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From Security to Prosperity: How CM Sarfraz Bugti's Reforms Are Transforming Balochistan



■ Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti's Leadership Ushers in a New Era of Peace, Sustainable Development, and Public-Centric Reforms

By Asifa Huzoor Bux, Staff Reporter

QUETTA

Ever since Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti assumed the provincial leadership, concrete and revolutionary steps have been underway to restore law and order, execute administrative reforms, and ensure the welfare of the general public. Mir Sarfraz Bugti has made good governance, transparency, and sustainable development the top priorities of his administration.Upon taking office, he prioritized both impartial security operations and a reconculative strategy to establish lasting peace. Alongside restoring law and order, he adopted a successful reconciliation policy by resolving issues through dialogue with sit-in committees and public forums, significantly restoring public trust across the province.In the education sector, the provincial government initiated the recruitment of over 16,000 teachers to functionalize schools in remote areas. Additionally, the scope of scholarships under the Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) has been expanded for thousands of underprivileged and talented students. In healthcare, rapid progress is being made to improve public hospitals—such as Bolan Medical Complex and Civil Hospital Quetta—ensure the

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Operation Shaban

Decisive Battle Against Terrorism

New Hope for Peace in Balochistan

The conclusion of Operation Shaban, a large-scale joint counterterrorism campaign conducted by the Pakistan Army, Frontier Corps (FC) Balochistan (North), and the Balochistan Police, has been described by Pakistani authorities as a significant development in the country's ongoing efforts to combat militancy and strengthen security across Balochistan. According to official statements, the operation was launched in response to the terrorist attack on the Mangi Dam Police Station on July 5 and continued for ten days, targeting militant networks, their operational infrastructure, logistical support systems, and facilitators operating in different parts of the province.Officials stated that the operation formed part of a broader national strategy aimed at eliminating terrorist organizations and preventing them from regrouping in remote areas of Balochistan. They said the mission was planned after extensive intelligence assessments and involved close coordination among military and civilian law enforcement agencies to maximize operational effectiveness.According to security officials, Operation Shaban relied heavily on intelligence-based operations supported by advanced surveillance technology, aerial reconnaissance, helicopter support, and synchronized ground movements. Authorities said these capabilities enabled security forces to monitor suspected militant movements, identify strategic hideouts, and conduct targeted operations across rugged mountain









ranges, deep valleys, and isolated locations that have historically posed operational challenges.Officials maintained that the operation resulted in significant setbacks for militant groups. They reported that numerous hideouts allegedly used for planning attacks, storing weapons, and sheltering militants

were identified and destroyed. Supply routes and communication channels were also disrupted, according to authorities, limiting the ability of the targeted organizations to move personnel and equipment across different operational areas.Security officials further stated that continuous intelligence gathering remained central to the operation from its initial planning stage through its execution. They said information collected from multiple intelligence sources allowed commanders to adapt operational plans in real time and conduct precise actions against suspected militant positions while reducing risks to civilians and security personnel.Authorities reported that several intelligence-based raids were carried out during the ten-day campaign, leading to the discovery of weapons caches and logistical facilities. According to the official account, security forces recovered a substantial quantity of assault rifles, machine guns, ammunition, improvised explosive devices (IEDs),

detonators, communication equipment, motorcycles, vehicles, fuel supplies, and other materials allegedly intended for militant use.Officials said the seizure of these materials represented a significant disruption to the operational capacity of the targeted militant networks. They added that the destruction of logistical infrastructure would make it more difficult for militants to organize attacks, transport weapons, recruit new members, and maintain communication between different cells operating in remote regions.The official statement emphasized that one of the primary objectives of Operation Shaban was to dismantle the broader support structure that enables militant organizations to function. According to authorities, security agencies focused not only on armed militants but also on facilitators, supply chains, transportation routes, communication systems, and safe houses that allegedly supported terrorist activities.Officials argued that weakening

these interconnected networks would have a longer-term impact on militant capabilities than targeting individual fighters alone. They said disrupting logistics and financial support systems is essential to preventing militant organizations from rebuilding their operational strength.Authorities also highlighted the close coordination among participating institutions throughout the campaign. According to officials, the Pakistan Army, FC Balochistan (North), and the Balochistan Police operated under a unified command structure that enabled intelligence sharing, synchronized planning, and coordinated execution of operations in multiple locations simultaneously.Officials described the inter-agency coordination as one of the defining features of Operation Shaban, stating that cooperation between military and civilian law enforcement agencies enhanced operational efficiency and allowed

security forces to respond quickly to emerging intelligence.The government further stated that local communities played an important role during the operation. According to official accounts, tribal elders, community leaders, and residents from several districts expressed support for ongoing counterterrorism efforts during meetings and consultation sessions held following the campaign.Authorities said tribal representatives acknowledged the sacrifices made by members of the security forces and reaffirmed their commitment to cooperating with state institutions in promoting peace and stability throughout the province.







Ex-fiance arrested for murdering 16-year-old girl in Karachi

- The tragic incident came to light on March 4, when the body of 16-year-old Armish was discovered on a bed inside her apartment with a noose tied around her neck

SPECIAL REPORTER
QUETTA



The Jackson investigation police team has successfully solved a challenging blind murder case and arrested the prime suspect involved in the killing of a 16-year-old girl in the Kemari area of Karachi,
According to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Investigation Masroor Ahmed Jatoi, the breakthrough was achieved through continuous effort, modern technical analysis, and scientific investigation methods.
The tragic incident came to light on March 4, when the body of 16-year-old Armish was discovered on a bed inside her apartment with a noose tied around her neck. The victim, whose father had already passed away, lived alone with her mother. At the time of the crime, the victim's mother was away at work, prompting her to initially register a criminal case against unknown suspects.
During the investigation, police identified and apprehended the suspect as Faizan, the son of Muhammad Ishaq. Authorities revealed that Faizan was a close relative and the former fiance of the victim. The suspect lived with his family on an upper floor of the exact same residential building where the crime took place.
Investigators uncovered that Faizan held a deep grudge against Armish after she called off their engagement to marry someone else.
According to the initial police findings, the suspect entered Armish's apartment on the day of the incident while her mother was out. He allegedly assaulted the teenager and subsequently strangled her to death.



An attractive view of thick clouds hovering over the skies of the Federal Capital.

12 killed, 15 injured in KP rain-related incidents: PDMA

- These incidents occurred in different districts of the province

Staff Reporter
PESHAWAR



Twelve people were killed and 15 injured in rain-related incidents across Khyber Pakhtunkhawa (KP) during the last 24 hours,
According to reports, 12 people died and 15 sustained injuries across the province due to incidents of roof and wall collapse in heavy rains and flash floods during the last 24 hours.
According to PDMA, the dead included six men, five children and a woman, while the injured included eight men, two women and five children.
Fourteen houses were damaged due to heavy rains and flash floods, of which 13 houses were partially destroyed and 1 house was completely destroyed.
The PDMA said that these incidents occurred in different districts of the province, including Peshawar, Khyber, Mardan, Buner, Bajaur, Chitral Lower, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Torghar and Kurram.The PDMA, Rescue 1122, district administration and relevant agencies are in contact with each other and relief activities are continuing.
DG PDMA directed the administrations of the affected districts to provide relief supplies to the victims as soon as possible. The district administration was also directed to accelerate relief activities and provide immediate assistance to the victims.
The PDMA further stated that the water level and flow in all rivers and streams of the province are normal, and this series of heavy rains is likely to continue intermittently until July 23.
According to the PDMA, a letter has already been issued to all district administration s to remain alert, appealing to the public to avoid unnecessary travel and not to visit sensitive tourist destinations, and to follow alerts and advisories from government agencies. .

Pinky is guilty, says police challan submitted in court

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Police on Tuesday submitted the final challan against drug dealer Anmol alias Pinky in the court of the Judicial Magistrate of North Karachi on Tuesday
As per the challan, accused Anmol alias Pinky learned the formula to manufacture drugs from her former husband.
Anmol alias Pinky used to stay at different locations in Lahore and Karachi temporarily. She hired some riders for the supply of drugs to her clients.
Now the total cases against Pinky have reached 21. In the challan, the police confirmed the arrest of Pinky's brother Nasir, Aianullah, and Masar Ali alias Atif.
The accused's name was mentioned as Anmol alias Munazza alias Pinky. The challan further stated that Muyasar Ali alias Atif, Nasir and Ainullah were arrested from Akhtar Colony and police recovered a large quantity of hashish and cocaine from their possession.
The accused Masar Ali told the police that Amir informed him that he was working for the accused Pinky.
The accused stated that Madam Pinky was involved in supplying narcotics across Karachi. One gram of narcotics was being sold for Rs12,000 to Rs15,000, and the final rate was fixed by Pinky
The Investigation Officer (IO) said that an investigation is underway against Pinky in the women's jail, and she admitted running a narcotics network in Karachi.

Top officials barred from using railway saloons, VIP rooms

- Minister Hanif Abbasi says he himself will not use special saloons, VIP rest house rooms

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Federal Minister for Railways, Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, has announced complete elimination of Very Important Person (VIP) culture at the top level in Pakistan Railways by imposing a ban on the use of special saloons and VIP rest house rooms by top officials, including himself.
Any citizen would now be able to avail these luxury travel and accommodation facilities by paying a reasonable fare.
...ister stated that ...eps were being ...ise the railways ...ne with public ...d while talking to APP, adding, for the first time in Pakistan's history, VIP culture within the railways has been completely eradicated from the top down.
The federal minister said that an immediate ban has been imposed on all saloons reserved for VVIP movement, including the Minister's Saloon, Chairman's Saloon, Chief Executive's Saloon, and the saloon used by the Inspector General (IG) Railways.
In the past, these saloons were used exclusively for the travel needs of specific personalities, placing an additional financial burden on the department.
Muhammad Hanif Abbasi clarified that these luxury saloons and VIP rooms at railway rest houses across the country have now been allocated for the general public. Any ordinary citizen could now book these premium facilities for their travel and stay upon payment of a fixed and reasonable rent.
The primary objective of this initiative was not only to provide the best and most luxurious facilities to railway passengers equally but also to generate additional sources of revenue for the railways department.

Over 24,000 government employees cast votes in first phase of AJK elections

SPECIAL REPORTER
MUZAFFARABAD



The first phase of the general election process in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), involving voting by government employees, has been completed successfully, with 24,040 employees casting their votes across eight districts of the region.
According to election officials, polling for government employees was held on July 20 from 8am to 5pm in a peaceful environment. Authorities said the process was completed in a transparent and organized manner. Official figures showed that 4,278 votes were cast across four Legislative Assembly constituencies in two districts of Rawalakot Division. In Mirpur Division, 12,041 government employees voted across 13 assembly constituencies in three districts. Meanwhile, 7,721 votes were recorded across nine assembly constituencies in three districts of Muzaffarabad Division.
After the completion of polling, sealed ballot boxes and other election materials were handed over to the relevant returning officers according to the prescribed procedures.

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Six Lahore cops arrested for negligence of duty

- The North Cantonment Police have also registered a case against the officials accused of negligence.

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Six police personnel have been arrested for alleged negligence after four undertrial prisoners managed to escape from the lockup facility at Lahore's Cantt Court,
According to police, the detained officials have taken into custody included Judicial Moharrir Falak Sher, Deputy Moharrir Gul Baz, along with Irfan, Qaiser, Wajid, and handcuff checker Afzal.
According to police officials, the action was taken on the directives of Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Operations Faisal Kamran, and the detained personnel have been confined in the police lockup pending further proceedings.
The North Cantonment Police have also registered a case against the officials accused of negligence. The FIR was filed at Misri Shah Police Station on the complaint of Sub-Inspector Syed Hammad Hussain, currently serving at Harbanspura Police Station.The complainant stated in the FIR that he reached Cantt Court after being informed about the escape of four prisoners from the court's Bakshi Khana.

Punjab, Sindh seek urgent wheat

The federal and provincial governments met on Monday for the second time to avert a brewing wheat crisis after two largest producing provinces declared shortages and sought releases from federal reserves to arrest soaring prices.

Punjab has demanded one million tonnes from the federal government while Sindh has asked a minimum 220,000 metric tonnes from federal stocks currently available in



godowns in the province,

The shortages, particularly in Punjab and Sindh – the country's food baskets – are rooted in two decisions: ending the wheat support price two years ago under an International Monetary Fund (IMF) condition without creating a credible alternative arrangement, and the failure of both provinces to procure wheat from farmers this year.

Headed by Economic Affairs Minister Ahad Cheema, the meeting reviewed the possibility of importing the commodity but deferred a final decision until all four provinces submit their final demands for wheat.

"The meeting also reviewed the option of importing wheat to strengthen strategic reserves, if necessary," according to a press statement issued by Cheema's office. He stressed that any decision on imports would be taken only after a comprehensive assessment of domestic market conditions.

The crisis is building up despite the country officially producing 29.8 million tonnes of wheat this year. The Afghanistan border has also been closed since November, ending any prospects of smuggling. Cheema emphasised that protecting the interests of local farmers and growers would remain the government's foremost priority and that no decision would be made at their expense.

This was the second meeting in five days between federal and provincial representatives, with another expected in the next 24 hours amid a 6% increase in wheat and flour prices. A senior government functionary said that after meeting provincial requests from the 1.7 million tonnes of stocks held by Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Services Corporation (PASSCO), the federal government would be completely depleted. The federal government may have to import 500,000 to one million tonnes to deal with any untoward situation, he added.

Sources said that during the meeting, Punjab asked for one million tonnes from PASSCO, Sindh demanded 220,000 to 700,000 tonnes from Punjab, and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) sought about 100,000 tonnes for the public sector and another 700,000 for the private sector. K-P also asked for local wheat. Sindh demanded that Punjab soften its border controls so the province could meet its requirements. However, Punjab did not agree, citing its own supply management challenges, officials said. Cheema asked provinces to share their final requirements in writing.

Wheat stock situation

The country has 29.78 million metrictonnes of production this year in addition to two million tonnes of stocks from the previous year. Estimated requirements are 31.66 million tonnes, which is 125,000 tonnes less than available stocks, according to the food ministry. However, officials said Punjab has been unable to trace about four million tonnes of wheat it believed was hoarded. Punjab also failed to procure three million tonnes from farmers, with procurements remaining at 480,000 tonnes. Sindh procured little over 200,000 tonnes.

A handout from the Ministry of Economic Affairs stated that representatives of all provinces "informed the meeting that the wheat market remains stable across the country, with no immediate shortage or crisis". Provinces also highlighted that strict action against hoarding and market manipulation is continuing to prevent artificial shortages and unjustified price increases.

Official data shows wheat prices rose across the country between June 11 and July 9. In Punjab, the price increased from Rs4,188 to Rs4,423 per 40 kg – a surge of Rs235 within a month. In Sindh, prices rose from Rs4,188 to Rs4,625 per 40 kg – an increase of Rs437. In K-P, prices rose from Rs4,947 to Rs5,100 per 40 kg, while in Balochistan prices increased from Rs4,760 to Rs4,800.

Flour prices reached Rs142 per kg in Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Peshawar and Karachi, while in Gujranwala flour was Rs130 per kg.

The New Era of Maritime Power



Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan

Do not imagine that history merely repeats itself; rather, it renews its enduring patterns in ever-changing forms." The study of history reveals that the destinies of civilizations are not always determined by the smoke of battlefields alone. More often, they are shaped by the silent currents of the seas, the strategic significance of trade routes, and the hidden power of geography.

The geopolitical landscape of the twenty-first century reflects this timeless principle with remarkable clarity. The Atlantic Ocean, which symbolized global supremacy, imperial expansion, and capitalist dominance for more than three centuries, is gradually relinquishing its centrality.

In its place, the vast maritime expanse stretching across the Indian and Pacific Oceans is emerging as the principal arena of global politics, economics, and strategic competition. History, it seems, has shifted its geographical axis, and the caravan of power is moving from one oceanic horizon to another.

Why the Indo-Pacific Has Become the New Global Chessboard

This region is far more than an immense body of water. It is the lifeline of international trade, the principal artery of global energy supplies, a vast repository of natural resources, and home to the world's largest concentration of population.

Extending from the eastern shores of Africa to the distant islands of the Pacific, this maritime domain has become the grand chessboard upon which major powers are maneuvering their final strategic pieces to preserve or expand their political influence, economic interests, and military superiority. If the history of previous centuries was written through the conquest of territories, the history of the coming age is likely to be written through ports, straits, and maritime corridors. The decisive contests of the future will depend less upon conventional firepower than upon naval reach, technological innovation, and control of strategic sea lanes.

The US-China Rivalry and the Thucydides Trap

The ancient Greek historian Thucydides observed that the rise of a new power almost inevitably leads to confrontation with an established one. That principle has acquired renewed relevance across the waters of the Indo-Pacific. On one side, the United States seeks to preserve its long-standing global leadership, alliance network, and security architecture. On the other, China is steadily expanding its influence through industrial strength, economic dynamism, technological advancement, and maritime outreach.

According to the realist school of international relations, in the absence of a supreme global authority capable of guaranteeing security, every state must rely upon its own military preparedness, economic resilience, and balance of power for survival. This strategic reality has stimulated a new era of military partnerships, security alliances, and maritime cooperation.

Within this framework, arrangements such as the Quad and AUKUS are far more than diplomatic initiatives; they represent essential components of a broader strategic architecture designed to shape the balance of power across the Indo-Pacific.

In response, China has advanced its Belt and Road Initiative, the Maritime Silk Road, and extensive port development projects to transform economic geography into a cornerstone of its foreign policy. These initiatives reinforce a fundamental truth of the modern age: highways of influence are no longer confined to land; the seas themselves determine the destiny of nations.

India, meanwhile, seeks to establish itself as the preeminent maritime power in the Indian Ocean through expanding naval capabilities, regional diplomacy, and strategic partnerships. Japan, Australia, and other regional actors are similarly attempting to balance their economic interests with evolving security concerns.

Together, these developments indicate that the international system is gradually transitioning from a unipolar order toward an increasingly dynamic multipolar structure in which the distribution of power, the nature of alliances, and the pursuit of national interests are undergoing profound transformation. Within this evolving strategic environment, Pakistan occupies a uniquely significant geopolitical position. Serving as a bridge between Central Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and the Arabian Sea, it possesses considerable strategic potential.

Prosperous Farmer... Prosperous Punjab



By: Naeem Malik

History shows that nations that strengthened their farmers, strengthened their economies. Countries that treated agriculture not merely as a sector, but as a pillar of national security, laid the foundations of prosperity. The same principle holds true for an agrarian country like Pakistan. If Punjab, the country's largest food basket, prospers, the positive effects will ripple across all of Pakistan. This is why the recent progress in Punjab's agriculture sector is emerging not just as a collection of projects, but as a sign of a new vision and a new style of governance. Farmers have long complained that those who grow the crops face the greatest hardships. They pay high prices for seeds, fertiliser, pesticides and machinery, while the fruits of their labour often end up in someone else's pocket. If the state extends a hand to farmers in such circumstances, it is not just supporting an individual, but the entire agricultural system. The Punjab Kisan Card Programme appears to be the practical expression of that thinking. The target of issuing one million Kisan Cards is set to be met within a month, while 900,000 farmers have already benefited. Through them, Rs360 billion in interest-free loans have been disbursed, with a 99% recovery rate — evidence that when trust, transparency and ease come together, citizens respond with responsibility. More importantly, most of the loans were spent on fertiliser purchases, meaning resources went into productive activity rather than non-essential spending. The second pillar of agricultural growth is modern machinery. The Green Tractor Programme in Punjab is meeting that need. Twenty-four thousand tractors have already been handed over to farmers, each carrying a subsidy of Rs1 million, with a target of 50,000 tractors over three years. The figures become even more significant when one learns that 41% of farmers received their first personal tractor in their lifetime. This is more than a machine; it is a symbol of a farmer's dignity, self-reliance and enhanced productive capacity. Even more noteworthy is transparency. The entire process, from tractor distribution to field verification, has been computerised. In physical verification of thousands of tractors, nearly all were found at their designated locations. Such measures strengthen public trust, and trust is the real strength of any welfare programme. The future of agriculture is not tied only to machinery, but also to knowledge and research. Deploying 3,000 agriculture graduates in the field, tasking them with guiding farmers across millions of acres, and then securing permanent employment for a large number of them, shows that agricultural growth is being linked to human capital. The Punjab government has not confined itself to solving present problems, but has also looked ahead. Modern irrigation, brick-lining of watercourses, recharging wells, watercourses, the Pothohar Transformation Plan, the Thal Transformation Programme, water storage projects in rain-fed areas and new citrus orchards all indicate that agricultural planning is being aligned with challenges such as climate change and water scarcity. The distribution of super seeder machines to tackle smog is also a notable step. If crop residue is incorporated into the soil through modern technology instead of being burnt, not only will the environment be protected but soil fertility will also improve. This is the very concept of modern agriculture that the world is pursuing today. The review of the Kisan Card Programme by the international audit firm KPMG is also significant. If the programme's success is validated at the global level, it will be a positive example for Punjab that transparent and effective governance can earn international recognition. However, it is also a fact that time is the ultimate arbiter of any programme's success.

If these measures increase farmers' incomes, boost agricultural output, ensure better water use and stabilise the rural economy, future generations will regard them as the starting point of Punjab's agricultural revolution. But if monitoring, continuity and merit are lacking, even large projects lose their utility.

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transparent distribution of free medicines, and enhance facilities through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models.To empower the youth, digital skills programs have been extended to all districts to boost freelancing and self-employment opportunities. Furthermore, to address the energy crisis faced by farmers, the solarization of agricultural tube wells and the GIS mapping of development projects are being implemented to guarantee transparency and timely completion.Public circles maintain that these initiatives under the leadership of Mir Sarfraz Bugti represent a crucial step forward in steering Balochistan toward prosperity, self-reliance, and sustainable development.



An elderly donkey cart holder on the way loaded with pipes to deliver in a local market.

Oil prices dip as mediation efforts offset US-Iran strikes

● Oil prices edged lower as reported US-Iran mediation efforts offset fresh military strikes and Houthi blockade threats, while concerns over global oil supply risks persisted.

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ISLAMABAD

Oil prices softened on Tuesday, with markets weighing ?reports of mediation efforts between the U.S. and Iran against an exchange of ?fresh attacks between the two and threats of a naval blockade of Saudi Arabia by Yemen's Houthis.

Brent crude futures eased 35 cents, or 0.4%, to $88.87 per barrel by 0052 GMT, while U.S. West Texas ?Intermediate crude for September delivery was steady at $82.47 a barrel. Both contracts were ?trading below their highest levels in more than a month hit in ?the previous session.

Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis said on Monday they would impose a naval blockade on ?Saudi Arabia, opening a potential new front against the U.S. in its war on Iran ?and raising the threat to global energy supplies and trade beyond the Gulf.

"The threats of a naval blockade on Saudi Arabia by the Houthis are significant because they raise the risk of disruption to ?another major oil exporter," said Tim Waterer, chief market analyst at KCM Trade. Separately, a ?senior Iranian official told Reuters that Tehran had received a proposal from mediators for a 10-day ceasefire ?in efforts ?to salvage an interim deal signed on June 17, intended to pave the way for a lasting agreement to end the war that began on February 28 with U.S.-Israeli attacks on Iran. The diplomatic push followed another night of U.S. strikes on Iranian cities and attacks by Iran's Revolutionary Guards on U.S. military ?assets across the region. Later on Monday, U.S. Central Command said it had begun another round of strikes on Iran. "(Oil) has come a long ?way already and it certainly has the potential to go higher ?again. However, in the short term the overnight talk of de-escalation and peace talks appears to be capping the upside for the time being. Whether anything comes from those peace talks remains to be seen," IG market analyst Tony Sycamore said in a note.



Punjab unveils Rs149.9bn plan to raise livestock exports beyond $4bn

■ The initiative seeks to boost meat and dairy production, improve compliance with international standards and expand Pakistan's share in global export markets.

Web Desk

ISLAMABAD

The Punjab government has unveiled a Rs149.9 billion public private investment plan to strengthen the meat and dairy value chains across the province, aiming to raise Pakistan's livestock exports beyond $4 billion through modern slaughterhouses, processing facilities, disease control measures, supply chain reforms and farmer support programmes.

Official documents available with Wealth Pakistan describe the livestock sector as one of the country's most promising untapped export industries.

The initiative seeks to boost meat and dairy production, improve compliance with international standards and expand Pakistan's share in global export markets.



Pakistan's meat exports currently stand at $517 million, accounting for just 0.3 per cent of the global meat market.

The United Arab Emirates remains the largest destination, receiving 38.4 per cent of exports, followed by Saudi Arabia with 29.1 per cent, Kuwait with 9.4 per cent and Qatar with 6.3 per cent.

Under the proposed programme, the government will provide Rs59 billion in financing support while private sector investment is expected to reach Rs70 billion across the livestock value chain.

The meat value chain plan covers the entire production cycle from farm gate livestock to slaughtered carcasses, chilled and frozen meat, edible offal, processed meat products, by products and the gelatin and collagen industry.

Planned investments include meat processing plants costing Rs2.7 billion per unit, modern slaughterhouses and meat offal processing facilities at Rs2.1 billion per unit, commercial scale feedlots at Rs750 million per unit, corporate feedlots at Rs4 billion per unit and integrated meat packing houses costing Rs4 billion each.

Petroleum dealers back daily fuel pricing system

■ Malik said the proposed daily pricing system would be based on a seven-day rolling average of international petroleum prices.



Web Desk

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The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) has welcomed the government's proposed daily petroleum pricing system and announced its support for reforms aimed at increasing transparency and stability in the fuel market.

A delegation of the association met Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik to discuss the new pricing mechanism, dealers' margins and regulations governing relations between petroleum dealers and oil marketing companies.

Malik said the proposed daily pricing system would be based on a seven-day rolling average of international petroleum prices.

He said the previous weekly pricing mechanism was also calculated using a seven-day average, but daily adjustments would improve transparency and reduce opportunities for market distortion, speculative activity and hoarding.

The government has been reviewing changes to the petroleum pricing mechanism as part of broader efforts to improve transparency and market stability. Malik currently serves as federal minister for petroleum.

The PPDA delegation expressed support for the government's reform agenda and appreciated the uninterrupted supply of petroleum products during the recent Strait of Hormuz crisis.

PPDA Chief Adviser Malik Khuda Bakhsh said Pakistan had maintained an effective fuel supply despite shortages in the international petroleum market.

The association urged the government to involve petroleum dealers in drafting rules governing their commercial relationship with oil marketing companies.

Malik assured the delegation that dealers' views would be incorporated into the preparation of relevant rules and regulations.

The PPDA also sought an increase in dealers' margins to 8%. The petroleum minister assured the delegation that the demand would be considered.

Malik said a meeting between PPDA representatives and the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority would be held on Tuesday to discuss dealers' margins and other outstanding issues. He thanked the association's leadership for supporting the government's petroleum-sector reforms.

Ahsan Iqbal orders nationwide testing of milk, ghee and edible oil

● Chairing a meeting of the National Price Monitoring Committee, Iqbal reviewed the prices and quality of essential commodities across the country.

Web Desk

KARACHI

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Monday directed provincial governments to collect samples of milk, ghee and edible oil from every district and have them tested by authorised third-party laboratories as part of a nationwide crackdown on adulterated and substandard food.

Chairing a meeting of the National Price Monitoring Committee, Iqbal reviewed the prices and quality of essential commodities across the country.



He directed the relevant authorities to take proactive measures to protect consumers from inflation and ensure the timely availability of essential goods at affordable prices.

The minister also ordered strict action against illegal profiteering in the liquefied petroleum gas market.

Iqbal said no leniency would be shown to individuals or groups endangering public health through the sale of adulterated or poor-quality food products.

He stressed that the federal and provincial governments must work together not only to stabilise the prices of essential commodities but also to ensure their quality.

The minister said regular testing through authorised independent laboratories would help identify unsafe products and strengthen enforcement against manufacturers and suppliers violating food safety standards.

Why highly educated Brits are becoming market traders

■ Around one in four hold postgraduate qualifications, while about 95% run their businesses full-time rather than treating market trading as a weekend side hustle

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ISLAMABAD

More young market traders now hold a master's degree, PhD or medical doctorate, in a sign of how Britain's markets are attracting a new generation of highly educated entrepreneurs.

Data reveals one in five traders holds one of these degrees, suggesting Britain's markets are attracting an unexpected generation of entrepreneurs who are moving away from traditional career paths.

Separate figures from Kerb, the street food collective behind several well-known London food markets, show almost three-quarters of its founders have university degrees.

Around one in four hold postgraduate qualifications, while about 95% run their businesses full-time rather than treating market trading as a weekend side hustle.

The graduates entering the sector include professionals from a range of backgrounds, including solicitors, architects, bankers, nurses and PhD students.

Joe Harrison, chief executive of the National Market Traders Federation (NMTF), which carried out the research, said: "These aren't side hustles: these are young, highly educated people looking to build full-time careers in the markets; people who wouldn't previously have even thought of becoming a market trader." Harrison said the shift had taken place over the past two to three years: "I was pleasantly shocked by the figures: this is a striking development.

"Up until now, young traders have mostly been school leavers and hobby businesses. "Professional people who came into market trading were mostly in their 50s, often after redundancy." He attributed the change to the evolving nature of employment and the challenges facing younger workers entering the jobs market.

"These are young people who've gone through university, often to the highest level, but then looked at the uncertain jobs market and decided to take things into their own hands.

"Market trading offers a wealth of entrepreneurial, AI-proof opportunities."

Research from the Federation of Small Businesses found almost two-thirds of 18- to 34-year-olds would like to run their own business, although only a small proportion currently do so.

Among those following this route is 23-year-old Amara Iqbal, who graduated with her MBA in May and plans to leave conventional employment to expand her henna business.



Zelensky faces deepening political crisis as protests dig in

■ As protestors gathered in Ukraine for another demonstration against ousting of a reformist defence minister, President Zelensky was facing one of the most urgent political crises of Russian invasion.



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KYIV (Ukraine)

As protestors gathered in Ukraine for another demonstration against the ousting of a reformist defence minister, President Volodymyr Zelensky was facing one of the most urgent political crises of the Russian invasion.

The protests sparked by the dismissal of popular defence minister Mykhailo Fedorov, who repeatedly clashed with the army's top command, are now in their fifth day -- making them the longest sustained demonstrations and the most directly related to the war.

Thousands have shown up in the capital Kyiv since last week, beating makeshift cardboard signs and singing the Ukrainian national anthem.

Hundreds came again on Monday, although attendance was slightly lower after a weekend of Russian attacks.

Anastasiia Starodubtseva, 25, said she and other protesters would stay "until something changes".

“You can ask everyone here -- we will not leave," she told AFP.

Zelensky is trying to strike a solution that satisfies all sides to avoid divisions in the face of the ongoing invasion.

For days, he has been locked in meetings with his top advisors and military hierarchy.

On the agenda -- according to Ukrainian media and experts -- whether to bring back Fedorov, and the fate of under-pressure commander-in-chief Oleksandr Syrsky.

A spokesperson for the presidency said a decision would not be expected on Monday.

'SYRSKY OUT!'

"The situation is undoubtedly serious... we are seeing the list of demands grow," said Oleksandr Salizhenko, an expert within the Chesno movement.

Crowds had first gathered spontaneously on Thursday morning in support of Fedorov, a tech-savvy young minister whose efforts to modernise the armed forces often put him at odds with the military establishment.

In a subsequent scathing press conference, Fedorov said Syrsky had put an ultimatum to Zelensky to engineer his removal.

Fedorov in turn called for Syrsky's dismissal -- and supporters rallied on social media and on the streets, increasingly chanting "Syrsky out!".

Netanyahu will not be arrested in US, Trump says, as New York mayor mulls options



WEB DESK

WASHINGTON

- US President Donald Trump said on Monday that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will not be arrested when he visits the US, after New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani said he was still considering the move.

"Benjamin Netanyahu will not be arrested, in any way, shape, or form, while in the United States of America," Trump wrote in a social media post ?that did not refer to the mayor's comments.

The Hague-based International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu in 2024 for alleged war crimes during the Gaza war. Israel rejects the court's jurisdiction and denies committing war crimes.

Trump did not mention Mamdani in his Truth Social post, but credited Israel with helping in the Iran war.

The New York City mayor said in an interview broadcast on Saturday that the city's legal department is actively considering what the law might allow.

"I believe that Prime Minister Netanyahu belongs in The Hague. He's a war criminal who has been charged by the International Criminal Court," Mamdani told a New York Times video podcast ?called "The Interview."

ISRAEL SAYS ICC ARREST WARRANT IS 'BOGUS'

Netanyahu traditionally travels to New York every September for the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly.

Israel responded to Mamdani's comments on Sunday in an X post that called the ICC a kangaroo court and the arrest warrant against Netanyahu bogus.



Cockroach Janta Party says protest to continue after Delhi clashes injure 180

■ India's youth-led protest will continue after Delhi clashes injured nearly 180 people, organisers say.

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NEW DELHI

India's youth-led "cockroach" movement said it would continue its protest demanding the resignation of the education minister on Tuesday, a day after violent protests disrupted ?central Delhi, injuring scores of protesters and police personnel.

Thousands of protesters from Delhi and nearby cities and towns gathered to march on parliament on Monday, joining a movement that began as an online satire but has turned out to become the biggest challenge for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his third term.

The months-old movement by the self-named Cockroach Janta Party has drawn the support of ?millions of young, Gen Z Indians who are demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over examination paper leaks that affected more than ?2 million students in May.

It says the leaking of the papers for a national entrance test to medical school in May — ?which forced students to re-test, and led to some taking their own lives — was a sign of deep-seated corruption in education.

Nearly 180 people were injured and taken ?to nearby state-run hospitals on Monday, with a majority of them discharged after first-aid, after clashes between the protesters and security personnel in which police used cane ?charges and tear gas.

Delhi Police said that the injured included more than 118 security and police personnel and 60 protesters. Seventy protesters had been detained and legal action would be initiated against them, it said in a statement late on Monday.

Early on Tuesday, about 150-200 protesters gathered at the protest site of Jantar Mantar in central Delhi, chanting slogans amid a mild drizzle. Security ?remained tight with paramilitary personnel patrolling parts of central Delhi and barricades slowing traffic.

"The protest against the Education Minister continues at Jantar Mantar," the CJP movement ?said in a post on X. “We could have done better. I could have done better to protect you from the inhumane actions of the Delhi Police," CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said in a post on X.

Flash floods kill 20 in Afghanistan, 100 missing, authorities say

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KABUL



At least 20 people were killed in flash floods in northeastern Afghanistan on Monday, the Taliban-run government said.

The death toll was expected to rise, with 100 people still missing on Monday night.

Most of the damage was reported from Parun, the capital of Nuristan, the Taliban's National Disaster Management Authority said in a statement. At least 80 people were injured, according to the authority.

Taliban officials said Monday evening that they had launched a search and rescue operation in ?the remote province on the Afghan-Pakistani border. Rescuers feared "severe financial and human losses," the National Disaster Management Authority said.

Afghanistan is among the nations most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, which has made some parts of the country more drought-prone and exposed others to more rainfall.

Deforestation in Nuristan and other provinces has further worsened flash floods in recent decades because it has slowed the absorption of rainwater into the soil.

Another tanker attacked in Strait of Hormuz as US strikes Iran for 10th consecutive night

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

Iran attacked a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz early Tuesday, forcing its crew to abandon the ship even as the United States conducted yet-another round of airstrikes targeting the Islamic Republic over control of the key waterway.

The 10 consecutive nights of U.S. airstrikes haven’t compelled Tehran to loosen its grip on the strait, through which about a fifth of all crude oil and natural gas traded once passed in peacetime.

Even as the U.S. and Iran inch closer to all-out war again, Iran’s interior minister traveled to Pakistan, a key mediator in the conflict, for talks. However, it remains unclear just what new deal could be reached to end the fighting.



The interim deal signed last month that was meant to end the fighting has crumbled. Shipping through the Strait of Hormuz has largely stalled. And as fighting intensifies, both sides have targeted civilian infrastructure relied on by millions of people.

“Iran and groups supportive of Iran may target other U.S. interests overseas or at locations associated with the United States and Americans throughout the world,” the U.S. State Department said in a new warning to Americans.

The escalation has pushed oil prices higher in recent weeks. Benchmark Brent crude traded Tuesday above $88 a barrel and regular gasoline in the U.S. climbed to an average of $4 a gallon, keeping pressure on Americans’ wallets ahead of midterm elections this fall.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military identified two soldiers who were killed in Jordan in attacks that left a third person missing. Separately, the military confirmed another death in Iraq on Saturday during the “controlled detonation” of a downed Iranian drone. President Donald Trump took to social media on Monday to warn that “Every time Iran kills an American Soldier they will pay for that killing many times over!”

Trump was planning to attend a ceremony on Tuesday evening at Dover Air Force Base, where at least one service member’s remains were due to arrive.

Iran says fighting 'full-scale war' with US

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TEHRAN

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The declaration came as Tehran's Yemeni allies, the Houthi rebels, threatened to expand the war yet further by announcing they would blockade Saudi ports, putting at risk Riyadh's ability to bypass the Strait of Hormuz for some of its oil exports.

Throughout the war, which began in late February, Iran has targeted what it says are US assets across the region, with the Revolutionary Guards saying on Monday they hit targets in Bahrain, Jordan and Syria, but so far the Houthis have stayed on the sidelines.”The reality is that today the Islamic Republic of Iran is engaged in a full-scale war," President Masoud Pezeshkian said, according to a presidency statement.

His comments came after state media and local authorities reported US strikes on Monday in the north and centre of the country.

The Middle East war resumed after a weeks-long lull prompted by an agreement signed in June, and oil prices surged to a one-month high as the foes battled to control the vital Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of world oil travelled in peacetime.

As its truce with the US collapsed, Tehran reimposed its blockade of the waterway, while Washington hit back by again counterblockading Iran's ports.Saudi Arabia has been able to continue exporting millions of barrels of oil a day despite the Hormuz blockade -- although far below its prewar totals -- via its Red Sea port of Yanbu.

Oil markets have for months feared that the Houthis would return to attacking shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, as they did during the Gaza war, potentially cutting off yet more crude from global markets.

The Houthis, who have been at war with Riyadh for over a decade as part of Yemen's civil war, have not said how they will enforce their blockade.

Riyadh and the Houthis exchanged fire for the first time in years last week, as their frozen conflict reignited over a dispute involving Iran.



Jannat Mirza opens up about 'marriage fears'



■ "I don't know myself. Seeing the condition of married people these days, I don't even feel like getting married.

News Desk

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani TikToker and social media sensation Jannat Mirza has shared her honest thoughts on marriage, revealing that witnessing troubled relationships around her has made her more cautious about taking the next step in her own life. During a recent 'Ask Me a Question' session on Instagram, a fan asked the influencer, "When will you get married? Just a humble question." Jannat responded with a heartfelt message, admitting that she herself does not know when she will tie the knot."I don't know myself. Seeing the condition of married people these days, I don't even feel like getting married. There is so much suffering, and a perfectly good life can be ruined. Instead of rushing into marriage, it's better to take your time, think carefully, and make the right decision. People can change so suddenly that it's hard to believe."Her candid response quickly resonated with followers, many of whom praised her for encouraging thoughtful decision-making over societal pressure.Shortly afterward, Jannat shared a glamorous photo carousel that showcased a striking "boss lady" aesthetic. The photos were captured inside a luxurious Mercedes-Benz AMG G-Wagon, featuring its signature dual-tone red-and-black leather interior, adding an elegant and sophisticated touch to the shoot.For the look, the influencer opted for a structured button down shirt in a rich dark olive green shade with a subtle satin finish. She complemented the outfit with a sleek, high ponytail that highlighted her sharp features and minimalist styling.Accompanying the post, Jannat wrote, "Passenger seat's got your name on it. Let's get lost together."The stylish update instantly attracted thousands of likes and comments, with fans and fellow influencers flooding the comment section with admiration, praising both her confident look and graceful presence.

Atiqa Odho gets emotional remembering late director Iqbal Kashmiri

■ Veteran actor Atiqa Odho became emotional while remembering lat director Iqbal Kashmiri, sharing memories of working with himand praising his passion for filmmaking.

Web desk

ISLAMABAD

Veteran Pakistani actor Atiqa Odho became emotional while remembering late film director Iqbal Kashmiri, recalling their time working together and paying tribute to his dedication to filmmaking.

Speaking during a recent television programme, Atiqa reflected on her acting career, classic films and memorable experiences from Pakistan's entertainment industry.



The actor became emotional after a song from one of her films, directed by the late Iqbal Kashmiri, was played during the programme. She said such songs always remind her of the late filmmaker.

Atiqa said she worked with Iqbal Kashmiri in films including Jo Dar Gaya Woh Mar Gaya and Mummy. Although Mummy did not perform well commercially, she said it remains one of her most memorable projects because of the experiences she shared during its production.

She recalled often joking with the y that he would personally director on set because she was not confident in dancing. According to Atiqa, Iqbal Kashmiri loved acting and filmmaking so deeply that he would personally demonstrate dance steps to help her learn with ease.

The veteran actor added that thinking about Iqbal Kashmiri's passing still saddens her. She praised his extraordinary passion for his work and said the film and television industry today places greater emphasis on financial gains than on dedication to the craft.

Samar Jafri and Raamis' 'FIFA World Cup' final antics have fans talking

■ Sharing the clip on his Instagram Stories, Raamis jokingly captioned it, "Top 10 respect moments," poking fun at Samar after the much-talked-about final.

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Pakistani singer and actor Samar Jafri and Raamis, the brother of actress Merub Ali, have left social media users thoroughly entertained after their playful post-match banter following the FIFA Club World Cup final.

Taking to Instagram, Raamis shared a hilarious video from a match screening that captured a lighthearted moment between the two friends. In the clip, he appears to offer Samar a handshake after the final whistle, only to cheekily pull his hand away at the last second and run it through his hair instead, leaving Samar momentarily stunned and fans in stitches.

Sharing the clip on his Instagram Stories, Raamis jokingly captioned it, "Top 10 respect moments," poking fun at Samar after the much-talked-about final.

The friendly exchange came after Raamis celebrated his team's victory, while Samar accepted the defeat with good humour, further winning over fans with their sportsmanship



and camaraderie.

Several celebrities and content creators also joined the fun in the comments. Actress Merub Ali reacted with, "Respectful move," while Annan Noukhez quipped, "Bohot zaroori tha yeh."

Meanwhile, Imad Qasmi cleverly referenced Samar's hit song by commenting, "Kese yeh hua khasara."

The video quickly gained traction across social media, with fans praising the duo's genuine friendship and entertaining football rivalry.

Their playful exchanges have been a recurring highlight throughout the tournament. Both Samar and Raamis frequently shared photos, videos and humorous reactions while watching the matches together, keeping followers invested in their friendly competition.

Their football rivalry had already gone viral earlier in the tournament when Portugal was knocked out.

At the time, Samar playfully teased Raamis by posting a photo holding Argentina's jersey with the caption, "World Cup jitaana sab ke bas ki baat nahi hoti," meaning, "Not everyone can win the World Cup."

Friendship Goals! Sidra Niazi and Yashma Gill pour love on Saman Afridi's birthday

■ Taking to their respective Instagram Stories, both actresses shared a series of posts dedicated to Saman Afridi, celebrating her special day with touching words, nostalgic moments, and stylish snapshots.

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ISLAMABAD

Pakistani actresses Sidra Niazi and Yashma Gill showered their close friend Saman Afridi with heartfelt birthday tributes, giving fans a glimpse into their cherished bond through emotional messages and adorable memories.

Taking to their respective Instagram Stories, both actresses shared a series of posts dedicated to Saman Afridi, celebrating her special day with touching words, nostalgic moments, and stylish snapshots.

Sidra Niazi posted a mirror selfie with Saman alongside an emotional tribute, reflecting on their enduring friendship. She wrote, "Happy Birthday to the person who has been my constant through so many chapters of life. Thank you for always standing by me, believing in me, picking me up when I needed it most, and being the support system, I never have to ask for. I honestly can't imagine life without you."

She went on to praise Saman's determination and success, saying she was immensely proud of everything her friend had accomplished through hard work, passion, and perseverance.

Adding a playful touch to her birthday wishes,



Sidra jokingly thanked Saman for constantly dragging her out of the house despite her complaints.

Thank you for never taking no for an answer, forcing me to leave the house whenever you want, keeping me out until ridiculous hours, and replying to my messages only when you remember I exist. Somehow, you're still my favourite person and I love you," she wrote humorously.

In another heartfelt story, Sidra described Saman as her "favourite travel partner," recalling their countless adventures together.

"From random plans to unforgettable trips, every journey is more fun because you're there. Here's to many more countries, countless flights, and endless adventures together, InshaAllah," she added.

Meanwhile, Yashma Gill also joined the celebrations by sharing a series of Instagram Stories featuring elegant moments with the birthday girl.

In one standout mirror selfie, Yashma praised Saman's personality and style, writing, "Happy birthday to the most good-looking, stylish and samajhdar girl that I know."

She later shared another story expressing how much she missed her friend, adding, "Miss you, prettiest. Come back soon so we can celebrate together.

The warm birthday wishes highlighted the strong friendship shared by Sidra Niazi, Yashma Gill, and Saman Afridi, with fans admiring the genuine affection and unwavering support the actresses continue to show one another.



Hania Aamir spotted at Asim Azhar's Karachi concert

Showbiz Desk

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani actress Hania Aamir attended singer Asim Azhar and legendary vocalist Abida Parveen's concert in Karachi on Saturday night, with videos and photos from the event quickly going viral on social media.

According to reports, Hania was among the audience and appeared to be enjoying the performances throughout the evening.

She was seen listening to Asim Azhar's songs, recording videos on her phone and interacting with fellow concertgoers during his performance.

Her appearance at the concert has once again fuelled speculation on social media about her relationship with Asim Azhar. However, neither Hania nor Asim has commented on or confirmed the rumours.

This is not the first time Hania Aamir has been spotted at one of Asim Azhar's concerts. Similar appearances in the past have also attracted significant attention and sparked widespread discussion online.

TikTok Live impacting youth negatively, says MPA Hina Parvez

Web Desk

LAHORE



A post on X started a debate after a young woman claimed she earned enough money from TikTok Live to buy a Rs5 million Honda Civic.

The post caught the attention of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) MPA Hina Parvez Butt, who strongly criticised TikTok Live. She said the platform is encouraging "shamelessness" and negatively affecting young people.

The post shared screenshots from a street interview. In the interview, the woman said she earns money by hosting TikTok Live sessions and has 80,000 followers. She claimed her earnings recently allowed her to buy a Honda Civic worth Rs5 million.

The woman also talked about her lifestyle. She said she was wearing trousers worth Rs8,000, a shirt worth Rs3,000, and carrying a handbag worth Rs50,000. She also claimed to have millions of rupees in her bank account. She joked that the most expensive thing she owned was her bank card.

WHO warns DRAP about fake blood cancer medicines in Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD



The World Health Organization (WHO) has alerted the Drug and Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) about fake blood cancer medicines in the country,

According to the documents, the World Health Organization contacted the Drug Regulatory Authority and sent them fake samples of blood cancer medical products. Later, the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) issued rapid alerts of fake medicines.

The WHO has declared Jakavi tablets and Darzalex injections to be counterfeit. The sale and use of affected batches of Darzalex injections and Jakavi tablets are banned. Darzalex injections and Jakavi tablets are medications used to treat blood cancer. DRAP stated Darzalex injection 400 mg (Batch STV1K01) is counterfeit. Darzalex Injection 100 mg (Batch MYS7381) is counterfeit.

Counterfeit batches of Darzalex Injection have been traced to the Maldives and Mexico. The address of Janssen-Cilag Belgium is listed on the counterfeit Dursalix injection packet.

Johnson & Kellogg International has declared the affected batches of Darzalex counterfeit.

Batch FNR06 of Jakavi 15mg tablets is counterfeit. Islamabad: Batch SGL04 of Jakavi 10mg tablets is counterfeit.

The address of Novartis Pharma Switzerland is listed on the counterfeit Jakavi tablet packaging.



Pakistan women are set to take on Sri Lanka women in the opening One-Day International of the three-match series in Hambantota on Thursday.

Scores celebrate Spain's 'Kings of the World' win in exhilarated Madrid

● Spain's national football team celebrated the country's second World Cup win on Monday along Madrid's streets packed with exhilarated fans.

Sports Desk

MADRID

- Dancing and chanting on an open-top bus that read 'Kings of the World' and showed two large stars, Spain's national football team celebrated the country's second World Cup win on Monday along Madrid's streets packed with exhilarated fans.

Close to two million people, many dressed in the country's jerseys and waving red and gold flags, gathered in the Spanish capital to see the players and celebrate Spain's 1-0 win over Argentina on Sunday's final in New Jersey, according to government estimates.

"We're full of enthusiasm for (fulfilling) the dream of becoming world champions," said Fran Carratala, 34, who had travelled from



the northeastern region of Catalonia to witness the players' parade in Madrid.

Spanish national Daniel Gaona, 44, travelled from Estonia where he lives to watch Sunday's final in Madrid.

"Everybody was crazy. It was a very good mood. People were very happy. There were no problems, just a lot of happiness," he said as he prepared to see the players' parade. "It's something you have to come here to live it here".

The Spanish players, wearing t-shirts that read "We are champions" except a few who were topless, constantly waved at the crowds and threw some footballs at them.

Some players, like forward Borja Iglesias, played music on a DJ set on top of the bus that had a banner on one side and back that read: "Stars shine together".

Before the parade, the players were greeted by Spanish King Felipe and Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez. Both had attended Sunday's final.

"I would like to give immense thanks to the staff and the players for your playing (style), effort and victory," Sanchez told the players.

He added that he was dreaming about the possibility that Spain could win its third male World Cup in the next tournament in 2030 which will be hosted by Spain, Portugal and Morocco.

Chess legend Judit Polgar rejects becoming Hungary's president



SPORTS Desk

ISLAMABAD

Chess legend Judit Polgar on turned down Hungarian Prime Minister Peter Magyar's offer to join his push to break with the Viktor Orban era as the country's president.

The pro-European conservative had nominated Polgar, widely considered the greatest woman to have taken to the chequered board, as a figure from outside politics to help carry out his promise of "regime change" from Orban's hardline 16-year tenure.

"I do not feel I have the strength to take on the historic responsibility of uniting a divided nation, and so I am unable to accept the invitation," Polgar posted on social media.

“I will do everything in my power to support a new, independent, and respected President of the Republic in achieving these goals," she added.

After ejecting unpopular President Tamas Sulyok by constitutional amendment last week, Magyar backed Polgar late on Sunday as "a president of whom all Hungarians can be proud".

"I regret her decision, but I respect it," Magyar said on social media after Polgar's announcement.

Polgar, who will turn 50 on Thursday, was the top-ranked woman chess player for 25 years before retiring in 2014, and commands widespread respect in Hungary.

But Magyar faced criticism for pushing ahead with her nomination on Sunday, a day after pledging a public consultation on the matter.

After her rejection was made public, the prime minister apologised for any "communication mistakes", but insisted that his Tisza party "asked the Hungarian people for their recommendations".

"It seems Peter Magyar made his first communication blunder of his premiership by missing a beat in the nomination process," Szabolcs Pek, a senior analyst at Iranytu Institute think tank, told AFP.

Did Magyar a favour

"In the end, Polgar did a favour to Magyar by declining the offer... I assume Tisza will try to involve his supporters more before making his next choice," Pek argued.

Who Magyar would seek to nominate next was not immediately clear.

Judge approved night-time Tour de France doping tests

■ A French judge approved the night-time Tour de France anti-doping tests of star riders Tadej Pogacar and Jonas Vingegaard, the public prosecutor's office confirmed

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ISLAMABAD

A French judge approved the night-time Tour de France anti-doping tests of star riders Tadej Pogacar and Jonas Vingegaard, the public prosecutor's office confirmed

The International Testing Agency (ITA) petitioned the "Paris judge specialising in liberty and detention matters ... to authorise the anti-doping tests that took place overnight between July 18 and 19," the prosecutor's office stated.

Both race leader Pogacar and Vingegaard -- the two men who have dominated the Tour for the last six years -- were visited overnight from Saturday to Sunday just hours before a crucial mountain stage. Professional riders and anti-doping testers were at loggerheads after former winner Vingegaard crashed out following the control.

Reigning champion Pogacar led the protests describing being woken up in the middle of the night for a doping test as "inhuman".

Vingegaard confirmed he had been woken at 2:00 am while Pogacar said that testers had been to his hotel at 5:00 am.

Both said that their sleep had been disturbed.

The ITA issued a statement defending its actions, insisting it had to conduct night-time tests to ensure it operates an "effective" anti-doping programme to protect "the integrity of cycling races". Under the anti-doping regulations of the International Cycling Union, which delegated its anti-doping programme to the ITA in 2021, the UCI must have "serious and specific suspicions that the rider may be involved in doping activities" to conduct tests between 11 pm and 5 am.

The judges responsible for liberty and detention (JLD) "have concurrent jurisdiction to rule on requests for night-time anti-doping tests," the Paris public prosecutor's office told AFP. As the wearer of the Tour's yellow jersey, Pogacar is already tested daily after the race.

Regarding the middle-of-the-night tests on his direct rivals, Belgian rider Remco Evenepoel, now second in the general classification, remarked on Sunday that "it is inhumane to wake riders up in the middle of the night".

Matteo Jorgenson, a teammate of Vingegaard, described it as a "total lack of respect for the riders". Their Visma team boss Richard Plugge said testing was "necessary" but lamented the timing as "not ideal".





'Legendary' former Liverpool and England star Keegan dies aged 75

Web Desk

LONDON

Former Liverpool and England star Kevin Keegan has died aged 75 after battling cancer, Keegan, regarded as one of the greatest players of his generation, was diagnosed with stage four cancer and underwent treatment in January.

"It is with immense sadness that we announce that Kevin Keegan has passed away at the age of 75," a statement from Keegan's family said.

"The former England player and manager had been battling cancer and was surrounded by his wife and daughters in his final moments."

Keegan, a dynamic striker nicknamed "mighty mouse", won the English top-flight title three times with Liverpool after starting his legendary career with lowly Scunthorpe.

He also won the European Cup in 1977 and the FA Cup in 1974 during an iconic six-year spell at Anfield before joining German club Hamburg in 1977.

Keegan, who scored 21 goals in 63 games for England, won the Bundesliga title with Hamburg in 1979 and helped them reach the European Cup final the following year.



"The pain is immense," says Messi of World Cup defeat

Web Desk

MIAMI

Lionel Messi said that after Argentina's World Cup final loss "the pain is immense and it's going to take a long time for this wound to heal."

"I'll also hold on to all the good memories," Messi wrote in Spanish on Instagram, alongside a photo of himself wearing his loser's medal following the world champions' extra-time loss to Spain. "Today it's hard to appreciate what we achieved, but this squad reached two consecutive World Cup finals."

"I'd also like to congratulate Spain on winning the tournament," added the 39-year-old, who broke down in tears after the defeat.

In the knockout rounds, Argentina came from behind to beat Egypt and England and had to go to extra time to beat Cape Verde and Switzerland.

"With the matches we turned around by giving our all – matches that will remain in our memories forever – and with the support of an entire country, which, together with the hard work and effort of this squad, led us to once again be among the best in the world," the Inter Miami forward wrote in the post.

Having scored eight goals during the tournament, Messi, an eight-time Ballon d'Or winner as best player in the world, failed to make an impact in the final, much like his team, which was unable to pose a threat to a better-organised Spanish side.

At the World Cup, he has now lost two finals, in 2014 and 2026, and won one, in 2022, against France.

Argentinian media reported on Monday that Messi was not expected to make the trip back to Buenos Aires with most of the rest of the squad for what promises to be a subdued homecoming.

ٹینڈر نوٹس

ہیڈ کوارٹر فرنٹیئر کور بلوچستان تربت کو مندرجہ ذیل تعمیراتی اور مینٹیننس کاموں کے لئے (مالی سال 27-2026) پاکستان انجینئرنگ کونسل، انکم ٹیکس اور سیلز ٹیکس ڈیپارٹمنٹ سے رجسٹر شدہ ٹھیکیداروں سے جنہوں نے رواں سال کے لئے تجدید کروائی ہو ان سے ٹینڈر مطلوب ہیں۔ ٹینڈر فرنٹیئر کور بلوچستان تربت کے نام رجسٹری یا دستی 8 اگست 2026 بوقت 11:30 تک پہنچ جانے چاہیئں۔ جو کہ بوقت 12.00 بجے ٹھیکیداروں کے روبرو ہیڈ کوارٹر فرنٹیئر کور بلوچستان ساؤتھ، تربت میں کھولے جائیں گے۔

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Pakistan all set to become regional trade hub: Minister

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ISLAMABAD

Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Tuesday said that Pakistan is all set to become a regional trade hub, Speaking at the Regional Transit Trade Hub Initiative in Beijing, Minister for Maritime Affairs said that Gwadar is an important part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

He invited Chinese businessmen to take advantage of investment opportunities in the maritime and logistics sectors.Junaid Chaudhry said that Pakistan is providing a transport- and investment-friendly environment for foreign investors.

He said that the government is introducing state-of-the-art technology at its ports. He said that a lot of space is available for logistics and digital trade between the two friendly countries.

He said that green shipping and the latest logistics are the need of the hour. He said that Pakistan-China collaboration has entered a new era.

Junaid Anwar Chaudhry said that collaboration between Pakistan and China will promote progress and connectivity in the region.

Iran Guards hit US military bases in Bahrain, Kuwait

● US strikes Iran military command centers, maritime capabilities: US issues 'worldwide caution ' alert for citizens over Mideast tensions: Iran Guards stop two oil tankers in Hormuz

WEB DESK

TEHRAN

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Tuesday they hit US military targets including air defence systems in Bahrain and Kuwait, state news agency IRNA reported.

The Guards said they struck two air defence systems and a radar installation at two different US outposts in Bahrain, as well as missile defence systems and radars and satellite reception systems in Kuwait.

"With this radar sweep, the enemy should prepare for even more decisive and powerful waves of drone and missile attacks," the Guards said in a statement carried by IRNA.

The announcement came as the United States said it struck Iranian military command centres, air defence systems and missile launch sites in overnight attacks.

Iran's army said it targeted "three major US bases in Kuwait" with kamikaze drones.

Targets including administrative buildings and direction-finding antennas at Camp Arifjan, a helicopter



parking area at Camp Al Udairi and "the troop accommodation building" at Ahmad Al Jaber Air Base, according to Iranian state TV IRIB.

The Iranian army said early Tuesday it had targeted a US base in Kuwait with missiles, as President Masoud Pezeshkian said the conflict had morphed into a "full-scale war".

"The army's ground forces targeted the HIMARS missile systems of the US terrorist army stationed at the Arifjan base in Kuwait with surface-to-surface missiles," state news agency IRNA said, quoting the army's public relations officials.

"HIMARS is a mobile missile system with the ability to move quickly against ground targets, which, when targeted, causes damage to the offensive and defensive layers and reduces the enemy's missile power in aggressive crimes," it said.

Camp Arifjan, located south of Kuwait City, accommodates elements of the US Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Iran stops two oil tankers in Hormuz

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said Tuesday they stopped two "non-compliant oil tankers" attempting to transit the Strait of Hormuz, state news agency IRNA reported.

"Two non-compliant oil tankers attempting to pass through the unsafe southern route of the Strait of Hormuz were stopped after explosions caused extensive fires aboard them," the Guards said in a statement carried by IRNA.

US strikes Iran command centres, maritime capabilities

The US military said Monday night it had completed its latest round of strikes against Iran, targeting various sites to counter Tehran's ability to attack ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

"US forces struck Iranian military command centers, maritime capabilities, missile and drone launch sites, and air defense systems to degrade Iran's ability to continue attacking commercial vessels flowing through the Strait of Hormuz," CENTCOM said in a post on X.

Alert issued as Indus and Chenab Rivers reach low flood levels

● PDMA reports low-level flooding at Kalabagh and Khanki, warns of rising river levels, possible urban flooding, and urges residents to follow safety measures.

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

The Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has reported low-level flooding at Kalabagh on the Indus River and at Khanki on the Chenab River, while water flows in most other rivers across Punjab remain within normal limits.

According to the PDMA spokesperson, water inflow at Kalabagh stands at 269,000 cusecs, with an outflow of 262,000 cusecs. At Khanki on the Chenab River, inflow has been recorded at 113,000 cusecs, while outflow is 106,000 cusecs.

The authority said water levels



remain normal at Marala, Trimmu, Panjnad and Qadirabad on the Chenab River. Flows are also normal at Jassar, Shahdara, Sidhnai and Balloki on the Ravi River, as well as at Ganda Singh Wala, Sulemanki and Head Islam on the Sutlej River. Water levels at Tarbela, Taunsa and Chashma on the Indus River, along with the hill torrents of Dera Ghazi Khan, are also within the normal range.

The PDMA has warned that water levels in Punjab's rivers could rise by July 24. Flood warnings have also been issued for streams linked to the Ravi and Chenab rivers, including Basantar, Deg, Aik, Palkhu, Bhimber, Halsi and Dora. A flash flood alert has also been issued for the hill torrents of Dera Ghazi Khan.

Authorities have further cautioned about the possibility of urban flooding in the divisions of Lahore, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Sargodha, Okara, Sahiwal, Bahawalnagar and Rawalpindi.

Thousands of tourists left stuck in Mansehra shifted to Naran

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Thousands of tourists, who had been left stranded on Naran-Jhal Khad and Jheel roads due to heavy rains in Mansehra, have been shifted to Naran, On the other hand, the rain spell in Mansehra entered its third day on Tuesday, while the district administration advised tourists to avoid travelling to northern areas during the next three to four days due to inclement weather.

More rains forecast for Islamabad

The Met Office predicted that intermittent rainfall would continue in the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad on Tuesday as well.

It said that it might rain cats and dogs at some places. The maximum temperature in



Islamabad was expected to go up to 32 degrees Celsius later in the day.

Breeze was blowing in the city at the speed of 13 kilometers per hour, while the level of moisture stood at 62 per cent.

Rain lashes Lahore

Besides the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad, rain also lashed different parts of Punjab, including Lahore, in the early hours of Tuesday.

Several feeders of GEPCO were tripped following rain in Wazirabad and adjoining areas.

Roads were flooded, while low-lying areas were inundated after thundershowers, heavy at some places, pounded Gujranwala and its surrounding areas for the second consecutive day.

Areas like Satellite Town, Model Town, Peoples Colony, Hafizabad Road, Sialkot Road and Chanda Qila received heavy rain.

Similarly, heavy rain left Gujrat completely submerged.

The situation was even worse in Narowal where rainwater entered people's homes.

Two-feet of water was reported from Purani Kuchehry Road, Eidgah Road, Karbala Morr, Zafarwal Road, passport office, CO Education Office and CO Health Office.

Temperatures plummeted following torrential rain in and around Mandi Bahauddin.



Pakistan, Qatar 'propose' two-week truce for Middle East de-escalation

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

A joint de-escalation proposal by Pakistan and Qatar has urged the US and Iran to return to their pre-July 9 positions "as a first step" to resume stalled talks to permanently end their months-long war, Pakistani government sources told Turkish news agency Anadolu.The proposal, jointly drafted by Islamabad and Doha after "consulting regional partners", called on both sides to return to the positions they held before the beginning of the fresh hostilities, the sources added.

Iran on Monday confirmed it has received proposals from mediators aimed at de-escalating tensions and is reviewing them, while reaffirming its commitment to diplomacy amid an exchange of fire between Washington and Tehran.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said during a press briefing that mediators are working to prevent further escalation and have conveyed proposals to Tehran.

"We have received the proposals through mediators, but will not discuss their details at this stage," Baqaei said.

His remarks come amid continued military exchanges between Iran and the US despite a Pakistani-mediated memorandum of understanding signed last month to end their conflict and reach a lasting peace agreement. Tensions, however, escalated again last week over the Strait of Hormuz.

"Returning to the pre-July 9 position will be the first step to halt the raging hostilities and pave the way for the resumption of talks either in Islamabad or Doha," a Pakistani source close to the ongoing mediation efforts said.

According to the proposal, the sources added, Iran will "immediately" reopen the Strait of Hormuz, whereas the US will end the blockade of Iranian ports and lift sanctions on the sale of Iranian oil.The sources added that the formula also proposes a two-week ceasefire to halt the ongoing retaliatory military strikes for the resumption of stalled talks.

US President Donald Trump last week announced the blockade and the reimposition of oil-related sanctions following Iranian attacks on three commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz on July 9.

The sources further said that Washington and Tehran, if they agree, will "immediately" resume the stalled talks, and the implementation of the ceasefire in southern Lebanon will be at the top of the agenda.

Punjab to boost quota for Balochistan children in Danish schools

■ Quota for children from Bangladesh to be allocated in Danish Schools

WEB DESK

LAHORE

Danish Schools Authority has decided to increase the quota for children from Balochistan in Danish Schools. The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Danish Schools Authority was chaired by the Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat.

The Minister for Education told the meeting that it has been decided to allocate a quota for children from Bangladesh in Danish Schools on the instructions of the Prime Minister.

He said students from Bangladesh will come to study in Danish Schools next year.

Rana Sikandar Hayat also included two girls from Danish Schools who topped the matriculation exams in the meeting.



The Minister included both the girls in the consultation and took their opinions on various issues. The meeting was briefed that around 1,100 children from other provinces are studying on a special quota in the Danish School Project.

As many as 110 children from Danish Schools are studying on full scholarship at Beacon House University.

AI syllabus was introduced for students from 6th to 9th in Danish Schools.

Minister for Education directed that a mechanism for global scholarship should be created for students of Danish Schools.

The Minister further directed to complete Danish Schools under construction in Mianwali, DG Khan, Fazilpur, Arifwala and Phoolnagar soon.



Federal Minister for Petroleum, Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with a delegation of the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association.

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