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Trump announces reinstatement of US naval blockade on Iranian ports



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President Donald Trump said on Monday that the United States would probably take over the Strait of Hormuz and should be reimbursed for controlling the vital waterway, later announcing the resumption of the Iranian blockade.

"We're going to keep the strait, and we'll probably run it. We'll become the guardian of the strait. Maybe we'll call it the guardian angel of the strait. And we should be reimbursed for that," he said in a phone interview on Fox News' "Fox & Friends" programme.

Control of the Strait of Hormuz, a vital route for global oil supplies, has become one of the main battlegrounds of the conflict. Iran's effective blockade

of the strait has pushed up energy prices and increased concerns about inflation globally. "We're going to guard it. We're going to get paid for guarding it — a lot of money," Trump said. "We're going to be reimbursed, because the other nations are very wealthy. They're on our side, and we can't be expected to do that for nothing," he said. After announcing the waterway's closure on Saturday following what it described as an unauthorised transit, Tehran said on Sunday that passage remained suspended and that permits would be issued once "stability and calm" were restored. "We had a deal. It was a done deal, and then they broke it. They always break it. We've had 10 deals with these people, and so we're just

going to hit them very hard," Trump said. In a post on Truth Social later, he said: "The Hormuz Strait is open, and will remain open, with or without Iran. We are reinstating the Iranian blockade, so named because it is only stopping Iran's ships or customers from entering or leaving. All other countries will have fair and open use of the strait. The USA will be, from this point forward, known as 'The Guardian of the Hormuz Strait', but as such, and as a matter of fairness, will be reimbursed, at the rate of 20% on all cargo shipped, for any and all costs necessary to do the job of providing safety and security to this very volatile section of the world. The process and formation will begin immediately."

Iran's military said it "does not and

will not allow" the US to "interfere" in the management of the Strait of Hormuz. Washington's "repeated adventures mischief to interfere in the management of the Strait of Hormuz have seriously jeopardised the security of the region", the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters said in a statement carried by the state broadcaster IRIB.

Tehran "will deal severely with any disruption and insecurity to the passage of commercial ships and tankers by the aggressive and bandit American army outside of Iran's designated route and without the permission of the armed forces", it vowed. The military also warned countries of the region against cooperating with the US army.

PM conveys condolences to Qatari leadership on Sheikh Hamad's death



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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Monday, undertook a day-long visit to Doha to personally convey condolences on behalf of the people and Government of Pakistan, to the leadership and people of the State of Qatar on the passing away of the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. The prime minister was accompanied by former prime minister Mian Nawaz Sharif, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Information Minister Atta Ullah Tarar and other senior officials, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. In Doha, the prime minister and Pakistan delegation called on Amir of the State of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and conveyed heartfelt condolences at the sad demise of the Father Amir. He paid rich tribute to the late Father Amir's visionary leadership, statesmanship, and enduring contribu-

tions to Qatar's remarkable transformation as well as to regional peace, stability, and development.

The prime minister recalled with deep appreciation, the Father Amir's warmth, kindness, and abiding affection for Pakistan, and his many memorable visits to the country over the years.

He also reaffirmed Pakistan's steadfast solidarity with the leadership and people of Qatar during this period of profound grief and prayed that Allah Almighty grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdaus and bestow strength upon the Royal family and the Qatari nation to bear this irreparable loss. The Qatari Amir thanked Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and the delegation for the special gesture of travelling to Doha to personally offer condolences, describing it as a reflection of the deep-rooted fraternal bonds between the two brotherly countries and peoples.

FCCP Rejects Contract Rewriting Powers

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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) has ruled that the constitutional jurisdiction of a High Court under Article 199 of the Constitution does not extend to resolving purely contractual disputes or rewriting agreements, arbitral awards or court decrees between parties, holding that courts cannot redefine the

legal rights and obligations voluntarily agreed upon by contracting parties in the name of public interest. A two-member Constitutional Bench headed by Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan and comprising Justice Ali Baqar Najafi issued a detailed judgment on Monday in the Nai Gaj Dam project case, setting aside the Sindh High Court's judgments dated October 6, 2023, and May 27, 2025.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia agree to expand economic, energy cooperation



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ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb and Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) Sardar Awaish Ahmad Khan Leghari on Sunday held a meeting with Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Jadaan to discuss ways to further strengthen bilateral economic and energy cooperation.

The meeting focused on enhancing Pakistan-Saudi Arabia economic partnership and expanding collaboration in the energy sector, said a press release. The

two sides reaffirmed their commitment to broadening cooperation in the energy sector and agreed to further strengthen bilateral economic ties. They also agreed to continue consultations and maintain close coordination on matters of mutual interest to advance cooperation in key sectors.

The ministers expressed satisfaction over the growing partnership between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia and reiterated their resolve to further deepen economic and energy cooperation through sustained engagement and close bilateral coordination.

Pakistan's hospitality, commitment to women's empowerment earn praise from OIC delegates



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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's warm hospitality, efficient organization and commitment to advancing women's empowerment drew widespread appreciation from delegates attended the 9th Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Ministerial Conference on Women describing the gathering as an important platform for strengthening cooperation and shaping a collective roadmap for the socio-economic and political empowerment of women.

Held here in the federal capital, the two-day ministerial conference brought together ministers, senior officials and representatives from OIC representatives from across the Muslim world, international organizations

and partner institutions to deliberate on the challenges and opportunities facing women in the Islamic world and explore ways to strengthen collaboration through shared policies and initiatives.

Speaking on the sidelines of the conference, Syrian Minister for Social Affairs and Labour Hind Kabawat described her visit to Pakistan as both memorable and symbolic, saying Syria's participation marked the return of Syrian women to an international conference after many years. Pakistan's hospitality, commitment to women's empowerment earn praise from OIC delegates. She praised Pakistan's warm hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for the event, saying delegates were made to feel at home from the moment they arrived.

Field Marshal Munir arrives in Turkiye for two-day official visit

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Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir arrived in Turkiye on Monday for a two-day official visit, Pakistan TV reported. Quoting security sources, Pakistan TV said CDF Munir received a warm welcome upon his arrival in Turkiye. During the visit, he will hold important meetings with Turkiye's military and political leadership to discuss matters of mutual interest. No further details regarding the visit's agenda were released. A week ago, CDF Munir was in Iran to attend Iran's late supreme leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei's funeral alongside Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The visit comes a month after Turkish Land Forces Commander General Metin Tokel called upon CDF Munir at the General



Headquarters in Rawalpindi. General Tokel had expressed his commitment to further enhancing defence cooperation and institutional linkages between the armed forces of the two brotherly nations. General Tokel also called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf and the Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu. CDF Munir visited Tehran in May as part of Pakistan's mediation efforts between the United States and Iran. During the visit, he met Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, and Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni.

CDF Munir has played a central role in facilitating dialogue between Washington and Tehran, with Pakistan helping broker a temporary ceasefire and subsequent negotiations between the two sides.

SC Declares Pre-emption a Weak Legal Right

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ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) has ruled that the right of pre-emption is a weak and fragile legal right, and its enforcement requires strict compliance with all mandatory requirements under the Punjab Pre-emption Act, 1991, including Talab-e-Muwathibat (immediate demand) and Talab-e-Ishhad (demand before witnesses). A three-member bench comprising Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Musarrat Hilali and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan allowed an appeal in a dispute over 66 kanals and one marla of agricultural land in Jhelum, setting aside the June 13, 2019 judgment of the Lahore High Court's Rawalpindi Bench. In the written judgment authored by Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan, the Court observed that the right of pre-emption essentially enables a claimant to substitute himself for the purchaser and, therefore, every statutory condition governing its exercise must be fulfilled strictly. The Court held that the date, time and place of Talab-e-Muwathibat constitute the foundation of a pre-emption claim, as these details determine whether the right was exercised immediately upon receiving knowledge of the sale.

Eight Terrorists Killed in Balochistan Operation

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Eight more terrorists were killed during the latest phase of Operation Shaban, taking the total number of terrorists killed in the operation and other intelligence-based operations across Balochistan since July 5 to 117, security sources said on Monday. 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 belonging to Fitna al-Khawarij 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.

According to the source, the joint operation continues with air and ground operations against the banned outfit. Fitna al-Khawarij is the term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-

Taliban Pakistan (TTP). A large quantity of weapons, ammunition, and other equipment has been recovered from the militants' hide-outs during the operation, the sources added. The total number of terrorists killed in the ongoing Operation Shaban in Balochistan has reached 79. The sources said Operation Shaban would continue until "the last terrorist is eliminated."

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi paid tribute to the security forces for carrying out effective operations against the terrorists.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with former Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif visits Lusail Palace in Doha to offer condolences to Amir of Qatar H.E. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on the demise of Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Pakistan-China Economic Cooperation Highlighted at High-Level Seminar Marking 105th Anniversary of the Communist Party of China



Lord Mayor Birmingham Chaudhry Zaker Ullah Calls for Stronger Pakistan-UK Trade and Investment as 5th Pakistan Tourism and Hospitality Investment Summit Opens



BY: ANI Correspondent:

KARACHI--- The Economic Diplomacy Forum (EDF), in collaboration with the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Karachi, organized its Third High-Level Seminar to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) under the theme "Celebrating 105 Years of the Communist Party of China: Lessons, Opportunities and the Future of Pakistan-China Economic Cooperation."

The seminar was attended by members of the Consular Corps, senior government officials, business leaders, academia, media representatives, and members of civil society, who discussed China's remarkable development journey and explored ways to further strengthen Pakistan-China economic relations.

Delivering the welcome address, Dr. Muhammad Farooq Afzal, Founder President of the Economic Diplomacy Forum, said that China's transformation from a developing country into the world's second-largest economy offers valuable lessons in visionary leadership, long-term planning, industrialization, poverty alleviation, technological innovation, and economic governance. He emphasized that Pakistan can benefit from China's development experience by strengthening cooperation in trade, investment, industrial collaboration, technology transfer, human resource development, and regional connectivity through effective economic diplomacy.

In his keynote address, Mr. Feng Deheng, Acting Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Karachi, highlighted the historic achievements of the Communist Party of China during the past 105 years and reaffirmed China's unwavering commitment to its All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership with Pakistan. He underscored the importance of high-quality development under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), industrial cooperation, innovation, sustainable development, and people-to-people exchanges as key pillars of future bilateral cooperation.

A special video message from Chinese scholar Professor Rong Ying emphasized that the CPC's development philosophy has transformed China into a global economic power while lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty. He noted that enhanced academic collaboration,



policy dialogue, and research partnerships between Pakistan and China would further strengthen bilateral understanding and create new opportunities for cooperation.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Huma Baqai highlighted the importance of educational cooperation, intellectual engagement, and cultural exchanges in further deepening Pakistan-China relations. She observed that China's development model offers important policy lessons for developing countries seeking sustainable economic growth and institutional development.

Mr. Khalid Mansoor, former Chairman of the CPEC Authority, emphasized that the next phase of CPEC should focus on industrialization, export-oriented growth, energy security, value-added manufacturing, and greater private-sector participation. He stressed that Pakistan should capitalize on emerging opportunities to attract Chinese investment and accelerate economic modernization. Addressing the participants, Mr. Behzad Amir Memon, Additional Secretary Investment, Government of Sindh, highlighted Sindh's strategic importance as Pakistan's economic hub and reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to providing a conducive environment for domestic and foreign investment, particularly from Chinese enterprises.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Zubair Motiwala, underscored the vital role of the private sector in strengthening Pakistan-China economic cooperation. He called for enhanced collaboration in manufacturing, agriculture, logistics, technology, and industrial

development, while encouraging stronger business-to-business linkages to fully realize the vast economic potential between the two countries.

In his vote of thanks, Dr. Muhammad Farooq Afzal expressed appreciation to the Acting Consul General of China, the Consulate team, distinguished speakers, members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, business leaders, academia, media representatives, and all participants for contributing to the success of the seminar. He reaffirmed the Economic Diplomacy Forum's commitment to promoting economic diplomacy as an effective instrument for strengthening bilateral and regional cooperation.

To commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Communist Party of China, a ceremonial cake-cutting was held, symbolizing the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China.

At the conclusion of the seminar, appreciation shields were presented to all distinguished speakers and to the Acting Consul General in recognition of their valuable contributions. On behalf of the Consulate General of China, Mr. Feng Deheng also presented a book authored by Xi Jinping to Dr. Muhammad Farooq Afzal as a gesture of goodwill and friendship.

The seminar concluded with a renewed commitment by the organizers and participants to continue fostering dialogue, mutual understanding, and practical cooperation aimed at expanding trade, investment, industrial collaboration, and people-to-people exchanges between Pakistan and China.

ISLAMABAD/ BIRMINGHAM

---The 5th Pakistan Tourism and Hospitality Investment Summit and Smart Expo was inaugurated at the Quaid-e-Azam Grand Hall in Birmingham under the auspices of the Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry, bringing together members of the Pakistani community, investors, business leaders, diplomats and distinguished guests from across the United Kingdom.

The event was inaugurated by Chairman of the Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry Fahad Barlas. Among those in attendance were Lord Mayor of Birmingham Chaudhry Zaker Ullah, Consul General of Pakistan Fahad Amjad, Dr. Nasir Awan, Lord Lieutenant, President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sardar Tahir Mehmood, and the Association's Founder Chairman M. Khurshid Barlas.

Addressing the gathering, Lord Mayor Birmingham Chaudhry Zaker Ullah said such international conferences are vital for promoting bilateral trade between Pakistan and the United Kingdom. He urged overseas Pakistanis to take advantage of investment opportunities in Pakistan, saying such investments would not only benefit investors but also contribute to strengthening the country's economy.

Consul General of Pakistan Fahad Amjad described the 5th Pakistan Tourism and Hospitality Investment Summit and Smart Expo as an important milestone in Pakistan-UK relations. He said such events help enhance commercial, diplomatic and business cooperation between the two friendly countries.

Chairman Fahad Barlas emphasized the need to promote Pakistani products in international markets, increase exports and attract foreign investment. ICCI President Sardar Tahir Mehmood said Pakistan is rich

in natural resources and stressed that expanding trade between Pakistan and the United Kingdom is the need of the hour.

Founder Chairman M. Khurshid Barlas said the summit aims to attract investment, boost exports and project Pakistan's positive image globally. He noted that the Government of Pakistan is providing a conducive investment environment for overseas Pakistanis, with promising opportunities in real estate, minerals, information technology, tourism and other sectors.

The speakers agreed that international forums of this nature provide an effective platform for overseas Pakistanis to contribute to the country's economic development while promoting Pakistan's positive image worldwide. At the conclusion of the event, the Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry presented honorary shields to individuals in recognition of their outstanding contributions in various fields.

Chaudhry Abdul Majeed Condemns Violence in Jammu and Kashmir, Calls for Peace and Restraint

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD: Chaudhry Abdul Majeed, former Secretary General of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Midlands, Birmingham, has strongly condemned the recent incidents of violence in Jammu and Kashmir, expressing deep sorrow over the loss of innocent lives.

In a statement, he said the killing of innocent civilians and acts of violence are deeply tragic and unacceptable. He paid tribute to those who lost their lives and extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, praying for patience and strength during this difficult time.

Chaudhry Abdul Majeed also con-



demned the reported attacks on Yasin and other violent incidents,

stating that such actions only fuel tension and undermine peace and stability in the region.

He appealed to Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, other political leaders, and all relevant representatives to urge their supporters to remain peaceful, exercise restraint, and avoid any actions that could further escalate the situation. He stressed that political differences should be addressed through peaceful and democratic means. He emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have already endured immense hardships and that all stakeholders must act responsibly to preserve peace, protect human lives, and prevent further violence.

Senate Sub-Committee Directs Transparency In Diامر Private Forests Working Plan; Demands Complete Record Of Employees And Timber Data



BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Senate Standing Committee on Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and States Frontier Regions was held today at the Parliament House, Islamabad, to review the enforcement management, and overall transparency of the forest conservation working plan for private forests in Gilgit-Baltistan.

Meeting was chaired by Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, attended by Senators Nasir Mehmood and Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto.

During the proceedings, the Secretary M/o Kashmir Affairs and Chief Conservator of Forests provided a detailed briefing on the 30-Year Forest Working Plan spanning from 2021 to 2050. The committee was informed that although the forests in the Gilgit-Baltistan area are privately owned, local communities actively pushed for a scientific management scheme to properly regulate forest affairs, leading to a comprehensive

plan covering 122,863 acres across six forest ranges and divided into 343 compartments. Under this framework, harvesting is strictly limited to dead, dying, diseased, mature, and over-mature trees to ensure sustainable resource conservation. Multidisciplinary validation teams have been deployed to rigorously evaluate each compartment using modern GIS mapping and GPS tracking to eliminate bias. Out of 125 compartments scrutinized during the revalidation process, 72 have been recommended for operations while 53 were found unsuitable and not recommended. Currently, felling orders have been issued for six compartments, with an initial extraction of 380,481 cubic feet expected out of a total recommended yield of over 5.4 million cubic feet.

The committee members expressed serious concerns regarding policy inconsistencies and varying interventions over the past 26 years, noting that the governmental approach since the 1990s often prioritized revenue

generation over active conservation, which impacted local trust and allowed instances of illegal cutting. The committee emphasized that robust verification and strict transport monitoring are crucial to stopping illegal wood shifting and protecting the environment. Consequently, the Convener of the Sub-Committee issued several strict directives to enforce accountability. The Forest Department has been ordered to immediately provide the complete details and service records of all 1,200 forest department employees, alongside specific performance data. Furthermore, the department must share all relevant structural documents and historical files dating back to 2003 with the committee members for closer scrutiny. Finally, the committee ruled that transit licenses for timber transportation will remain completely withheld until physical checks on lessees are finalized, logging targets are verified, and proper oversight is fully established.

Shaza highlights Pakistan's progress in closing gender digital divide

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Monday said Pakistan had recorded the world's fastest reduction in the gender digital divide in mobile internet usage. Addressing the 9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Women, hosted by the Ministry of Human Rights, she said that, according to the GSMA, Pakistan recorded the world's largest improvement in digital inclusion, particularly in mobile internet usage. She said that when she assumed office, Pakistan's gender digital divide stood at 35 percent. It declined to 25 percent in 2025 and further dropped to just 8 percent in the 2026 report, making Pakistan the fastest country in the world to close the gender digital divide in mobile internet usage. Shaza Fatima



Khawaja said women's mobile internet adoption increased from 33 percent to 45 percent over the past two years. However, she stressed that connectivity alone was not enough, saying the real measure of success was whether women living in remote and rural areas could use technology to learn, earn, receive digital payments and become entrepreneurs. The minister said the government's digital transformation initia-

tives had empowered women from low-income households by providing them with dignified access to financial assistance through digital payment systems. Recalling the federal government's Ramazan subsidy programme, she said the initiative was shifted from state-owned retail outlets to digital payments, on the direction of the Prime Minister, to ensure beneficiaries received financial support with dignity.

PML-N Balochistan Leader Chaudhry Shabbir Balochistani, Former BSO Chairman Saeed Faiz Agree to Promote Peace, Democracy and National Unity

BY: ANI Correspondent:

QUETTA--- Pakistan Muslim League (N) Balochistan Information Secretary Chaudhry Shabbir Balochistani met former Chairman of the Baloch Students Organization (BSO), Saeed Faiz, to discuss the prevailing political, social and law and order situation in Balochistan.

During the meeting, Saeed Faiz reaffirmed his unwavering belief in the security, stability and integrity of Pakistan, its federating units and the supremacy of the Constitution. He said that the issues facing Balochistan should be resolved through peaceful, democratic and constitutional means, emphasizing that violence, hatred and extremism can never provide a lasting solution. He stressed that dialogue, mutual respect, constitutionalism and national unity are the keys to a



peaceful and prosperous future for the province.

Speaking on the occasion, Chaudhry Shabbir Balochistani said that the youth of Balochistan are a valuable national asset and must be provided with greater opportunities for constructive political participation, quality education, dignified

employment and meaningful involvement in the country's development. He noted that Pakistan's strength, peace in Balochistan and the welfare of its people are closely interconnected, calling on all patriotic forces to work together for national unity, stability and sustainable development.

At the conclusion of the meeting, both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening democracy, an independent judiciary, the rule of law, the supremacy of the Constitution and the protection of fundamental constitutional rights. They also pledged to continue playing a positive role in promoting lasting peace, political harmony and the peaceful, democratic resolution of public issues in Balochistan, agreeing that the province's progress and stability are vital to Pakistan's overall prosperity and national strength.

Commercial Diplomacy Key to Boosting Exports, Investment and Global Competitiveness: Tahir Ayub

BY: Hurish Shah:

ISLAMABAD--- Acting President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Tahir Ayub, has called for placing commercial diplomacy at the core of Pakistan's economic and foreign policy to achieve sustainable export growth, attract foreign investment and strengthen the country's position in regional and global markets.

Speaking to a delegation of industrialists, including Zikria Zia, Iftikhar Sethi, Mian Waqas Masood and Mirza Mohammad Ali, at the Chamber House on Monday, Tahir Ayub said Pakistan has significant potential in manufacturing, agriculture, IT, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, minerals and services but has yet to fully utilize these strengths due to the lack of a coordinated commercial diplomacy framework.

He urged Pakistani embassies and trade missions abroad to act as proactive economic ambassadors by identifying new market opportunities, facilitating business-to-business linkages, organizing sector-specific trade events and supporting exporters in building long-term commercial partnerships. He



said diplomatic missions should also be assessed on their contribution to exports, foreign direct investment and the promotion of Pakistan's economic interests.

Tahir Ayub stressed the need to explore emerging markets in Africa, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe while strengthening Pakistan's presence in traditional export destinations. He also highlighted the important role of overseas Pakistanis in promoting Pakistani brands, attracting investment and expanding international

trade.

ICCI Vice President Irfan Chaudhry emphasized the need for regular engagement between diplomats and the business community and proposed establishing commercial facilitation desks at Pakistani missions abroad to better assist exporters and investors.

The meeting was also attended by ICCI Executive Member Raja Naveed Satti, former Vice President Saif-ur-Rehman and senior members Ch. Tahir Mehmood and Sohail Chaudhry.

IGP Javaid Alam Odho Launches Sindh Police Sports Board; DIG Pir Mohammad Shah Named Chairman



BY: ANI Correspondent:

KARACHI--- Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh, Javaid Alam Odho, chaired a high-level meeting at the Central Police Office regarding the establishment of the Sindh Police Sports Board, aimed at promoting sports, youth engagement and healthy activities across the province.

During the meeting, DIG Traffic

Sindh Pir Mohammad Shah was appointed Chairman of the Sindh Police Sports Board. Other board members include Zahid Hameed, CEO of Apparel Zone; Dr. Danish Aman, Chairman PTA SZ; Syed Hussain Sajjad, COO of Telec Group; and Taimur Siddique, Director of Shahi Group. The members pledged to contribute their expertise to promote sports and community development throughout Sindh.

The meeting discussed the Board's vision, objectives and future roadmap, with participants emphasizing collaborative efforts to encourage sporting activities and strengthen youth engagement across the province.

On the occasion, Zahid Hameed presented a beautifully crafted calligraphy frame to IGP Sindh Javaid Alam Odho as a gesture of respect and appreciation.

Sindh Minister Zulfiqar Ali Shah Reviews Arrangements for 283rd Urs of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai



BY: ANI Correspondent:

BHIT SHAH--- Sindh Minister for Culture and Tourism Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah chaired a high-level meeting to review preparations for the 283rd Urs of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai (RA), directing all departments to ensure comprehensive arrangements and maximum facilities for pilgrims.

The meeting was attended by Gadi Nashin of the shrine Syed Mustafa Shah, Chairman Bhit Shah Syed Khawar Hussain Shah, Secretary Culture, Commissioner Hyderabad,

DIG, Deputy Commissioner and representatives of the Auqaf, Health, Information, Local Government, HESCO and Rescue 1122 departments.

Participants reviewed security measures, administrative planning and the provision of essential facilities for devotees expected to attend the annual Urs.

Addressing the meeting, Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah instructed the administration to further improve arrangements and ensure that all available resources are utilized for the

convenience and safety of pilgrims. He warned that negligence in any department would not be tolerated.

The minister said this year's Urs arrangements would be better than previous years and emphasized the need for close coordination among all Sindh government departments. He added that Sindh is the land of great Sufi saints, where people celebrate peace, harmony and spiritual traditions, reflecting the enduring legacy of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, Sachal Sarmast and Lal Shahbaz Qalandar.

NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Expresses deep Condolences on the Demise of Father of Amir of the State of Qatar

BY: Maryam Sajid /ANI

ISLAMABAD--- Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has expressed profound grief and sorrow over the passing of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the beloved Father of Amir of the State of Qatar.

In a condolence letter addressed to H.E. Mr. Hassan bin Abdullah Al Ghanim, Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, the Speaker conveyed his heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Parliament and the people of Pakistan to the leadership, mem-

bers of the Shura Council, and the brotherly people of Qatar.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq paid rich tribute to the late Father Amir, describing him as an exceptional statesman whose visionary leadership transformed Qatar into a globally respected nation. He noted that the late leader's enduring contributions to peace, dialogue, development, and the advancement of the Muslim Ummah would continue to inspire future generations and remain etched in history.

Recalling the longstanding and cordial parliamentary relations between Pakistan and Qatar, the

Speaker reaffirmed Pakistan's solidarity with the people of Qatar during this time of national mourning. He stated that the grief of the Qatari people is shared by the people of Pakistan, reflecting the deep-rooted bonds of friendship and mutual respect between the two brotherly countries.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq prayed that Almighty Allah may grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous and bestow patience, strength, and fortitude upon the bereaved Royal Family, the leadership of Qatar, and its people to bear this irreparable loss.

Balochistan CM Strongly Reacts to Opposition Leader's Statement, Says Chair Comes and Goes, Real Purpose is to Serve the People

BY:ANI Correspondent:

QUETTA--- Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti, while reacting to the statement of Opposition Leader Mehmood Khan Achakzai, has said that the chair is temporary, the real purpose is to serve the people of Balochistan.

He expressed these views while addressing a condolence reference held on the occasion of the 8th death anniversary of Shaheed Nawabzada Mir Siraj Khan Raisani. On this occasion, Provincial Ministers Mir Asim Kurd Gello, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Mir Ziaullah Langove, Mir Saleem Khosa, along with other political and tribal leaders, were present.

Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti said that if the situation in Balochistan improves with my resignation today, if Bashir Zeb and Dr. Allah Nazar announce that peace will come to Balochistan with the resignation or killing of Sarfraz Bugti, then I will be the first person who will ask not anyone else but my own brother to shoot me, so that peace may prevail among the people of Balochistan.

Addressing the opposition, he said that I want to remind them that when 20 innocent Pashtuns were martyred in Kut Kuchah, did your



brother resign? Did your brother resign from the post of Governor and Ministry? And the honourable ministers who are present in the sit-in today, did they resign?

The Chief Minister further said that when our lawyers were brutally martyred in the August 8 tragedy, did your resignations come at that time? After that, in all the incidents that took place, especially in the Police Lines tragedy where more than 30 young recruits were brutally martyred, the media friends are witness that the first person to reach there that night was Sarfraz Bugti. Therefore, this is not a matter of resignations.

Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that do politics by all means, criticize my shortcomings, if you see misgovernance on my part then talk about it, if you see corruption then point it out, correct me. Opposition means opposition, but for God's sake, stop doing politics on dead bodies, do not do politics on the bodies of martyrs.

In the end, he said that I request the families of the martyrs and political parties that we are ready to fulfill your legitimate demands. What is the job of the Assembly will be done by the Assembly, and what is the job of the Provincial Government will be done by the Provincial Government.

Chairman Senate Gilani Honours Bulgarian Ambassador, Reaffirms Strong Pakistan-Bulgaria Ties



BY: Hurish Shah:

ISLAMABAD--- Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani attended a farewell luncheon hosted by Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi in honour of the Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Pakistan, H.E. Irena Gancheva.

On the occasion, Chairman Senate extended his best wishes to Ambassador Gancheva and praised her significant contribution to

strengthening Pakistan-Bulgaria relations. He commended her efforts in enhancing diplomatic, parliamentary, economic, trade, cultural and people-to-people ties during her tenure, saying her services would be remembered with appreciation.

Chairman Senate also conveyed his good wishes to the leadership and people of Bulgaria, expressing confidence that the friendly bilateral relations between the two countries would continue to expand.

The luncheon was attended by

Minister of State for Overseas Pakistanis Muhammad Aoun Chaudhry, MNA Syed Abdul Qadir Gilani, ambassadors of various countries and other distinguished guests.

On the sidelines of the event, Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi discussed the country's political and economic situation, public welfare, Centre-province cooperation and other matters of national importance.

DPO Murree Raza Tanveer Sapra Announces Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Children

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MURREE: District Police Officer (DPO) Murree, Raza Tanveer Sapra, has announced the establishment of a blood donation camp to support children suffering from thalassemia, reaffirming the police department's commitment to humanitarian causes.

According to details, Syed Azan Ali Kazmi, a young thalassemia major patient who has been courageously battling the disease, met DPO Murree Raza Tanveer Sapra. During the meeting, the DPO appreciated Azan Ali's courage, determination and positive spirit, encouraging him to continue inspiring others through his resilience.

The DPO approved a Blood Donation Camp to be held on Friday, July 17, at the DPO Office, Murree, to help ensure the timely availability of blood for children affected by thalassemia. He said the initiative also aims to raise public awareness about the importance of voluntary blood



donation.

DPO Raza Tanveer Sapra appealed to citizens, philanthropists and volunteers to actively participate in the humanitarian campaign by donating

blood and helping save precious lives. He emphasized that a single bag of donated blood can save a life and urged every member of society to contribute to this noble cause.