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After Naqvi's claim, PM orders scrutiny of ministries' performance



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ISLAMABAD: Following Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi's speech and the debate it triggered over the federal government's overall performance, the government has initiated an accountability process to review the issues raised.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has ordered a comprehensive performance review of all federal ministries and divisions, paving the way for a likely reshuffle of the federal cabinet as the government launches an internal accountability process, official sources said on Monday.

According to government sources, the Prime Minister's Office has formally directed all federal ministries and divisions to submit detailed performance reports on a prescribed

format, covering their achievements and key initiatives from February 2024 to the present.

The ministries have been instructed to provide detailed accounts of their performance against their core mandates, including progress on policy objectives, governance reforms, and measures taken to improve public service delivery.

The review will cover 18 ministries dealing with economic and financial affairs, 14 ministries responsible for law, security and administrative matters, and nine ministries overseeing social services, health and education.

According to the official directive, ministries must present measurable outcomes of governance initiatives, along with details of completed pro-

jects, results achieved and their completion dates.

They have also been asked to submit comprehensive information on all pending projects, reasons for delays, implementation challenges, and corrective measures undertaken. Each ministry is required to report on administrative reforms, cost-saving measures and initiatives aimed at improving institutional efficiency.

The Prime Minister's Office has made it mandatory for ministries to support every performance claim with documentary evidence or other verifiable proof, warning that unsupported claims and incomplete reports will not be accepted.

The performance evaluation will also examine the utilisation of development funds and assess the out-

comes of public sector projects.

In addition, the review will include the performance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority and the Planning Commission, implementation of the Annual Development Programme (ADP), the impact of economic policies, improvements in the national census and statistical system, as well as the results of public-private partnership initiatives and the Prime Minister's special programmes.

Government sources said the findings of the performance review are expected to form the basis for decisions on changes in the federal cabinet and measures to improve governance and administrative efficiency.

Asim Munir Reviews Monsoon Preparedness at NDMA



DR WAHEED M KHAN

RAWALPINDI: Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces (COAS & CDF), on Tuesday visited the National Emergencies Operation Centre (NEOC) at the headquarters of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), where he was briefed on Pakistan's disaster preparedness and coordinated response arrangements for the ongoing monsoon season.

During the visit, the NDMA Chairman provided a comprehensive briefing on the operational capabilities of the National Emergencies Operation Centre, highlighting its technology-enabled response mechanisms designed to strengthen disaster management across the country.

A key focus of the presentation was Disaster Lens 2026, an advanced monitoring platform that provides a real-time overview of the prevailing monsoon situation while supporting multi-hazard monitoring across Pakistan. The system is designed to enhance situational awareness, improve coordination among relevant agencies and support timely decision-making during emergencies.

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Pakistan's disaster preparedness and coordinated response arrangements for the ongoing... pic.twitter.com/F44WNltEQF Officials explained how the NEOC integrates technology into national disaster management through continuous monitoring and information-sharing mechanisms. The centre plays a central role in tracking weather developments, assessing risks and coordinating responses during natural disasters, particularly during the monsoon season when heavy rainfall can trigger flooding and other hazards.

The briefing also outlined the authority's coordinated response framework, which enables various federal and provincial institutions to work together during emergencies. Field Marshal Asim Munir commended the NDMA for its continued efforts to strengthen Pakistan's national disaster management capacity. He appreciated the authority's work in enhancing preparedness through technology-driven systems and coordinated operational planning. The COAS & CDF stressed the importance of maintaining a high level of readiness, effective inter-agency coordination and a swift response to protect lives and critical infrastructure during the ongoing monsoon season. He also reaffirmed that the Armed Forces of Pakistan remain fully prepared to support the civil administration and the NDMA whenever required.

Fazl warns against creating new provinces without public consent



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Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman launched a scathing attack on the government on Tuesday, declaring that the writ of the state has practically collapsed in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, leaving citizens unable to travel safely even within their own home regions.

Addressing a press conference in Quetta, the veteran political leader warned that relying on raw force rather than political wisdom will never resolve Pakistan's deepening crises. He insisted that those steering the nation are well aware of the ground reality, stressing that the only way forward is to govern strictly according to the Constitution.

Addressing the recent chatter around creating new provinces, Fazl cautioned against making top-down decisions without public consent. He emphasised that carving out new administrative units isn't like slicing up a cake and warned that ignoring regional identities could trigger a strong public backlash. According to him, any major administrative change requires broad consensus and direct input from the people. Turning to opposition politics, the

JUI-F chief urged Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) head Mahmood Khan Achakzai to step up as an opposition leader and convene a joint meeting of all opposition parties, noting that Achakzai represents far more than just a regional political voice.

Fazl also took a direct shot at Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi over recent remarks regarding system failures. He questioned why Naqvi remains in the cabinet if he genuinely believes the system isn't working, suggesting that resignation would be the honourable course of action.

Reflecting on the country's political history, Fazl argued that both Western-style democracy and military rule have failed in Pakistan primarily because genuine civilian politicians were never allowed the space to govern properly. He recalled how past military regimes repeatedly distorted the Constitution. While JUI-F engaged in negotiations over the 26th Constitutional Amendment to safeguard democratic norms, he voiced deep scepticism over what the government might try to slip into a potential 28th Amendment. Clarifying his party's position in Balochistan, Fazl firmly ruled out joining the provincial government, reassuring his supporters that JUI-F would continue its independent struggle.

Regarding his recent meeting with National Party leader Dr Abdul Malik Baloch, he clarified that while they met to discuss political matters, he has no insider knowledge about Dr Malik potentially becoming the chief minister.

Dismissing calls for a change in political leadership, Fazl brushed off the demand for "new faces", lightly remarking that the term belongs in the film industry rather than serious politics.

Govt reduces petrol price by Rs3.39, HSD by Rs4.07 for August 5

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The federal government on Tuesday reduced the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs3.39 and Rs4.07 per litre, respectively, for August 5. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Petroleum, the price of petrol has been fixed at Rs328.56 per litre, while HSD will now cost Rs385.86 per litre.

The latest revision comes a day after the government reduced petrol by Rs4.08 and HSD by Rs2.45 for Aug 4. On July 17, the government introduced a daily fuel price review mechanism amid volatility in global oil prices following renewed hostilities in the Middle East. The daily fuel prices are based on a seven-day average of international market rates to align with international standards.

According to the Pakistan Economic Survey 2024-25, petroleum products constitute one of the country's largest import categories, making the economy highly vulnerable to changes in global crude oil prices. Domestic refineries satisfy only part of national demand, while the remainder is met through imports of crude oil and refined petroleum products.

Consequently, every increase in international oil prices raises Pakistan's import bill, exerts pressure on foreign exchange reserves, and contributes to inflation.

Pakistan previously exercised significant government control over petroleum pricing through subsidies and administrative interventions. While these measures temporarily protected consumers, they imposed substantial fiscal costs.

Iran eyes expanded trade with Pakistan through Karachi, Gwadar ports

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Iran on Tuesday expressed interest in expanding trade and economic cooperation with Pakistan through the ports of Karachi and Gwadar, as the two neighbouring countries sought to deepen bilateral commercial ties during a high-level meeting in Islamabad, state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

The commitment came during the 10th session of the Pakistan-Iran Joint Trade Committee, co-chaired by Iranian Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade Mohammad Atabak and Pakistan's Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan.

Atabak said Iran attached the highest priority to expanding comprehensive cooperation with Pakistan, describing it as a brotherly country. He said negotiations on a Pakistan-



Iran Free Trade Agreement were progressing well and expressed confidence they would be concluded successfully in the near future.

Meanwhile, Jam Kamal said operationalising joint border markets was essential to strengthening local livelihoods and promoting cross-border commerce.

He added that the private sectors of both countries had confidence in one another and were ready to expand trade, noting that it was the responsibility of both governments to provide a seamless, structured and predictable business environment. The commerce minister also stressed the need to finalise practical roadmaps to elevate the economic partnership between Pakistan and Iran to a new level, Radio Pakistan reported. Pakistan and Iran have been working to deepen economic cooperation since the 22nd session of the Pakistan-Iran Joint Economic Commission held in Tehran last year. During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to raising bilateral trade to \$10 billion, agreed to remove trade barriers, operationalise border markets and expand cooperation in sectors including energy, transport, investment and agriculture.

Rana Sanaullah Rules Out New Provinces Proposal

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Adviser on Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah said on Tuesday that there is no proposal to create new provinces on the government's agenda, maintaining that Pakistan's existing parliamentary system and constitutional framework remain effective. Speaking to a private television channel, the senior PML-N leader described the Azad Jammu and Kashmir elections as free and fair, claiming the party secured public support due to its governance and development record in Punjab. He said the Pakistan Peoples Party had entered the second phase of the elections with a propaganda campaign, expressing confidence that the PML-N would also perform strongly in the remaining phase and eventually form the government in Azad Kashmir without coalition partners. Commenting on PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's criticism of the electoral process, Rana said Bilawal was well aware that the elections had been conducted fairly and predicted the PPP would accept the results after the final phase of polling. Responding to questions about proposals for creating new provinces.

Several terrorists killed in K-P's Lakki Marwat: state media

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Security forces killed several terrorists during intelligence-based operations (IBOs) in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's (K-P's) Lakki Marwat as part of the Azm-e-Istehkam vision, state media reported on Tuesday, citing security sources. According to the sources, security forces also destroyed multiple terrorist hideouts during the operations, with a large cache of weapons, ammunition and other equipment recovered from the slain terrorists.

The sources added that several terrorists belonging to the Fitna al-Khawarij were also reported to have been wounded during the operation. Fitna



al-Khawarij is the term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). The operations were conducted with measures in place to ensure the safety of civilians and prevent any harm to the local population, the sources said. They also noted that security person-

nel would continue operations across K-P until lasting peace is established and terrorism is completely eradicated.

In a statement released by the Interior Ministry, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi lauded security forces for carrying out intelligence-based operations, praising their professionalism. Naqvi commended the security forces' professional capabilities and bravery, saying Pakistan's "brave sons" had acted swiftly to eliminate multiple terrorists in Lakki Marwat and foil their "nefarious designs." He said the entire nation appreciated the security forces' successes in restoring peace in K-P.



Chief Justice of Pakistan in a meeting with women representatives from Sindh High Court Bar at the Supreme Court Branch Registry.

Gilani reaffirms Pakistan’s unwavering solidarity with people of IIOJK

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman of the Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, reaffirmed Pakistan’s unwavering, principled, and historic commitment to the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

In his special message on Youm-e-Istehsal, he said that India’s unilateral and illegal actions of 5 August 2019 constituted a flagrant violation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions, international law, and universally accepted principles of human

rights.

The Chairman Senate said that Youm-e-Istehsal serves as a solemn reminder of the continued suffering, sacrifices, and resilience of the people of IIOJK. It also calls upon the conscience of the international community to acknowledge the grave injustices being perpetrated in the occupied territory and to fulfill its responsibility towards ensuring justice and lasting peace.

He observed that, in the years following the events of 5 August 2019, India has intensified measures aimed at

altering the demographic composition of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, undermining its distinct identity, suppressing the legitimate political leadership, restricting fundamental freedoms, and committing widespread human rights violations.

He emphasised that no amount of coercion, repression, or state oppression can extinguish the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people for freedom, dignity, and the realisation of their internationally recognised right to self-determination.

Gilani reiterated that Pakistan will

continue to extend its unwavering moral, political, and diplomatic support to the people of IIOJK in their just struggle.

He stressed that the Kashmir dispute can only be resolved through a peaceful settlement in accordance with the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people, enabling them to freely determine their own future.

Such a just resolution, he said, is indispensable for ensuring durable peace, security, and prosperity in South Asia.

Noon wins french support on Kashmir at French national assembly

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Kashmir Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon, currently on an official visit to France, met French National Assembly member Carlos Martens Bilongo at the French National Assembly on Tuesday.

The two sides discussed Pakistan-France relations, parliamentary cooperation, trade and investment, regional developments and the situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

During the meeting, Bilongo voiced support for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute in accordance with international law and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people. According to a press release issued by the National Assembly Secretariat, the two leaders held wide-ranging talks on strengthening parliamentary engagement, expanding bilateral cooperation and promoting collaboration in key sectors, including information technology and telecommunications.

Bilongo expressed support for Pakistan’s principled position on the Kashmir dispute and said the issue should be resolved peacefully in line with international law and the wishes of the people of IIOJK.

The French parliamentarian also expressed his desire to visit Pakistan with a parliamentary delegation to further strengthen legislative ties and explore new avenues of bilateral cooperation. He showed keen interest in Pakistan’s information technology and telecommunications sectors and assured his support for promoting cooperation and investment in these fields.

Shah Allah Ditta Caves to be developed into world-class Buddhist heritage site

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Aurangzeb Khan Khichi on Tuesday said the historic Shah Allah Ditta Caves in federal capital, an important centre of the Gandhara Civilization and Buddhist heritage, would be developed into a world-class Buddhist heritage site with modern facilities. During a visit to the caves, the minister directed the authorities concerned to complete the ongoing conservation and development work at the earliest so the site could be formally inaugurated during the Gandhara Conference scheduled for September or October. Parliamentary Secretary Farah Naz Akbar accompanied him during the visit.

The officials of the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM) briefed the minister on the conservation work and informed him that a historic Buddhist-era stupa was located on a hillside opposite the caves but is not clearly visible from the site due to the distance.

The minister directed the installation of a modern telescope to enable Buddhist monks and other visitors to have a closer view of the ancient stupa. He also instructed the authorities to prominently display information on the history and heritage of Buddhism at the caves to highlight the site’s historical and religious significance.



The meeting reviewed development and conservation projects related to the Shah Allah Ditta Caves and other historical sites. During the meeting, a proposal was presented to prepare a special historical map depicting the evolution of Islamabad.

The minister also directed the establishment of a dedicated “Gakhar Corner” in the Directorate’s gallery to showcase artefacts and information related to the historic Gakhar Fort near Kahuta and the Gakhar tribe.

He further instructed officials to display artefacts from the ancient Mehrgarh Civilization to better highlight Pakistan’s rich archaeological heritage.

He said members of the National Assembly from Balochistan had sought the ministry’s support for preserving the century-old ancestral house of renowned poet and writer Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi in Gwadar, as well as other historical sites in Turbat.

He said the parliamentarians had been asked to submit formal written recommendations so the projects could be taken up after completion of the required legal process.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary National Heritage and Culture Asad Rehman Gilani said the gallery of the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums would be reorganized and upgraded on modern lines.

Dopasi Foundation delegation visits Parliament House, receives briefing on Senate’s role

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ISLAMABAD: An eight-member delegation from the Dopasi Foundation, Islamabad, visited Parliament House on Tuesday and received a detailed briefing on Pakistan’s parliamentary system, the legislative process and the constitutional role of the Senate.

Senior officials of the Senate Secretariat welcomed the delegation and escorted the participants to the Senate Museum. During the visit, the delegation was briefed on Pakistan’s parliamentary history, the evolution of the Senate, the legislative process and the constitutional responsibilities of the Upper House. A documentary on the history of the Senate was also screened. The delegation later visited the Senate Hall, where the Senior Director General (Protocol) gave a comprehensive presentation on the functions of the Senate Secretariat, the conduct of parliamentary business, the role of standing committees, Senate proceedings, the stages of legislation and the constitutional and democratic importance of the Upper House.

Abdul Razzaq Sayal Signs MoU Between National Press Club and Fatima Al-Zahra Medical Centre for Special Healthcare Discounts



By : Hurish Shah/FT

ISLAMABAD--- National Press Club (NPC) Islamabad and Fatima Al-Zahra Medical Centre have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide affordable and quality healthcare services to journalists, NPC members, staff, and their families. The agreement was signed by NPC President Abdul Razzaq Sayal and Central Muslim League President Inam-ur-Rehman Kambhoh.

Under the agreement, NPC members and staff will receive special discounts on OPD and specialist consultation fees, 40% off laboratory tests, 10% off X-ray services, and 20% off dental treatments. Affordable maternity services, including normal deliveries and C-sections, will also be available. Speaking at the ceremony, Inam-ur-Rehman Kambhoh said the medical centre is committed to providing quality, low-cost healthcare and announced plans to establish a permanent medical desk and

organize free medical camps at the National Press Club.

NPC President Abdul Razzaq Sayal said the welfare of journalists remains the club’s top priority and expressed confidence that the agreement would provide significant healthcare benefits to journalists and their families. NPC Secretary Dr. Furqan Rao added that the club would continue partnering with healthcare institutions to expand welfare initiatives for the journalist community.

State Minister appreciates students art work, highlighting issues of IIOJ&K

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ISLAMABAD: Minister of state for federal education and professional training, Wajiha Qamar on Tuesday appreciated the artwork of students highlighted issues in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJ&K), underscoring that voices may be suppressed but the language of art continues to leave a lasting impact. She made these remarks, while addressing the event as chief guest, organized by the Youth Forum for Kashmir, in collaboration with the Institute of Home Economics and Design.

The event organized a painting competition titled “Conflict Through Art” to commemorate Kashmir Exploitation Day. The event brought together nearly 200 young student artists from across Pakistan, who expressed their perspectives on the Kashmir issue through creative and thought-provoking artworks. Their paintings depicted the humanitarian challenges faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, including alleged human rights violations and the impact of the revocation of the region’s special constitutional status.

Among the other distinguished participants were Mr. Altaf Hussain



She further stated that India is employing fifth-generation warfare and disinformation campaigns to mislead young people and distort facts.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Altaf Hussain Wani stated that Pakistan has consistently supported the Kashmir cause. He said that the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir’s special constitutional status constituted a violation of international law and urged the younger generation to deepen their understanding of the Kashmir dispute through research and informed study.

Zaman Bajwa, Executive Director of the Youth Forum for Kashmir, outlined the objectives of the painting competition and emphasized the role of art and culture as powerful mediums for raising awareness about the Kashmir issue. He expressed confidence that the sacrifices of the Kashmiri people would ultimately be recognized and acknowledged.

During the event, Ms. Wajiha Qamar inaugurated the exhibition showcasing the participants’ artwork. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of prizes among the winning artists in recognition of their outstanding creativity and meaningful artistic contributions.

Pakistan seeks Chinese investment in battery manufacturing

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awaish Ahmad Khan Leghari on Tuesday announced that Pakistan is preparing its first ever Integrated National Energy Plan while inviting Chinese companies to invest in battery manufacturing and value addition, saying the country’s clean energy transition has been driven by its people despite receiving little international financial support.

Addressing an international conference on renewable energy, the minister said the government is consulting all key stakeholders to finalise a comprehensive five-year national energy plan by next year.

The strategy will integrate the power, petroleum, transport, industrial and provincial sectors under a unified roadmap to accelerate electrification, improve energy security and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Responding to questions from international delegates, Leghari said Pakistan had already demonstrated one of the world’s fastest people led solar adoption drives, creating significant demand for solar panels and battery storage.

He urged Chinese manufacturers to establish battery value addition and assembly facilities in Pakistan, noting that nearly 6,000 megawatt hours of batteries had been imported during the past 30 months.

The minister said discussions had been held with leading Chinese battery manufacturers during the Prime Minister’s visit to China.



While some companies believed Pakistan’s current market size is insufficient for large scale battery cell production, although downstream manufacturing and assembly remained commercially viable.

Minister Leghari said the government would encourage local value addition through supportive industrial policies while creating an enabling environment for domestic and foreign investors.

Highlighting workforce development, Sardar Awaish said Pakistan had already developed thousands of skilled solar technicians and would now expand technical training programmes for battery storage and advanced energy systems through vocational institutions.

He added that he would recommend including battery technologies in the government’s national skills development programme.

The minister also disclosed that the government is pursuing a time of use electricity tariff that would allow cheaper daytime electricity based on marginal generation costs.

He argued that such pricing would encourage battery storage, improve renewable energy utilisation and enhance grid stability but said implementation had been constrained under Pakistan’s IMF programme.

Minister further noted that the government is simultaneously launching an ambitious grid digitisation programme, including digital metering and transformer based business units, to better manage electricity flows and integrate renewable energy.

Calling for greater global climate justice, Federal minister criticised developed countries for failing to support Pakistan’s clean energy transition despite the country’s minimal contribution to global emissions.

He said Pakistan’s solar revolution had been financed largely by its own citizens without meaningful international green financing.

The minister further said the government is overhauling the electricity subsidy regime to ensure assistance reached genuinely low income households while eliminating misuse of subsidies.

He said the reforms would substantially reduce electricity costs for millions of commercial and middle income consumers within the next two years.

Concluding the session, Leghari reaffirmed the government’s commitment to modernising Pakistan’s energy sector through integrated planning, renewable energy expansion, targeted subsidies and stronger international investment partnerships.

Pakistan marks Aug. 5 as ‘Day of Exploitation’, calls for UN-backed resolution of Kashmir dispute

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan’s Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Engineer Amir Muqam, on Monday renewed Islamabad’s call for a UN-backed resolution of the Kashmir dispute, saying Pakistan would continue to observe August 5 as Youm-e-Istehsal (Day of Exploitation) to commemorate India’s 2019 decision to revoke the special constitutional status of Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at a joint press conference with All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) spokesman Professor Ghulam Muhammad Safi, Muqam urged the international community to press India to implement United Nations Security Council resolutions by allowing the people of Jammu and Kashmir to exercise their right to self-determination through a plebiscite.

Muqam said India’s August 5, 2019, decision to abrogate Articles 370 and 35A of its Constitution

removed the region’s autonomous status and constitutional safeguards that had previously restricted property ownership, voting rights and permanent residency for non-residents.

He alleged that the constitutional changes had been followed by a crackdown on Kashmiris, including the use of force against protesters, demolition of homes and the detention of political leaders. Pakistan, he said, would continue to raise these issues internationally while assuring Kashmiris of its political and diplomatic support.

The minister further said that India’s constitutional changes were intended to alter the demographic composition of the disputed territory. He said a peaceful and lasting settlement of the Kashmir dispute was essential for regional stability and maintained that the issue could only be resolved through a UN-supervised plebiscite.

Muqam said Pakistan observed

August 5 every year not only to highlight what it described as the suffering of Kashmiris but also to remind the international community of its responsibility to seek a peaceful resolution of the decades-old dispute.

He said there was broad political consensus in Pakistan on the Kashmir issue, noting that the National Assembly, Senate, the legislative assemblies of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and the four provinces regularly adopted resolutions expressing solidarity with the people of Kashmir.

Referring to the history of the dispute, Muqam said Pakistan and India had fought wars over Kashmir and stressed that durable peace in South Asia remained linked to its resolution.

Speaking at the same press conference, APHC spokesman Professor Ghulam Muhammad Safi thanked Pakistan for its continued political and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people.

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Social Media: The Book We Are Writing for Future Generations



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History has always been the foundation of civilization. It tells us who we were, what we believed, and how we shaped the world around us. For centuries, history was preserved through books, monuments, handwritten letters, and the memories of families. Yet much of human life disappeared with time because ordinary people had few opportunities to record their stories. Today, however, we are witnessing a remarkable transformation. The rise of social media has changed not only the way we communicate but also the way history is written.

Every photograph we upload, every video we publish, every article we write, and every opinion we express online becomes part of a permanent digital record. Unlike previous generations, whose lives often faded into obscurity, our generation is creating an archive that may survive for decades, perhaps even centuries. In many ways, social media has become the history book of the modern world.

People often see social media as a place for entertainment, trends, and instant communication. While it certainly serves those purposes, its influence reaches much further. It has become one of the most powerful tools for education, awareness, inspiration, and cultural preservation. The content we create today will help define how future generations understand our era.

As I have often said, “Social media is the main tool where we can shape our new generation with positive content. In reality, this is the book we are writing for our next generation.”

These words reflect a responsibility that belongs to every one of us. Every social media user is now an author of history. Whether we realize it or not, every post, comment, photograph, or video contributes to the story that future generations will inherit.

Think about your own family history. Many of us know very little about our great-grandparents. We may recognize their names, but we rarely know their dreams, struggles, achievements, or daily lives. Their stories were gradually lost because there were no digital records to preserve them. Today’s generation has been given a privilege that no generation before has enjoyed—the ability to document life instantly and permanently.

However, with this privilege comes an equally great responsibility.

The internet never truly forgets. Every message we publish becomes a reflection of our values and character. The digital footprints we leave behind will speak for us long after we are gone. They will become the evidence through which future generations judge our society.

This is why positive content matters more than ever before. Young people spend a significant part of their lives online. Their beliefs, ambitions, attitudes, and even their understanding of right and wrong are influenced by what they watch and read every day. If we choose to spread knowledge, compassion, honesty, creativity, and hope, we build a stronger future. If we spread hatred, misinformation, violence,

and negativity, we leave behind a legacy that weakens society.

Technology itself is neutral. It is neither good nor bad. Its impact depends entirely on how human beings choose to use it. Social media can divide people, but it can also unite nations. It can spread fear, but it can also spread courage. It can destroy reputations, but it can also inspire millions. The choice is ours.

As I have said before, “Due to social media, history will remember us for decades and centuries to come. Now we have the chance to write our story for the future, so it is our duty to leave a positive message for the generation that follows.”

The future will not judge us only by our scientific discoveries or technological achievements. It will judge us by the values we promoted, the knowledge we shared, and the kindness we showed through the platforms we used every day.

History is no longer written only by historians. Today, every individual with a smartphone has the opportunity to become a storyteller. Every content creator, journalist, teacher, student, writer, entrepreneur, and ordinary citizen contributes to the narrative of our time.

The question is not whether history will remember us—it certainly will. The real question is what it will remember.

Let us use social media to educate rather than mislead, to inspire rather than discourage, to unite rather than divide, and to leave behind a legacy of wisdom, integrity, compassion, and hope. Because in the end, social media is not merely a collection of posts—it is the book we are writing for future generations. Let us ensure that every page is worth remembering.

Exploitation Day, Kashmir’s severe siege, usurped rights, 7 years of oppression

BY: Asghar Ali Mubarak: Published by ANI

The guard of millions of occupying Indian troops, the worst oppression, enforced disappearances and sweeping censorship—this is today’s occupied Jammu and Kashmir, where ‘Exploitation Day’ is being celebrated on the completion of 7 years of the siege.

The constitutional bloodbath that the Indian government committed on August 5, 2019, was not only an attack on the basic human rights of the Kashmiri people but also a powerful slap in the face of the global conscience.

Despite this organized state terrorism, the voice of the Kashmiris has not been suppressed,

Today, on the completion of seven years of Indian aggression, the entire Pakistani nation and the justice-loving people around the world are celebrating ‘Exploitation Day’.

August 5, 2019 is the darkest chapter in history when the Indian rulers began changing the geography and demographics of the valley by abrogating Articles 370 and 35-A. The main objective of this cruel move is to convert the Muslim majority into a minority by issuing domiciles to non-Kashmiris. Despite the blatant violation of UN resolutions and the criminal silence of world powers, the Kashmiri spirit of freedom is still creating new stories of courage and bravery. Millions of innocent Kashmiris are still standing in front of the Indian aggressors, raising the flag of their freedom.

Pakistan expresses complete solidarity with Kashmiri brothers and sisters and makes it clear that exploitation of the oppressed Kashmiris is unacceptable under any circumstances!

The disputed status of Kashmir is an undeniable fact, which no power can erase. The right of Kashmiris to self-determination must be given to them at all costs.

The purpose of the Day of Exploitation is to raise a strong voice against the severe siege and oppression of the Indian army occupying Jammu and Kashmir for the past seven years.

The Government of Pakistan has formulated a comprehensive national program on the occasion of this day, under which large-scale protest rallies, seminars and solidarity walks are being organized in the federal capital Islamabad, all provincial capitals, Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

The Ministry of Kashmir Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and all government and private institutions are part of this campaign to make the international community realize the seriousness of the unilateral and illegal measures taken by India on August 5, 2019.

The main activities of the day will begin with a minute of silence in the morning, during which traffic will be completely stopped across the country, and sirens will be sounded, immediately after which the national anthems of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir will be played. The President, Prime Minister and other political and social leaders have issued special messages, while major rallies will be taken out under the supervision of Hurriyat leadership and members of civil society, in which strong protests are being recorded against the serious human rights violations in the occupied valley, Indian efforts to change the demographic ratio and the illegal detention of Kashmiri leaders.

On the media front, Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Television and all private channels are airing special documentaries, talk shows and reports in which the historical status of Kashmir and the humanitarian situation arising after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A are being highlighted in detail.

Essay writing and speech competitions have also been organized for students in educational institutions to make the new generation aware of this long-standing conflict.

At the diplomatic level, Pakistani embassies and high commissions around the world are presenting the Kashmir case before world leaders, human rights organizations and think tanks, and protest notes are being sent to local offices of the United Nations so that the Kashmiris can be given their legitimate right to self-determination in accordance with the Security Council resolutions.

After a quarter of a century, India continues to commit continuous and unsparing human rights violations throughout occupied Kashmir.

Occupied Kashmir is the only region on the planet where more than 800,000 Indian occupying forces are deployed in an area of just a few thousand square miles. India is using all its resources and tactics to continue its forced and illegal military rule over the land of Kashmir.

Pakistan has always supported the Kashmiris politically, diplomatically and morally. Despite all the oppression, torture, arrests, and state terrorism, India has not been able to succeed in its nefarious objectives, nor has it been able to demoralize the Kashmiris. Their struggle could not be stopped; it cannot be denied that every child, elderly person, woman, and every youth of the occupied valley are determined to achieve freedom, and India should also understand this now.

In fact, August 5, 2019 is the most tragic, painful and darkest day in the history of occupied Jammu and Kashmir. General elections were held in India in April 2019.

In these general elections, the RSS-backed BJP party won, and Narendra Modi again assumed the chair of power as the Prime Minister. After coming to power, this government took the biggest step of callousness and bigotry and challenged Kashmir’s autonomy by killing Kashmir’s right to self-determination. It had only been four months since the formation of the BJP government that they started the heinous process of passing blind laws in Parliament. On August 5, 2019, the Indian Parliament abolished Article 370. Article 370 gives special status to Kashmir. It gives Kashmir its own constitution and its own flag. With the abolition of Article 370, the special status of Kashmir was abolished, and its constitution and flag were also confiscated. It did not stop there.

The BJP government also abolished Article 35A through a presidential decree. According to Article 35A, a person can be a citizen of Jammu and Kashmir only if he was born here. After the abolition of Article 35A, the process of resettlement of people from other states of India started in Kashmir. As a result, lakhs of people in Jammu and Kashmir have lost their jobs in the last five years. When it came to oppression after oppression, India crossed all limits of lawlessness. On August 6, 2019, an act called Reorganization was also passed.

This act divided occupied Kashmir into two parts (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh) and also made both parts administered by the Indian central government and approved the establishment of a legislative assembly for it, which is apparently an unelected legislative assembly. Thus, one day Kashmir’s statehood was abolished, and the next day it was deprived of its right to make decisions on all matters. This is a story of oppression and lawlessness that does not take the name of ending. After the implementation of black laws, the Indian government also introduced a blacklist in Kashmir. This list includes only selected news sites, which are selected by them, where Kashmiris can’t access other news sites.

The story of Indian oppression is not limited to Kashmir. India’s own citizens and minorities are also suffering badly in their clutches. Day by day, their normal lives are being restricted. The National Register of Citizens has even refused to accept them as its own. This register provides citizenship to citizens. To register one’s name in it, the citizen must have a legacy document; whoever is unable to provide this document his citizenship revoked.

India’s National Register of Citizens published its first list on August 31, 2019. In this list, the citizenship of about 19 million Bengalis from Assam was revoked, and they were denied citizenship. A few months later, the Citizenship Amendment Act was also passed on December 11, 2019. After this act, the National Register of Citizens was implemented across India. People’s citizenship was revoked, and they were forced to be deported. In November 2019, the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act was passed, which expanded the definition of terrorism and declared even the smallest crime as terrorism, in May 2019, when the Babri Masjid was demolished. About two thousand Muslims were killed in the riots.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is a political party born out of the RSS and was founded in 1980. The Modi government is the most corrupt in the country since independence. Its performance is poor and condemnable. People fear that if the authoritarian Modi government remains in power, Indian democracy will be in danger. The public has come to understand that these people have lied to them by making promises that they had no intention of fulfilling. According to Kashmir Media Service, Manoj Jha, citing figures available on the website of the Supreme Court of India, said that these negate the BJP’s claims of nationalism and show the misuse of central investigation agencies for political gain. The figures negate the BJP’s claims of nationalism. Pointing out the nefarious links between the BJP and corporate interests, Manoj Jha said that the private companies raided by the Enforcement Directorate later bought electoral bonds from the companies. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government has witnessed the highest number of hate speech and crimes against Muslims in Indian history. A Bloomberg report said that since Modi came to power in 2014, there has been a sharp rise in anti-Muslim sentiment among Indians. Of the 255 recorded incidents of hate speech against Muslims, nearly 80 percent occurred in states ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The Modi government has previously banned Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir, Muslim League,

Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Democratic Freedom Party, Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, Dukhtar Millat and Muslim Conference for their role in the independence movement. The United Nations has given the right to decide their future through the right to self-determination in Article 1 of its Charter, but no movement has succeeded through laws alone because this is not possible without the political consent of the international community. An example of this is the creation of the partition of Sudan and East Timor, while Kashmir and Palestine are still a question mark on the international conscience and system. Apart from this, basic rights like political representation, education, freedom of expression, right to life are perhaps impossible for Kashmiris, but it is a pity that the global democratic pioneers, due to their political and economic interests, remain silent on India’s inhuman policies and black laws.

Even after the UN reports on human rights violations in occupied Kashmir, what else is the silence of the international community in stopping India and in favor of Kashmiris, if not criminal negligence? Pakistan will continue to provide strong and steadfast moral, political and diplomatic support until the Kashmiri people achieve their inalienable right to self-determination. Pakistan wants good relations with all its neighbors, including India, but good relations can be achieved not by denying conflicts but only by resolving them.

Occupied Kashmir is a continuous struggle which should not be voiced only on specific days but should be the voice of Kashmir at all times, every moment, every hour, and resonate in the halls of the world. The Kashmiri people are firmly resolved that they will never allow India’s heinous actions to succeed, and the Kashmiri people will continue their struggle for freedom as per the UN resolutions until they achieve their goal. Lasting peace in South Asia depends on the resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.

“If even millions of occupying forces, the worst censorship and the hardships of imprisonment have not been able to demoralize the Kashmiris in seven years, then this is proof that the freedom of Kashmir is written on the wall. The black history that India created on August 5 is now becoming the precursor to its downfall. The blood of Kashmiri martyrs and the sacrifices of mothers and sisters will never go in vain. Kashmir, the jugular vein of Pakistan, was to be free tomorrow too, and God willing, its destination is freedom today too. These black walls of oppression will keep falling and the day is not far when Kashmiris will celebrate their freedom in the air of Srinagar, because when a nation is determined to die, no power in the world can keep it enslaved.

Seven Years After August 5: Kashmir Is Still Waiting for the World to Act

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Seven years ago, on August 5, 2019, the Government of India revoked Articles 370 and 35A of its Constitution, ending the limited autonomy that Jammu and Kashmir had enjoyed since India’s independence. To New Delhi, the move represented national integration and constitutional reform. To many Kashmiris, however, it marked the unilateral dismantling of a long-standing political arrangement and an attempt to permanently alter the status of a territory whose future remains internationally disputed.

Seven years later, the consequences of that decision continue to reverberate far beyond the Kashmir Valley.

Kashmir has long occupied a unique place in international diplomacy. Since 1948, the United Nations Security Council has adopted a series of resolutions recognizing the disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir and calling for a peaceful resolution acceptable to its people. While India has consistently maintained that constitutional changes within its territory are sovereign domestic matters, many Kashmiris and legal scholars argue that a series of resolutions recognizing the disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir and calling for a peaceful resolution acceptable to its people. While India has consistently maintained that constitutional changes within its territory are sovereign domestic matters, many Kashmiris and legal scholars argue that a series of resolutions recognizing the disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir and calling for a peaceful resolution acceptable to its people.

Regardless of where one stands in the legal debate, one fact remains clear: the Kashmir question has not disappeared simply because one party declared it settled. If anything, the years since 2019 have demonstrated the opposite.

Successive legal and administrative measures—including changes to domicile rules, land ownership regulations, and political representation—have significantly transformed the region’s governance. Critics contend that these measures are designed to reshape Kashmir’s demographic, political, and economic landscape before any political settlement can be reached. Supporters, by contrast, describe them as necessary reforms aimed at promoting development and equal rights. The sharp divide between these competing narratives underscores why unilateral action cannot substitute for a negotiated political process.

Equally concerning has been the shrinking space for political dissent, independent journalism, and civil society. International human rights organizations, legal experts, and numerous independent observers have repeatedly voiced concern over prolonged detentions, restrictions on freedom of expression, and limitations on independent monitoring. Transparency is not a threat to democracy; it is one of its defining characteristics. Yet much of the international community has largely looked away, and that silence carries consequences.

Kashmir remains one of the world’s few unresolved territorial disputes involving two nuclear-armed states. The military escalation following the Pahalgam attack in



2025 demonstrated how rapidly tensions between India and Pakistan can spiral into a broader confrontation. Whatever conclusions may be drawn regarding responsibility for that tragedy, the crisis served as a reminder that Kashmir is not merely a bilateral disagreement—it remains an international security concern with implications extending far beyond South Asia.

History teaches that unresolved conflicts rarely fade with time. Instead, they become more deeply entrenched, increasingly difficult to resolve, and more dangerous to ignore.

The international community has devoted considerable diplomatic attention to conflicts in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Kashmir deserves similarly sustained engagement—not because it is more important than those crises, but because continued neglect risks allowing another protracted conflict to fester.

A durable peace cannot be achieved through constitutional amendments, demographic change, or military control alone. Nor can it emerge from slogans or maximalist rhetoric. Lasting peace requires dialogue, political courage, and meaningful engagement with the aspirations of the people whose future remains at stake.

As this anniversary is observed, many Kashmiris continue to call for measures that numerous international human rights advocates have also supported: the restoration of civil liberties, the release of political detainees held without due process, unrestricted access for United Nations Special Rapporteurs and independent human rights organizations, freedom for international journalists to report from the region, and conditions conducive to a peaceful political process consistent with international law and the wishes of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Whether one agrees with every aspect of these demands is ultimately secondary to a broader principle: enduring peace cannot be achieved while one side believes its political voice has been permanently excluded.

There is another audience that deserves recognition on this anniversary.

For decades, the people of Pakistan have demonstrated unwavering solidarity with Kashmir. Every August 5, citizens from every province, political background, and walk of life gather to express support for the people across the Cease-fire Line.

Elderly men and women, young children carried on their parents’ shoulders, students, professionals, laborers, and religious leaders have all participated in these demonstrations. Their commitment has never gone unnoticed by Kashmiris. For that solidarity, the people of Kashmir remain deeply grateful.

Yet gratitude must also be accompanied by a candid appeal.

I am reminded of a meeting held in New York on September 23, 2021, when Pakistan’s then Foreign Minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, met with the Board of the World Kashmir Awareness Forum. During that discussion, Dr. Intiaz Khan, a distinguished Kashmiri-American scholar, offered an observation that has remained with me ever since.

“Qureshi Sahib, we thank you for raising awareness of Kashmir. But you raise it on the streets of Lahore, Quetta, Karachi, and Peshawar. Can you raise it on the streets of Tokyo, Paris, Brussels, London, Washington, Ottawa, Canberra, and other world capitals?”

That challenge was not directed at one individual. It was directed at Pakistan’s entire diplomatic establishment, and it remains just as relevant today.

The struggle for Kashmir will not be advanced by domestic demonstrations alone, however sincere or well attended. It requires sustained engagement with international institutions, legislatures, universities, think tanks, media organizations, legal forums, and civil society throughout the democratic world. Public diplomacy, strategic communication, and principled advocacy must become central pillars of Pakistan’s foreign policy if it wishes to keep Kashmir on the international agenda.

Ultimately, this is not only about Kashmir. It is about whether international commitments retain meaning when confronted by geopolitical realities. It is about whether the principles of self-determination, human dignity, and the peaceful settlement of disputes remain universal values—or become selectively applied depending on the balance of power.

Seven years after August 5, the people of Kashmir continue to wait—not for sympathy, but for principled engagement; not for rhetoric, but for diplomacy; not for charity, but for justice.

History will ultimately judge not only those who acted, but also those who chose to remain silent.



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Pakistan stands at a critical juncture in its history, facing multiple challenges including political instability, economic hardship, institutional weakness, terrorism, poor governance, rising unemployment, delayed justice, and declining public trust. Amid these crises, calls for the creation of new provinces frequently emerge, suggesting that redrawing administrative boundaries is the solution to the country’s problems. However, the real issue is not the number of provinces but the failure to implement the Constitution of Pakistan (1973) in its true spirit.

The Constitution is not merely a legal document; it is the social contract that defines the powers of state institutions, safeguards fundamental

rights, and maintains the balance between the federation and the provinces. Pakistan’s political history has been marked by constitutional deviations, weak democratic traditions, and institutional imbalance, resulting in governance failures.

The writer argues that Articles 4, 9, 25, 37, and 140-A of the Constitution already guarantee equal rights, justice, social welfare, and empowered local governments. Therefore, the country’s priority should be the effective implementation of these constitutional provisions rather than creating new provinces. According to the article, Pakistan’s challenges stem from weak governance, selective accountability, delayed justice, and political interference in institutions. The author stresses that an independent accountability system, judicial reforms, restoration of student unions under a code of conduct, and empowered local governments are essential for strengthening democracy and developing future leadership.

The article also notes that Pakistan

is struggling with terrorism, inflation, energy shortages, climate change, education, healthcare, water scarcity, rapid population growth, and rising public debt. These issues, the writer argues, require a strong constitutional and accountable state rather than changes to provincial boundaries.

The author concludes that if new provinces are ever considered, they should be established only on the basis of administrative necessity, broad national consensus, constitutional procedures, and adequate financial and administrative planning—not political expediency.

The article concludes that Pakistan’s future depends on the supremacy of the Constitution, the rule of law, impartial accountability, timely justice, empowered local governments, merit-based governance, and strong democratic institutions. These, rather than creating new provinces, are presented as the true path toward a stable, prosperous, and united Pakistan.

Governor Sindh Visits HEC, Discusses Higher Education Reforms with Chairman

BY: FT Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD-- Governor Sindh Syed Muhammad Nehal Hashmi visited the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Secretariat and held a meeting with HEC Chairman Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar to discuss matters related to the promotion of higher education in Pakistan.

During the meeting, both dignitaries exchanged views on promoting academic excellence, strengthening universities in Sindh, and enhancing collaboration between the HEC and the Sindh Government for the development of the higher education sector.

Chairman HEC Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar briefed the Governor on the Commission's key responsibilities, ongoing initiatives, and strategic efforts aimed at improving the quality, relevance, and accessibility of higher education across the country.

Governor Sindh Syed Muhammad Nehal Hashmi appreciated the HEC's contributions to advancing higher education and reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting initiatives that expand educational opportunities and strengthen the institutional capacity of universities.



Pakistani Delegation Meets French Member of Parliament in Paris, Discusses Bilateral Relations and Kashmir Issue

By: ANI Reporter :

PARIS--- A Pakistani delegation led by Federal Minister and Chairman of the Kashmir Committee, Rana Muhammad Qasim, met with French Member of Parliament Carlos Martinez Blonguez in Paris. The meeting focused on strengthening Pakistan-France bilateral relations, promoting cultural cooperation, the Kashmir issue, and other matters of mutual interest.

The Pakistani delegation included Federal Minister Rana Muhammad Qasim, President of the All France Multicultural and Sports Association Umair Baig, Rana Mehfooz Ahmed, Ibrahim Chandio, and Chaudhry Zubair.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on enhancing parliamentary ties, expanding cultural exchanges, and promoting cooperation in various sectors.



They also held detailed discussions on the Kashmir issue as well as regional and international developments.

The two sides emphasized the importance of further strengthening friendly relations between Pakistan and France and reaffirmed their commitment to expanding cooperation and maintaining close contacts in the future.

The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and concluded with a mutual commitment to deepen bilateral engagement and collaboration in areas of shared interest.

Rawalpindi: DC, CPO Review Security Arrangements for Chehlum Processions

BY:FT Correspondent:

RAWALPINDI ---Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi Captain (R) Nadeem Nasir, accompanied by City Police Officer (CPO) Hassan Mushtaq Sukhaira, visited the Safe City Control Room, Raja Bazaar, and the main Chehlum procession routes to review security, traffic management, and overall arrangements.

During a briefing at the Safe City Control Room, officials informed the delegation that advanced CCTV surveillance would be used to monitor procession routes, sensitive locations, entry and exit points, parking areas, and traffic flow round the clock. The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to maintain close coordination to ensure a swift response to any emergency.

The officials also inspected walk-through gates, metal detectors, parking plans, traffic diversions, sanitation, lighting, rescue and medical facilities along the procession routes.

CPO Hassan Mushtaq Sukhaira said a comprehensive security plan had been put in place, with police, Elite Force, Traffic Police, Special Branch, and other law enforcement agencies working in coordination to ensure peaceful observance of Chehlum and the safety of mourners.



Federal Government Appoints Zill-e-Huma as Chairperson of ITNE for Three Years

BY: F T Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- The Federal Government has appointed Zill-e-Huma as the Chairperson of ITNE for a term of three years. The Establishment Division has issued the official notification regarding her appointment.

According to the notification, Zill-e-Huma has been appointed under the Ministry of Information and



Broadcasting in accordance with Section 12(A)(2) of the Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1973.

She will serve on a contract basis in the MP-I scale, and her appointment will take effect from the date she assumes charge of the office. The terms and conditions of her service will be governed by the MP Scales Policy 2020 and other applicable laws.

Kashmir Exploitation Day We Pay Tribute to the Struggle of the Kashmiri People Says, Muhammad Nauman

By : ANI Reporter :

ISLAMABAD---President of the D-12 Markaz Traders Association and Deputy General Secretary of the Islamabad Estate Agents Association, Muhammad Nauman, said that Kashmir Exploitation Day, observed on August 5, is a reminder of the sacrifices and struggle of the Kashmiri people for their right to self-determination.



He said Pakistan has always stood with the Kashmiri people and will continue its moral, political, and diplomatic support. He also urged the international community to take notice of the human rights situation in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir and support the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

Pakistan and Kashmir are one body, two souls: Raja Hameed Saleem

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- Senior Vice Chairman of the Pakistan Assembly of Muslim Youth and former District Council member Raja Hameed Ahmed Saleem said that on August 5, 2019, India illegally revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. He said Kashmiris and Pakistanis around the



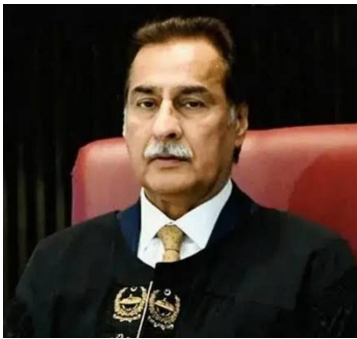
world are observing Kashmir Exploitation Day (Black Day) to reaffirm that Pakistan and Kashmir are one body, two souls. Addressing a Kashmir seminar in the United States, Raja Hameed Saleem said the Modi government ignored UN resolutions and the Kashmiris' right to self-determination by imposing a military lockdown in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He added that despite years of these measures, India has failed to achieve its objectives in the occupied territory.

Pakistan Will Continue to Support Kashmiris' Right to Self-Determination: NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq

BY: FT Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said Pakistan would continue to support the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) in their just struggle for the right to self-determination, describing India's August 5, 2019 revocation of Articles 370 and 35A as a violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions and international law.

In his message on Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir, the Speaker said the move was aimed at altering the disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir, changing its demographic composition, and undermining the identity of the



Kashmiri people. He stressed that a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute, in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people,

was essential for lasting peace and stability in South Asia.

Ayaz Sadiq reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering solidarity with the Kashmiri people and urged the international community to take notice of alleged human rights violations, demographic changes, and restrictions imposed on Kashmiri leadership in IIOJK. Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah also reiterated Pakistan's support for the Kashmiri people, describing the revocation of Articles 370 and 35A as a condemnable act. He said Pakistan's Parliament would continue to stand by the people of Jammu and Kashmir until they attained their right to self-determination.

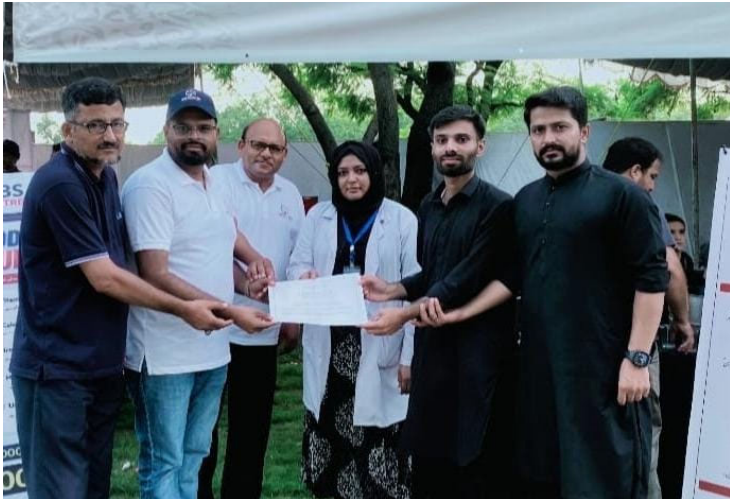
Free Medical Camp Organized for Participants of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) Chehlum Procession in Islamabad

By FT Reporter :

ISLAMABAD---A large free medical camp was organized in Islamabad for participants of the Chehlum procession of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) through the joint efforts of Ideal Lab & Diagnostic Centre, the District Health Office Islamabad, the Ministry of Health, Sehat.com, The Trust of Hussaini, and Popular International.

The camp provided free Hepatitis B and C screening, medical consultations, blood sugar tests, blood pressure monitoring, general health check-ups, and other essential laboratory tests. Thousands of men, women, and elderly participants in the procession benefited from the free medical services.

District Health Officer Islamabad, Syeda Rashida Batool, visited the camp and reviewed the arrangements. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman and Founder of Ideal Lab, Aamir Raza, said that Ideal Lab would continue organizing such free medical camps in



the future as part of its commitment to serving the public.

CEO of Ideal Lab Tariq Pervez, Chairman of Sehat.com Abdul Waheed Babi, Dr. Asim, Chairman of The Trust of Hussaini Syed Shahzaib Ali Kazmi,

Muhammad Shehbaz of Popular International, along with a large team of doctors, paramedics, and volunteers, actively participated in the camp and provided medical assistance to thousands of procession participants.

Only 7 Out of 500 Nurses Pass NCLEX as National Assembly Committee Questions Rs 87 Million Government Funded Training Programme

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- The National Assembly Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has raised serious concerns over the government funded NCLEX Nursing Training Programme after learning that only seven out of 500 trained nurses have passed the NCLEX examination so far.

During the committee meeting NAVTTC officials informed members that 500 nurses completed training 182 applied for the examination and only seven successfully cleared the test. The programme, launched

to prepare Pakistani nurses for international employment opportunities, particularly in the United States, has a total cost of Rs 150 million of which Rs 87 million has been released.

Committee members questioned whether public funds were being used effectively citing the programme's low success rate. They also sought details about the selection process for the training partner asking why no open competition was held and whether other qualified institutions were given an opportunity to participate.

NAVTTC officials defended the initiative saying it was an initial

project operating under a result-based funding model and that the remaining funds would only be released after agreed performance targets were achieved. They also stated that a bank guarantee was in place to safeguard public money.

The committee decided to summon representatives of the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council at its next meeting to explain the selection process for both trainees and the training institute. Chairperson Mahtab Akbar Rashdi directed the authorities to ensure complete transparency and accountability before any further expansion of the programme.

Khaqan Waheed Khawaja Reaffirms Support for Kashmir Cause

BY: FT Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD--- Chairman of the Pakistan Awaami Quwat Party and Chairman of Rawal General & Dental Hospital and Rawal Foundation, Khaqan Waheed Khawaja, said that August 5 (Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir) serves as a reminder of India's unilateral decision in 2019 to revoke the special constitutional status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Speaking to delegations of political and social leaders at his office, he said Pakistan would continue to stand with the Kashmiri people in their struggle for fundamental rights, freedom, and the right to self-determination. He described the Kashmir issue as not merely a territorial dispute but a matter of human rights, justice, and conscience.



Khawaja paid tribute to the sacrifices of the Kashmiri people and reaffirmed his commitment to raising their cause at every available forum. He also urged the international community to take notice of the situation in IIOJK and play its role in ensuring the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

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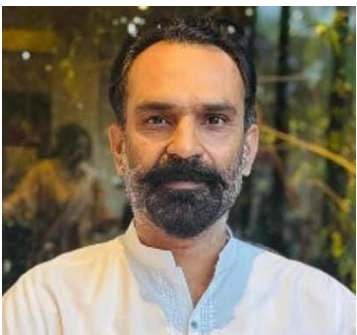
occasion were Dr. Nisar Khan, Dr. Haroon Khan, Javed Abbasi, Asad Abbasi, Muhammad Maroof, Zaheer Kiani, Qari Saleem Abbasi, Zafar Mehmood, Raja Ashfaq, Raja Muhammad Shaukat, Chaudhry Allah Ditta, Chaudhry Zafar Iqbal, Raja Azhar, Chaudhry Maqbool, Javed Khan, Asad Khan, and other political and social leaders.

PTI Farmers Wing Observes Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD---Central Secretary Information of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Farmers Wing, Khalid Nawaz Sadhraich, strongly condemned India's unilateral action on August 5, 2019, revoking the special constitutional status of Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir. In a press statement issued on Tuesday in connection with Youm-e-Istehsal (Day of Exploitation), Sadhraich termed August 5, 2019 a "black chapter" in modern history and demanded the immediate reversal of the illegal measures taken by the Indian government under Articles 370 and 35A. "Farmers Wing leaders and farmers shall wear black strips on their arms to observe black day", he mentioned.

He asserted that the Farmers Wing of PTI alongside entire Pakistani nation



and people of Kashmir shall observe August 5 (Today) as a Black Day to reject New Delhi's illegal occupation and demographic changes in the region.

"India's move on August 5, 2019, was an unprovoked attack on the identity and fundamental rights of the Kashmiri people, violating international laws and

relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions," Sadhraich stated. Emphasizing the solidarity of the agricultural community with the Kashmiri people, the Farmers Wing leader highlighted that rural populations and farming communities across Pakistan stand firmly behind the Kashmiri struggle for self-determination. He added that durable peace and economic stability in South Asia remain impossible without a just resolution to the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

Sadhraich called upon the international community, human rights organizations, and the United Nations to fulfill their obligations by holding India accountable for human rights violations in the occupied territory and ensuring the Kashmiri people receive their right to self-determination.