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48 terrorists killed in IBOs across Balochistan over 72 hours: ISPR



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Security forces killed 48 “Indian sponsored terrorists” in intelligence-based operations (IBOs) in Balochistan over the last 72 hours, the military’s media wing said on Friday. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the anti-terrorist operations were carried out in Mastung, Quetta, Kalat and Sibi districts against “Indian proxies, Fitna al-Hindustan and Fitna-al-Khawarij”.

The federal government last year officially designated all terrorist groups operating in Balochistan as “Fitna al-Hindustan”, accusing India of sponsoring a proxy war through these outfits. “During comprehensive anti-terrorist operations with

increased tempo in Balochistan, in last twelve - twenty four hours Security Forces have conducted multiple Intelligence based operations in Mastung, Quetta, Kalat and Sibi District of Balochistan, against Indian proxies, Fitna al Hindustan & Fitna al Khwarij sending to hell thirty six Indian sponsored terrorists,” ISPR said. The military’s media wing noted that on September 4 2026, during the conduct of an operation in Mastung, the movement of terrorists was “identified and engaged” by security forces, further adding that the intense exchange of fire resulted in the killing of six “Indian sponsored terrorists”. The statement also added that a cache of ammunition and improvised explosive devices

was also destroyed on-site. ISPR stated that “in another engagement, an intelligence-based operation was conducted in the general area of Shaban, district Quetta. During the conduct of the operation, own troops identified four Khwarij hideouts and, after an ensuing fire exchange, neutralised twenty-six Khwarij”. The statement further added that another IBO was conducted in Kalat, stating that during the conduct of the operation, security forces raided a terrorist hideout and killed two Indian sponsored terrorists.” In Bhag area of district Sibi, swift response by security forces in conjunction with local population foiled terrorist attempt to raid police station, Bhag. During the fire exchange, two Indian sponsored ter-

rorists were sent to hell,” ISPR said. The statement noted that in the “last forty-eight to seventy-two hours, 48 terrorists belonging to Indian proxies, Fitna al Hindustan & Fitna al Khwarij have been neutralised across Balochistan”. ISPR said that “sanitisation operations were being conducted to eliminate any other Indian sponsored terrorist found in the area”, noting that the relentless counter terrorism campaign under vision “Azam e Istehkam” (as approved by Federal Apex Committee on National Action Plan) by security forces and law enforcement agencies of Pakistan would continue at “full pace” to wipe out menace of “foreign-sponsored” and supported terrorism from the country.

PM, ADB vice-president discuss early groundbreaking of ML-1



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Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday stressed the need for the early groundbreaking of the Main Line-1 (ML-1) railway project, saying the Karachi-to-Peshawar corridor was vital for modernising freight transport and strengthening regional trade connectivity, the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) said. According to the PMO. It was discussed during a breakfast meeting between the prime minister and Asian Development Bank (ADB) Vice President for South, Central and West Asia Yingming Yang in Islamabad on Friday. PM Shehbaz said upgrading ML-1 was “essential for modernising freight logistics, strengthening regional trade connectivity, and supporting major industrial initiatives”. The meeting discussed the need for the “early groundbreaking of ML-1”, which the PMO said was vital for infrastructure development and modernising connectivity.

“The meeting reviewed the multi-decade development partnership and chart out priority interventions under the new Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) 2026-2030,” it added.

Welcoming Yang on his first official visit to Pakistan as ADB vice president, PM Shehbaz praised the bank’s “consistent professionalism and responsiveness” in delivering transformative urban infrastructure, transport, and public service projects in the country.

The prime minister also said Pakistan had successfully navigated a difficult economic recovery through “rigorous fiscal, structural, and governance reforms”.

“These corrective actions have restored macroeconomic stability, reinforced investor confidence, and earned stable outlook

upgrades from major international credit rating agencies including Fitch, Moody’s, and S&P,” he said.

PM Shehbaz reaffirmed the government’s commitment to long-term economic transformation and “stressed that the administrative bottlenecks are being actively dismantled through dedicated execution task forces.” The meeting also explored ways to expand cooperation in several sectors, including support for the private sector, energy security and food security.

“Expanding cooperation in various sectors, the meeting explored collaborative avenues in support for private sector, energy security, food security, enhancing support in export competitiveness, Artificial Intelligence and Information Technology,” the PMO said.

The meeting concluded with a “mutual pledge to translate the strategic priorities of the CPS 2026-2030 into concrete, high-impact results”. The PMO said the partnership was aimed at driving sustainable growth and “visibly enhance the standard of living for the people of Pakistan”.

In a meeting with ADB on Thursday, Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Cheema called ML-1 a “flagship project of national significance and a key priority for Pakistan”, as the government pushed to accelerate work on the long-delayed railway corridor. The ADB welcomed progress on the project and agreed to help establish a joint working group on reforms in Pakistan Railways.

The Main Line-1 (ML-1) is a planned 1,733-kilometre upgrade of Pakistan’s main railway corridor, linking Karachi with Peshawar through major cities including Lahore and Rawalpindi.

Nepra Allows Battery Storage for Future Solar, Wind Projects



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ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Friday allowed the government to require mandatory Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) as part of an upcoming auction for 800 megawatts of renewable power capacity from wind and solar projects, aimed at helping stabilise an electricity supply facing serious duck curve challenges.

After a delay of more than 30 years, the government has announced the auction process for a notional 800MW of capacity as part of its efforts to gradually move towards a competitive energy market. It is currently engaging with the private sector to finalise the bidding schedule.

Facing serious duck curve challenges, the government had decided in July to make BESS mandatory for bidders as part of the upcoming auction. The regulator approved the move through amendments to the “wheeling auction process”, allowing the Independent System Operator (Ismo) — a subsidiary of the power division — to formally issue a request for proposals for the first block of the 400MW auction within the current month. Under the first of three key amendments to the previous wheeling auction process, prospective bidders would be required to commit to having BESS comprise at least 10 per cent of their proposed wind or solar capacity, the regulator stated.

“An auction participant that intends to participate in the auction by utilising solar and/or wind generation technologies shall only be eligible to participate in the auction if the firm capacity of its BESS located at the site of the generation facility is equivalent to at least 10pc of the firm capacity of its solar and/or wind generation facility,” it said.

For the first auction conducted by Ismo, participants are to submit their proposals within two months of the publication of the request for proposal (RFP).

FO rejects India’s claims over Narowal temple demolition as ‘false, politically motivated’

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The Foreign Office (FO) on Friday rejected India’s allegations over the reported demolition of a century-old Hindu temple in Narowal as “false and politically motivated,” saying the structure had been damaged by torrential rains. India’s Foreign Ministry on September 2 expressed concern over reports of the destruction of the historic temple in Siraj village, describing it as an act of vandalism against a century-old minority place of worship. “We categorically reject the false and politically motivated assertions made by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs,” FO spokesperson Sajjad Haider Khan said in response to media queries regarding the temple at Adda Siraj, Narowal. “Unlike the false propaganda being peddled by India, the temple’s structure was damaged on July 21, 2026



due to torrential rains,” Khan said. He added that local authorities had already surveyed the damage caused by the rains and “initiated steps for the restoration of the building.” “It is, therefore, shameful that India is distorting facts and resorting to cheap gim-

micks,” the spokesperson said. According to the Pakistani government, the over-century-old temple had collapsed following torrential rains. However, a minority rights group had claimed that the structure was deliberately demolished to facilitate the expansion of an adjoining seminary.

Khan said India’s “distortion of facts” could not divert attention from its treatment of minorities. “Such deliberate distortion of facts cannot distract attention from India’s abysmal record of systematic persecution of minorities and state-sponsored attacks against their places of worship,” he said.

“The world is well aware of the weaponisation of Hindutva ideology against minorities,” the spokesperson concluded, noting that Indian leadership “must be held accountable” for the persecution of Muslim, Sikh and Christian communities.

Judicial Commission Seeks Job, Housing for Cab Driver

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KARACHI: The judicial commission probing the murder of Mir Raza Ali expressed displeasure in a written order published on Friday over the treatment meted out to the ride-hailing app driver who provided key information in the case. The commission instructed Investigation Officer (IO) DSP Siraj Lashari to contact the driver’s employer and landlord and request that his contract be renewed. Justice Omar Sial also directed Lashari to assure both that the driver was not a suspect but a key witness who had cooperated with authorities in establishing facts surrounding the incident. Mir Raza, a young entrepreneur, was murdered and his body was dumped in bushes near a wedding hall in Karachi’s Gulistan-e-Jauhar.

His body was found a day after his disappearance was reported to police on July 28. A second post-mortem was conducted after the initial examination failed to provide the required answers, confirming that he had been tortured and killed. Raza’s family continued to seek the formation of a joint investigation team (JIT) for a transparent probe into the incident.

Acting President Gilani briefed on regional security situation

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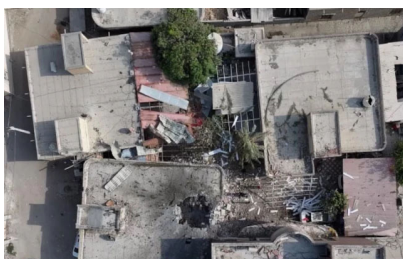
ISLAMABAD: Acting President, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday was briefed on the regional security situation, especially matters affecting Pakistan’s peace and stability during a meeting with Pakistan’s Ambassador to Afghanistan Ubaid Ur Rehman Nizamani here at Aiwan-e-Sadr. In a separate meeting, World Chairman and Ambassador at Large, International Human Rights Commission, Dr. Muhammad Shahid Amin Khan, also called on the acting president and presented him the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Lifetime Achievement Award, a



Presidency’s news release said. In another meeting, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) City President for Multan, Malik Naseem Labar, called on the acting president and apprised him of political mat-

ters related to Multan and South Punjab. Chairman of National Insurance Company Limited, Ali Syed, paid a courtesy call on Acting President Gilani and apprised him of the performance.

Deadly strike on Iranian wedding was likely a direct hit by a US munition, analysis shows



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An explosion that ripped through a wedding celebration in southern Iran on Tuesday, killing four people and injuring at least 68 others, likely resulted from a direct hit by a US munition and not a ricochet off another target, according to an analysis by weapons experts who reviewed images and video verified by Reuters.

The incident in the small town of Kuhestak has reignited concerns about the civilian toll in the US war with Iran and marks the most dramatic case since a missile struck an Iranian primary school in February, killing scores of children and teachers inside.

The US Central Command had announced its forces carried out multiple strikes across Iran’s south on September 1, targeting Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps air defence sites, radar systems, and communica-

tions facilities. The barrage came in retaliation for earlier Iranian attacks on US military assets around the Gulf. On Thursday, US President JD Vance said the United States was investigating the strike. “We’re investigating it because obviously we care. We want to know,” Vance said during a White House press briefing. The US military said it was aware of reports and was looking into them. Iran’s delegation to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

On the night of the attacks, dozens of residents had gathered in a home in Kuhestak for a wedding ceremony, according to eyewitnesses. During the party, a munition likely struck the building’s roof.

Reuters shared video and images of the incident with four military weapons experts who said the damage was consistent with a direct hit, as opposed to secondary damage from a munition ricocheting off a separate target.

Three of the experts said the munition was likely a US weapon, rather than an errant Iranian air defence missile.

After the strike, bloody shoes lay amid the rubble, and wedding decorations that are common in that part of Iran were strewn about, the images show. One eyewitness sent a voice note to Reuters moments after the strike, saying: “Kuhestak is destroyed.



Candidate for the position of Secretary General of the United Nations H.E. Ambassador Olara Otunnu called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

DPO Gujarat Visits Chamber of Commerce, Assures Business Community of Full Security

Report: ANI :

GUJARAT -- District Police Officer (DPO) Gujarat Faisal Shahzad visited the Chamber of Commerce, where President Ahmed Hasan Mattu and other officials warmly welcomed him.

The DPO listened to the concerns of the business community and issued on-the-spot directives for their immediate resolution. He assured traders that all available resources are being utilized to protect their lives and property.

Faisal Shahzad said Gujarat Police would continue its efforts to safeguard the business community and stressed that there would be no com-



promise on law and order. He also visited the Police Service Center, Women Enclave and Pankville established at the Chamber. Later, the Chamber President presented the DPO with a shield of honour.

Nayyar Bukhari Calls for National Consensus on New Administrative Units, Stronger Local Governance

Report: ANI :

ISLAMABAD -- Former Senate Chairman and senior political leader Syed Nayyar Hussain Bukhari has called for a broad-based national debate and consensus among all provinces and political parties before the creation of new administrative units.

Speaking at an interactive session at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Bukhari said major governance decisions should be based on consultation and consensus among all stakeholders. He also endorsed ICCI's concerns regarding Islamabad's governance and called for accountability within the Capital Development Authority (CDA) where negligence had contributed to administrative problems.

On the NFC distribution, Bukhari said the issue of Islamabad's share also needed to be addressed and an appropriate mechanism developed.

ICCI President Sardar Tahir Mehmood stressed that the business



community, MNAs, public representatives and other stakeholders must be meaningfully involved in policymaking. He said policy decisions taken without stakeholder input could not deliver sustainable solutions.

He also called for CDA planning, infrastructure and civic facilities to be aligned with Islamabad's present and future needs, while urging practical and transparent measures for fire safety in commercial buildings.

Former Minister Chaudhry Imtiaz Safdar Warrich, former State Minister Tasneem Qureshi, former MPA Sania Kamran and ICCI senior member Babar Bhatti also shared their views on governance, institutional coordination and ease of doing business.

The session was attended by ICCI executive members and a large number of business community representatives.

CDA Conducts Fire Safety Mock Drill at Parliament House Islamabad

BY : Kiran Shehzadi/ANI

ISLAMABAD --- The Capital Development Authority (CDA) conducted a special fire safety mock drill at Parliament House to assess and strengthen emergency preparedness and response mechanisms.

A simulated fire situation was created to evaluate evacuation procedures, emergency communication, rescue operations and other essential safety measures. Parliament House officers and officials actively participated in the exercise and extended full cooperation to CDA staff.

Officials said such drills are aimed at improving institutional preparedness, strengthening safety



systems and ensuring the protection of human lives while minimizing potential losses during emergencies.

Government Elementary School Zafarabad Hosts Annual Milad-e-Mustafa SAW

BY: City Reporter ANI :

SARGODHA -- Government Elementary School Zafarabad, Rangpur Baghour, organized its annual Milad-e-Mustafa ceremony, bringing together education, devotion, ethics and character building.

Assistant Education Officer Rangpur Baghour Malik Muhammad Imtiaz Naseem attended the ceremony as chief guest, while Headmaster Malik Abid Iqbal presided over the event. Teachers, students and other participants attended in large numbers. The programme began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by heartfelt Naat recitations by students. Speakers highlighted the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, emphasizing love, brotherhood, tolerance, justice, good character, respect for humanity and the importance of knowledge.

Malik Muhammad Imtiaz Naseem appreciated the school's



educational and character-building activities and stressed the importance of promoting Islamic values among students.

Prizes were also distributed among the institution's outstanding students in recognition of their academic and co-curricular achievements.

The ceremony was conducted by stage secretary Malik Muhammad Khalid Naseem. The participants appreciated the efforts of Headmaster Malik Abid Iqbal, teachers and the school administration in organizing the event and promoting moral and spiritual development among students.

Muzaffarabad: AJK Acting President Meets Prime Minister Iftikhar Gilani



Report: ANI :

Muzaffarabad: Acting President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Tariq Farooq met Prime

Minister Iftikhar Gilani. President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Shah Ghulam Qadir, was also present during the meeting.

The meeting discussed the overall political situation in Azad Jammu and Kashmir and matters of mutual interest.

Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Reviews Development Projects and Tourist Facilities in Murree

BY: Kiran Shehzadi/ ANI

MURREE -- Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Salman Ghani, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Murree Agha Zaheer Abbas Sherazi and concerned officers, conducted a detailed visit to various areas of Murree to review ongoing development projects, civic amenities, parks, hospital facilities and arrangements for tourists.

During his visit to the newly constructed Murree Hospital, the Commissioner reviewed medical facilities, departments, cleanliness, fire safety and emergency arrangements. He directed officials to complete all necessary measures on time and ensure the hospital becomes fully operational with quality healthcare facilities.

Salman Ghani also inspected Bagh-e-Shaheedan and PHA Park Murree, reviewing landscaping, plantation, walking tracks, lighting, cleanliness, green belts and public facilities. He directed offi-



cials to further beautify public spaces while preserving Murree's natural environment.

Later, a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office reviewed development schemes, Mall Road works, beautification initiatives and tourist arrangements. The Commissioner directed that development projects be completed

within stipulated timelines without compromising on quality.

He emphasized that Murree, being a major tourist destination, must provide clean surroundings, improved roads, well-maintained parks, basic amenities, effective traffic management and a safe and pleasant environment for visitors.

Punjab Police Enhances Security Across Province on IG's Orders

BY: ANI Correspondent:

LAHORE -- On the directions of Inspector General Police Punjab Abdul Karim, security was placed on high alert across the province, including Lahore, on the occasion of Friday prayers.

Security arrangements were strengthened at mosques, Imambargahs, shrines, markets, business centres and other sensitive locations, while effective police patrolling and monitoring were carried out along major highways and around places of worship.

IG Punjab directed DPOs and field officers to remain present in the field and personally review security arrangements. He said maintaining law and order and protecting the



lives and property of citizens remained the top priority of Punjab Police. Following Friday prayers, police officers also met citizens at

various mosques, listened to their concerns and directed relevant officials to take necessary measures for their resolution.

Attock Reviews Dengue Prevention Measures, Directs Departments to Strengthen Surveillance

By: ANI Correspondent:

ATTOCK: Additional Deputy Commissioner (Municipal Services) Anil Saeed chaired a meeting on dengue prevention and control at the Municipal Committee Hall, attended by heads of various departments and district-level officers.

The meeting reviewed dengue prevention measures, control activities and the performance of relevant departments. The Additional Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to discharge their responsibilities with dedication and ensure effective coordination in line with the



directives of the Chief Minister of Punjab.

He emphasized that dengue is a serious public health concern and called for strengthened surveillance for dengue larvae, sanitation, preventive operations and public awareness campaigns. Anil Saeed warned that

negligence or dereliction of duty would not be tolerated and directed officials to complete all activities on time and ensure effective field monitoring to address potential dengue threats promptly. He urged all departments to work collectively to protect the lives and well-being of citizens.

Important Meeting Held to Accelerate Murree's Development and Improve Tourist Facilities

BY: ANI Correspondent:

MURREE -- An important meeting was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Sulaiman Anil, to review ongoing development projects and measures aimed at improving facilities for tourists in Murree.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Murree Agha Zaheer Abbas Sherazi, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Umar Owais Kiyani, Additional Deputy Commissioner General Kamran Sagheer, Assistant Commissioner Murree Captain (Retd.) Arshad Iqbal, and other concerned officers.

The participants reviewed ongoing development works, particularly projects on Mall Road, beautification ini-



tiatives, civic facilities and measures for providing better services to tourists. Special emphasis was placed on ensuring the quality, pace and timely completion of development projects. Various proposals for further beautification of Murree, improvement of civic infrastructure and provision of

better facilities to tourists were also discussed.

The Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure quality standards and complete development projects within the stipulated timelines to make Murree more attractive, accessible and tourist-friendly.

US Trade Delegation Visits Quaid-e-Azam Museum in Karachi

Report: ANI :

KARACHI --A Houston-based US trade delegation visited the Quaid-e-Azam Museum, also known as Flagstaff House, in Karachi to learn about Pakistan's history and the life and legacy of the country's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The delegation included Dr. Mubashir Chaudhry, CEO of USP Corporate; Pearl Vuobinen, Vice President; Alessandra Lin Mi, Corporate Compliance Manager; Mahmood Ahmed Khan, Managing Director of Star Marketing (Pvt) Ltd; and Syed Turab Shah, Convener of the FPCCI Central Standing Committee on Corporate Relations and Communication.

Secretary General of Quaid-e-Azam House Museum Commodore Malik Sadeed welcomed the delegation,



while Executive Secretary Iram Fawad briefed the visitors on the museum's historical significance.

During the visit, the delegation viewed rare photographs, historical documents, personal belongings, furniture, books, gifts and other original items associated with Quaid-e-Azam.

Mahmood Ahmed Khan appreciated the preservation and upkeep of

the historic site, describing Quaid-e-Azam's simple and dignified lifestyle as an inspiration, particularly for the younger generation.

The delegation said the visit provided an informative and meaningful connection with Pakistan's national history and highlighted the importance of preserving the country's heritage for future generations.

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WHEN BUSINESS BECOMES ACTIVISM: THE NEW LANGUAGE OF GLOBAL LEADERSHIP



By Sadat Choudhary | Canada Published By:ANI News Agency

S a d a t Choudhary is a Canada-based entrepreneur working at the intersection of cultural diplomacy, activism, and social justice.

A few months back, I sat in a community hall in Toronto, folding chairs, a coffee urn nobody ever quite empties, listening to a group of young Pakistani-Canadians talk about a housing project back home. Half of them were engineers. One was a lawyer. Another ran a small logistics outfit out of Mississauga. Nobody had shown up to talk about margins. A flood had displaced families in a province most of them had never even lived in, and they wanted to do something that would actually hold up, not just something that felt good for a weekend.

By the end of the night, they had sketched out a plan that looked more like a business proposal than a fundraiser. A modular housing supply chain, sourced partly in Pakistan, financed through diaspora contributions structured as loans rather than gifts, with a repayment schedule that would let the project keep funding itself instead of relying on one good year of donations.

I drove home thinking about how thin the line has gotten between business and activism. We used to treat those as two different jobs. Now I'm not sure they are.

The Line We Were Taught to Draw For a long time, we were handed a version of the world where business meant growth and margins, and activism meant causes and protest, and you kept the two in separate folders. You could care about both. You just weren't expected to practice both in the same meeting.

That divide made more sense when markets were smaller. When your customers and your workers and your neighbours were roughly the same people, a business carried its own built-in accountability, because you'd run into the consequences of a bad decision at the mosque or the market or your kid's school. Globalization loosened that. Capital started moving faster than conscience could keep up with, and a company could shape lives on the other side of the planet without any-

one involved ever having to sit across a table from the people affected.

That's changing again, though not because the world got smaller in the old geographic sense. It's changing because everyone can see everything now. A garment worker can post directly to a customer without a press release sitting in between. A community near a mining project can tell its own version of events before head office has drafted a statement. The people who used to be a footnote in a business plan have phones in their pockets, and once a decision's consequences are visible, somebody eventually asks why those consequences weren't part of the plan to begin with.

Purpose Isn't a Marketing Word Here

I'll admit "purpose-driven business" makes me wince a little these days. It gets slapped on so many websites that it's stopped meaning much. What I'm pointing at is closer to a working skill than a slogan: knowing a community well enough to build something that actually serves it, rather than something that just pulls value out of it.

I've watched this up close. Entrepreneurs I know working between Canada, Pakistan, and the Gulf have learned that the deals that last aren't usually the ones with the cleverest financing. They're the ones where somebody on the team actually understood the local context before the contracts got signed. A factory runs better once someone has bothered to ask the workers what's slowing them down. A trade relationship survives a bad year because the partners had already built enough trust to be honest about it instead of quietly disappearing.

Call it activism, call it just doing the job properly. Either way, it's the habit of paying attention to people who are easy to overlook, and building that attention into how the business actually runs, not tacking it on as a side project once the real work is done.

The Diaspora Is Already Living This

I keep returning to the diaspora because this shift seems to happen there without anyone naming it. A Pakistani-Canadian entrepreneur sourcing textiles doesn't think of supply chain ethics as some corporate compliance category. She hears about conditions at the factory from a cousin who still lives nearby, and that cousin will tell her the truth, because her name is on the line in that community, not just on the

invoice. A UAE-based investor with family scattered across South Asia doesn't need a consultant to explain reputational risk. He already knows he might see these people at a wedding next year.

That's the convergence I keep noticing. It isn't that businesses have suddenly grown a conscience out of nowhere. It's that more of the people running them belong, personally, to the communities their decisions touch. Close that distance, and doing right by people stops being a matter of optics and starts being a matter of self-respect.

What This Asks of the Next Generation

If that's accurate, the leaders who do well over the next decade won't be the ones best at keeping business and conscience in separate rooms. They'll be the ones who never needed separate rooms in the first place, people who can sit in a boardroom in the morning and a community hall in the evening and not have to switch languages.

That's harder than it sounds. It means staying patient with slow relationships in an industry obsessed with quarterly numbers. It means letting yourself be corrected by people with far less capital than you but far more knowledge of the ground you're standing on. It means judging success by something other than the number at the bottom of the page.

None of this makes business softer, as far as I can tell. A return can be manufactured for a while with the right accounting. Trust from a community can't be manufactured at all. It gets earned, tested, and earned again, deal after deal, year after year, and there's no shortcut through that part.

A Question Worth Carrying Around

So maybe the real question for anyone building something across borders right now isn't "where's the opportunity." It's closer to: if the people affected by this decision were sitting across the table, would I be comfortable explaining it to their faces?

Most of the time, if the honest answer is no, the business plan needs more work than the financing does.

That night in the Toronto community hall has stuck with me for that reason. Nobody in that room said the word "activism." They talked about returns and repayment schedules and supply chains. But what they were actually building was trust, the kind that won't show up on a balance sheet in year one but tends to be the only thing still standing by year ten.



By Ms Sumblina Hassan Former Secretary to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Former Consultant to the Foreign Office, Islamabad In Charge of Office 10, UK RCC, Bilawal House

Yet again, we are faced with sad and devastating news of floods in Pakistan, and one cannot imagine the disruption of life economically and emotionally. Sadly, people have perished as a consequence of this tragedy.

The recent floods in Rawalpindi and Islamabad, the capital city, on September 1, 2026, have claimed three reported deaths. We have been told that heavy monsoon rains have triggered severe urban flooding, which led to many roads and low-lying areas being submerged in sewage and tons of volumes of rain. This has become a recurring cycle or pattern since 2010 and 2022-2025.

I have many questions and concerns, and I'm certain our public is also beginning to wonder why we are having such extreme weather. The government must seriously address this issue. Though it spends millions on coordinated efforts to set up defences against climate induced extremes, is it really providing a solution to the problem, and is the money spent on this issue being spent wisely?

Back in 2012, the former President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, claimed that Western countries were finding ways to block rain clouds from reaching Iran. He said that they were essentially manipulating weather patterns, in a sense that the US had found ways to sanction rainfall. The media laughed it off as a conspiracy theory. People believed at the time that no one could control the weather.

But this conspiracy was to be proven wrong. Iran had been experiencing multi-decade droughts. Then the recent war broke out between the US and Iran. It was reported that systems connected to weather tracking, as well as weather control and even cloud-seeding operations, were obliterated, with Iran destroying radar systems and systems across the region, including systems connected to weather modification operations. In fact, every base around Iran was destroyed. Suddenly, it came to light that Iran witnessed sudden record-setting rainfall. Videos have emerged showing heavy rainfall in many areas across Iran. Is this a coincidence?

Before jumping to any conclusions, let's see the facts, history and speculation. We are constantly aware that water shortages have hit agriculture, cities and daily life. It is not debatable that cloud seeding is very real, documented, and has been a practice used for decades. In fact, countries like the United Arab Emirates have invested heavily in cloud seeding as they do not have natural water resources.

So, the idea that humans can influence weather is not up for debate.

Appeal Urges International Legal Action for Yasin Malik

Respected Dr. Syed Nazir Gillani,

We hold your immense services and international legal insight in the highest regard. With this trust and hope, we present to you a crucial and heartfelt appeal.

Dr. Sahib, Yasin Malik, at this time, is enduring imprisonment in India for the cause of Kashmiri people's right to self-determination. Without delving into his past or political ideology, we only wish to emphasize that Yasin Malik is a patriotic leader of the freedom movement and one of the most popular figures among the Kashmiri people. We fear that, if not addressed urgently at the international level, his life is at serious risk. We humbly and sincerely ask you: could you not bring Yasin Malik's case to a suitable international legal forum? You, as an eminent international

The real question is how much and to what effect, even to the point of it being used as a weapon of war.

The US has a long history of considering whether to use weather as a weapon against geopolitical opponents. The US contemplated this possibility as far back as 1965. The CIA conducted cloud-seeding operations to extend the monsoon season in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. This operation disrupted agriculture and destroyed Vietnamese supply lines during the Vietnam War. It is noted that President Lyndon Johnson made a big statement by saying, "He who controls the weather controls the world."

It is common knowledge that the CIA set up a real atmospheric research site in Colorado with HAARP, which is the High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program. To clarify these projects and their true purpose, one has to consider the Colorado connection. Before HAARP was built, early atmospheric heating experiments were conducted at Platteville Atmospheric Observatory in Colorado. This observatory was specifically built to determine and demonstrate how radio waves mix and interact within the Earth's upper atmosphere. However, this facility was not run by the government but by military research groups looking into basic radio science.

As we know, HAARP is run by DARPA. Its true purpose is to use a large array of antennas to transmit high-frequency radio waves into the ionosphere, which is the ionised layer of the Earth's atmosphere. Scientists want to discover how solar particles affect satellite communications, GPS navigation and underwater submarine communication. Does this sound familiar when we observe the 5G and soon the 6G towers that emit Wi-Fi waves that have components of radiation? Even Philips street lighting in the UK has radiation and radioactive waves. These are deemed dangerous to health.

In my findings, it is also apparent that scientists and physicists and engineers have discovered ways to detect the sound of tectonic plates and the sounds of earthquakes. By doing so, they have been able to use sound to cause interference in the plates, which can cause earthquakes. So the question arises again: can they trigger earthquakes on purpose?

All respects to Senator Sherry Rehman, former political secretary to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto. She has been well renowned for advocating climate change solutions. She served as a climate change coordinator and effectively launched the Indus institution to restore and protect the ecological health of the Indus River. She managed to spearhead global negotiations to establish the Loss and Damage Fund in order to financially support developing nations suffering from climate disasters.

Pakistan has also successfully been able to conduct its first-ever cloud-seeding operation with direct connections with the United Arab Emirates. To achieve this process, the



UAE provided aircraft to fire salty flares into moisture clouds to induce precipitation. Hence, the military involvement successfully transitioned into utilising its own local technology.

Nonetheless, one has to ascertain how this technology really serves the masses. What is its purpose, and what ethical, spiritual and moral value does it serve? So far, we have witnessed death and destruction on a worldwide scale. And we are told that these are due to natural disasters, but are we far from the truth?

We are an Islamic sovereignty, and our principles are based on Islamic thought. In Surah An-Nur (24:43), Allah Ta'ala questions us by saying, "Do you not see that Allah Ta'ala gently drives the clouds, then joins them together and piles them up into masses from which you see rain-drops come forth..."

In Surah Al-A'raf, Allah Ta'ala again reminds us in verse (7:57): "And it is He who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy until, when they have carried heavy rain clouds. We drive them to a dead land and we send down rain therein."

There are many, many more Surahs explaining God's mercy to us, and He is solely the Creator and the Controller of the weather. We are expected to believe He only has the power to be the one who controls the weather and not us! Lands, lakes and rivers are formed by His knowledge, and by His command, intention and calculation in order to serve man and preserve his existence. The desert sandstorms revive and spread across continents, giving nutrients to other lands. When we interfere in His affairs of weather operations, then by doing so, we can do more harm than good to ourselves. These are not natural disasters but man made disasters, as by interfering, we disrupt the whole ecological system.

Knowledge is power, but it should be used in the interests of human beings and not be used to cause mass casualties and destruction. We could tomorrow be fined or imprisoned for collecting our own water, as is the case in some urban towns in America.

Our defence forces, scientists and public communities should be seriously involved in research and work together in attaining information regarding weather manipulation and the probabilities of its negative effects. Government intervention and government institutions should be set up so that they can help prevent catastrophes. Treaties should be made internationally and with neighbouring countries to endorse agreements between them to prevent such disasters; otherwise, they should be served hefty fines for destroying economies and causing death if they have used weather as weapons against their fellow man.

Pakistan: The Country That Knows How to Talk to Everyone



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A few days ago, an Indian journalist asked

Pakistan's renowned journalist Hamid Mir an intriguing question: "How does Pakistan manage to keep America and China, Saudi Arabia and Iran, all happy at the same time?"

The question may have sounded simple, but it captured one of the most remarkable features of Pakistan's foreign policy: its ability to maintain relationships with countries that are often strategic competitors or even adversaries of one another.

Pakistan's real achievement is not that it keeps everyone happy. It is that it keeps talking to everyone.

This distinction matters. For decades, Pakistan's geography has compelled it to maintain relationships with competing centres of power. China remains Pakistan's most important strategic partner, with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor at the heart of bilateral economic cooperation. At the same time, the United States remains a major global economic, diplomatic and security power with which Pakistan cannot afford to sever ties.

The challenge becomes even more complicated when Saudi Arabia and Iran are added to the equation.

Saudi Arabia is one of Pakistan's oldest strategic and defence partners, while Iran is its immediate western neighbour, sharing a long border and deep historical, cultural and economic connections with Pakistan.

For Islamabad, therefore, choosing one camp against the other is not a luxury. It can be a dangerous strategic mistake.

Pakistan's approach has increasingly been based on a simple principle: national interest should determine foreign policy, rather than permanent alignment with any single power.

Afghanistan provides perhaps the clearest example.

During the long Afghan conflict and the subsequent peace process, Pakistan maintained channels with Washington, Beijing, Moscow, the Taliban and the Afghan government. Islamabad's ability to communicate with multiple sides became particularly important during the Doha peace process, when diplomatic engagement was required between actors who had spent years fighting

one another.

That experience has now given Pakistan another potentially important role: facilitating communication between Washington and Tehran.

During the 2026 crisis, Pakistan positioned itself as a supporter of dialogue and diplomacy rather than confrontation. Islamabad's message has remained consistent: regional disputes cannot be resolved permanently through military force alone.

This is where Pakistan's strategic value becomes apparent.

Its strength is not simply its military capability. It is also its diplomatic access.

Pakistan can speak to Washington without abandoning Beijing. It can maintain a strategic relationship with Riyadh without severing communication with Tehran. It can cooperate with China while continuing to engage the United States.

That balancing act is extremely difficult.

Pakistan's relationship with Saudi Arabia has also entered a new phase. In September 2025, the two countries signed a Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement, under which aggression against one country would be treated as aggression against both.

In 2026, Pakistani military and air assets were deployed in Saudi Arabia amid escalating regional tensions. Whatever the precise number of personnel and aircraft involved, the strategic message was unmistakable: Pakistan's defence relationship with Saudi Arabia is no longer merely symbolic.

Yet this should not automatically be interpreted as Pakistan abandoning Iran.

That is precisely where Pakistan's diplomacy becomes more interesting.

Islamabad has continued to maintain diplomatic communication with Tehran while deepening its security relationship with Riyadh. In conventional geopolitical thinking, these positions may appear contradictory.

For Pakistan, they are not necessarily contradictory.

They are the consequence of geography.

Iran cannot be moved somewhere else. Saudi Arabia cannot be ignored. China cannot be replaced. America cannot simply be wished away.

Pakistan therefore has little choice but to develop the diplomatic ability to deal with all of them simultaneously.

This is perhaps what some observers have misunderstood for decades.

Pakistan is not necessarily successful because it is "pro-American," "pro-Chinese," "pro-Saudi" or "pro-

Iranian." Its most sustainable position is to be pro-Pakistan.

The real test, however, is whether Islamabad can convert this diplomatic balancing act into a coherent long-term national strategy.

That requires more than military strength. It requires economic stability, political continuity, institutional credibility and a foreign policy that survives changes of government.

The contrast with 1999 is striking.

On October 25, 1999, Time magazine famously placed Pakistan on its cover with the question: "Can Pakistan Be Saved?"

The question reflected a country facing severe economic and political pressures, international isolation and the consequences of its nuclear tests.

Twenty-seven years later, the question has changed dramatically.

It is no longer simply about whether Pakistan can save itself.

The emerging question is whether Pakistan can use its geography, diplomatic relationships and strategic capabilities to help prevent a wider regional conflict.

That does not mean Pakistan can single-handedly "save the world." Nor should Islamabad imagine that balancing rival powers is an unlimited diplomatic superpower.

Every balancing strategy has risks. Washington will have expectations. Beijing will have interests. Riyadh will have security concerns. Tehran will have its own red lines.

Pakistan will inevitably disappoint some partners at some point.

But diplomacy is not the art of making everyone happy.

It is the art of ensuring that disagreements do not become disasters.

Pakistan's greatest strategic asset may therefore be its ability to remain in the room when others leave it.

If Islamabad can strengthen its economy, maintain political stability and preserve strategic autonomy, its geography can become an asset rather than a burden.

Its relationships with competing powers can become diplomatic capital rather than strategic contradictions.

And its borders can become bridges rather than battlefields.

In 1999, the world asked whether Pakistan could be saved.

Today, perhaps a more appropriate question is:

Can Pakistan turn its unique ability to talk to everyone into the diplomatic strength needed to help keep a deeply divided region from going to war?

That may ultimately be Pakistan's most important test—and perhaps its greatest opportunity.



Ishaq Dar Meets UN Secretary-General Candidate, Uganda’s Special Envoy

Report: ANI ;

ISLAMABAD -- UN Secretary-General candidate Ambassador Olara Otunnu and Uganda’s Special Envoy and former Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda met Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad.

The meeting covered the evolving global landscape and challenges facing the multilateral system. Ishaq Dar reaffirmed Pakistan’s commitment to multilateralism and stressed the need for effective implementation of decisions reached at international forums.

He also underscored the importance of respecting international law and implementing UN Security Council resolutions, particularly those concerning Palestine and Jammu and Kashmir. Ishaq Dar expressed hope that the next UN Secretary-General would play an effective role in strengthening the UN’s capacity to address contemporary global chal-



lenges. Ambassador Otunnu appreciated Pakistan’s contribution to international peace and security, including its role in UN peacekeeping missions,

while praising Pakistan’s diplomatic efforts for regional peace and stability. Ruhakana Rugunda also invited Ishaq Dar to visit Uganda.

Ayaz Sadiq Calls for Responsible Stewardship of Pakistan’s Wildlife

BY: Hurish Shah FT

ISLAMABAD -- National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has called for a balanced and sustainable approach to wildlife conservation, stressing the protection of natural habitats, responsible use of resources, scientific breeding and community participation.

Addressing a gala dinner organised by Safari Club International (SCI) Pakistan in Islamabad, Ayaz Sadiq said Pakistan’s rich biodiversity and natural heritage could only be preserved through concerted conservation efforts.

The Speaker expressed concern over environmental degradation, melting glaciers and the recurring loss of lives and infrastructure due to floods. He highlighted the importance of green energy and noted that Pakistan’s Parliament became the world’s first Green Parliament in 2015.

He also spoke about a rainwater-harvesting initiative at Parliament House and said efforts were being considered for a National Assembly reso-



lution to discourage unnecessary tree cutting and promote water conservation facilities in newly constructed houses.

Ayaz Sadiq called for stronger measures against poaching and stressed that wildlife management should increasingly rely on scientifically managed breeding and conservation programmes.

He said protecting markhors and other wildlife was essential for ecological balance, preserving Pakistan’s natural heritage and strengthening the country’s international image.

The Speaker invited international SCI members to visit Pakistan’s northern areas, glaciers and the mountains of Balochistan. He also presented an award to Saazgar Engineering Works Limited Founder and CEO Mian Asad Hameed, while Federal Minister for Defence Production Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj presented awards to SCI members, conservationists and other stakeholders.

Murree Police Showcases Outstanding Performance in 2026, Effective Measures Underway to Prevent Crime and Protect Citizens and Tourists

BY: Crime Reporter ANI :

MURREE -- District Police Officer (DPO) Murree, Raja Tanveer Supra, briefed media representatives on the overall performance of Murree Police during 2026, the prevailing crime situation and measures taken for the protection of citizens and tourists during a press conference held at Jinnah Hall Murree.

Representatives of various TV channels, newspapers and other media organizations attended the press conference.

The DPO stated that during the current year, 9 murder cases were registered in which 30 suspects were nominated, while 19 were arrested. In 5 kidnapping cases, five children were safely recovered. Police also arrested several suspects in robbery, theft, mobile phone and vehicle theft cases and recovered stolen property.

As part of the crackdown against drug dealers, 116 cases were registered and 129 suspects arrested during 2026. Police recovered 75 kilograms and 5 grams of hashish, 140 litres of liquor and 22 grams of ice from their possession.



In operations against illegal weapons, 53 cases were registered and 61 suspects arrested.

The DPO further said that police operations against proclaimed offenders and court absconders resulted in the arrest of 75 proclaimed offenders and 40 court absconders.

He said effective use of the Safe City Project, modern surveillance cameras, patrolling and technology is continuing to ensure the safety of citizens and tourists. Facilities including the Safe Tourism Murree App, WhatsApp

Service and Text to DPO have also been introduced to facilitate tourists.

He added that open courts are being regularly held for the prompt resolution of public complaints. Furthermore, 179 new police posts have been filled to strengthen the policing system in the newly established district of Murree.

DPO Murree Raja Tanveer Supra said that Murree Police is utilizing all available resources to protect the lives and property of citizens and tourists, maintain law and order and promote safe tourism in the region.

US Trade Delegation Meets Mian Zahid Hussain at FPCCI



BY: ANI Correspondent:

KARACHI -- A Houston-based US trade delegation met FPCCI Advisory Board Chairman and prominent businessman Mian Zahid Hussain at Federation House Karachi to discuss Pakistan’s economic challenges, investment opportunities and trade prospects.

The delegation, led by Dr. Mubashir Chaudhry, CEO of USP Corporate, included Pearl Vuobinen, Vice President; Alessandra Lin Mi, Corporate Compliance Manager; and Mahmood Ahmed Khan, Managing

Director of Star Marketing (Pvt) Ltd.

The meeting focused on rising production and energy costs, inflation, trade challenges and opportunities to strengthen local production and exports.

Mian Zahid Hussain stressed the need for long-term economic policies and stability to encourage investment and enable businesses to expand. He also highlighted the importance of stronger government-private sector cooperation and a simplified tax system.

Dr. Mubashir Chaudhry said the delegation’s visit aimed to explore

investment opportunities in Pakistan and urged the government to facilitate foreign investors by creating a supportive business environment.

Mian Zahid Hussain assured the delegation that FPCCI would raise the business community’s concerns with the government and relevant institutions. The meeting concluded with a call for greater cooperation to support economic reforms and improve the country’s business environment. Mian Zahid Hussain also presented shields to members of the visiting delegation as a gesture of appreciation.

Eid Milad-un-Nabi SAW Ceremony Held at Government Model High School Nowshera

BY: ANI Correspondent:

SARGODHA -- A spiritually uplifting Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ ceremony was held at Government Model High School Nowshera with great devotion and reverence. The ceremony commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by heartfelt Naat recitations by the students in praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Headmaster Sir Muhammad Adnan, Humayun Iqbal, Allama Muhammad Aamir, veteran teacher Abdul Ghani, former District Teacher Educator Muhammad Usman Ghazi, Fayyaz Ahmed, and other teachers attended the ceremony.

The speakers highlighted the blessed life and teachings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the significance of Durood-o-Salam, good moral character, brotherhood, tolerance, and the importance of adopting the Prophet’s



exemplary way of life in practical affairs. On the occasion, the students presented a collective 2.5 million recitations of Durood Sharif as a tribute to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Prizes, honorary shields, and certificates were distributed among students who demonstrated outstanding performance. Teachers who achieved a 100 percent result in the annual Grade 9 and Grade 10 examinations were also presented with certificates of appreciation.

Sir Muhammad Bilal Haider, Sir Muhammad Adnan, and other teachers rendered special assistance in making the ceremony successful. The speakers said that such blessed gatherings play an important role in fostering love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ, Islamic values, and good character among students.

PANAH Think Tank Urges Government to Expedite Front-of-Pack Warning Labels

BY: FT Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD: PANAH’s Think Tank has urged the Government of Pakistan to expedite mandatory Front-of-Pack Warning Labels (FOPWLs) on ultra-processed foods high in sugar, sodium and unhealthy fats. The demand was made at PANAH’s 5th Think Tank meeting, chaired by President Maj Gen (R) Masud Rehman Kiani and attended by health experts, policymakers and civil society representatives.

Participants highlighted the rising burden of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other non-communicable diseases, stressing the need for healthier food environments.

Maj Gen (R) Kiani said clear warn-



ing labels would help consumers identify unhealthy products and make informed choices.

PANAH General Secretary Sana Ullah Ghumman said an evidence-based FOPWL proposal submitted to PSQCA over two years ago remains under discussion.

The Think Tank urged PSQCA and the Ministry of Science and Technology to expedite mandatory FOPWL standards to protect public health, especially children and young people.

Raja Parvez Ahmed Khan Congratulates Newly Elected AJK Prime Minister and Ministers

BY: FT Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD -- Pakistan Muslim League-Azad Kashmir Central Executive Council Member Raja Parvez Ahmed Khan has extended heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and all members of his cabinet, particularly Dr Mustafa Bashir and Raja Saqib Majeed.

Raja Parvez Ahmed Khan expressed confidence that the newly elected Prime Minister and his cabinet would succeed in improving the situation in Azad Kashmir and steering the region towards development and progress.



Indonesia-Pakistan Academic Youth Forum 2026 Strengthens Youth Diplomacy

BY: ANI Correspondent:

KARACHI -- Students and academics from Indonesia and Pakistan gathered at Iqra University, Karachi, for the Indonesia-Pakistan Academic Youth Forum 2026, aimed at promoting dialogue, mutual understanding and stronger youth engagement between the two countries.

Organised by the Consulate General of Indonesia in Karachi in collaboration with Iqra University and Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY), the forum focused on the theme, “Celebrating Independence, Building the Future: The Role of Indonesian and Pakistani Youth in Bridging Friendship and Global Cooperation.”

The forum provided a platform to discuss youth leadership, education, innovation, technology and entrepreneurship, while participants explored shared challenges and ways young people can contribute to national development.

The programme also featured institutional presentations, cultural performances, interactive activities and group sessions, enabling



Indonesian and Pakistani students to exchange experiences and deepen cultural understanding. Dr. M. Zaki Rashidi, Director of Iqra University Main Campus, highlighted the importance of cross-border youth cooperation, while Dian Ratri Astuti, Consul for Information and Socio-Cultural Affairs at the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi, stressed the growing role of academic and youth diplomacy in addressing global

challenges such as artificial intelligence, climate change and economic uncertainty. Held following the Independence Days of Pakistan and Indonesia, the forum also highlighted the shared responsibility of young people to promote innovation, social development and stronger international partnerships. The event further opened avenues for cooperation between UMY and Iqra University, including student and faculty exchanges,

Syed Manzoor Ahmed Shah Pays Rich Tribute to 1965 War Heroes

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ISLAMABAD -- Chairman Ittehad Islami IOJK Syed Manzoor Ahmed Shah has paid rich tributes to the martyrs and veterans of the Pakistan Armed Forces on the occasion of Defence Day, recalling their courage and sacrifices during the 1965 war.

In his message, Shah said September 1965 remains a significant chapter in Pakistan’s history, marked by courage, national unity and determination. He praised the Army, Air Force and Navy for displaying bravery across multiple fronts.



He particularly recalled the Chhamb-Jourian, Rann of Kutch, Lahore, Sialkot-Chawinda and Khem Karan sectors, as well as the role of Pakistan Air Force pilots in defending the country’s airspace.

“Our martyrs paid the ultimate price so that our homeland could live in peace and honor,” Shah said, adding that the sacrifices of 1965 demonstrated the importance of faith, unity and national resolve in defending the country.

He paid tribute to the Shuhada and veterans and reaffirmed his commitment to defending Pakistan’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.