships.

Brig. Syed Nadir Hussain Shah said SIFC remains committed to facilitating investment and creating an enabling environment to boost

Pakistan's IT exports.

Deputy Convener Syed Zulfiqar Haider highlighted the importance of investment in technology, digital infrastructure, and skilled human resources for strengthening the country's digital economy.

Ms. Samia Rashid and Rana Farrukh Ilyas emphasized simplifying regulations, encouraging innovation, and developing a globally competitive workforce to achieve export-led growth. Shoaib Mehdi called for supportive government policies to promote investment in data centers and digital infrastructure.

Danyal Chaudhry Confident PML-N Will Win AJK Elections on Development Agenda

BY: Kiran Shehzadi/ANI

RAWALPINDI-- Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Danyal Chaudhry has expressed confidence that the people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir will once again place their trust in the Pakistan Muslim League (N) in the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections, citing the party's record of development, stability, and public service.

He made these remarks while addressing a meeting in NA-57 Rawalpindi to review preparations for the AJK elections. The meeting was attended by former Mayor Rawalpindi Sardar Naseem Khan, MPAs Ziaullah Shah and Riffat Abbasi, former MPA Raja Arshad Mahmood, Chief Coordinator Raja



Abdul Basit Miskeen, AJK candidates Ahmed Raza Qadri and Yasir Lone, along with party leaders and workers.

Barrister Danyal said PML-N has always promoted merit, national unity, and public welfare, adding that the people of Azad Kashmir would base their decision on the party's performance and development record. He urged party workers to intensify

door-to-door campaigning, highlight the government's public-friendly initiatives, and maintain unity and discipline to ensure the party's success. The meeting also reviewed election strategy, organizational affairs, public outreach, and workers' responsibilities, with participants reaffirming their commitment to running an effective campaign for the victory of PML-N candidates.

Muhammad Khalid Masood Farooqa Appointed Director of Anti-Corruption Establishment Faisalabad, Assumes Charge

BY: ANI Correspondent:

FAISALABAD--- The Government of Punjab has appointed Muhammad Khalid Masood Farooqa as the new Director of the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Faisalabad. He has formally assumed charge and started performing his official duties.

He succeeds Khalid Kanwar, who recently retired after completing his tenure. His services to the department were widely appreciated for professionalism and dedication.

After taking charge, Muhammad Khalid Masood



Farooqa reviewed departmental affairs and met with officers and staff. He reaffirmed his commitment to making the Anti-Corruption Establishment more effective, transparent, and public-friendly, emphasizing merit, impartial enforcement of the law, and strengthened efforts to eliminate corruption. Government officials and members of the public welcomed his appointment, expressing confidence that the department's performance and anti-corruption efforts in Faisalabad would be further strengthened under his leadership.