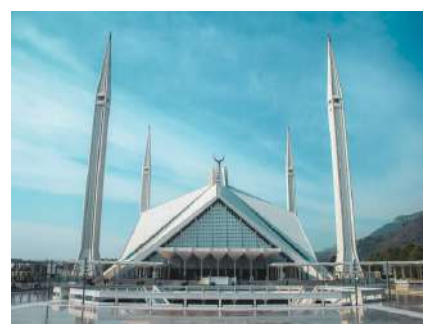


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37 terrorists killed in KP ground, air operations: Info Ministry



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ISLAMABAD: Security forces have killed 37 terrorists in large-scale ground and air operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and areas along the Afghanistan border, according to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

According to the ministry, intelligence-based ground operations were conducted in Kohat, Hangu and Thall. Nine terrorists were killed during operations in Kohat and Hangu on September 20.

Security forces also targeted ter-

rorist hideouts in the border region adjoining Afghanistan. Three hideouts belonging to Fitna al-Khawarij and affiliated terrorist groups were destroyed during the operation.

The Ministry of Information said a training centre for suicide bombers was also destroyed. A total of 28 terrorists, including several suicide bombers, were killed in the operation, while weapons and ammunition stored at the hideouts were also destroyed.

The ministry said the threat of terrorism facing Pakistan was

originating from Afghanistan and stressed that the protection and security of citizens remained the country's top priority.

According to the statement, maximum precautions were taken during the operations to avoid civilian casualties and property damage, while terrorist centres were targeted with precision.

The ministry said the counter-terrorism campaign under the Azm-e-Istehkam initiative would continue with full force and vowed to eliminate foreign-sponsored and supported terrorism from the

country.

The operations came amid heightened security activity in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa following recent attacks in Kohat and Hangu. In a separate operation in Hangu, the military said eight terrorists were killed in an exchange of fire, while six security personnel were martyred.

The Ministry of Information has also said that Pakistan's recent airstrikes in the border region targeted terrorist camps and hideouts linked to recent attacks in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

PTI conveyed message in 'ongoing' talks at federal level, says Gohar

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Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar said that dialogue with relevant figures at the federal level has been underway "since yesterday evening" to address the party's stance on recent detentions. Barrister Gohar's remarks came as the PTI prepares for a nationwide protest and march towards Islamabad on September 27, demanding the release of its incarcerated founder Imran Khan and supremacy of the Constitution. The Imran Khan-founded party has maintained that it will proceed with its planned protest, with preparations for the mobilisation continuing across the country.

Speaking to the media in Peshawar, the PTI chairman said that the party had urged the relevant authorities to refrain from taking such measures, warning that the treatment being meted out to the former premier's family members and party leaders was regrettable. He said further arrests would aggravate the situation and stressed that the time had come to prevent conditions from deteriorating further. He also emphasised the need to reduce tensions. Meanwhile, following Aleema Khan, Imran Khan's sisters, Noreen Niazi and Uzma Khan, have also been placed under detention and transferred to Kot Lakhpat Jail for 30 days.

A petition has also been filed in the Lahore High Court challenging Aleema's detention. Earlier in the day, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said the government will adopt a permanent strategy to handle the planned march, warning that the country will not be allowed to remain shut for 10 to 20 days due to demonstrations. Addressing a press conference in Lahore, Naqvi said the government would take measures "once and for all" to prevent a repeat of such situations.

'Dialogue viable path out of current national crisis'

Meanwhile, the Tehreek-e-Tahafuz-e-Ayyin-e-Pakistan condemned the arrest of Aleema, saying that first Imran was "unjustly" kept in jail, and now the women of his family are also being "targeted for political revenge".

In a statement, the TTAP also strongly condemned the arrests of parliamentarians, political workers, and ordinary citi-



zens, as well as the blocking of highways by placing containers, and stated that responding to peaceful political activities with arrests, obstructions, and state repression is tantamount to further deteriorating the country's political environment.

Senate Leader of Opposition Allama Raja Nasir Abbas said that dialogue remains the only viable path out of the current national crisis.

He urged Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to constitute a committee of political figures, proposing that negotiation teams from both the government and opposition sides sit down together to work out a solution. The Senate Opposition Leader noted that even the most complex global conflicts are eventually resolved at the negotiation table, adding that genuine progress can be achieved if political leadership engages directly. Reiterating the opposition's readiness to engage, Senator Raja Nasir stressed that negotiations must be meaningful and involve empowered individuals with the authority to make decisions.

He stated that the opposition's doors for talks remain open, whether the government chooses to sit down today or in the future, maintaining that when political leaders engage in dialogue, solutions to the nation's current difficulties will inevitably emerge.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi said that the party is committed to hit the streets, stating, "We are standing firm and we will conduct a long march. No one can strip us of our democratic right to protest." In a presser alongside Gohar and PTI leader Asad Qaiser, CM Afridi said that the party did not hold any major marches and has been strictly adhering to peaceful means for the past two years. Yet, the PTI leadership and workers continue to face "state repression".

Naeem demands complete withdrawal of petroleum levy to provide relief



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SUKKUR: Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman has demanded the complete withdrawal of the petroleum levy, saying the measure is necessary to provide relief to the public amid rising inflation.

Addressing a press conference in Sukkur, Hafiz Naeem said five rounds of negotiations had been held over the petroleum levy. He said the government claimed it would not impose the levy, but questioned where the money would come

from if the levy was withdrawn.

He said the petroleum levy had placed a burden of Rs135 billion on the public, urging the government to take steps to protect people from the ongoing wave of inflation. Hafiz Naeem said the petroleum levy should be completely abolished to provide relief to the people, adding that rising

inflation had made life difficult for ordinary citizens. The JI emir said the party's march and protest movement was for people across Pakistan, adding that the first phase of the protest march had been completed successfully. He further said Jamaat-e-Islami had no intention of resorting to violence or arson. He added that reducing the policy rate could benefit the country's economy. Recent reporting shows that the JI government's negotiations over the petroleum levy had reached five rounds, while the party continued its protest march towards Islamabad.

Interior Minister Naqvi warns PTI against Sept 27 protest call, urges party to change course



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Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Monday warned PTI against its proposed September 27 long march, urging the party to refrain from proceeding with the protest. Naqvi's remarks come as the party prepares for a nationwide protest and march towards Islamabad on September 27 to press for the release of its incarcerated founder, Imran Khan. "We have clearly told them (PTI) that they can never achieve anything through such drama, and I will say again that there is still time, they should not go into this situation," Naqvi said during a press briefing, advising the party to "not enter a dead-end street". The interior minister vowed the government will not "leave any loopholes" in its response if the party went ahead with the protest. He held that PTI's majority leadership was not in favour of the march. "[However], if they do, then we have the Islamabad High Court (IHC) order, and the government will ensure its implementation." The IHC order, issued on September 14, ruled that no political party or its leader-

ship has the "lawful right to occupy public roads, highways, interchanges, toll plazas and buildings in Islamabad".

Naqvi appealed to PTI to adopt a different approach. "Do not harm yourself and your workers," he said.

On being asked if the government had any "long-term solution" to PTI's frequent protest calls, the interior minister said, "I believe this time we will find a permanent solution; we will leave it halfway."

When asked why the government was reluctant to shift PTI founder Imran Khan to a private health facility — as requested by his party and family — amid concerns about his health, the minister said doctors examined Imran last night. "If they demand that his check-up should be done at a hospital, then we did have one last night [...] we are already fulfilling the demand," Naqvi said. "As for the treatment that is prescribed under the law, we will do everything according to the law. But we will not do it simply because they are demanding it," the interior minister added. Naqvi, during his talk, reiterated that PTI's senior leadership was not in favour of the march. On being asked if the interior ministry will fulfil its role in the upcoming protests, he said, "This time, we will fulfil our role completely."

When asked whether the federal government had any plans to ban the party, the interior minister reiterated, "As I am telling you, this time we will find a once-and-for-all solution. We cannot afford this every time."

JUI-F will support no-confidence motion if tabled, says Fazl

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ISLAMABAD: JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Monday said his party would support any no-confidence motion against the government if it was tabled, while warning that the ruling coalition would become a minority government if the PPP withdrew its backing. Addressing a press conference, Maulana said the opposition was not currently in a position to bring a no-confidence motion and that no such move was under consideration at present. However, he made clear that JUI-F's position was that the government could neither be formed nor sustained without the party's support.

He called for an in-camera session of



Parliament House to brief the nation on the country's situation, saying closed-door meetings of parliamentary leaders served no purpose. "The nation is being kept unaware of the entire situation," he said, adding that problems should be brought to parliament while

those sitting in government remained silent.

Maulana said the government's writ was absent in two provinces, with street crimes rampant in Sindh and banks being looted in broad daylight in Balochistan. "There is no system capable of protecting banks or citizens," he said. He revealed that a JUI-F senator, Abdul Shakoor Khan, had been stopped at the airport the previous day and prevented from travelling to China. He also said ministers in his province were being stopped on roads.

"When some parties announced protests, Islamabad was filled with containers," he said. Maulana said the country was under increasing debt pressure, inflation had risen sharply, and the public's suffering had no remedy.

Tarar visits families of Kohat attack victims, vows to eliminate terrorism

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Information Minister Attaullah Tarar on Monday visited the families of police personnel martyred in last week's deadly attack in Kohat, offering condolences to the bereaved and vowing that the government would not rest until terrorism was eliminated. At least 21 people, including 15 police personnel and six civilians, were killed when an explosion struck a mosque at Kohat's Police Lines during Friday prayers, followed by an attack involving several armed terrorists, according to an initial incident report issued by the DHQ Hospital Kohat medical superintendent and district health officer. More than 100 people were injured in the attack. Tarar visited the residence of policeman Faheemullah, the only brother of three sisters, who was among those killed. He met his father, Ikramullah, and offered Fateha for the departed soul, state-run Radio Pakistan reported. Speaking at a press conference later, Tarar said the victims had sacrificed their lives for the safety of the country and that their families would not be left alone.

Tehran lauds Pakistan's efforts for regional peace as Naqvi meets Iranian counterpart

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Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi held discussions with his Iranian counterpart Eskandar Momeni in Tehran to deliberate on bilateral cooperation and review current regional developments. "In the meeting, progress was reviewed on the ongoing cooperation between the interior ministries of both countries in various sectors," the interior ministry posted on X.



The meeting was held amid stalled talks between the United States and Iran to end the war that began in February this year. Since the start of

the war, Pakistan has been playing a key role in reducing tensions and promoting regional peace.

The ministry added that Momeni thanked Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir for their efforts towards regional peace and stability.

"We are grateful for Pakistan's continuous efforts to establish peace in the region and the recent visit was very beneficial," the Iranian interior minister said.



Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi, presenting a souvenir to Maj. Gen. Mohammad Shahzad Khan, Chief Instructor, National Defence University (NDU), at the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Shaza formally inaugurates ‘The Innovation Hive’ established by USEFP

ANI- ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Monday formally inaugurated ‘The Innovation Hive’, established by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP), by cutting the ribbon at a ceremony held here.

The ceremony was attended by US Embassy Chargé d’Affaires Natalie Baker, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), STEPI Pakistan, Dr. Mazhar H. Qureshi, Director, Alumni Affairs, USEFP Mazhar Awan, and other prominent personalities.

Addressing the ceremony, Shaza Fatima Khawaja thanked the US Embassy and USEFP, saying that ‘The Innovation Hive’ is not merely a building or an office, but a strong bridge that will provide Pakistani entrepreneurs with direct access to the US market and investors with-



out having to leave the country, while also creating broader opportunities for young people to advance.

Highlighting the historical ties and economic cooperation between the two countries, the Federal Minister said that the United States is Pakistan’s largest export market, accounting for around 20 percent of Pakistan’s total exports during fiscal

year 2025-26. She said that bilateral trade exceeded US\$ eight billion in 2025, while under the Pakistan-US trade agreement reached in July 2025, US import duties on IT services, textiles and other sectors were reduced.

She added that Pakistan had, as a goodwill gesture, abolished the five percent Digital Services Tax.

The Federal Minister said that the combined enterprise value of Pakistan’s VC-funded startups has exceeded US\$ four billion.

She said startups raised US\$ 74.2 million in funding in 2025, while funding for startups founded or co-founded by women increased from US\$ 5.5 million in 2024 to US\$ 10.1 million in 2025.

‘The Innovation Hive’ will serve as a permanent platform connecting Pakistani talent directly with the US market, mentorship opportunities and the alumni network.

What Shenzhen taught me about the future of Asia-Pacific media

ANI- There are cities you visit and cities that make an argument. Shenzhen belongs to the second kind. Some four and a half decades ago it was a modest fishing town on the edge of the Pearl River Delta. Today it is one of the most technologically advanced cities on Earth, and it served as a fitting stage for a gathering about where media in our region is headed.

The Asia-Pacific Media Forum opened on Saturday in Shenzhen under the theme “Building a Path to Shared Prosperity for the Asia-Pacific Community: Media Consensus and Action”. It brought together more than



400 representatives from over 220 media organizations, think tanks, government agencies, diplomatic missions and international bodies, drawn from

42 countries and regions. As one of the speakers, I came away with three convictions.

The first is that regional media cooperation is finally moving beyond goodwill. Forums often end with warm words and little else. This one produced architecture. At the opening ceremony, 16 founding organizations from China and abroad jointly formed the Organizing Committee of the Asia-Pacific Media Partnership Program, and participants endorsed a Shenzhen Consensus that covers open cooperation, digital, smart and green transformation.

Russian Embassy in Pakistan Reports 130 Votes Cast in State Duma Elections

ANI- ISLAMABAD: Comment by Ambassador Albert P. Khorev to TASS News Agency Following the Voting held at the Embassy (September 20, 2026):

Voting at the polling station at the Embassy of Russia in Pakistan has successfully concluded.

A total of 130 people cast their ballots, including the leadership and staff of the Embassy and Trade Mission, their family members, as well as Russian citizens residing in or temporarily staying in Pakistan.

Observers from the Civic Chamber of Russia present at the polling station noted that voting was conducted in full compliance with the estab-



lished procedures, with no violations identified.

It should be noted that the voting took place amid a challenging social situation, with heightened protest activity and partial traffic restrictions in Islamabad.

Nevertheless, the Embassy, in

close coordination with the Pakistani authorities, took additional measures to inform Russian citizens and arranged convenient transportation to the polling station. All necessary conditions were created to enable Russian citizens residing in Islamabad and the surrounding areas to cast their ballots.

I would like to personally thank all Russian citizens who exercised their right to vote in the elections of deputies to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation of the ninth convocation, demonstrating a strong sense of civic responsibility.

EU, Pakistan sign €65 financing agreements

ANI- ISLAMABAD: The European Union and Pakistan, here on Monday, Sign €65 million in financing agreements to support global gateway investments, strengthen the rule of law and business environment and enhance energy and environment resilience.

The programmes include ‘Global Gateway development facilitation for Pakistan’, ‘Energy and Natural Environment Resilience in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa’ and ‘EU Support to the Rule of Law and Business Environment in Pakistan.

This cooperation package operationalises the EU and Pakistan’s shared commitment to promoting economic and energy development and advancing the rule of law, according to press release issued by Economic Affairs Division.

The agreements were signed by the EU Ambassador to Pakistan, Raimundas Karoblis and Secretary Economic Affairs Division, Muhammad Humair Karim.

Funded under the EU’s Multiannual Indicative Programme 2021-2027, the



initiatives focus on three main aspects of Pakistan’s development.

The press release said, the ‘Global Gateway development facilitation for Pakistan: Investment Management and financial enabling environment’ project aims to attract more foreign investment to Pakistan by improving the tax sys-

tem and strengthening the government’s long-term financial planning.

The ‘Energy and Natural Environment Resilience programme in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)’ is designed to expand renewable energy in rural communities that are not connected to the electricity grid.

Ambassador Naeem Khan, Strengthens Pakistan’s economic, diplomatic engagement with Rwanda , Burundi

ANI- ISLAMABAD: High Commissioner of Pakistan to Rwanda, Angola and Burundi, Naeem Khan recently concluded a successful visit to Burundi, marking an important step toward further strengthening diplomatic, economic and people-to-people relations between Pakistan and Burundi.

During his tour of duty, Ambassador Naeem Khan held a series of productive meetings with senior government officials, business leaders, members of the diplomatic community, civil society representatives, academics, artists, students and members of the Pakistani community, said a release issued here on Monday.

The engagements provided an opportunity to discuss matters of



mutual interest and explore new avenues for cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador Naeem Khan, Strengthens Pakistan’s economic, diplomatic engagement with Rwanda , Burundi

A key focus of the Ambassador’s

visit was the promotion of trade and economic relations. The envoy met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi and other senior officials from relevant ministries, where bilateral relations and opportunities for expanding cooperation were discussed.

Particular attention was given to enhancing commercial exchanges, encouraging business-to-business contacts and identifying areas where Pakistan and Burundi can benefit from greater economic collaboration.

Ambassador Naeem Khan also engaged with Burundi’s development authorities, Chambers of Commerce and Industries, businesspersons, importers and exporters. These interactions highlighted the considerable potential for

All Iranian airlines to shut down worldwide by Sept 23, US Treasury chief says

ANI- United States Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said on Monday that operations of all Iranian commercial airlines would shut down globally beginning on September 23.

“On September 23rd, all the Iranian airlines will be shut down around the world,” Bessent told CNBC, outlining broad secondary sanctions aimed at isolating Tehran’s civil aviation network.

Bessent explained that international hubs servicing Iranian planes would face complete exclusion from the American banking system. Foreign operators could not refuel the aircraft, provide landing facilities, or sell passenger tickets without risking their access to dollar clearing, he warned. Iranian officials did not immediately issue a public response regarding the planned aviation restrictions.

Bessent also warned third-party entities assisting Tehran that Washington had identified financial intermediaries facilitating transactions. “We’ve seen enablers throughout the world. We know who they are. They know who they are, and we are putting a stop to it,” he said. Asked whether discussions cov-



ered potential Chinese enforcement, Bessent confirmed that the matter was addressed during meetings. He noted that Washington conducted “quiet, behind-the-scenes discussions” with multiple nations rather than public spectacles, adding that Chinese financial authorities, including People’s Bank of China Governor Pan Gongsheng, remained “very engaged in the process.”

Regarding the duration and intensity of the campaign, Bessent did not specify whether the pressure would last “one week, one month, or six months” but noted the strain was “like never before.”

Mohsin Naqvi arrives in Tehran, meets Iran’s interior minister: Iranian

media

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with Iran’s Interior Minister, Eskandar Momeni, and emphasised finalising agreements to expand bilateral relations during their meeting on Monday, according to IRNA.

Earlier, Naqvi arrived in Tehran and was welcomed by his Iranian counterpart and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, according to ISNA.

Regarding the visit, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei had earlier said that the visit was taking place within the framework of bilateral relations.

He described the relations between the two countries as very good and said: “Our relations, especially in the last few months, have been growing in all areas.”

Baghaei added that “During this visit, it is planned to discuss the understandings that have already been made between the two countries, including at the level of presidents.”

Baghaei on Saturday said there was no plan to exchange any specific messages regarding mediation.

US, UK & China, top 3 destinations of Pakistani exports during Jul-Aug 2026

ANI- ISLAMABAD: The United States (US) remained the top export destination of Pakistani products during the first two months of the current financial year 2026-27, followed by the United Kingdom (UK) and China.

The US remained the largest market for Pakistani products, with exports totalling US\$1.118 billion, compared with US\$1.112 billion in the corresponding months of last year, showing a growth of 0.53 per cent.

This was followed by the UK, wherein Pakistan exported goods worth US \$413.801 million against the exports of US \$385.224 million last year, showing an increase of 7.41 per cent.

China was the third-largest export destination, where Pakistan exported products worth US \$397.758 million during the months under review, against exports of US \$354.470 mil-



lion, SBP data revealed.

Among other countries, Pakistani exports to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) stood at US \$364.994 million against US \$320.781 million last year, while exports to Germany were recorded at US \$255.301 million against US \$305.499 million last year, data said.

During July-August 2026-27, the exports to Holland were recorded at \$243.333 million against \$243.036 million, whereas exports to Italy stood at

\$201.750 million against \$215.523 million.

Pakistan’s exports to Spain were recorded at \$298.564 million against US \$242.121 million last year, while exports to Sweden were recorded at \$39.266 million against \$ 31.906 million last year.

The exports to Bangladesh stood at US \$110.749 million against US \$116.332 million.

Similarly, the exports to France during the month under review were recorded at US \$91.204 million against US \$88.548 million, while the exports to Belgium stood at US \$81.581 million against US \$86.513 million.

Pakistan’s exports to Saudi Arabia were recorded at US \$104.913 million during the current year, compared to US \$106.705 million last year, whereas exports to Turkey stood at US \$39.520 million against US \$28.542 million.

Dar arrives in New York to attend 81st session of UN General Assembly

ANI- UNITED NATIONS: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar flew into New York on Sunday afternoon to attend the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

He was received at Kennedy International airport by Pakistan UN Ambassador, Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Ambassador to the United States, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Consul General in New York Aamer Ahmed Atozai and senior officials of the Pakistan Mission and the consulate General.

DPM/FM Dar will go through a tight schedule of engagements at the United Nations.

He will participate in the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir during which he will highlight Pakistan’s unwavering support for the right to self-determination of the Kashmiris.

The Deputy Prime Minister will



also attend several OIC Ministerial meetings on the sidelines of the UNGA, including OIC Foreign Ministers’ Annual Coordination Meeting, as well as other OIC Contact Group meetings.

He will attend several high-level meetings on Palestine, including the meeting of the Group of Eight Arab Islamic countries, as well as the

High-Level Ministerial Meeting of the Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, among others.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister will deliver a statement during the UN Security Council high-level briefing on the issue of Artificial Intelligence, in addition to attending the High-Level Meeting on Pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

He will also chair the meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers.

DPM/FM Dar will hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from several countries, in addition to accompanying the Prime Minister during high-level bilateral meetings and engagements. During his engagements, he will highlight Pakistan’s ongoing efforts for regional and international peace and stability, and exchange views on important regional and international challenges.

Hundreds of flights cancelled as Typhoon Dujuan nears Japan

ANI- BAKU: Typhoon Dujuan forced the cancellation of at least 275 flights in Japan on Monday and prompted warnings of potentially record-breaking rainfall as the storm nears Tokyo, according to the Economic Times.

The typhoon, which is accompanied by high winds, has also led to the early closure in the capital of one the world’s biggest video game trade fairs and knocked out power for thousands.

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) warned on Sunday that rain and winds were expected to intensify even before the typhoon’s arrival.

“The total rainfall through



Tuesday could exceed the average monthly rainfall for September, resulting in record-breaking heavy rain,” the agency said.

The typhoon’s wind speeds were at 144 kilometres (89 miles) per hour as the storm was approximately 110 kilometres from Hachijojima, one of Tokyo’s farthest islands.

On Monday, more than 4,000 households in Chiba, next to Tokyo, were without power, while the JMA and local authorities warned residents of heavy rain and possible landslides. Japan Airlines cancelled 120 domestic and 15 international flights, while All Nippon Airways cancelled 140 domestic flights.

Railway operators in Tokyo and neighbouring regions suspended services on some lines. Tokyo Game Show, one of the world’s biggest video game trade fair which kicked off on Thursday, was called off on Monday, its final day. A major outdoor music festival and a baseball match both scheduled to be held in Chiba were also cancelled.

Huawei launches world’s first NPO-based Atlas 960E SuperPoD

ANI- SHANGHA: Chinese tech giant Huawei has launched world’s first NPO-based SuperPoD – the Atlas 960E SuperPoD at HUAWEI CONNECT 2026 to accelerate training and inference for 10-trillion-parameter models.

David Wang, Deputy Chairman of the Board and Rotating Chairman at Huawei, delivered a keynote speech titled Advancing the Agentic World, Building a Solid Silicon Foundation.

In his speech, Wang launched the industry’s first NPO-based SuperPoD – the Atlas 960E SuperPoD – to accelerate training and inference for 10-trillion-parameter models.

Huawei’s AI strategy is centered on computing power, with a focus on monetizing hardware. The company is committed to building out AI infrastructure – the silicon foundation for the intelligent world, and honing its competitive edge through systems and architectural innovation. Centering these efforts on SuperPoDs



and SuperClusters, Huawei aims to build a solid computing foundation, go open source and open system to build out computing ecosystems, and offer a new option for the world.

As foundation models approach 10 trillion parameters, SuperPoDs are the go-to choice for AI infrastructure buildout. Huawei’s SuperPoD design approach centers on connecting all cluster components under a single protocol with peer-to-peer interconnect, supporting cross-physical-server memory access, and adopting short-reach copper alongside long-reach optics. Through sustained system-level innovation, Huawei has

applied its years of expertise in optical technology to its SuperPoDs, introducing the world’s first mass-produced NPO optical engine – Hi-ONE. This product delivers industry-leading transmission capacity at 7.2 Tbit/s, and is currently the industry’s only NPO with a built-in light source.

At the event, Wang unveiled the Atlas 960E SuperPoD powered by UnifiedBus and Hi-ONE. As the industry’s first NPO-based SuperPoD, the Atlas 960E SuperPoD features an advanced orthogonal architecture and a fully liquid-cooled design. With unified memory addressing enabled by UnifiedBus, a single SuperPoD can scale to 4,096 NPUs, delivering 8 EFLOPS at FP8 precision and 16 EFLOPS at FP4 precision. By integrating 5,500 Hi-ONE units, this SuperPoD doesn’t need the 48,000 800G optical modules that would traditionally be required to connect all the NPUs.

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30,878 Students Fail: A Wake-Up Call for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa’s Education System



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Peshawar Board results raise serious questions about educational standards, accountability and the future of thousands of young people. The results of the Peshawar Board’s Intermediate Annual Examinations 2026 should not be treated as just another set of examination statistics. They raise serious questions about the quality of education being delivered to thousands of young people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

According to the results announced on September 21, a total of 66,735 candidates appeared in Intermediate Part-II examinations. Of these, 35,103 were declared successful, while 30,878 failed. The overall pass rate stood at just 52.60 per cent.

In other words, almost half of the students who reached the final stage of intermediate education could not clear their examinations.

Behind every one of these numbers is a student, a family and years of effort. Parents spend considerable amounts on education with the expectation that their children will acquire the knowledge and qualifications needed to move into higher education or employment. When tens of thousands of students fail at the same stage, the matter deserves much more than a routine announcement of examination results.

The question that now needs to be asked is simple: Why are so many students failing?

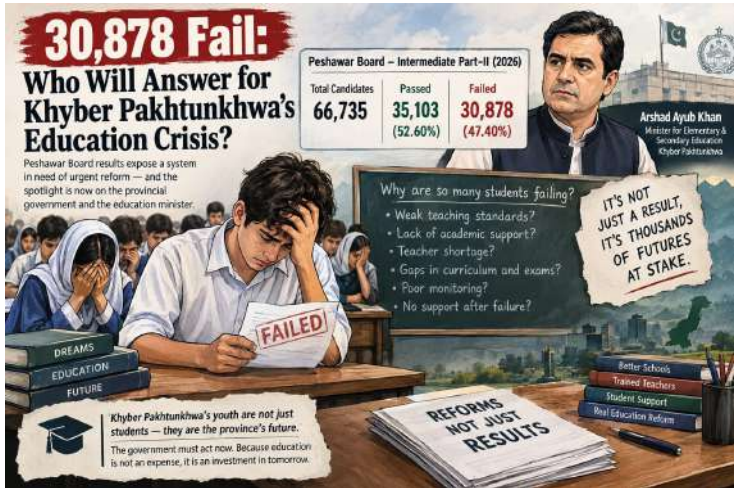
Is the problem with classroom teaching? Are students receiving adequate academic support throughout the year? Are teachers sufficiently available in government institutions? Are students being properly prepared for the examination system? Or is there a growing gap between what is taught in classrooms and what is expected in board examinations?

These questions cannot be answered by blaming students alone.

The responsibility for education is shared among students, parents, teachers, educational institutions, examination authorities and the government. However, the government has a particular responsibility to examine the system when such a large proportion of students fail.

The current provincial Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Arshad Ayub Khan, therefore faces an important policy question: what does the department intend to do about these results?

The point is not to personally attribute every failure to the minister. Examination outcomes are



influenced by numerous factors. But the minister and the education department are responsible for the broader policy environment, educational standards, monitoring and improvement of the system. The provincial government itself has repeatedly stated that improving the quality of education is a priority.

That makes the Peshawar Board results particularly important.

The provincial government has allocated Rs468.379 billion for education in the 2026-27 budget, according to an official statement by the Elementary and Secondary Education Department. The government has also announced initiatives including model schools, support for out-of-school children, free textbooks and measures aimed at improving low-performing schools.

With such substantial public resources being committed to education, the public has a legitimate right to ask whether these investments are producing measurable improvements in learning outcomes.

There is another striking feature of the results that deserves investigation.

While the Part-II pass rate was only 52.60 per cent, the reported overall success rate for Part-I was 99.60 per cent, with 31,169 students passing and 31,854 being promoted.

Such a large difference between the two stages warrants a proper academic and administrative review. It would be premature to assume a single cause, but the authorities should explain why the outcomes differ so dramatically.

The data also show significant differences between categories of institutions and students. Among male students in government institutions, 13,756 out of 35,227 candidates passed, while 21,135 failed, producing a pass rate of 39.05 per cent. Government college female students recorded a considerably higher pass rate of 74.73 per cent.

These figures should prompt the education department to conduct a detailed district-wise, institution-wise and subject-wise analysis.

Which colleges are producing the weakest results? Which sub-

jects have the highest failure rates? Are there institutions where poor performance has become a recurring pattern? Are teacher shortages contributing to the problem? Are students receiving remedial classes before examinations? And, perhaps most importantly, what happens to students after they fail?

A serious education policy cannot end with the publication of a result gazette.

Students who fail should not simply be left to repeat the same process without support. Remedial education, counselling, academic assistance and targeted programmes for weak students should become part of the response.

The government should also consider publishing a transparent assessment of the reasons behind the high failure rate. Parents deserve to know whether the problem lies primarily with attendance, teaching standards, curriculum delivery, examination preparation or other factors.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has a large and youthful population. Its young people are not merely students sitting for examinations; they represent the province’s future workforce, professionals, entrepreneurs and public servants.

Losing tens of thousands of students at the intermediate level is therefore not simply an educational statistic. It can become a social and economic concern if the underlying causes remain unaddressed.

The government has an opportunity to turn these disappointing figures into a reform agenda.

The education department should investigate the results, identify weak institutions, strengthen teacher support, introduce targeted remedial programmes and publicly report what corrective measures will be taken. The question facing the provincial education leadership is not simply how many students passed or failed. It is this: If 30,878 young people have failed at one of the most important stages of their education, what will the government do differently to ensure that next year’s result tells a different story? That is the question parents, students and taxpayers deserve to have answered.

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Fifth-Generation Warfare and Pakistan: Challenges and the tackling Road Map.



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Warfare has changed dramatically. The battlefield of the twenty-first century is no longer confined to mountains, borders, airspace or seas. Information, social media, cyberspace, artificial intelligence and public opinion have become important arenas of strategic competition. This evolving environment is often described as fifth-generation warfare (5GW) or, more broadly, hybrid warfare.

For Pakistan, the issue is particularly significant because its large young population, rapidly expanding digital environment, regional tensions and political polarisation create both opportunities and vulnerabilities. Pakistan’s National Cyber Security Policy 2021 and the National CERT framework demonstrate that cybersecurity is already recognised as a national-security concern.

The central feature of fifth-generation warfare is the attempt to influence perceptions. Instead of relying exclusively on military force, actors can use misinformation, disinformation, cyber attacks, manipulated videos, fake accounts, economic pressure and psychological operations to create confusion and distrust. Social media allows information to travel instantly, while artificial intelligence makes it increasingly easy to produce convincing manipulated audio, photographs and videos.

Pakistan’s major challenges The first challenge is disinformation and misinformation. False information can spread faster than verified news, particularly during political crises, elections, terrorist incidents or military tensions. Pakistan’s own authorities have

identified information literacy and verification as important responses to this problem.

The second challenge is political and social polarisation. When society is already divided, misleading narratives can deepen disagreements between political groups, provinces, institutions and communities. A healthy democracy requires disagreement, but it also requires citizens to distinguish legitimate political debate from deliberately fabricated information.

Third is cybersecurity. Government departments, banks, businesses, media organisations and critical infrastructure are increasingly dependent on digital systems. Pakistan’s National CERT has developed cybersecurity guidance covering areas including access control, data protection, incident response and critical infrastructure protection.

Fourth is the challenge of artificial intelligence and deepfakes. A fabricated video of a political leader, military official or public figure can potentially create confusion before journalists or authorities have time to verify it. The answer cannot simply be censorship; credible verification and rapid public communication are equally important.

Fifth is the pressure on journalism. Professional journalists have a crucial role in separating fact from propaganda. Pakistan’s media environment therefore needs stronger fact-checking, digital-security training and ethical reporting, particularly during national-security crises.

How can Pakistan respond? Pakistan needs a whole-of-society strategy rather than relying solely on security institutions. The first requirement is widespread media and digital literacy. Schools, universities and professional institutions should teach students how to identify manipulated content, verify sources and recognise emotionally charged propaganda.

Economic Stability Is the Foundation of Sustainable Growth



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When an economy is struggling to regain its footing, policymakers can

be tempted to fight fire with fire by cutting interest rates and making credit cheaper. The logic is straightforward i.e., lower borrowing costs should encourage households to spend, businesses to invest and the economy to regain momentum. Yet what works as a short-term stimulus can create longer-term challenges. However, monetary policy is not all about making money cheaper. It is the idea of providing the environment in which growth can sustain itself. In this context, the policy rate decision by the State Bank of Pakistan to keep it unchanged at 11.5 per cent is a responsible measure for the economy that has improved but is beset with high risks. The Monetary Policy Committee’s decision, which was approved by seven of its 10 members, reflects a hesitation to ease prematurely.

The macroeconomic stabilization efforts that Pakistan has achieved recently have been hard won and it is as crucial as they are to maintain the stabilization to ensure faster growth. The new inflation data offer a stark warning to be cautious. The headline inflation rate rose to 11.1 per cent in August, from 9.2 per cent in July. How quickly price pressures can re-emerge is illustrated by such a rapid improvement. When energy imports, as well as energy related commodi-

ties, have a strong influence on an economy, inflation cannot be considered a disease that has been eradicated. Of the many factors, energy prices are of special significance. The global price of oil continues to be unpredictable for Pakistan and the unpredictable geopolitical situation in the Middle East has also caused a lot of uncertainty about energy supplies, shipping routes and transportation costs. If oil prices continue to rise, the import bill will also go up, the rupee will be under pressure and the cost of producing and transporting goods and services in the economy will also go up.

The extension of the policy rate will help the central bank to have some space to act in case the external or domestic pressures escalate. Rate cuts could stimulate aggregate demand in the short term, but may prove to be a risky proposition in terms of jeopardizing the already fragile inflation stability, exchange rate stability and external account stability. This should not be at the cost of growth. Instead, it points to a need to differentiate sustainable growth from growth based on monetary incentives. There are other factors to Pakistan’s equation of interest rates. Smooth functioning of infrastructure, better access to finance, reliable energy, predictable taxation and technical upgrading and export opportunities are also essential for the businesses. This can lead to investment and productivity even with a conservative monetary policy in the face of these structural factors. The business community should, therefore, seize the current environment with an attitude of looking beyond just lower borrowing rates. Businesses that focus on productivity, energy efficiency, digitalization,

Second, Pakistan should strengthen independent and professional fact-checking mechanisms. When false information appears, accurate information should be provided quickly, transparently and with evidence. Government communication should be credible enough that citizens can distinguish official facts from political messaging.

Third, cybersecurity investment must continue. Government agencies and critical infrastructure need strong authentication, regular security assessments, trained personnel and effective incident-response systems. Recent National CERT guidance stresses that cybersecurity is a shared responsibility rather than merely a technical problem.

Fourth, Pakistan needs stronger cooperation between government, technology companies, journalists, universities and civil society. The objective should be resilience rather than blanket control of the internet.

Finally, Pakistan must strengthen the foundations of social cohesion: constitutional institutions, rule of law, economic opportunity, education and trust in public institutions. A society confident in its institutions is harder to destabilise through fabricated narratives.

Fifth-generation warfare cannot be defeated by propaganda with counter-propaganda. Truth, credible institutions, educated citizens, professional journalism and resilient digital infrastructure are the stronger long-term defence. Pakistan’s real challenge is therefore not merely to win an information battle, but to build a society in which false information finds less fertile ground. It is everyone’s responsibility to tackle such baseless and misleading news/propaganda and unite as a one nation. Pakistan is subject to more rigorously fifth war generation attacks than in the past due to the changing environment of the world and also due to its geopolitical position.

Has the War Reached Pakistan’s Doorstep? The Real Test of the Mecca Pact



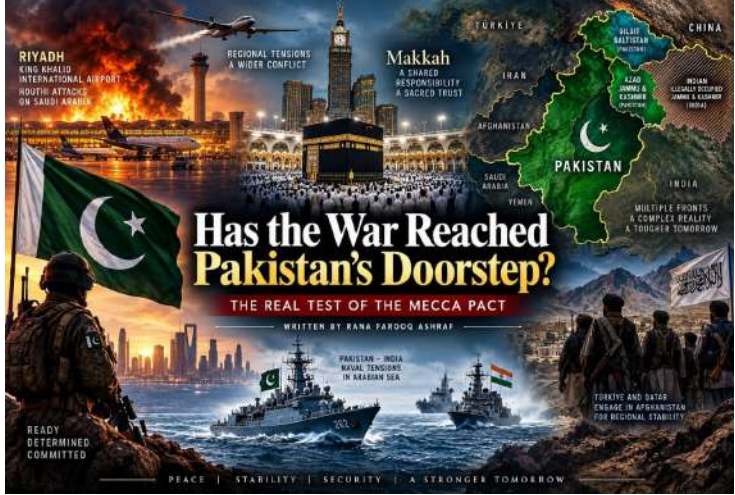
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The rapidly changing situation in the Middle East is no longer merely a regional crisis. Developments over the past few days have raised questions that Pakistan can no longer afford to ignore. The intensifying confrontation involving Saudi Arabia and the Houthis, the reported drone incident near Makkah, today’s developments near Riyadh airport, the naval confrontation involving Pakistan and India in the Arabian Sea, and simultaneous Turkish and Qatari security engagements in Afghanistan are unfolding against an increasingly volatile regional backdrop.

On September 19, Saudi authorities issued warnings over possible aerial threats in Riyadh. Explosions were reported near King Khalid International Airport, followed by fires and columns of smoke. Saudi authorities later issued an all-clear. International reports said a fire occurred near a fuel facility, while the Houthis claimed attacks against sensitive targets in Saudi Arabia. The precise nature and extent of the damage remain subject to verification.

The development is particularly significant because it follows Saudi claims that a Houthi drone was intercepted south of Makkah earlier this week. The incident caused widespread concern across the Muslim world because any threat approaching the vicinity of Islam’s holiest sites carries significance far beyond the battlefield.

Against this backdrop, Pakistani Defence Minister Khawaja Asif’s remarks regarding the implementation of the Mecca defence agreement have assumed greater importance. He has indicated that circumstances may require the agreement to become operational and that Pakistan would fulfil its commitments concerning Saudi security. At the same time, Islamabad has repeatedly emphasized that the agreement is defensive in nature and



is not directed toward creating an offensive military bloc.

The central question, therefore, is not simply whether Pakistan has made a commitment to Saudi Arabia, but what form that commitment would take if the conflict escalates. Would it involve military deployment, air-defence support, intelligence cooperation, logistical assistance, or another mechanism? The precise operational arrangements of defence agreements are not necessarily made public. Pakistan also faces another strategic challenge in the Arabian Sea. A recent confrontation involving the Pakistani Navy and India’s INS Kolkata has generated concern at a time when tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours remain sensitive. Pakistan and India have presented different accounts of the incident and its circumstances. Whatever the competing narratives, an unintended escalation at sea could create an additional security crisis for Islamabad at precisely the wrong moment.

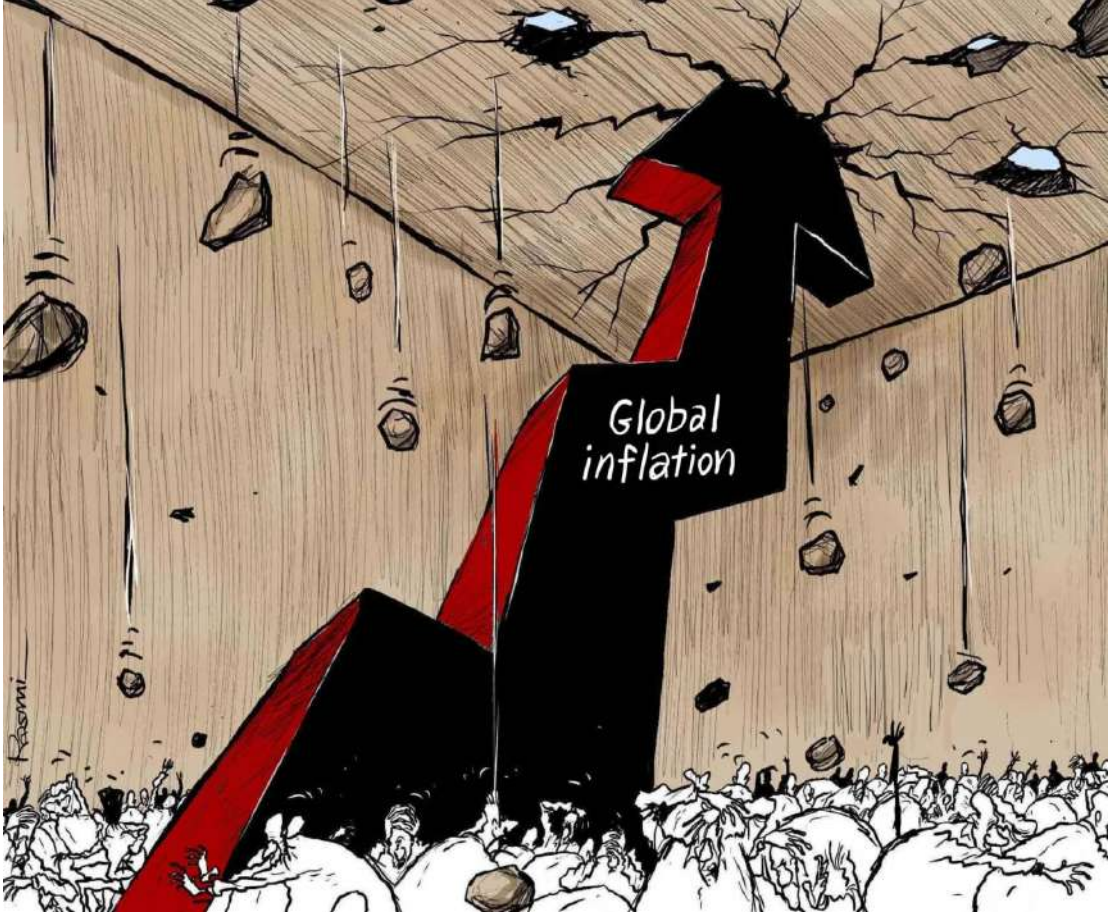
The timing of developments in Afghanistan is equally noteworthy. Turkish intelligence chief Ibrahim Kalin held meetings in Kabul and Kandahar with senior Taliban officials, while a Qatari delegation was also engaged in Afghanistan. Security, counterterrorism, regional stability and relations between Kabul and Islamabad have featured prominently in these diplomatic contacts.

For Pakistan, Afghanistan is not a secondary issue. Any decision to assume a larger security role in the Gulf would require Islamabad to consider the stability of its western border just as carefully as developments along its eastern frontier.

It would, however, be premature to conclude that all these developments are parts of a single coordinated strategy. What can be said with greater certainty is that several security theatres are becoming interconnected. Saudi Arabia is facing attacks linked to the Yemen conflict; Pakistan is managing tensions with India; Afghanistan remains a major security concern; and Turkey and Qatar are actively engaged in regional diplomacy.

The protection of Makkah and Madinah is, for Pakistan’s people, not simply a matter of military agreements. It carries profound religious significance. Yet state decisions must also account for national security, military preparedness, diplomatic consequences and the possibility of escalation across multiple fronts.

The real question facing Pakistan today is therefore not simply whether the war has reached its doorstep. The more consequential question is: how many fronts can Pakistan manage simultaneously if the regional conflict expands? The answer may determine not only Pakistan’s next strategic move, but also the future security balance of the wider region.



130-Member NDU Delegation Meets NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq

Report: Hurish shah FT:

ISLAMABAD -- A 130-member delegation of the National Security and War Course of the National Defence University (NDU), comprising senior civil and military officers from Pakistan and friendly countries, visited Parliament House and met National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq.

The delegation was led by General Muhammad Naeem Akhtar. Welcoming the participants, the Speaker briefed them on Pakistan's parliamentary system, the composition and functioning of the National Assembly, the legislative process and the role of Standing Committees.

Ayaz Sadiq said Parliament represents the people of Pakistan and highlighted its role in raising matters of national importance at domestic and international forums, including the Kashmir issue.

He outlined various initiatives undertaken by the National Assembly, including merit-based recruitment, capacity-building pro-



grammes, legislative drafting support and austerity measures. He said the National Assembly saved Rs6 billion during the last financial year.

The Speaker also highlighted Parliament's energy-efficiency, digital transformation and environmental initiatives, noting that Pakistan's Parliament became the world's first parliament to fully shift to solar energy in 2015. He also mentioned the introduction of a paperless parliamentary system and digitisation

Senator Bushra Anjum Butt Chairs Senate Education Committee Meeting, Reviews Higher Education Reforms and Student Issues



Report: Hurish Shah :

ISLAMABAD -- A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training was held at Parliament House under the chairmanship of Senator Bushra Anjum Butt. Senators Syed Masroor Ahsan, Kamran Murtaza and Khalida Ateeb also attended.

At the outset, Senator Bushra Anjum Butt strongly protested the continued absence of the Minister and Secretary from committee meetings. The Chairman HEC briefed the committee on degree attestation, AI-Khair University and the paperless online attestation system. HEC said degrees of 64,379 graduates of

Al-Khair University had been recognized, while 11,515 graduates from affiliated colleges were required to pass a comprehensive examination, a requirement upheld by the Supreme Court and reaffirmed by HEC in August 2026.

The committee was informed that HEC's paperless attestation system, operational since May 2026, has processed 73,146 cases involving 139,021 academic documents.

The committee also reviewed a complaint concerning a QAU student. The Anthropology Department stated that no student by the name used in the complaint was enrolled in the eighth semester and that the complaint was submitted through a pseudonymous email. The matter

Barrister Danyal Chaudhry Inaugurates Chaudhry Zamurd Hussain Block at Rawalpindi Kachehri

BY: Kiran Shehzadi/ANI

RAWALPINDI -- Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Barrister Danyal Chaudhry, inaugurated the newly constructed Chaudhry Zamurd Hussain Block at Rawalpindi Kachehri.

Speaking at the ceremony, Barrister Danyal said young lawyers would be provided modern facilities, including IT centres and access to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, to strengthen their professional capabilities.

He said technology-equipped lawyers would be able to provide legal services more efficiently and meet the changing demands of the profession. The Parliamentary Secretary



also highlighted plans for a modern bar management system to improve administrative affairs and service delivery for lawyers.

The ceremony was attended by Rawalpindi Bar Association President Tariq Mehmood Sajid Awan, Vice President Shazia Hashmi, General Secretary Qamar-

Long March PIMS and Polyclinic Put on High Alert, 100 Blood Bags and 10 Extra Beds on Standby

Report: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Pakistan has directed PIMS and Federal Government Services Hospital (Polyclinic) to remain on high alert following the call for a long march, with additional medical resources placed on standby.

According to an official circular, PIMS will remain on high alert until September 30. Round-the-clock ambulance availability has been ensured, while Dr. Sharjeel Zaheer has been appointed focal

person.

The heads of clinical and non-clinical departments have been directed to ensure the availability of essential staff, update duty rosters and keep emergency, ICU, operation theatre, trauma, nursing, diagnostic, blood bank and pharmacy services fully operational.

The hospital has also been instructed to ensure sufficient beds, stretchers, wheelchairs, oxygen, blood and essential medical equipment to handle a possible influx of patients. Staff leave has been

Seven Ethiopian Armed Groups Form Alliance Against Government

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ADDIS ABABA --Seven Ethiopian armed groups, including former rivals from the country's previous civil war, have announced an alliance aimed at challenging Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government.

The newly formed Ethiopian Peoples' Forces Alliance for Survival includes groups from several regions, including the Tigray People's Liberation Front and Amhara Fano National Movement.

The groups have accused the fed-



eral government of concentrating power and marginalising regions. The Ethiopian government, mean-

while, has alleged that Eritrea is supporting the alliance, a claim denied by Asmara.

Imran Khan's Sisters Detained Under MPO in Lahore

BY: City Reporter ANI :

LAHORE -- Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf founder Imran Khan's sisters Uzma Khan and Noreen Niazi have been detained under Section 3 of the Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, according to officials.

The Lahore deputy commissioner issued 30-day detention orders following a police recommendation. The two were subsequently shifted to Kot Lakhpat Jail. The development follows the detention of another of Imran Khan's sisters, Aleema Khan, amid preparations for PTI's planned September 27 protest.



Two Foreign Office Officials Arrested in Apostille Investigation

BY: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD -- The Federal Investigation Agency has arrested two Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials as part of an investigation into an alleged fake apostille and document-attestation network.

According to FIA sources, an Assistant Director and the officer



responsible for apostille matters were taken into custody for questioning.

The arrests came a day after the FIA announced that it had busted an alleged network involved in the preparation and use of fake apostille stickers and official stamps, with several suspects already detained.

Global Diesel Shortage May Extend Into 2027

BY: ANI Correspondent:

LONDON -- The global diesel market is facing prolonged supply pressure, with industry analysts warning that the shortage could continue into 2027.

Reuters reported that conflicts in Iran and Ukraine have disrupted supplies from major producing



regions and pushed inventories to historically low levels.

Diesel prices have reached record highs in several major markets, increasing costs for transport, agriculture and manufacturing. Analysts say stretched refinery capacity and continued geopolitical uncertainty could keep pressure on global fuel markets.

Global Stocks Gain as AI Demand Boosts Chipmakers

BY: ANI Correspondent:

LONDON --Global equity markets advanced on Monday as strong demand for artificial-intelligence technology lifted semiconductor shares, while easing oil prices provided additional support to investors.

The MSCI All-World index gained more than one per cent, while the Nasdaq and S&P 500 also moved higher.

Chipmakers led the gains, with Intel and AMD recording significant advances. South Korean trade data also pointed to strong semiconductor demand, with exports during the first 20 days of September reaching a record level.



North Korea Launches Two Ballistic Missiles

Report : ANI

SEOUL -- North Korea launched two suspected short-range ballistic missiles from its eastern coast on Sunday, South Korean authorities said.

The first missile travelled about 450 kilometres, while the second



covered more than 600 kilometres, according to South Korea's military.

The launches came days after Pyongyang conducted another weapons test and amid continuing tensions over US-led military exercises involving South Korea and Japan.

Nauman Khalid Launches One-Window Facility at Rawalpindi Excise Department to Facilitate Citizens

Report: FT Correspondent:

RAWALPINDI --Director Excise and Taxation Rawalpindi Nauman Khalid has launched a One-Window Facility to provide greater convenience to citizens and ensure timely resolution of their applications and complaints.

Under the new system, dedicated staff have been deployed at the reception of the Excise and Taxation Office to receive applications and complaints and forward them to the relevant sections. Efforts will be



made to resolve citizens' issues within two days, reducing the need for repeated visits.

Nauman Khalid will personally supervise the facility and said citi-

zen facilitation and relief were the department's top priorities. He added that the process would be made more transparent, efficient and effective.

He said the One-Window Facility would subsequently be fully computerized to improve application monitoring, record accessibility and timely resolution of complaints.

Nauman Khalid said his office doors were open to citizens and every possible effort would be made to address genuine complaints and provide relief.

Ishaq Dar Meets Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr. Badr Abdelatty

Report: ANI

NEW YORK -- Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr. Badr Abdelatty on the sidelines of the 81st Session of the UN General Assembly in New York today.

The two ministers reaffirmed the longstanding fraternal ties between Pakistan and Egypt and expressed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral cooperation in trade and investment, economic cooperation, education, cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts.

They also discussed regional and international developments, includ-



ing the prevailing situation in the Middle East and Iran, and underscored the importance of dialogue and diplomacy in addressing regional challenges. Ishaq Dar stressed the need for all parties to

fully implement the Islamabad MoU. Both sides also reaffirmed the importance of continued consultations under the Regional Four (R4) framework and agreed to deepen coordination on issues of common interest.