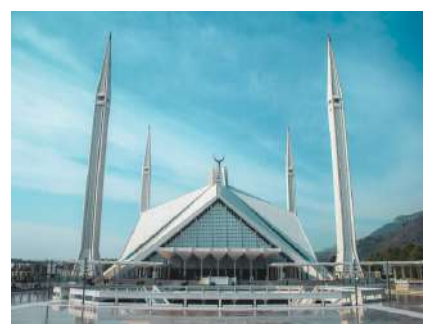




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PM Shehbaz Becomes First Pakistani Premier to Open LSE Session



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LONDON: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Tuesday, became the first prime minister from Pakistan to open the London Stock Exchange trading session, besides formally inaugurating Pakistan's landmark US\$3 billion dual-tranche sovereign Eurobond.

During his address at the LSE headquarters in Paternoster Square, the prime minister highlighted Pakistan's immense potential to attract high-yield, safe and mutually beneficial foreign investments.

He said in recent years, they had worked very hard to

strengthen Pakistan's economy. "As I speak, we have strengthened our macroeconomic indicators, which are very promising and augur very well for the future," he added.

The ceremony was attended by CEO of London Stock Exchange Group David Schwimmer, Finance Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Aurangzeb, Advisor on Privatization Mohammad Ali, Pakistan High Commissioner Tipu Usman, members of the Pakistani delegation and relevant British authorities. The prime minister's visit to London Stock Exchange underscored Pakistan's return to global capital markets and reflected renewed interna-

tional investor confidence in the country's economic trajectory.

The prime minister, in his remarks, further said that the latest contribution of their finance minister and his team to arrange \$3 billion worth of dual-tranche sovereign Eurobonds spoke volumes about their hard work, deep-rooted structural changes, the digitization of the economy, and taking all the necessary measures to put their national economy back on track. He mentioned the privatisation of Pakistan International Airlines and First Women Bank and informed that the government was now moving towards offloading many other state enterprises, stressing that

these must be run by the private sector. He also suggested that this was an area where Pakistan and the UK could work very closely. The prime minister opined that if the Gulf crisis hadn't erupted, the country would have really taken off. "Like other emerging economies, we are negotiating this challenge while also playing an important role as a peacemaker, mediating between the United States and Iran. I hope that we will continue in this direction," he added. He also commended the efforts of the finance minister and other related economic ministers, secretaries and government officials who had done a remarkable job in rebuilding Pakistan's economy.

Security forces kill five terrorists in K-P's Bara area: state media

ANI

Security forces killed five terrorists belonging to Fitna al-Khawarij during an Intelligence-Based Operation (IBO) in the Bara area of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), Radio Pakistan reported on Tuesday, citing security sources. According to sources, a large quantity of weapons and ammunition was recovered from the terrorists. The sources also added that the security forces' extensive operation completely destroyed the hideouts of terrorists. President Asif Ali Zardari has commended the security forces for successful operations against terrorists in K-P and Balochistan. In a statement, he said the security forces and law enforcement agencies thwarted the terrorists' nefarious designs through effective strategy.

The president said Pakistan has sacrificed thousands of its brave sons and daughters in the war against terrorism and in establishing global peace. The entire nation takes pride in the courage and bravery of the security forces and law enforcement personnel, he said.

President Zardari said the Pakistani nation and its brave armed forces have the capability and resolve to thwart attempts of the enemies of peace and stability in Pakistan, the region and the world. He said every attempt by the enemies of peace and stability will be foiled with the cooperation of friendly countries and allies. The president expressed the resolve to continue operations against terrorists with full force until the complete elimination of terrorism. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif paid tribute to the security forces for their successful operations against terrorists in K-P and Balochistan.

The security forces demonstrated their professional capabilities, courage and bravery, foiling the nefarious designs of the terrorists, he said.

The prime minister said the entire nation stands alongside its brave security forces in the war against terrorism and operations will continue until the complete elimination of terrorism from the country. Elements seeking to undermine Pakistan's peace and stability will not be allowed to succeed in their nefarious designs, he added. The prime minister saluted the officers and personnel of the



security forces who took part in the successful operations, saying that the entire nation was proud of its brave sons. A day earlier, security forces killed six terrorists in two separate operations in K-P and Balochistan, state media reported, citing security sources. Four terrorists belonging to the Indian-backed proxy group "Fitna al-Khawarij" were killed during an intelligence-based operation in K-P's Dera Ismail Khan district, sources added.

In a separate operation in Balochistan's Nokcha area, security forces killed two terrorists belonging to the banned Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) during a chase after an empty water bowser was set on fire, according to security sources.

Pakistan has witnessed a surge in terrorist activity over the past three months, with a series of attacks across the country resulting in the martyrdom of security personnel and civilians.

Last week, 12 people were killed and 35 others injured when a blast struck a joint checkpoint near Aman Mela in the Darazinda area of Dera Ismail Khan, with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claiming responsibility for the attack.

On September 19, 23 people, including 15 police personnel, were martyred in a blast at a mosque in Kohat's Police Lines during Friday prayers. Eight terrorists were also killed during a subsequent search and clearance operation. Later, the Ittihadul Mujahideen Pakistan (IMP), led by Afghanistan-based Hafiz Gul Bahadur, claimed responsibility for the deadly bombing and rampage involving multiple attackers. In a separate incident, a captain and a lieutenant were among six security personnel martyred in an exchange of fire in Hangu district, while eight terrorists were killed.

Sohail Afridi 'not happy' with PTI's long march preparations



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PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Chief Minister Sohail Afridi expressed displeasure on Tuesday over what he described as a lack of interest among some Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) members in preparations for the party's planned long march to Islamabad, according to party sources.

CM Afridi made the remarks while chairing a meeting of PTI's parliamentary party at the Chief Minister's House in Peshawar, while some lawmakers did not attend the meeting in person and joined through Zoom.

Addressing participants, Afridi criticised what he viewed as insufficient commitment to preparations for the march.

"We also have Mir Jafars and Mir Sadiqs within our ranks," Afridi said. According to the sources, the chief minister reiterated that PTI would depart from Peshawar for Islamabad on October 4, saying that "We are not going to conquer

Islamabad, and the federal government is blocking our way." Referring to allegations that protesters could carry sticks or slingshots, Afridi said: "We will go with two hands and two feet."

The PTI had earlier postponed its planned long march to Islamabad from September 27 to October 4, with CM Afridi announcing the revised date on September 25. CM Afridi had said the decision to defer the march was part of the party's "political strategy" and that negotiations with the federal government would continue even after the mobilisation.

Later, CM Afridi said in a post on X, "You should prepare; I am ready."

Meanwhile, PTI K-P President Junaid Akbar directed lawmakers and party leaders currently outside the country to return to Pakistan.

Akbar said MPAs, MNAs, and party leaders who were not in Pakistan on October 4 would have no connection with PTI and told them they could form another party if they wished.

The PTI had initially announced its long march to Islamabad for September 27, with the party saying it had exhausted other constitutional and legal avenues and was mobilising supporters across the country.

As the date approached, the Islamabad High Court directed federal and provincial authorities to prevent the use of state resources for the protest and ordered that roads could not be blocked by political parties or public office holders.

Somali forces recover oil tanker carrying Pakistani crewmen over 5 months after hijacking by pirates



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KARACHI: Somali maritime police said on Tuesday that they had recovered an oil tanker, the MT Honour 25, which was hijacked by armed pirates off the coast of Puntland, Somalia on April 21.

The Honour 25 — a Palau-flagged oil tanker — had 19 crew members on board, including 10 Pakistanis. "The naval and ground units of the Puntland Maritime Police Force conducted a planned operation in the Dharin-Bar area of Bandar Beyla district," the maritime police said in a statement.

The Honour 25 had 18,500 barrels of oil onboard when it was hijacked, it added. Reuters reported, citing Puntland's state television, that the pirates holding the ves-

sel had been detained and would be brought to court.

Meanwhile, Ayesha Ameen, the wife of a fitter on the ship, told Dawn between sobs that there were reports of casualties among Pakistanis on the ship.

She said that they were not able to confirm the names of the deceased yet, but her husband, Ameen Bin Shams, was reportedly among the injured.

"We don't know how bad the injuries are," she said. "We are trying to establish contact with the ship's captain on the numbers that we have. But our calls are not being answered. "As far as we know, the bodies are still on the ship, as are the injured. There is no one to tell us if they will be moved. We are going mad here," she added. Initial reports attributed to the crew suggest that there have been five deaths and four people have been injured. Apart from Pakistanis, the vessel's crew also included seven Indonesians, an Indian and a Sri Lankan. After its hijacking in April, months had passed with no progress either in negotiations or the payment of the ransom, said to be around \$3 million, for the recovery of the hostages.

11 children injured as school van catches fire in Murree

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RAWALPINDI: Eleven children were injured when a private school van fell off Sign Road in Masiari, Murree, and caught fire on Tuesday, with four critically injured children being referred to hospitals in Rawalpindi, police said.

Four of the injured children were in critical condition and were referred to hospitals in Rawalpindi for further treatment. Locals helped rescue the children from the van shortly after the accident, while rescue teams and firefighters reached the scene and brought the fire under control. Eight children with minor injuries were admitted to the District Headquarters Hospital (DHQ) in Murree, while the van was destroyed by the fire. Murree District Police Officer (DPO) Raza Tanveer Supra said the accident occurred after the van's brakes failed and fell off the road.



It caught fire shortly afterwards and was completely gutted. Children from two private schools were travelling in the van, according to the DPO. He said 12 children had been travelling in the van, which had picked them up from dif-

ferent areas. Arham, son of Ali Nawaz, aged eight, sustained burns to around 38 per cent of his body, while eight-year-old Hassan Talib, son of Muhammad Talib, sustained burns to around 26 per cent of his body.

DPO Supra said four children had suffered burns covering more than 25 per cent of their bodies and were being referred to hospitals in Rawalpindi for treatment. Two children escaped burns, while six sustained burns covering less than 10 per cent of their bodies.

The DPO visited the injured children at the hospital and reviewed the medical facilities being provided to them. Police said the cause of the accident was being determined and legal proceedings were underway. Supra said a similar incident involving a van fire had occurred in Murree previously. He added that vehicle fitness checks would also be carried out on vehicles operating in rural areas to help prevent such incidents.

Blast destroys hotel in Balochistan's Mastung, damages nearby houses

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QUETTA: A local hotel was destroyed in a blast in Balochistan's Khadkocha tehsil of Mastung on Monday night, while nearby houses were partially damaged, Mastung Superintendent of Police Allah Bakhsh told The Express Tribune on Tuesday. The Madina Hotel was completely destroyed, and more than 250 solar panels were also damaged in the blast.

SP Bakhsh said that no one was present inside the hotel at the time, which is why there were no casualties. He said an investigation into the incident was under way, while a search operation was also being conducted in the area. Following the explosion, police cordoned off the area and began collecting evidence from the site.

On June 30, three brothers were killed and another person was injured when an IED struck a vehicle in Dukki district's Luni tehsil. Police said the vehicle was targeted while the four men were travelling through a stream near Killi Bakhtiar Khan for agricultural work.

Tarar urges Afghan interim government to abandon militant mindset for lasting peace

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attallah Tarar on Tuesday said the Afghan interim government needed to move away from its militant mindset and adopt a statesmanlike approach to achieve lasting peace and prosperity in the region.

"Pakistan believes in peace, Pakistan has always believed in peace, and we believe in peaceful coexistence," he said while addressing a ceremony titled "Afghan Predicament and the Trajectory to Peace", organised by the International Parliamentarians Congress (IPC) in collaboration with Senator Sitara Ayaz.



The minister said Pakistan and Afghanistan were neighbouring countries and would always remain neighbours, although their relations had experienced turbulence in the past.

He said Pakistan had hosted around

four million Afghan refugees over the past several decades, demonstrating its generosity towards the Afghan people.

Tarar said Pakistan had made various efforts to resolve issues through negotiations and dialogue, as every problem could be addressed through talks. Several high-level Pakistani delegations had visited Afghanistan to find solutions and ensure peaceful coexistence between the two countries. He added that talks had also been held in friendly countries, including Istanbul and Doha.

"Peace can be achieved, yes. Was peace given a chance, yes. But is there a will to achieve peace? The answer, unfortunately, is no," he said.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister of Pakistan's Coordinator for Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs Shabbir Ahmed Usmani is meeting with Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Dr. Najeeb Naqi Khan.

CAREC corridors to link Central Asia with global markets: Ahsan

ANI

ULAANBAATAR (MONGOLIA): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday called for transforming CAREC transport routes into next-generation economic corridors by integrating infrastructure, logistics, digital connectivity, energy cooperation and climate resilience. Participating in a session of the 25th Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Ministerial Conference here, the minister said Pakistan viewed CAREC Corridors 5 and 6 as an opportunity to connect Central Asia with the Arabian Sea and generate economic activity along the routes. “The question is no longer simply, ‘Can a truck travel this route?’ It is, ‘Can a business use this route reliably, competitively and profitably?’” he said.

Ahsan Iqbal said transforming regional corridors required completion of the transport chain through upgraded CAREC roads, modern border facilities at Torkham and Chaman, stronger rail freight capacity through the proposed ML-1 upgrade, and efficient links to dry ports and seaports.

He stressed the need to establish logistics and production hubs at strategic locations,

saying cold storage, packaging, warehousing and light manufacturing could transform transit traffic into exports, jobs and value for communities along the corridors.

The minister also called for building a digital corridor across the CAREC region, noting that Pakistan Single Window provided a foundation for phased digital integration with regional partners.

“A consignment’s documents should be checked before it reaches the border,” he said. Highlighting the importance of regional energy cooperation and climate resilience, Prof. Ahsan said initiatives such as CASA-1000 demonstrated the potential of cross-border energy connectivity, while new roads, railways and logistics infrastructure must be designed to withstand floods and extreme heat. “The transformation occurs when a corridor carries more than cargo: it carries investment, technology, energy and opportunity,” he said.

Responding to a question on regional actions needed to ensure shared benefits, the minister emphasized coordinated planning of entire corridors, stronger cross-border cooperation and measuring the impact of connectivity on businesses and communities. He said CAREC countries should



identify priority cross-border projects, prepare them to common standards and coordinate investment and construction schedules, with the Asian Development Bank playing a role in mobilizing financing, including private investment where appropriate.

The minister called for treating borders as a shared service, with compatible operating hours, advance electronic information, coordinated procedures and fewer repeated checks. He also emphasized measuring border delays, delivery times,

local employment, SME participation and opportunities for women and youth.

“Regional cooperation succeeds when a trader can predict the journey, a farmer can reach a distant market without losing the harvest, and communities along the corridor share in its prosperity. That is how we move from connectivity to competitiveness,” Ahsan Iqbal said.

Earlier, addressing the opening session of the 25th CAREC Ministerial Conference under the theme “25 Years of Partnership, Shaping the Future Together,” the minister said Pakistan looked forward to assuming the CAREC Chairmanship in 2027 and hosting the 26th Ministerial Conference.

He said Pakistan, located at the intersection of Central Asia, South Asia and maritime routes, sought to turn its geographical position into an engine of shared regional growth through stronger connectivity, trade, digital integration and regional value chains.

On the sidelines of the conference, Ahsan Iqbal witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the CAREC Capital Markets Development Forum (CMDF) and the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF).

NCCIA DG orders priority action on financial fraud, cyber harassment, online blackmail

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ISLAMABAD: Director General, National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi on Tuesday directed the Multan Circle to speed up action against cyber criminals and give priority to cases involving financial fraud, harassment of women and children and blackmail through social media.

An NCCIA official told that the directions were issued during a meeting chaired by the DG at NCCIA Multan Circle, attended by the Additional Director and heads of all wings. The Additional Director briefed Rizvi on the circle’s monthly performance, disposal of public complaints, major achievements and administrative and technical challenges. The DG Rizvi directed officers to deal with cases of financial fraud, online harassment, cyber harassment of women and children and social media blackmail on a priority basis and ensure early arrest of the accused involved in such cases. Rizvi also asked investigators to improve the quality of investigations and strengthen evidence through digital forensic methods so that cases could be effectively pursued in courts. He directed officials to treat complainants with respect and ensure merit, transparency and timely relief for citizens approaching the agency. The DG Rizvi said NCCIA was working round the clock to protect the lives, property and dignity of citizens, adding that no one was above the law.

ICT Police raid Sheesha Cafe in private housing society, arrest five

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police’s Lohi Bher Police station team have arrested five persons during a raid on a sheesha cafe in a private housing society and recovered five hookahs from the spot.

An official told APP on Tuesday that the action was carried out under the supervision of SHO Lohi Bher Police Station Chaudhry Muhammad Yousaf Jutt against alleged illegal sheesha smoking. According to FIR No. 671/26, police received information that some people were allegedly smoking sheesha at a cafe in the private housing society. Acting on the information, a police team raided the cafe at around 9 pm on September 28. Police arrested five persons identified as Haroon Ali, Aswad Hassan, Shehzad, Muhammad Tauseef Yousaf and Malik Umar Mehboob. During the raid, police also recovered five hookahs (sheesha) from the cafe and took them into custody as case property. The official said a case was registered against the arrested persons under Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002, along with Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC). Police said further investigation and legal action in the case were underway.

Railways exceeds freight revenue target by seven percent last fiscal year

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways has expanded its freight operations with commodity-specific train services to attract additional traffic, improve logistics services and enhance revenue generation. “Pakistan Railways was continuously expanding its freight operations, with freight-specific services already in operation, including cargo express, coal, container and Phosphate trains, an official in the Ministry told APP.

He said the department was also introducing new commodity-specific services, including edible oil and automobile trains, to meet the growing transportation requirements of various industries and attract additional freight traffic.

Regarding the current freight movement capacity, he said Pakistan Railways could operate almost 10 freight trains per day from Karachi to up-country destinations.

He said during the financial year 2025-26, Pakistan Railways generated almost

Rs41 billion from freight trains against the budgetary target of Rs38 billion, exceeding the target by 7 per cent.

The official said the freight revenue was also 32 per cent higher than the revenue generated from freight-specific trains during the previous financial year, he added. To a question, he said that Pakistan Railways is set to roll out an extensive package of reforms aimed at transforming the department into a profitable, modern and passenger-centric national transport system. “The wide-ranging measures focus on revitalizing the freight sector, expanding passenger services, introducing technological upgrades, and improving facilities at railway stations across the country,” he added.

The official said the reform agenda places strong emphasis on strengthening the freight sector to ensure long-term financial sustainability. New freight wagons have already been added to the fleet, while dedicated freight corridors are under development to accelerate cargo movement.

240kg hashish seized in major Excise Operation in Swabi

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PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control Department has seized 240 kilograms of high-quality hashish in a major counter-narcotics operation in Swabi, foiling an attempt to transport a large consignment of narcotics. The operation was conducted under the provincial government’s zero-tolerance policy against narcotics and in line with the directives issued by Provincial Minister for Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control Syed Fakhar Jehan, with Excise Counter-Narcotics teams continuing targeted operations against drug trafficking across the province.

According to details received from the Excise Department, the operation was launched on a tip-off received by Excise and Taxation Officer Counter Narcotics Operations Majid Khan. Special teams were deployed under the supervision of SHO Excise Police Station Swabi Faisal Khan.

Excise officials said that during a late-night checking operation near Jamalabad, Swabi, personnel signalled a suspicious vehicle to stop.

Strong Interest in TEI 2026 as Sindh Business Delegation Prepares for Indonesia

ANI Correspondent

KARACHI: Interest among Pakistani businesses in the 41st Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) 2026 is gaining momentum, with 45 businesspeople registering through the Consulate General of Indonesia in Karachi for the flagship trade event.

Around 20 businesses have been selected for delegation facilities based on their import and business performance, engagement with Indonesia, business potential and relevance to sectors represented at TEI 2026. Other registered participants can attend under their own arrangements.

The participants include businesses from Karachi, Hyderabad, Nawabshah and other parts of Sindh, reflecting growing interest in trade opportunities with Indonesia.

Ahead of the mission, the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi held a Pre-Departure Technical Meeting and Business Lunch to discuss business matching, participation arrangements and opportunities at TEI 2026, scheduled for October 14-18 at ICE BSD City, Greater Jakarta.

Indonesian Consul General in Karachi Mudzakir, M.A. said the mis-



sion would focus on achieving concrete business outcomes, including developing new contacts into commercial relationships and expanding existing partnerships.

The mission follows TEI 2025, which generated \$22.8 billion in transactions and attracted more than 34,000 visitors and over 8,000 international buyers. A 25-member Sindh delegation coordinated by the Indonesian Consulate secured around \$22.9 million in trade agreements last year.

For TEI 2026, the Consulate plans to arrange around 200 targeted B2B

meetings between Pakistani importers and Indonesian companies based on business profiles and sourcing interests.

The delegation is also expected to attend the Indonesia Sharia Economic Festival (ISEF) in Jakarta, providing additional opportunities to explore Indonesia’s halal and sharia economy.

Consul General Mudzakir will engage with the Pakistani delegation during key programmes, while the Consulate’s economic team will facilitate business meetings and follow-up with prospective Indonesian partners.

Pakistan, Sri Lanka discuss enhanced cooperation in IT telecom sectors

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ISLAMABAD: High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Pakistan Rear Admiral Fred Seneviratne (R) Tuesday called on Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja.

During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed the longstanding and time-tested bonds of friendship between the two countries and expressed their shared commitment to further strengthening bilateral cooperation in information technol-

ogy and telecommunications.

Both sides delved upon opportunities for greater engagement between the technology sectors of Pakistan and Srilanka, including joint ventures and partnerships between technology companies, with a view to building scale and exploring opportunities in international markets. The discussions covered a broad range of areas, including Artificial Intelligence, cybersecurity, IT and IT-enabled services, digital transformation, FinTech, startups and digital skills development. Strengthening institutional

linkages between IT sectors of both countries, including constitution of joint working group to facilitate regular engagement was also proposed during the meeting. The proposed framework would facilitate business-to-business exchanges, technology roadshows, startup linkages, FinTech cooperation and partnerships between companies of the two countries. Maintaining close engagement to further deepen mutually beneficial cooperation between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the technology sector was agreed during the meeting.

AIOU announces admissions for Autumn 2026 semester

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ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), the largest distance learning university in Pakistan, has announced admissions for its Autumn 2026 semester. According to the admission advertisement issued by the Directorate of Admissions, admissions are open in a wide range of programs from Matric to PhD level. As per the admission schedule, the last date for submission of fresh admission forms for Matric, FA, AD, BS, http://B.Ed, PGD and Certificate Courses is 05-10-2026 with late fee. The same deadline is also applicable for continuing students for enrollment. The university is offering programs in two modes to facilitate students from different backgrounds.

Under the Open Distance Learning mode, students can apply for Matric in General, Science, Dars-e-Nizami and Open Courses, Intermediate programs including FA General, FA Dars-e-Nizami, ICom, FA Open Courses and FSc Pre-Medical and Pre-Engineering. Associate Degree programs of two years are available in BA General, BCom, BA Open Courses and also in specialized subjects like Arabic, Business Administration, Commerce, Education, English, Gender and Women Studies, International Relations, Library and Information Sciences, Mass Communication, Pakistan Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Psychology. For those who have completed their intermediate and graduation, BS programs based on HSSC of four years’ duration are offered in Arabic, Islamic Studies with specializations.

Tharparkar DC Reviews National Action Plan, Departmental Performance

By Nareender Kumar/ANI

MITHI-- A meeting of the District Coordination Committee under the Socio-Political Domain was held at the Conference Hall in Mithi, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar Abdul Haleem Jagirani.

The meeting reviewed implementation of the National Action Plan, performance of various departments, monitoring of seminaries and measures against illegal activities. The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to ensure effective coordination and timely implementation of assigned responsibilities.

Officials discussed the identification and registration of unregistered seminaries, monitoring of madrasas, restoration of closed schools and increasing student enrolment. The DC stressed practical measures to reopen closed schools and ensure that no child remains deprived of education.

The meeting also reviewed action against illegal cigarettes, non-custom-



paid goods, unauthorized petrol pumps, encroachments, flour hoarding, housing schemes without NOCs and illegal occupation of mines and mineral resources. The Labour Department was directed to inspect hotels and other establishments for compliance with prescribed wages.

Measures concerning illegally residing foreign nationals, including identification, verification and legal status, were also reviewed. Police and relevant agencies were directed to ensure effective implementation of government policy.

The Deputy Commissioner called for greater youth engagement in sports,

education, social and vocational activities to protect young people from drugs, extremism and other social problems. He also directed departments to regularly organize awareness seminars, training sessions and other programmes.

SSP Tharparkar Arif Aziz briefed the meeting on police action against drugs and criminals, law and order, security of CPEC projects and measures concerning illegally residing foreign nationals. Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Hashim Masood, Additional Deputy Commissioner-II Umer Ashraf and officers from relevant departments attended the meeting.

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The world needs more, not fewer, risk-taking tech entrepreneurs

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Up until the dawn of modern telecommunication, messages were usually delivered by human envoys. During a war, for example, a messenger would be sent from one camp to another and, if found to be bearing unfriendly news, he often ended up as a casualty himself, a victim typically of beheading until the advent of the gun.

In the age of the internet, the practice of shooting the messenger is taking on a new form: blaming the news media or a tech entrepreneur for disseminating unwanted information about a favored cause, ideology, personality or organization, and even bringing criminal charges against them. This is becoming a common occurrence just when the world needs more, not fewer, tech innovators and entrepreneurs. The arrest of Telegram founder Pavel Durov, all of 39 years old, in France is a case in point. Last week, he was released on a bail of €5 million (\$5.5 million) after four days of detention in France, but he is banned from leaving the country and likely faces a lengthy trial there. The Paris Public Prosecutor’s Office

announced that he faces 12 charges, including illegal transactions, child sexual abuse, fraud and refusal to cooperate with authorities.

It is not just young Durov, unschooled in geopolitical skullduggery, who has received a rude awakening. With troubling frequency, the chief executives of tech companies are finding themselves in the crosshairs of attacks from both the left and the right, facing allegations that range from colluding with the White House to kowtowing to leaders of America’s adversaries. They are being accused, as in the case of the Dubai-based Telegram, of being simultaneously at the Kremlin’s beck and call and acting as a tool of the Kremlin’s sworn enemy, the Ukrainian government. Even though, as a recent media report noted: “In Russia, Telegram channels widely cover subjects that are otherwise strictly censored in state media. That includes everything from front-line reports of the conflict in Ukraine to trials of Kremlin critics and manifestos dispatched from political prisoners.” For his part, Elon Musk, practically from his first day as the owner of X, has drawn flak from an array of critics, most of them ideological allies of the

previous management, whom he accused of stifling free speech and engaging in censorship. Since then, the circle of Musk’s political enemies on both sides of the Atlantic has only expanded, particularly after his declaration in May 2022 via X that while in the past he had voted Democratic, in the future he could no longer support the party and would vote Republican instead. These days, almost no major American or European newsroom is complete without at least one full-time reporter assigned to the Elon Musk beat, which involves doing serial hatchet jobs on the CEO of Tesla, SpaceX and X but failing to make a dent in his net worth.

In April this year, the US House of Representatives passed legislation that would ban TikTok in the US if the popular social media platform’s China-based owner did not sell its stake within a year. Shou Zi Chew, the TikTok CEO who has been grilled by US legislators twice since March 2023, has vowed to “continue to do all we can, including exercising our legal rights, to protect” the platform. During the second congressional hearing held earlier this year, which focused on the safety of

children on social media platforms, Shou was not the only big-tech baron in the line of fire. There was also Meta’s Mark Zuckerberg, Snap’s Evan Spiegel, X’s Linda Yaccarino and Discord’s Jason Citron, with Zuckerberg taking the most heat. For all the bipartisan rebuke the chief executives received, both Republican and Democratic lawmakers understand the necessity to explore ways of dealing with media companies that would not result in a total ban or threaten free speech. They also understand the importance of attracting abrasive tech geniuses with a libertarian streak like Musk and offering them tacit guarantees of freedom from law-enforcement harassment, including arrest. After all, it is not just the threat of new products that keeps America’s capitalist engine in motion: the role played by foreign-born scientists and engineers who grow into American entrepreneurs and senior management can hardly be overstated.

The picture is somewhat different on the other side of the Atlantic. Admittedly, European countries are not unabashedly hostile to entrepreneurship and libertarianism, or else French President Emmanuel Macron

would not have bothered to state in a tweet in the context of Durov’s arrest that “France is deeply committed to freedom of expression and communication, to innovation, and to the spirit of entrepreneurship.” According to Statista, across Europe, the share of the adult population involved in the early stage of a startup varies between 14 percent in Latvia and 2.6 percent in Poland. In 2023, 10.8 percent of France’s adult population was involved in a business startup, either as nascent entrepreneurs or as owner-managers of new firms.

Historically, Europe has been a global leader in technology and entrepreneurship. “Today, however, Europe as a whole lags not only the US but also China in high-impact entrepreneurship. And many large European countries, such as France, Spain, Italy and Germany, have a deficit of super-entrepreneurs,” the City Journal, a publication of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, said in 2022, referring to the nearly 2,500 individuals in the world who have built up billion-dollar fortunes by creating new firms or growing small businesses into large, successful ventures.

—Arab News

Daesh’s global threat endures

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The persistent threat posed by Daesh is a stark reminder that terrorism remains a major concern worldwide. Even though significant efforts have been made to weaken it, the group has shown a troubling ability to adapt and continue its operations. This threat extends beyond the Middle East and poses a danger to the global community. As a result, it is crucial to maintain strong security measures, especially regarding America’s borders, to prevent terrorists from entering the country. Recent events have brought the threat of the terrorist group back into focus. The CIA last month helped to stop a plot to attack a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna. According to CIA Deputy Director David Cohen, suspects linked to Daesh were planning to kill “tens of thousands” of concertgoers. This plot was in its advanced stages and could have resulted in a horrific mass-casualty event. However, thanks to the intelligence shared by the CIA, Austrian authorities were able to arrest the suspects and prevent a tragedy. This plot was a sobering reminder that Daesh and its followers are still capable of causing great harm.

Unfortunately, this was not an isolated case. So far this year, Daesh has claimed responsibility for multiple attacks in Türkiye, Iran and Russia, with affiliates also involved in violent incidents in Germany and other countries. The US Central Command reported that the terrorist group was responsible for 153 attacks in Iraq and Syria in the first half of 2024, indicating that the group’s violent activities are far from over.

The danger extends to other regions as well. Daesh-Khorasan, a branch of the original group, has shown its ability to carry out attacks both within Afghanistan and outside its borders. The deadly terrorist attacks in Kerman, Iran, on Jan. 3 and in Moscow on March 22, which killed hundreds, highlight the global reach of Daesh’s extremist ideology.

Robert Wood, the US alternative representative for special political affairs, last month spoke about these concerns at the UN Security Council. He pointed out that the threat from Daesh is also spreading across Africa, where instability and weak governments make it easier for terrorist groups to operate. The situation in Africa is particularly worrying. Regions like the Sahel and West, Central and Southern Africa are becoming more unstable, allow-

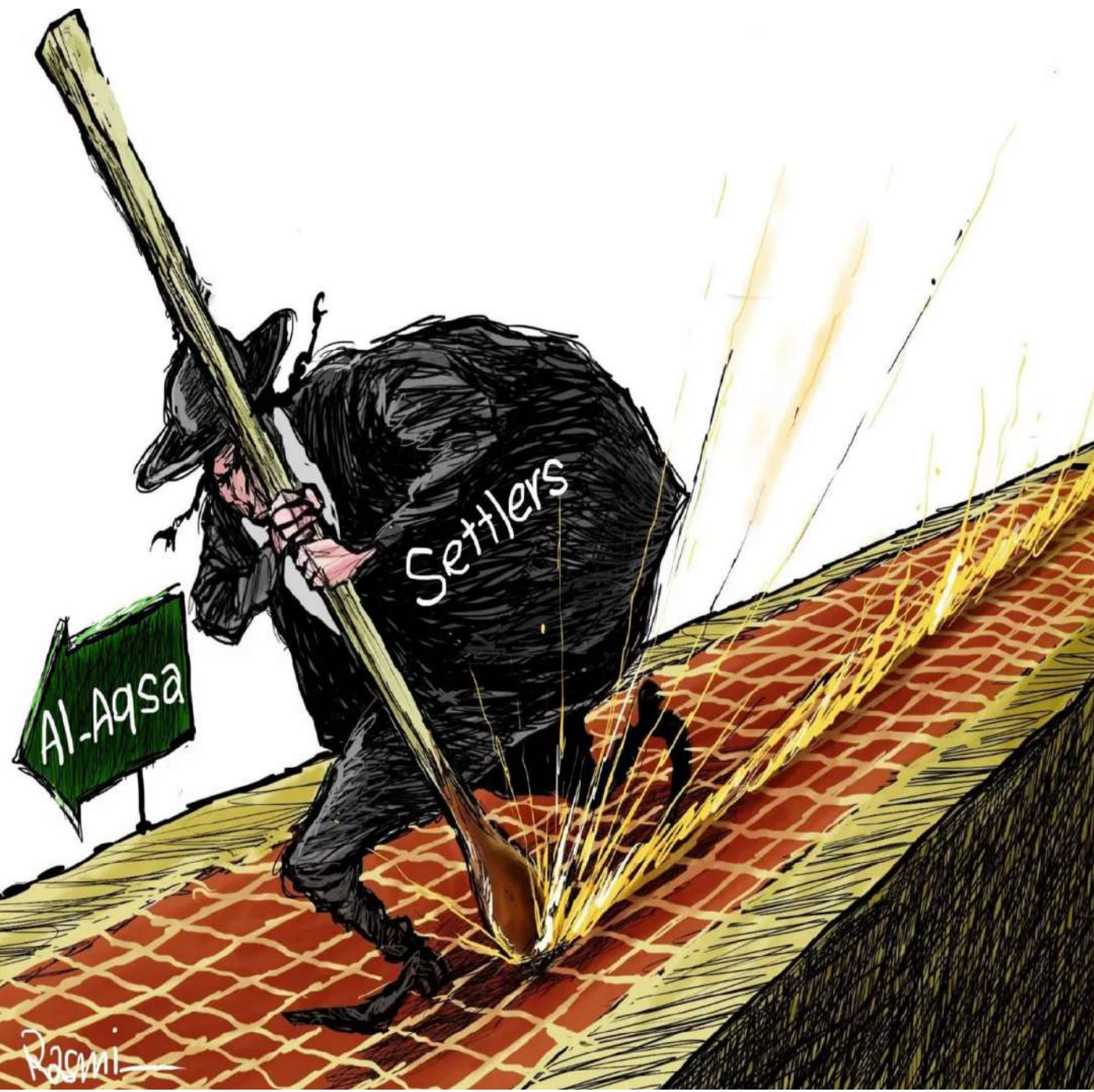
ing Daesh and Al-Qaeda affiliates to gain strength. “We continue to provide our African partners essential assistance in degrading the capabilities of and countering ISIS and Al-Qaeda affiliates, in a manner consistent with international law,” Wood said, using another term for Daesh. He emphasized that vigorous law enforcement and security measures are vital to stopping terrorism and violent extremism.

The situation is even more complex because of the ongoing instability in several parts of Africa, where governments struggle to maintain control. The Sahel region, in particular, has seen a surge in violent extremism, with Daesh and Al-Qaeda affiliates gaining significant ground. The porous borders in these regions make it easier for terrorist groups to move weapons, fighters and supplies, further complicating efforts to combat them. Therefore, Washington and its allies must continue to support these regions, not only through military aid but also by helping to strengthen governance and economic stability.

The global fight against terrorism is not just about military action, it requires addressing the root causes of extremism, such as poverty, corruption and social inequality. Without addressing these deeper issues, terrorist groups like Daesh will continue to find new recruits and maintain their influence.

Despite these efforts, the battle against Daesh is far from over. The group still has about 2,500 fighters in Iraq and Syria and it continues to operate through cells and affiliate organizations in West and North Africa. Daesh also has a troubling ability to recruit members all around the world, particularly in Europe. The group often targets immigrants or the children of immigrants who feel marginalized, exploiting their grievances to draw them into its ranks. These recruits are usually found in crowded urban areas with high unemployment rates, making them vulnerable to extremist influence. The number of former Daesh fighters and sympathizers living in Europe and the US is unknown, adding another layer of complexity to the fight against terrorism. In America, there are growing concerns that Daesh operatives could exploit weaknesses in the immigration system to enter the country. FBI Director Christopher Wray in June warned the US Senate that “dangerous persons” could be among those crossing the country’s southern border.

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Standing with the Pakistan Army in the Fight Against Terrorism: Honouring Soldiers’ Sacrifices, Protecting Civilian Lives and Strengthening National Unity for Lasting Peace



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A soldier’s death is never confined to a newspaper headline. It enters a home, leaves a chair empty and changes a family’s future forever. Behind the photograph of every fallen soldier are parents who waited for a telephone call, children who expected another embrace and a spouse whose ordinary hopes have become an extraordinary burden. When we discuss Pakistan’s struggle against terrorism, we must begin with these human realities. National security carries a cost, and some families pay it for the rest of their lives.

Standing with the Pakistan Army against terrorism means recognising that sacrifice and supporting the protection of every citizen. The freedom to attend school, open a shop, offer prayers or travel home safely depends on peace. When violence threatens these ordinary activities, defending them becomes a national responsibility.

Recent attacks underline the urgency. The deadly assault on a police compound in Kohat and the killing of police officers protecting polio workers in Balochistan illustrate how militant violence threatens both public safety and essential services. Those targeted include people performing duties that allow communities to function. Their suffering deserves attention beyond the brief life of a breaking-news alert.

Against this threat, the Pakistan Army’s counterterrorism role deserves serious, informed public support. Military service can demand separation from family, deployment in difficult terrain and decisions made under extreme pressure. Citizens should understand the weight of that responsibility. Appreciation becomes meaningful when it includes concern for wounded personnel, sus-

tained support for bereaved families and respect for those whose service rarely receives public recognition.

Yet a national struggle cannot rest on soldiers alone. Police officers, other security personnel, intelligence professionals, medical workers and civilians also carry its burden. Acknowledging their contribution strengthens the case for unity. Pakistan’s defence is most effective when institutions cooperate and communities see their own safety reflected in the national response.

Terrorism seeks more than immediate casualties. It spreads fear, disrupts livelihoods and encourages people to doubt whether ordinary life can continue. Its effects reach the classroom, the marketplace and the family dinner table. A threatened teacher may hesitate to return to school; a trader may postpone investment; a parent may fear sending a child outside. The defence of peace is therefore also the defence of education, employment and human dignity.

This is why support for the Army should be expressed through responsible citizenship. Before sharing a dramatic video or an allegation about a security incident, we should check its origin, date and evidence. An old image presented as a new event can mislead thousands. Equally, verified reporting and legitimate questions deserve a reasoned response. Public confidence grows when facts are available and official explanations are clear.

Patriotism should give us the confidence to distinguish between deliberate falsehood and constructive criticism. Supporting soldiers is compatible with asking how civilians are protected, how mistakes are investigated and how security decisions serve lasting peace. These questions help institutions earn the trust upon which effective security depends. Respect for service and commitment to accountability can reinforce each other.

For communities living with violence, security must mean both protection from militants and fair treatment by the state. Their

grievances should be heard, their losses acknowledged and their daily difficulties understood. The people of affected areas are essential partners in peace. Their cooperation grows when authorities listen carefully and act consistently.

Military action must therefore be supported by capable civilian institutions. Investigations need reliable evidence. Prosecutions need preparation. Courts need the resources to deliver timely justice through fair procedures. Schools, local government and economic opportunity must help communities recover. Soldiers may confront an immediate threat, but lasting stability requires the state to remain present after the operation ends.

We should also ask what our gratitude looks like in practice. Are the children of fallen personnel receiving sustained educational support? Do injured veterans have access to rehabilitation and opportunities for a dignified future? Are civilian victims remembered with the same seriousness after public attention moves elsewhere? A nation honours sacrifice through continuing responsibility.

The strongest column in support of the Pakistan Army needs no exaggerated claims. Its moral force comes from recognising real service, respecting evidence and insisting that the purpose of security is the protection of human life. The soldier at a dangerous post and the child seeking a safe classroom belong to the same national story. One serves so that the other may have a future.

Pakistan must stand firmly against terrorism and support those who confront it within the law. That commitment should unite us around courage, justice and compassion. Our responsibility is to help build a country where fewer families receive devastating news, where public trust strengthens national resolve and where peace becomes an everyday experience. The most enduring tribute to sacrifice is a Pakistan whose citizens can live without fear.

World court’s opinion on Israeli occupation hardly a surprise

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One possible reason July’s advisory opinion by the UN’s top court, which stated that the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories goes against international law, did not attract much international attention is that most observers felt this was no more than stating the very obvious. However, as the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem is currently entrenching at a faster pace, the prospect of an Israeli military presence in Gaza for years to come has become very real. And because some extreme elements at the heart of Israel’s government are advocating building settlements in the Gaza Strip, stating and amplifying the obvious is more important than ever. Adding to the significance of this advisory opinion is that it marked the first time that this court had delivered a position on the legality of the 57-year occupation, let alone it being crystal clear about its unlawfulness.

Although this advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice is not legally binding, it carries significant moral and political weight and, given the political resolve, could be translated into a binding resolution by the UN Security Council. The long and learned legal document could also serve as a guide for the behavior of individual countries, international organizations and businesses that clarifies how they should engage with the occupation, the settlements, the settlers and those who sustain them.

What links the political and legal aspects of this document is that it was the UN General Assembly that requested that the court give its view on Israel’s policies and practices toward the Occupied Territories and on the legal status of the occupation, including East Jerusalem. It is now for the UNGA and its member states to decide how they will translate this view of the court into a meaningful resolution and policies that will end the occupation and lead to an

end of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, based on the right of self-determination for both peoples and their living in peace and security side by side. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s response to the ruling reflected an utter disregard for international law and deliberate obliviousness to the international isolation he is leading his country into. Beyond calling the court’s depiction of the occupation as illegal “absurd” and a “decision of lies,” he went on to say: “The Jewish people are not occupiers in their own land — not in our eternal capital Jerusalem, nor in our ancestral heritage of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank).” This is a denial of both the fact that these territories were acquired by military force and that, as per international humanitarian law, any occupation should be a temporary one, let alone that the Zionist movement accepted the partition of Mandatory Palestine, which facilitated the establishment of Israel and the international recognition it enjoys within its pre-June 1967 borders. It is the behavior — or, more accurately, the misbehavior — of Israel in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza that has brought on this decision. Under international law, the occupying power should not change the conditions that led to its acquiring sovereignty over the occupied territory and it is obliged to respect the existing laws and institutions of the occupied territory within reason. This is all based on the assumption that an occupation is temporary, as it should be. An argument is made by the right in Israel that the Occupied Territories were not under the control of the Palestinians when they were occupied in 1967 and hence there was a necessity to establish governing structures and mechanisms. As valid as this argument is, these structures and mechanisms should only have been employed for a limited time, until the transfer of political power to the local population to exercise their right to self-determination, and not as a tool to oppress them and perpetuate Israeli control

Fatima Ezzahra El Mansouri Appointed Morocco’s First Woman Prime Minister

Report: ANI Correspondent:

RABAT -- Morocco’s King Mohammed VI has appointed Fatima Ezzahra El Mansouri as the country’s first woman Prime Minister and tasked her with forming a new government, the Royal Palace announced on Tuesday, September 29, 2026.

Born in Marrakech on January 3, 1976, El Mansouri is a lawyer specializing in land and real-estate law. She holds a law degree from Mohammed V University in Rabat, a postgraduate degree in business contract law from the University of Montpellier in France, and a certificate in Anglo-Saxon law from Pace University in the United States.



She has held several senior political positions, including Mayor of Marrakech and Minister of National Territory Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy. She has also served as a member of parliament and is a senior figure in Morocco’s Authenticity and

Modernity Party (PAM). El Mansouri’s appointment follows parliamentary elections in which the PAM emerged as the largest party, winning 97 of the 395 seats in the House of Representatives. She will now work to form a governing coalition.

Her appointment makes her the second woman to serve as head of government in the Arab world, following Tunisia’s Najla Bouden, who served as prime minister from 2021 to 2023. Her government is expected to oversee major economic and development priorities, including preparations and investment linked to the 2030 FIFA World Cup, which Morocco will co-host with Spain and Portugal.

Mohsin Naqvi Announces Pakistan’s Largest Grand Facilitation Centre in Karachi

BY: Mateen Syed / ANI

KARACHI: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has announced the establishment of Pakistan’s largest public facilitation centre under the Ministry of Interior in Karachi.

During his visit to the Ministry of Interior office on I.I. Chundrigar Road, Mohsin Naqvi said counters of all departments and organizations under the ministry would be available at the Grand Facilitation Centre.

Citizens will be able to access passport, CNIC, arms licence, various NOCs and other services under one roof. He directed authorities to prepare and submit the centre’s master plan within 10 days.



The minister further directed officials to ensure all necessary measures for the establishment of the facility.

Attack on Pakistan Press Council Chairman Arshad Khan Jadoon, Immediate FIR Demanded

Report: ANI Correspondent:

Islamabad -- Group Editor of ANI News and Financial Times Waheed Mehmood Khan, along with Naseem Hassan Awan, Hurish Shah and Dr. Liaqat Khan, strongly condemned the alleged attack on Pakistan Press Council Chairman Arshad Khan Jadoon at his office and demanded the immediate registration of an FIR



against those involved.

They said Arshad Khan Jadoon was attacked while he was working at his office, sustaining injuries to his head, including a fracture. They further said that employees who came forward to protect the Press Council Chairman were also allegedly assaulted by armed individuals. They demanded a transparent investigation and strict legal action against all those responsible for the incident.

Pakistani Senators Address Intergovernmental Fiscal Institutions Gathering in Manila

Report: ANI Correspondent:

MANILA -- Senators Abdul Qadir and Syed Waqar Mehdi, representing the Senate of Pakistan, addressed the first Gathering of Intergovernmental Fiscal Institutions in Manila, highlighting Pakistan’s experience in fiscal federalism, equitable resource distribution, climate financing and parliamentary oversight.

Senator Abdul Qadir stressed that fair, transparent and predictable distribution of public resources was essential for inclusive growth and effective delivery of education, healthcare and other services. He also emphasized fiscal devolution to local governments and stronger accountability.

Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi highlighted the growing fiscal pressures caused by climate change, natural



disasters, water insecurity and environmental degradation, citing Pakistan’s experience with the devastating 2022 floods, heatwaves and droughts. He called for greater access to climate adaptation finance, technology and capacity-building support, stressing that intergovern-

mental transfers should take climate vulnerability and disaster exposure into account.

Both senators emphasized transparency, effective management of public finances and stronger parliamentary oversight to promote equity and climate resilience.

Pakistan Junior Golf Team Receives Warm Welcome in Lahore After Bangladesh Success

Report: ANI Correspondent:

LAHORE -- Pakistan’s Junior Golf Team returned to Lahore on Tuesday after an impressive performance at the 3rd APGC Bangladesh Junior Amateur Golf Championship 2026, receiving a warm welcome from senior officials and representatives of the Pakistan Golf Federation (PGF).

The national juniors secured two championship titles and a runner-up position in the tournament. Jannat Aamir Jami of Indus Golf Club Attock won the Girls Under-15 title, while Lahore Gymkhana’s Nabeeha Nafees claimed the Girls Under-19 championship. Pakistan’s Areeba Rizwan finished runner-up in the same category, giving Pakistan the top two positions.

Pakistani players also produced encouraging results in the boys’ categories, with Under-15 golfers finishing among the top five and Under-19



players securing positions in the top ten.

The PGF said the results marked an important milestone for its Junior Development Programme, launched in January 2026 to identify young talent nationwide, provide structured training and create greater opportu-

nities for international competition.

The federation appreciated the players, their parents, Team Manager Tehmina Ali and the Bangladesh Golf Federation for its hospitality, reaffirming its commitment to further training and international exposure for Pakistan’s junior golfers.

Villagers Protest in Islamkot over Alleged Land Encroachment, Arson

Report : ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMKOT -- Residents of Khenpilyon village in Nagarparkar taluka staged a protest outside the Islamkot Press Club, alleging an attempt to encroach upon their survey land and set fire to a livestock enclosure.

Speaking to the media, protesters Muhammad Juman Chandio and Alamuddin Chandio alleged that Ali Nawaz Chandio, a resident of the Chatouri Makan area of Mirpurkhas, had attempted to occupy their land through Hakim Chandio, Qasim Chandio and Ameer Hussain Chandio. They claimed that pits had been dug on the disputed land and a livestock enclosure had been constructed there.

The protesters said they had objected to the construction on their survey land, following which tensions allegedly escalated between the two sides.

They further alleged that the livestock enclosure was deliberately set on fire at the direction of Ali Nawaz Chandio, resulting in the burning of animals. They claimed that an attempt was subsequently made to implicate them in the incident and have a case registered against them.



According to Muhammad Juman Chandio and Alamuddin Chandio, the area’s station house officer (SHO) later visited the site and questioned local residents. They maintained that the allegations against them could not be substantiated during the inquiry.

The villagers further alleged that Ali Nawaz Chandio subsequently called members of the opposing side to Mirpurkhas, where they staged a protest and made what the villagers described as false allegations against them. The protesters called for legal action against those responsible for what they termed baseless accusations

and fabricated incidents. They also alleged that Ali Nawaz Chandio was attempting to influence police officials by invoking the names of Mir Manwar Talpur and Faryal Talpur.

Muhammad Juman Chandio and Alamuddin Chandio appealed to Mir Manwar Talpur and Faryal Talpur to take notice of the matter, ensure that the facts were established and, if their names were being misused, take appropriate action against those responsible. The protesters urged the relevant authorities to ensure a fair investigation, protect their property rights and provide them with justice.

Munir Ahmed Bugti Contacts Khawaja Saad Rafique Over PML-N Situation in Balochistan

Report: ANI Correspondent:

QUETTA -- Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Labour Wing Balochistan President Munir Ahmed Bugti contacted senior party leader Khawaja Saad Rafique and expressed concerns over the current political and organizational situation of the party in Balochistan.

Bugti said there was a need to address what he described as growing groupings within the party and concerns among longstanding workers. He also criticized Chaudhry



Shabbir Ahmed’s role in certain party matters, saying workers’ long-standing affiliation and organizational services should be considered in party decisions. He said workers who had faced political difficulties, cases and imprisonment while

remaining associated with the PML-N and Nawaz Sharif should not be ignored.

Bugti urged Khawaja Saad Rafique to review the party’s organizational affairs in Balochistan and said decisions should be based on workers’ services, commitment and organizational contribution rather than groupings or personal relationships.

He stressed that taking loyal workers into confidence and resolving organizational differences through consultation was essential to strengthening the PML-N in Balochistan.



Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi and Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti inaugurate the Jinnah Peoples Train Service.

Commissioner Salman Ghani Visits Holy Family Hospital, Inquires About Injured Children

Report: ANI Correspondent,:

RAWALPINDI --Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Salman Ghani visited Holy Family Hospital to inquire about children injured in the school van accident and fire incident in Murree.

The commissioner inspected the burn ward and received a briefing from doctors about the condition of the injured children. Two children injured in the incident have been shifted to Holy Family Hospital for further treatment and medical care.

Salman Ghani directed the hospital administration to ensure the best possible medical facilities for the children and instructed doctors to continuously monitor their condition and arrange specialist services whenever required. He also inspected various departments of the hospital and reviewed cleanliness, medicine stocks, medical facilities and staff



attendance. He directed the administration to improve cleanliness standards and ensure the availability of essential medicines. The commissioner said providing timely and quality healthcare to patients at gov-

ernment hospitals is the administration’s basic responsibility. He added that ensuring all necessary treatment facilities for the children injured in the Murree incident remains a top priority of the district administration.

Senate Committee Reviews Inter-Provincial Security, Transit Issues



BY: Ahmed Shamsur Rehman/ ANI

ISLAMABAD -- The Senate Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC), chaired by Senator Dilawar Khan, reviewed issues relating to inter-provincial security, transit, citizen movement and food supplies at a meeting held at Parliament House.

The committee expressed concern over the absence of key provincial representatives and the relevant Federal Minister/Adviser, noting that repeated non-attendance could hinder the resolution of public issues.

Police officials from Rawalpindi, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Balochistan briefed the committee on security arrangements

at inter-provincial checkpoints. The RPO Rawalpindi said 31 cross-border check posts were operational, with security personnel deployed at 15 critical locations.

Members acknowledged security requirements but stressed that citizens should not face unnecessary inconvenience or harassment. Senator Aimal Wali Khan particularly urged authorities to respect local cultural norms and women’s privacy during searches in tribal areas.

Police officials said cases involving “doubtful” CNICs identified by NADRA were being addressed through district-level committees headed by deputy commissioners. Sindh Police also clarified that uniform security protocols were being followed to prevent smuggling, drugs

and other threats.

The committee reviewed the movement of wheat between provinces and sought written details from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Department regarding grain reserves and procurement policies to ensure uninterrupted supplies.

The chairman said flour transportation had improved after the committee previously summoned the DIG Rawalpindi and DPO Attock.

The committee reaffirmed its focus on inter-provincial harmony, equal treatment of citizens and better coordination among institutions. The agenda regarding the Punjab Chief Minister’s statement on terrorism from provinces was deferred due to the absence of the Federal Minister/Adviser.