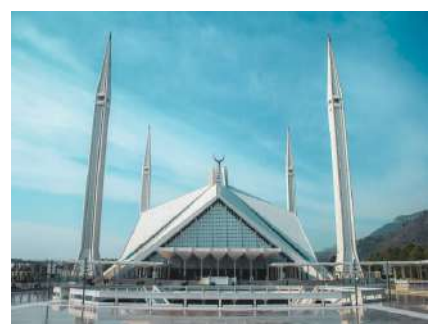


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'Fake and fabricated'

Info ministry rejects NYT report claiming PAF jets being used against Yemen's Houthis



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The Ministry of Information dismissed on Thursday a news report claiming that Pakistan Air Force (PAF) aircraft were being used against the Yemen's Houthis as "fake and fabricated".

A New York Times report published on Oct 7, a screenshot of which the ministry shared in an X post, cited an unnamed source as saying that PAF fighter jets were being employed against the group, amid the latter's escalating conflict with Saudi Arabia.

But the information ministry denied the report, saying in a post on X that the NYT story "attributing the employment of PAF aircraft against

Houthis is fake and fabricated". "International media houses are again asked to avoid speculative reporting with regards to employment of Pakistan's military forces under the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement. "Details of any deployment, if necessary, will be given by the authorities concerned," it added.

Earlier this week, the ministry also termed a Reuters report claiming the deployment of 30,000 to 40,000 Pakistani troops in Saudi Arabia as "speculative".

The development comes after Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkiye agreed to the deployment of military forces and capabilities rapidly in the kingdom during an emergency meeting of the Makkah Defence

Alliance in Riyadh on Monday. The defence pact, signed on Aug 7, aims to strengthen collective deterrence and empower its signatory states to treat an attack against one of them as an attack against all of them. Monday's meeting under the alliance was held to address the security developments and threats facing Saudi Arabia.

A statement issued by the Foreign Office after the meeting said the member states had "decided to move immediately to the practical implementation of the collective defence commitments and to take the necessary measures to provide the agreed military forces and capabilities and ensure their rapid deployment in the kingdom, in accordance with the

approved arrangements and the national legislation of the parties, thereby enhancing readiness, military integration, and the collective capacity to confront and counter threats". Separately, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, who was part of Pakistan's delegation in the meeting, joined Geo News programme 'Aaj Shahzeb Khanzada Kay Saath' via telephone the same day and said Saudi Arabia had made "gains and recovered some areas" in Yemen in the ongoing fighting with the Houthis. Asked about a possible operational role by Pakistan and Turkiye, the defence minister replied that both nations had a "presence in theatre", but only Saudi troops were involved in combat operations.

PM express satisfaction over positive trajectory of Pakistan-Bahrain bilateral relations



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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday expressed satisfaction over the positive trajectory of bilateral relations and underscored Pakistan's commitment to further strengthening cooperation with Bahrain in diverse fields, including trade, investment, energy, and human resource development.

Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, called on the prime minister here during his visit to Pakistan to Co-Chair the 3rd Session of the Pakistan-Bahrain Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC), along with the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister, Senator Ishaq Dar, a DPM's Office news release said.

The prime minister warmly welcomed the Bahraini Foreign Minister and conveyed his best wishes to the leadership and people of Bahrain. He reaffirmed Pakistan's deep appreciation for the longstanding and brotherly relations between Pakistan and Bahrain, founded

on shared values, mutual trust, and close people-to-people ties.

Foreign Minister Al Zayani conveyed the greetings and good wishes of the leadership of Bahrain to the Prime Minister and reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to further enhancing bilateral cooperation across mutually beneficial areas. The two sides exchanged views on regional and international developments and emphasized the importance of continued consultations and coordination on issues of mutual interest. Foreign Minister Al Zayani appreciated Pakistan's constructive role and mediation efforts aimed at promoting peace and stability in the region. The prime minister expressed confidence that the 3rd Session of the Pakistan-Bahrain Joint Ministerial Commission would provide further impetus to bilateral cooperation and contribute to deepening the multifaceted relationship between the two countries.

The meeting was held in a warm and cordial atmosphere, reflecting the close and longstanding fraternal ties between Pakistan and Bahrain.

PTI caravan reaches Peshawar as Afridi vows to announce next plan in Swabi

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PESHAWAR: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) long march, led by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi, entered the provincial capital Peshawar on Thursday on the fifth day of its journey towards Islamabad.

Addressing the convoy in Peshawar, the chief minister, referring to the current government, said that no matter how many local or international establishments it allied itself with, it could not defeat them. "In a democracy, power belongs to the people. Here in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, there is people's rule, and these days, people's rule means Imran's rule," he said. He said the convoy would first head towards Swabi and that he would announce the next plan after reaching there.

"I will announce the next plan, which will deprive them of sleep," he said, referring to the



government. Meanwhile, according to a statement posted by the PTI on X, the "grand caravan" of the long march, under the leadership of CM Afridi, had reached Hayat Toll Plaza in Peshawar. "Everyone has a single demand: Ensure true freedom in the country, the supremacy of the Constitution and law, and the provision of justice," it said. The statement

said the people of Peshawar had "shattered the idols of fear" and were standing firm with their leader Imran Khan and their elected chief minister. "Insha'Allah, by the time it reaches Swabi, this caravan will become the largest long march in Pakistan's history. This journey will not stop, Insha'Allah!" it said.

Around 8pm, the convoy was passing through Kohat Road in Peshawar. Meanwhile, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan called for renewed political dialogue, saying the party remained willing to pursue a "middle way" to prevent further instability and safeguard the democratic system. "We sat down for negotiations with complete honesty, sincerity and good faith, without any conditions. We did not want to sit in negotiations in such a situation, when we had not met our leader, but we made the effort to sit down. Something is better than nothing.

Security forces kill nine terrorists in North Waziristan operation: state media



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Security forces killed nine terrorists, including

four key commanders belonging to Fitna al-Khawarij, during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in North Waziristan, Radio Pakistan reported on Thursday, citing security sources. Fitna al-Khawarij is the term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). A large quantity of weapons and ammunition was also recovered from the terrorists, the sources added. President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif commended the security forces for their successful operation in North Waziristan, Radio Pakistan reported. In a statement, the president said every conspiracy by foreign-backed terrorists and their local facilitators would be foiled.

Pakistan, Bahrain vow to take bilateral trade to new heights, finalise FTA with GCC



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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Bahrain on Thursday agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in multiple areas, including trade, investment, industries, agriculture and food security, higher education, infor-

mation technology, logistics and maritime affairs, besides committing to finalise the Free Trade Agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The bilateral ties and cooperation were discussed as Pakistan and Bahrain held the 3rd Joint Ministerial Commission, co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and visiting Bahraini Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al

Zayani. Following the ministerial commission's meeting, both leaders told the media at a joint press stakeout that two sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to further strengthening bilateral cooperation across a broad spectrum of sectors, including energy, sports, tourism.

PTI focusing on politics instead of KP's key issues, says PPP leader

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PESHAWAR: Pakistan Peoples Party Khyber Pakhtunkhwa President Mohammad Ali Shah Bacha criticised PTI on Wednesday, saying the party was focusing on political activities and Imran Khan's narrative instead of addressing terrorism, law and order, corruption, development and governance issues in the province. Addressing a press conference in Peshawar, Mohammad Ali Shah Bacha said PTI leaders were visiting different districts of the province, with plans to travel to Charsadda and Bajaur after setting up camp in their home constituencies, while visits to other areas were also being planned. He said other political parties could neither hold rallies, protests nor public gatherings in districts where PTI leadership was visiting, and questioned who was ultimately suffering because of the situation.

The PPP leader said the province was facing terrorism, law and order concerns, governance problems and corruption, but instead of focusing on these issues, PTI was allegedly misleading young people and creating hatred and divisions among them.

IMF reaches staff-level agreement with Pakistan on \$1.21bn disbursement

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ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund has reached a staff-level agreement with Pakistan on reviews of some of its lending programmes, potentially unlocking about \$1.21 billion in financing pending board approval, the fund said on Wednesday. If the board approves the deal, Pakistan could access about \$1 billion under the Extended Fund Facility and \$210 million under the climate-focused Resilience and Sustainability Facility, bringing total disbursements under the two programs to around \$5.7 billion.

An IMF team led by Iva Petrova held discussions with Pakistani authorities



in Karachi and Islamabad from September 23 to October 7 under the latest programme reviews as well as the 2026 Article IV consultation.

The Fund said Pakistan had maintained macroeconomic stability despite the impact of the Middle East conflict, with strong policies helping the econ-

omy withstand higher energy prices and supply disruptions.

Real GDP growth reached 4% during the first three quarters of FY26, while full-year growth is estimated at 3.6%. Headline inflation moderated to about 10.3% in September after peaking in May, while core inflation remained contained. The IMF said Pakistan's current account was broadly balanced in FY26, supported by strong remittances, while gross foreign exchange reserves rose to about \$21.5 billion by the end of September. However, the Fund warned that risks remained high, citing geopolitical tensions, volatile energy prices, tighter global financial conditions and disruptions to trade.



CHAIRMAN SENATE, SYED YOUSAF RAZA GILANI WITH MS. TULIA ACKSON PRESIDENT, IPU ON THE SIDELINES OF THE 153RD IPU ASSEMBLY AT ARUSHA, TANZANIA.

Minister seeks feasibility for Manseha-Naran highway as model project

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan on Thursday directed the National Highway Authority to prepare a feasibility for developing the 123-kilometre long Mansehra-Naran highway as a model project. A special meeting of the National Highway Authority, chaired by Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan, reviewed the construction of important highways as well as key affairs of the Authority, said a press release.

The minister said that the proposed three-lane Motorway Project could prove to be a milestone not only in promoting tourism but also in strengthening trade and connectivity with China.

A detailed presentation was given to Federal Minister on various aspects and progress of the Mansehra-Naran-Jalkhand-Chilas highway project.

He directed the NHA Authorities to thoroughly examine all aspects of the project and prepare a comprehensive and viable report so that the important highway could be developed in accordance with modern requirements.

The Minister said it had also been



decided to take the Guru Nanak Expressway Project to the international tendering stage. Abdul Aleem Khan said that the Guru Nanak Expressway would be a project of special religious, historical and spiritual significance for the Sikh Community; therefore, international standards would be ensured in its construction. He said international investment would be sought for the Guru Nanak Expressway and the Sikh community residing in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States would be invited to invest in the project.

Federal Minister said that the project

would be aligned with modern infrastructure, international standards and attractive investment opportunities.

The meeting also reviewed ongoing construction and development work on various sections of the GT Road from Rawalpindi to Peshawar. The misiter tasked NHA officials with completing the construction work on the Multan-Muzaffargarh-Mianwali highway within the next two months.

Abdul Aleem Khan directed the NHA to complete ongoing projects in the shortest possible time and ensure that all projects meet their stipulated deadlines. He made it clear that nothing could take precedence

over the safety of citizens on the roads and highways.

He directed NHA officials to ensure 100 percent safety features on all new and under-construction highways, stressing that there would be no compromise whatsoever on road safety.

A decision was also taken to construct safety barriers as part of the expansion project of the Pindi Bhattian-Faisalabad Motorway (M-4). The minister further directed that rest areas and washrooms be constructed on both sides of new highways to facilitate travellers. He said newly completed projects should be made safe, aesthetically appealing and public-friendly in every respect. He also directed that green belts be made a mandatory component of the construction of new highways and motorways.

He instructed NHA officials to incorporate horticulture into highway development plans so that modern infrastructure is complemented by environmentally friendly and aesthetically attractive roads. Abdul Aleem Khan said the objective of constructing and developing national highways and motorways was not merely to improve travel facilities but also to provide safe, attractive and sustainable infrastructure.

IHC questions legal status of intelligence reports in overseas postings

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday questioned the legal status of intelligence reports used in the selection of government officials for postings as trade and counsellor officers at Pakistani missions abroad. A division bench comprising Justice Khadim Hussain Soomro and Justice Umair Majid Malik heard the federal government's intra-court appeal against a single-bench judgment in favour of officials who had challenged their rejection on security clearance grounds. During the hearing, Justice Khadim Hussain Soomro questioned whether intelligence reports could be examined in a judicial order. The Additional Attorney General submitted that such appointments were at the discretion of the Prime Minister and the government. Justice Soomro questioned whether the court could not intervene where the constitutional distribution of powers was concerned. He also asked whether an officer who was not cleared for posting abroad could be considered fit to serve in Pakistan. Additional Attorney General Rashid Hafeez argued that security clearance was mandatory for government officials being posted abroad. He said the officials were currently serving in Pakistan, but their posting abroad involved a security clearance issue. He submitted that if an official committed an act within Pakistan, it would have an individual impact, whereas any act committed abroad could have implications for the entire country. He maintained that the petitions filed by the officials were not maintainable before the High Court. Representing the affected officials, Advocate Saad Butt argued that the candidates had been shortlisted after tests and interviews by a high-level Grade-22 committee. He said they were subsequently trained and even issued diplomatic passports before being rejected on the basis of intelligence reports.

DHO Islamabad holds free medical camp

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ISLAMABAD: The District Health Office (DHO) Islamabad on Thursday organised a free medical camp at Rural-10, providing a range of healthcare, screening, vaccination and counselling services to local residents.

The camp offered free medical consultations, family planning services, mental health counselling and maternal and child nutrition services.

Free laboratory investigations, including chest X-ray, tuberculosis testing, hepatitis C screening and blood sugar tests, were also provided to the community.

Childhood vaccination and HPV vaccination services were additionally offered during the camp.

MSU In-Charge Dr Shazia Gul visited the camp and reviewed the arrangements to ensure quality delivery of healthcare services. The initiative aimed to improve access to essential primary healthcare and preventive services for residents of the area.

Pakistan, UK explore investment partnership to advance trade, business cooperation

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the United Kingdom (UK) on Thursday discussed ways to further enhance trade and cooperation in priority sectors and deliver concrete outcomes through the next bilateral Trade Dialogue.

During a meeting between Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan and British High Commissioner to Pakistan Jane Marriottat here at the Ministry of Commerce, the two sides focused on expanding trade and investment cooperation in healthcare and life sciences, information technology, agriculture and livestock, financial services, aviation and minerals-related services, said a news release.

The British side outlined the possibility of a long-term, non-legally binding invest-

ment partnership, supported at ministerial level, to provide a framework for cooperation in mutually agreed sectors. Potential areas included regulatory reforms, trade facilitation, education and workforce skills, and investment financing. Jam Kamal Khan highlighted livestock as an important area for cooperation, noting the Prime Minister's keen interest in strengthening the sector, improving animal productivity and increasing value addition and meat exports.

He underscored the opportunities for British expertise, technology and investment to support modern livestock practices and stronger commercial linkages.

The High Commissioner highlighted the importance of incorporating food safety and regulatory requirements into sector development, enabling Pakistani producers to access UK and other interna-



tional markets.

The meeting also reviewed ongoing engagement through the healthcare and life sciences working group.

The minister emphasised the need to strengthen the international branding of Pakistani products and help domestic

businesses develop a stronger presence in overseas markets. Discussions covered opportunities to promote Pakistani pink salt, olive oil, food products, textiles and surgical instruments through quality assurance, value addition and effective marketing. Both sides recognised the potential for Pakistani businesses to develop their own brands and capture greater value from products already supplied to international markets. They also discussed opportunities for Pakistani food businesses and restaurant brands to expand their presence in the UK.

Cooperation in aviation was another major area of discussion. The British side briefed the minister on engagement involving Airbus and Rolls-Royce, including potential aircraft and engine arrangements for PIA and possible export credit support.

BISP chief calls for stronger climate-resilient social protection at ADB forum

APP- ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Senator Rubina Khalid Thursday called for stronger international support to protect vulnerable communities from climate and economic shocks, highlighting Pakistan's experience of linking social protection with skills, employment and climate resilience.

BISP chief calls for stronger climate-resilient social protection at ADB forum

Addressing a panel at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Adaptive Social Protection Forum in Manila, she said Pakistan contributes very little to global carbon emissions, yet its vulnerable communities bear a disproportionate burden of climate change. "The international community must step up support for Pakistan's most vulnerable families by strengthening climate resilience, expanding adaptive social protection and providing practical assistance to help communities withstand future climate shocks," she said.

Senator Rubina Khalid highlighted

BISP's response to climate-related emergencies, saying 2.7 million families affected by the 2022 floods received PKR 70 billion in emergency cash assistance.

She said BISP's National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) covers more than 40 million households and has been made dynamic, with climate-related questions incorporated into the survey to identify households exposed to climate risks.

Earlier, participating in a high-level roundtable on "Skills, Employment and Social Protection: Building Resilience Pathways for Learning, Work and Security," Senator Rubina Khalid highlighted BISP's efforts to move beyond cash transfers by linking social protection with market-relevant skills, digital opportunities and employment. She said Pakistan's large youth population requires skills aligned with changing market demands and BISP is working with the ADB to scale up skills development within the social protection framework.

Muqam urges KP govt to focus on public issues

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan and PML-N Khyber Pakhtunkhwa President Engineer Amir Muqam on Thursday urged the KP government to focus on resolving public issues instead of pursuing a long march. Addressing a press conference, he said terrorism incidents continued in the province while the provincial leadership was busy with political activities. He said that the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were facing serious hardships and questioned what practical change had been brought about despite the PTI government being in power in the province for the third consecutive term.

Amir Muqam said that the PTI had also governed at the federal level for three and a half years, adding that the people had witnessed its performance. He questioned what measures had been taken during that period to address the province's issues and provide funds. He said that the provincial government had the responsibility to address public problems and maintain law and

ICCI Intervention Brings Relief to Traders Facing Arrests Over Plastic Bags

Report: Hurish shah FT:

ISLAMABAD -- Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) President Mohammad Zikria Akbar Zia, along with Senior Vice President Mohammad Ashfaq Hussain Chatha, Vice President Mohammad Waqas Khan and former President Sardar Tahir Mehmood, called on Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry and raised concerns over the arrest of traders over the use of plastic bags.

The ICCI delegation urged the minister to stop such arrests and adopt an awareness-based approach to implementation of the policy. Talal Chaudhry heard the concerns and directed the concerned authorities to stop arrests, assuring that an awareness campaign would be launched to educate traders and the public about the regulations.

It was also agreed that plastic bags



would be allowed for essential perishable items, including milk, curd and meat, in accordance with government policy.

The ICCI leadership appreciated the minister's positive response and stressed that environmental measures should be implemented through con-

sultation, awareness and facilitation without causing unnecessary hardship to traders. The delegation also included ICCI Executive Members Umer Hussain Malik and Shoaib Zafar, and Islamabad Industrial Association President Mohammad Omais Khattak.

ICCI-Uzbek Women's Association agree to establish working group for business cooperation

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ISLAMABAD: A high-level delegation of the International Business Women's Association (IBWA) Uzbekistan, led by its Chairwoman Ms. Gulnora Makhmudova, visited the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Thursday. Discussion on promoting women-led entrepreneurship, trade and investment between Pakistan and Uzbekistan was held, said a press release. The delegation comprised Ms. Nodira Begim Mukhamadalieva, Head of the International Department, Ms. Dilyafroz Tashmukhamedova, Chairwoman of the Tashkent City Branch, Ms. Anjelika Ogay, Project Manager, and Khalid Taimour Akram, Advisor to Chairman Habib Rafiq Group. Welcoming the delegation,

ICCI President Mohammad Zikria Akbar Zia said that women's economic empowerment was essential for achieving sustainable economic growth, prosperity and inclusive development. He said Pakistan and Uzbekistan had considerable potential to expand business-to-business linkages and assured ICCI's fullest cooperation in facilitating B2B meetings between women entrepreneurs of the two countries. He emphasized that regular exchange of business delegations and greater interaction among women entrepreneurs could help transform the existing bilateral goodwill into tangible trade and investment opportunities.

Ms. Gulnora Makhmudova, Chairwoman of IBWA Uzbekistan, highlighted the measures being taken by the Uzbek government to

promote women's economic empowerment and entrepreneurship.

She said women constituted 40 percent of the total number of entrepreneurs in Uzbekistan and were benefiting from a range of supportive programmes and initiatives.

She invited Pakistani women entrepreneurs to participate in the B2B Women Conference being organized by IBWA Uzbekistan in Tashkent in April next year, saying the event would provide an important platform for networking, business matchmaking and exploring joint ventures. ICCI Senior Vice President Mohammad Ashfaq Hussain Chatha and Vice President Mohammad Waqas Khan emphasized the need for sustained institutional cooperation to promote business relations between the two countries.

E-Commerce, Education, Employment and Health Need Urgent Attention: Khakan Waheed Khawaja

Report: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD -- Chairman Pakistan Awaami Quwat Party and Chairman Rawal General & Dental Hospital and Rawal Foundation, Khakan Waheed Khawaja, said e-commerce, education, employment and health are key sectors requiring urgent and sustained efforts.

Talking to delegations of students and representatives from Kharian, including Syed Zahoor Shah and Madam Shazia, he said his organization was already working in all four areas.

Khakan Waheed Khawaja said no major revolutionary measures had been taken in the education and health sectors over the past 79 years. He stressed the need to make quality education and healthcare accessible to ordinary citizens through immediate and transformative initiatives,



He said providing these basic facilities to the people could open new avenues for national

development. He also answered questions from the students during the meeting.

Danyal stresses credible information to counter digital misinformation

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Danyal Chaudhry on Thursday stressed the need for timely, credible and verifiable information to safeguard public trust and informed decision making, as he chaired a panel discussion on information integrity at a national dialogue organised in Islamabad by UNESCO Office Pakistan in collaboration with the Press Information Department (PID), Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) and National Forum of Information Commissioners (NFIC). Speaking at the panel titled "The Value of Information Integrity: Trust, Journalism and Resilience", held as part of the dialogue on "Access to Information for

Enhancing Information Integrity," Danyal said the rapid expansion of social media, digital platforms and artificial intelligence had transformed access to information while creating new risks from misinformation, disinformation and AI generated content. He called for stronger responsible journalism, timely government communication, greater media literacy and ethical use of artificial intelligence to protect the public from false and misleading narratives. The parliamentary secretary said information integrity is a shared responsibility of the government, parliament, media, civil society, academia, technology platforms and citizens. Barrister stressed that credible information must reach the public promptly, warning that delays and information gaps could create space for misinformation and false narratives to gain ground.

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The Enduring Legacy of Allama Iqbal and the Noble Calling of Teaching



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Allama Muhammad Iqbal, whose intellectual legacy continues to be recognised and respected not only in Pakistan but across the world,his profound understanding of philosophy, science, religion and the Qur'an established him as one of the most influential thinkers and writers in our intellectual history.

Iqbal's vision of knowledge, education and human development continues to inspire generations. His work reminds us that education is not simply about acquiring information; it is about developing the ability to think, question, understand and contribute meaningfully to society.



His intellectual journey remains an enduring source of inspiration for students, educators and scholars alike.

Today, teachers across Pakistan continue to demonstrate extraordinary dedication and resilience despite difficult economic circumstances. They carry on their responsibilities with commitment, educating and nurturing our children while often facing challenges

that extend far beyond the classroom.

Teaching is much more than an occupation. It is a noble and honourable responsibility that carries the power to shape lives and influence future generations. A dedicated teacher can give a child confidence, encourage curiosity and create meaningful opportunities to learn, grow and fulfil their potential.

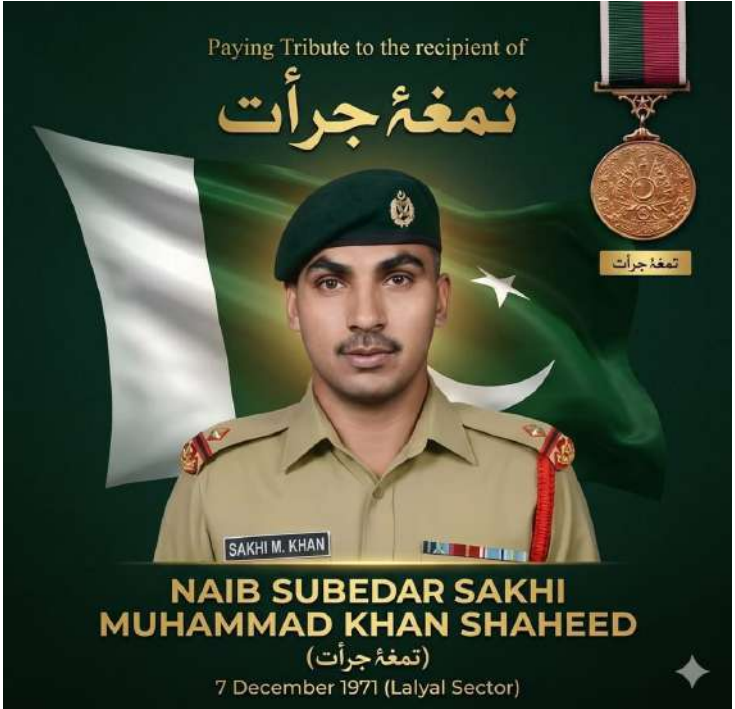
In this regard, the legacy of Allama Iqbal offers a powerful reminder of what knowledge and education can achieve. His life and ideas demonstrate how intellectual curiosity, learning and guidance can help individuals rise above limitations and make a lasting contribution to society.

We must therefore recognise and support our teachers, value their contribution and ensure that they have the resources and dignity they deserve. By strengthening our teachers and investing in education, we can create better opportunities for our children to thrive and grow and continue the spirit of learning and intellectual development that Allama Iqbal so profoundly represented.

The Son of Kashmir ,Naib Subedar Sakhi Muhammad Khan, Holder of Three Major Military Honours, Martyred



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Kashmir and a soldier of the Pakistan Army's 2 AK Regiment, earned three major military honours – the Medal of Courage, Star of War and Medal of War – in recognition of his exceptional bravery and services to the country.

Born in 1933 to Sohbat Ali Khan Bhatti in Gangot, Tehsil Kotli, Kashmir, Sakhi Muhammad Khan joined the Pakistan Army in 1951. He had completed around 14 years of service when the 1965 Pakistan-India war broke out.

During the 1965 war, Naib Subedar Sakhi Muhammad Khan demonstrated remarkable courage and determination on the battlefield. He fought bravely against the enemy and played his role in defending the motherland. In recognition of his services and bravery, the Government of Pakistan and the Pakistan Army honoured him with the Star of War and Medal of War.

Six years later, the 1971 war began and he was deployed in the Chhamb-Jaurian sector, where enemy forces launched repeated attacks. Naib Subedar Sakhi Muhammad Khan and his men courageously resisted the enemy's advance and held their position for a considerable period.

On the night between December 6 and 7, he received orders to take his men into enemy territory and launch an attack. Leading from the front, he and his troops attacked the enemy positions and destroyed three forward positions.

During the operation, he was wounded. Despite his injuries, he continued to encourage his men to move forward. While fighting in defence of the motherland, he ultimately embraced martyrdom.

In recognition of his courage and

supreme sacrifice, the Government of Pakistan awarded Naib Subedar Sakhi Muhammad Khan the Medal of Courage. He was laid to rest in his native village, where his grave remains a reminder of his sacrifice and service to the country. His memory is honoured every year on September 6, while December 7 is observed as his martyrdom day. May Allah Almighty elevate the ranks of Naib Subedar Sakhi Muhammad Khan Shaheed and grant patience and courage to his family. Ameen.

Israel's latest foolish act of self-harm

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Israel, as a country and as a nation, has always suffered from a good measure of siege mentality. Being distrustful of the outside world is understandable considering the history of the Jewish people, but it has also become a useful political tool for cynics. For those on the right wing, it is ingrained in their ideology and state of mind. But it is equally a ploy to always portray Israel as a victim on whose behalf only they are willing and able to stand up to all those hateful foreigners who they claim wish for the destruction of the country.

The bizarre saga of two British MPs who were this month refused entry after flying to Israel is just another example of a self-inflicted PR wound inflicted by a government that is becoming increasingly paranoid and thrives on friction with the international community. The two rather anonymous first-term British Labour parliamentarians, Abtisam Mohammed and Yuan Yang, had been traveling to Israel and the West Bank as part of a parliamentary delegation. But immediately after their arrival, they were detained at the airport and forced to fly back to the UK the next day. What makes this story even more peculiar is that the two lawmakers were given clearance to enter the country before they set off, meaning their arrival was hardly a surprise to the Israeli government. Someone must have whispered in the ear of Israeli Interior Minister Moshe Arbel, between their clearance for entry and their detention at the airport, that two "troublemaker" British MPs were about to land in Israel, resulting in this hasty and reckless decision to prevent their entry. According to The Times of Israel, the Interior Ministry explained that it had refused Mohammed and Yang entry because, when questioned about the purpose of their visit, they had stated that it was "to document Israeli security forces and spread hateful rhetoric against Israel." It is hardly believable that they were so naive as to use these exact words to immigration officials. But even if this was what

those who questioned them understood, it would have been smarter of the Israeli authorities to weigh carefully the miniscule degree of harm that would result from allowing two relatively unknown lawmakers to conduct their fact-finding mission against the extremely negative publicity that was bound to be caused by refusing them entry.

The Israeli Embassy in London, which must have approved their visit or at least known about it, all of a sudden suffered a bout of amnesia and entered the fray, declaring that their country "will not allow the entry of individuals or entities that act against the state and its citizens (who are) actively involved in promoting sanctions against Israeli ministers," or boycotting the country.

These positions are certainly uncomfortable to Israel, but would it not have been better for the Israeli Foreign Ministry to invite critics of its policies, such as these two British MPs, to a briefing at the ministry and a meeting with experts and bestow on them the utmost "hasbara" to explain their actions, whether justified or not? Or is it the case that those in charge of defending Israel's policies on the Occupied Territories do not believe that their position is defensible?

Showing lawmakers a more friendly attitude would have at least saved Israel much of the negative publicity it received from most British politicians, with the exception of the Conservative Party and its leader Kemi Badenoch, which is hardly an endorsement that does anyone a favor. Upon their return, Mohammed and Yang, along with Cabinet ministers including Middle East Minister Hamish Falconer and more than 70 other parliamentarians, staged a joint photocall in Westminster Hall in a show of solidarity that was widely reported in the national and international media. To top this, Foreign Secretary David Lammy made a public statement describing Israel's act as "unacceptable, counterproductive and deeply concerning." Game, set and match for Israel's self-inflicted damage to its relations with the UK and

beyond.

However, this incident runs deeper than Israel's inability to tolerate any criticism, let alone acknowledge that there are any faults in its policies toward the Palestinians. Self-evidently, not every criticism of Israel is justified or reflects a genuine understanding of the complexities of this conflict and the wars it generates. There is usually too much of a binary approach and a tendency to unquestionably support either one side or the other, rather than offering constructive ideas and measures on how to bring it to an end.

Nevertheless, what does Israel expect after 58 years of oppressive occupation that has resulted in the illegal building of hundreds of settlements on occupied land in violation of international law, which has allowed settler terrorism and the general oppression of the Palestinians there, and more recently the mass killings and devastation in Gaza? The more Israel bars politicians, researchers, journalists and activists from visiting these places, the more it becomes obvious that the Israeli authorities have much to hide and that even they no longer believe they can justify their positions to anyone beyond their most ardent and least inquisitive supporters.

To make things worse for Israel's relations with its allies, last week it was the turn of a much higher-profile politician, French President Emmanuel Macron, to be on the receiving end of an obscene attack. It came from a certain self-exiled individual in Miami, who lives in luxurious conditions that nobody knows who pays for, while surrounded by Shin Bet bodyguards who we do know are funded by Israel's taxpayers. This individual is Yair Netanyahu – yes, the son of the much-discredited Israeli prime minister. Macron's apparently unforgivable sin was to say that France could recognize a Palestinian state in a matter of months. The instant reply to the French president on X by the younger Netanyahu, a response which reflects the depth of his intellectual prowess and good manners, was: "Screw You."

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ESG in Pakistan: Changing Finance or Just the Cover Page?



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A bank can put up solar panels, plant trees and produce a pretty sustainability report, and then continue to do pretty much the same thing when it comes to lending. Its offices may become greener even as its financing supports businesses with unmanaged environmental and social risks. The question that must be answered by all financial institutions in Pakistan is: what does environmental, social and governance (ESG) integration do: it changes where money goes, or it is largely about how the financial institution looks? It is legitimate to attract investors with improved sustainability performance. Luring them with something more than evidence is another.

Pakistan has surpassed the stage of non-regulatory guidance. In 2017, the State Bank released its Green Banking Guidelines and in 2022, its Environmental and Social Risk Management Implementation Manual. In December 2025, the SECP updated the ESG disclosure guidelines for listed companies, in line with Pakistan Green Taxonomy. These developments lay the groundwork for more reliable assessments and reporting. By themselves, they do not form an answer to what extent institutions have changed their behavior. Similarly, to disregard the entire sector's efforts as window-dressing, without analyzing the individual institutions' portfolios, processes and results, would be wrong.

The strongest test sits inside the credit committee. Imagine a potential loan to a textile company facing water

scarcity, flooding-related disruption, and workplace safety issues. Such risks would need to be part of the analysis of repayment capacity, financing conditions and subsequent monitoring for true integration to occur. The lender may require measures to conserve water, or a safer working environment or a funded improvement plan. If necessary, it may reject the proposal. If ESG assessment is done after the commercial decision has been made, there is a risk that this assessment becomes "paperwork." A policy has significance if it alters a decision.

The environmental aspect is not limited to electricity that is used in branches. Investors should be aware of risks and emissions of the activities financed by the institution in addition to those of its own operations. But the social aspect must not be neglected: fair treatment for consumers, responsible lending practices, safeguarding of the employees and providing opportunities to those who have been excluded from credit. Governance will condition whether or not these commitments hold against the pressures of commerce. Do risk officers have the power to oppose a lucrative deal. Does the board get unpleasant results? Are grievances addressed and conflicts of interest addressed? Donations and community programmes are good, but they are no substitute for poor lending standards or accountability.

Implementation may not match ambition for practical reasons. In smaller borrowers, this could be due to a lack of emissions records, climate exposure data or specialist staff. Financial institutions must also have the appropriate expertise and systems. Otherwise viable businesses should not be automatically ruled out for credit due to lack of information. Banks can apply proportionate assessments, provide estimates and assist borrowers to enhance their

records. But the same can't be the case with limited capacity and indefinite counts on vague commitments. Investors should enquire about definitions of what is considered sustainable and how they are verified and what is the plan if targets are not met. Progress should be reported as set-backs as well as a series of good examples. It's important to acknowledge when performance is not up to scratch for credibility.

The next step is to ensure that ESG becomes part of financial decision-making. Boards should define clear roles and tie in management incentives with measurable results. Monitoring of the environmental and social conditions should be done by risk teams during the financing period. Internal audit may be used to demonstrate that procedures approved have been put in practice and independent assurance may provide a greater level of assurance for significant disclosures. Regulator should look at implementation as well as the quality of reporting. Institutions should share what adjustments have been made in lending, investments or engagements with their clients as a result of sustainability assessments, while preserving the confidentiality of information. Pakistan requires funding to build business resilience and competitiveness. ESG can help fulfil that purpose but only where links are made between pledges and actions and consequences. The credibility of ESG in Pakistan's financial sector will depend on whether it shapes lending decisions, strengthens accountability and delivers measurable results. Investors should look for evidence that sustainability commitments influence how institutions assess risk, allocate capital and respond when targets are missed. Until those commitments are reflected in everyday financial decisions, the gap between sustainability on paper and performance in practice will remain.

PTI's Long March and Pakistan's Political Crisis

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Pakistan's political landscape has once again entered a period of heightened tension. The long march launched by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on October 4, 2026, from Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has now reached a critical stage. Its implications extend beyond a political protest and could affect relations between the federal and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments, parliamentary politics, law and order, and the country's economic stability.

The PTI's principal demands include the release of party founder and former Prime Minister Imran Khan, the release of political workers and prisoners, and opposition to government policies. The march has reached Matani on the outskirts of Peshawar, while the party leadership has indicated that its next strategy will be determined after the convoy moves towards Khyber.

The PTI had initially announced the long march for September 27 but postponed it until October 4 amid the possibility of negotiations with the government. Two rounds of talks were subsequently held between the government, the Pakistan Peoples Party and the PTI under the chairmanship of National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq. However, the talks failed to produce a breakthrough.

The main differences reportedly centred on access to and meetings with Imran Khan, the conditions for ending the protest, and the approach towards law and order in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The government maintained that the protest should be called off before negotiations could meaningfully proceed, while the PTI insisted that major political decisions could not be taken without Imran Khan's instructions and consultation.

On October 4, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi led the convoy from Gandhi Chowk in Lakki Marwat. PTI workers and caravans from different districts subsequently joined the march. The convoy moved through Karak and Kohat before establishing a camp in Matani on the night of October 6.

According to the revised strategy, the convoy is now expected to move towards Peshawar through Khyber. Chief Minister Sohail Afridi has compared the political struggle to a cricket match, saying that it is not a T20 but a Test match, with a new phase beginning on October 8.

October 8 is therefore being viewed as an important point in the protest movement. The PTI intends to announce its next strategy after the convoy reaches Khairabad, near the border between Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. If the march moves towards Punjab, the political situation could become considerably more complicated. On the other hand, a reopening of negotiations could provide an opportunity to reduce tensions through political engagement.

That is ultimately the essence of politics: even during periods of confrontation, space for dialogue and compromise must remain open.

The federal government has also not completely closed the door to negotiations. Prime Minister Shehbaz



Sharif, while speaking in Islamabad on October 6, invited the PTI to end its protests and sit-ins and return to the negotiating table. The Prime Minister argued that prolonged political protests could disrupt economic activity, affecting industry, exports and employment.

The government has also stressed that protecting the lives and property of citizens is its responsibility and that violations of the law will be dealt with according to legal procedures.

The PTI, however, does not regard the government's offer as sufficient. The party has argued that if the government is genuinely serious about negotiations, it should directly engage with opposition leadership in the National Assembly and Senate. Its central concern remains the lack of political consultation and access to Imran Khan. From the PTI's perspective, a political solution without communication with its founder is unlikely to produce meaningful results.

The situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has added another important dimension to the crisis. The province is already facing the serious challenge of increasing terrorist attacks, while differences between the federal and provincial governments persist over law-and-order policies. If the security situation deteriorates alongside the political confrontation, the consequences could become even more serious.

There has also been political discussion about possible constitutional or administrative measures in the province, including the possibility of governor's rule or an emergency. However, such possibilities should be approached with caution, as any extraordinary measure could further intensify political tensions rather than resolve them.

Another major concern is Pakistan's economic stability. The country is currently pursuing economic stabilization, financial reforms and commitments associated with international financial institutions. In such circumstances, prolonged political confrontation, road blockades, disruption of business activities and declining investor confidence could undermine economic recovery.

Political parties must recognise that the economic cost of prolonged confrontation is ultimately borne by ordinary citizens through reduced business activity, employment pressures and higher uncertainty.

At the same time, the PTI's right to

peaceful protest is an important part of democratic politics. Political parties have the right to hold rallies, demonstrations and public campaigns to present their demands. However, that right must be exercised within the law and with due regard for the lives, property and daily activities of citizens.

The government, on the other hand, should avoid treating political protests solely as an administrative or law-and-order challenge. It must also address the political grievances that have contributed to the confrontation. The use of force may disperse a protest temporarily, but it cannot resolve underlying political disagreements.

Pakistan's present crisis is therefore not merely a dispute between one political party and one government. It is a test of the country's political institutions and democratic processes.

Parliament remains the most appropriate forum for political engagement. The government and opposition should use parliamentary channels to discuss political, constitutional, security and economic challenges and seek solutions that can command a reasonable degree of political acceptance.

The direction of the PTI's march after October 8 could become a significant turning point. If the convoy advances towards Punjab, the government will face difficult decisions on both administrative and political fronts. If negotiations resume, however, an opportunity may emerge to prevent further escalation.

Pakistan cannot afford prolonged confrontation at a time when political stability and economic recovery are both essential. Political differences are an unavoidable part of democracy, but those differences should be managed through dialogue, Parliament and constitutional mechanisms rather than confrontation in the streets.

The federal government should therefore make every reasonable effort to bring the PTI back to the negotiating table at the earliest possible opportunity. At the same time, the PTI should demonstrate flexibility and recognise that political negotiations require compromise from all sides.

A carefully considered political settlement would serve not only the interests of the government or the PTI, but also the broader interests of Pakistan and its people.

Pakistan-Bahrain Joint Ministerial Commission Concludes 3rd Session

Report: Hurish Shah FT:

ISLAMABAD -- A family photo was taken at the successful conclusion of the 3rd Session of the Pakistan-Bahrain Joint Ministerial Commission, held today at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The session was co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani.



SP Industrial Area Zone Dr. Ayaz Hussain Holds Open Court, Orders Prompt Action on Citizens’ Complaints



Report: F T

ISLAMABAD -- SP Industrial Area Zone Dr. Ayaz Hussain held an open



court at his office, where citizens presented their issues and complaints. The SP directed the concerned

officers to take necessary action on the complaints on the spot and ensure timely and merit-based resolution of citizens’ problems.

Free Prosthetic Leg Camp Announced in Tharparkar

Report: Nareender Kumar/ANI

MITHI -- In a joint humanitarian initiative, Rotary Club Mithi (Club No. 55449, District 3271) and Rotary Club Karachi will organize a Free Prosthetic Leg (Jaipur Foot) Camp for deserving persons with disabilities in Tharparkar.

The camp will provide free medical assessment, measurements and high-quality prosthetic legs to eligible beneficiaries.

The camp will be held at Civil Hospital Mithi on October 11, 2026, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The initiative is being supported by Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar Abdul Haleem Jagirani, DHO Tharparkar Dr. Lekhranj



Sarangani, and Civil Surgeon Civil Hospital Mithi Dr. Shahid Jhanjhi. Social workers, healthcare officials and the general public have been

urged to spread the message across Tharparkar’s villages so that maximum deserving people can benefit from this humanitarian initiative.

NA Committee on Petroleum Reviews Fuel Pricing, Refinery Upgradation and Gas Sector Issues



By Ahmed Shamsur Rehman/ANI

ISLAMABAD -- The National Assembly Standing Committee on Petroleum Division met at Parliament House under the chairmanship of Syed Mustafa Mehmood, MNA, and reviewed petroleum pricing, refinery upgradation, fuel smuggling and key gas-sector matters.

The committee confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting and deferred consideration of the Natural Gas (Development Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, and the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2026, until the next meeting.

The committee was briefed on the mechanism for determining petrol and gas prices and the performance of PSO and OGDCL. OGRA informed members that petrol and diesel prices are determined through

a transparent formula based on international prices, PSO data, exchange rates and other prescribed components.

The committee stressed the need for greater transparency regarding petroleum prices, including taxes, levies, transportation costs and international benchmarks.

The Petroleum Division informed the committee that four out of five refineries had signed agreements for upgradation, while negotiations with the remaining refinery were underway. The committee also expressed concern over higher-sulphur petroleum products and their possible environmental impact during the smog and winter seasons.

The committee discussed petroleum smuggling and was informed that border controls were being strengthened. End-to-end digitiza-

tion of the petroleum supply chain was also highlighted as a long-term measure to identify discrepancies in supply and sales.

Gas pricing, circular debt and the financial position of SNGPL and SSGCL were also discussed. The committee directed the relevant authorities to provide updated figures on liabilities and revenue shortfalls at the next meeting.

The committee decided to take up issues concerning Universal Gas Distribution Company, commercial gas sales, economical fuel for farmers through Light Diesel Oil and provision of gas facilities within a five-kilometre radius of oil and gas wells at its next meeting. The meeting was attended by committee members and senior officials from the Petroleum Division, OGRA, OGDCL, SNGPL, SSGCL and the Energy Department, Punjab.

NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq Pays Tribute to Security Forces for Killing 9 Militants in North Waziristan

Report: Maryam Sajid/ANI

ISLAMABAD-- National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has paid tribute to the security forces for killing nine militants, including four key commanders, during an intelligence-based operation in North Waziristan.

Sadiq praised the professional capabilities of the security forces,



saying their timely and effective action foiled the militants’ nefarious designs. He said the destruction of militant hideouts reflected the forces’ commitment to eliminating terrorism and maintaining peace and stability. The NA Speaker also appreciated the sacrifices and efforts of the security forces in the fight against terrorism, saying the nation stands firmly with them.

University of Sindh Session Highlights Urgent Need for Front-of-Pack Warning Labels

Report: ANI Correspondent:

JAMSHORO -- The Pakistan National Heart Association (PANA) organized a youth awareness session at the Institute of Commerce & Management, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, highlighting the harmful effects of unhealthy diets and ultra-processed products (UPPs).

Around 120 students, faculty members and youth advocates attended the session, which focused on the growing burden of diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, obesity and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Pakistan.

PANA General Secretary Sana Ullah Ghuman said frequent consumption of unhealthy and ultra-processed products can contribute to poor health outcomes. He stressed that Front-of-Pack Warning Labels



(FOPWL) can help consumers, particularly young people, identify products containing excessive levels of nutrients of concern and make healthier choices.

Prof. Muhammad Hafeez Abro appreciated PANA’s public health advocacy, while Prof. Dr. Hakim Ali

Mahesar, Director of the Institute of Commerce & Management, expressed support for further awareness initiatives. The session was part of PANA’s nationwide university-based youth campaign to promote healthier food environments and raise awareness about NCD prevention.

Karachi Man Seeks Legal Action Over Alleged Fraud, Recovery of Rs10 Million

Report: ANI

KARACHI -- Habib-ur-Rehman, a resident of Haroon Bahria Cooperative Housing Society, Hub, has appealed to higher authorities for legal action over an alleged fraud and recovery of Rs10 million. He said security cheques worth Rs300 million were also issued in connection with the matter.

Speaking at a press conference at the Karachi Press Club, Habib-ur-Rehman said he purchased 15 kanals of land in Bedrian, Lahore, in 2023 for Rs150 million and later sought assistance from his former employee, Nasir Shehwani, to resolve a dispute over the property.

He alleged that Rs9 million was transferred to Abdul Rehman and Zafar Iqbal through bank transac-



tions, while another Rs1 million was taken in connection with arrangements to send his son to the UK.

He said that after demanding the return of the money, a dispute arose and he later faced an alleged firing

incident in Lahore. He said an FIR had been registered and appealed for a transparent investigation, recovery of the disputed amount and protection for himself and his family.

Iranian Ambassador Calls for Stronger Pakistan-Iran Cooperation, Regional Connectivity

Report: ANI Correspondent:

ISLAMABAD -- Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan Dr. Reza Amiri Moghadam has called for stronger and sustained bilateral engagement, saying geographical proximity offers significant opportunities to expand trade, connectivity and regional economic cooperation.

Speaking at a roundtable discussion at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), the ambassador highlighted road, maritime and railway connectivity as key pillars of economic cooperation. He stressed the need to improve border

infrastructure and expand crossings, while noting the potential for greater Pakistani food exports to Iran and increased transit activity.

Dr. Moghadam said Iran could serve as a gateway for Pakistan to Central Asia, the Caucasus, Türkiye and European markets, while Pakistan could provide Iran access to South Asian markets.

On regional security, he appreciated Pakistan’s solidarity during recent US-Iran hostilities and acknowledged the diplomatic efforts of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Field Marshal Asim Munir and Pakistan’s senior leadership for de-escalation and dialogue.

He said Iran remained committed to negotiations and a peaceful solution while maintaining readiness to respond to security challenges. Expressing concern over tensions in Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and Gaza, he called for sustained diplomatic efforts to promote regional peace and stability.

The roundtable was hosted by ISSI’s Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa (CAMEA) and moderated by Ambassador Moin Ul Haque, Director General ISSI. Former diplomats, politicians, military officials, academics and security analysts attended the discussion.

NA Speaker Condoles with Barrister Zafarullah Khan Over Mother’s Death

Report: ANI :

ISLAMABAD -- National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq visited the residence of Punjab Advocate General Barrister Zafarullah Khan and expressed his heartfelt condolences over the death of his mother.

The NA Speaker offered Fateha and prayed for the elevation of the deceased’s ranks. He said the loss of a mother is an irreparable loss and a profound shock, adding that he and his family shared Barrister Zafarullah Khan’s grief during this difficult



time. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq prayed to Allah Almighty to grant the deceased

a high place in Jannat-ul-Firdous and give patience to the bereaved family.

Rawalpindi’s Dengue Situation Better Than Last Year, Says Daniyal Chaudhary

Report: FT Correspondent:

RAWALPINDI -- Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Daniyal Chaudhary said that timely and effective measures against dengue have significantly improved the situation in Rawalpindi compared with last year.

Addressing a meeting of the District Emergency and Response Committee on Dengue Control, he appreciated the performance of field teams. The meeting reviewed vector surveillance, larva cases, field response, fogging, sanitation and public awareness activities.



Daniyal Chaudhary said the positive results reflected effective field measures and timely response, but stressed that there was no room for negligence in preventive efforts.

He urged citizens to prevent stagnant water around their homes and

immediately report potential dengue breeding sites. Deputy Commissioner Capt. (R) Nadeem Nasir directed departments to continue coordinated efforts and focus on dengue hotspots, while MNA Tahira Aurangzeb stressed the need for stronger public awareness.