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Reset means correcting system, not derailing it, says Mohsin Naqvi

■ Interior Minister says mational dialogue on more administrative unite is a must:
People, not individual, has to decide about new provinces:

STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi said on Saturday that reset means correcting the governance system, not derailing it, and added that the present system should not to be replaced, but be resurrected,

Addressing the National Policy Dialogue at the University of Management and Technology (UMT) in Lahore, Mohsin Naqvi said there was a time to revisit the country's system. "We have to put our house in order by remaining within the limits of the constitution," he said, and added that there was a need to raise the standard of education and provide basic facilities to the people such as clean drinking water, health and others.

However, he said if the masses were in favour of new provinces, they should be created, and if they were against it, they should not be created. "These are the people, and not one individual, who have to give a verdict on the issue," he opined. The minister stressed the need for building consensus on the issue. "There is a need for a national dialogue so that consensus could be developed."

Personally, he went on to say, he was in favour of the creation of Islamabad as a province.

Naqvi said that 55 percent of people in the country did not have access to clean drinking water. "As many as two million cases are pending in courts," he said.

Naqvi said that his previous comments advocating for reforming the governance system were not directed at any particular political party. "My statement was neither a reference to any political party nor to any political arrangement," he added.

Contending that the country's administrative system had lost its effectiveness, he said, "Its impact is not reaching the public at all."

Naqvi called for undertaking the administrative reforms he proposed as per the Constitution.

"It has to be done through democratic means."

"Under no circumstances are we ready to accept that we have become so incapable that we cannot reset this system," he said, calling for political parties to hold deliberations on the matter.

Naqvi asserted he would not abandon the idea, adding that many "emotional" speeches were being made about the administrative units. He urged politicians not to get emotional about the topic, adding the change was not one that would happen overnight.

The minister said he had taken oath that he would not allow anything to happen that would be unconstitutional.

He questioned why there was no other city in Punjab like Lahore, or like Peshawar in KP.

"Are we waiting for the population bomb to explode?" he questioned.

The interior minister said it was unfortunate that Islamabad got nothing from the NFC Award.

The minister made it clear that no individual or a political party could prevent the formation of new provinces.

He lamented that more than 20 million children were still out of schools. "The government has not been able to provide nutritious food to four, out of every 10 children."

Every Balochistan Girl Should Have Access to Skills, Education and Employment, Says CM Sarfraz Bugti



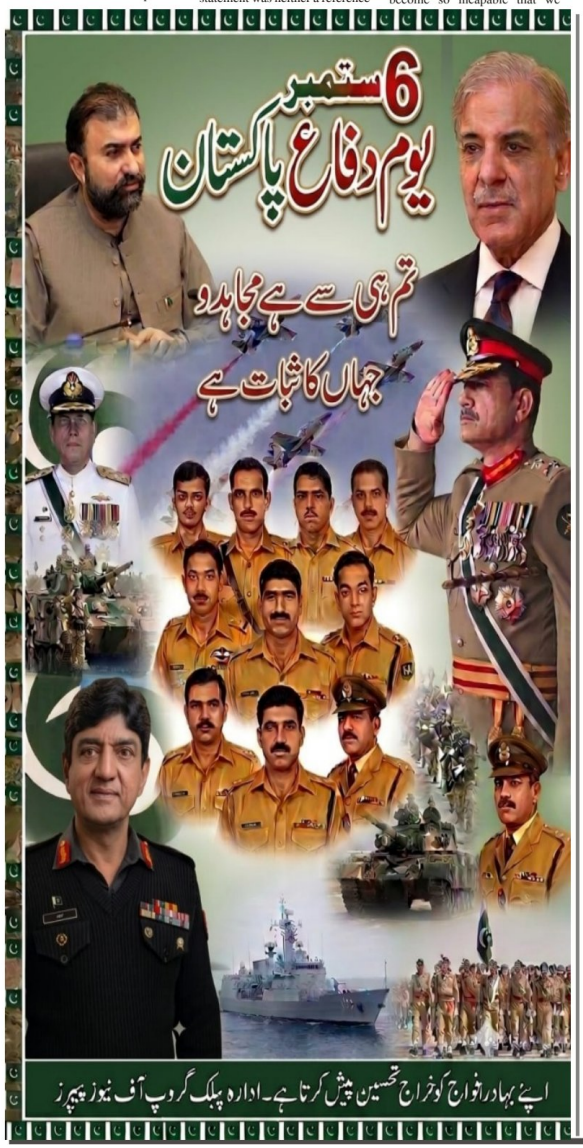
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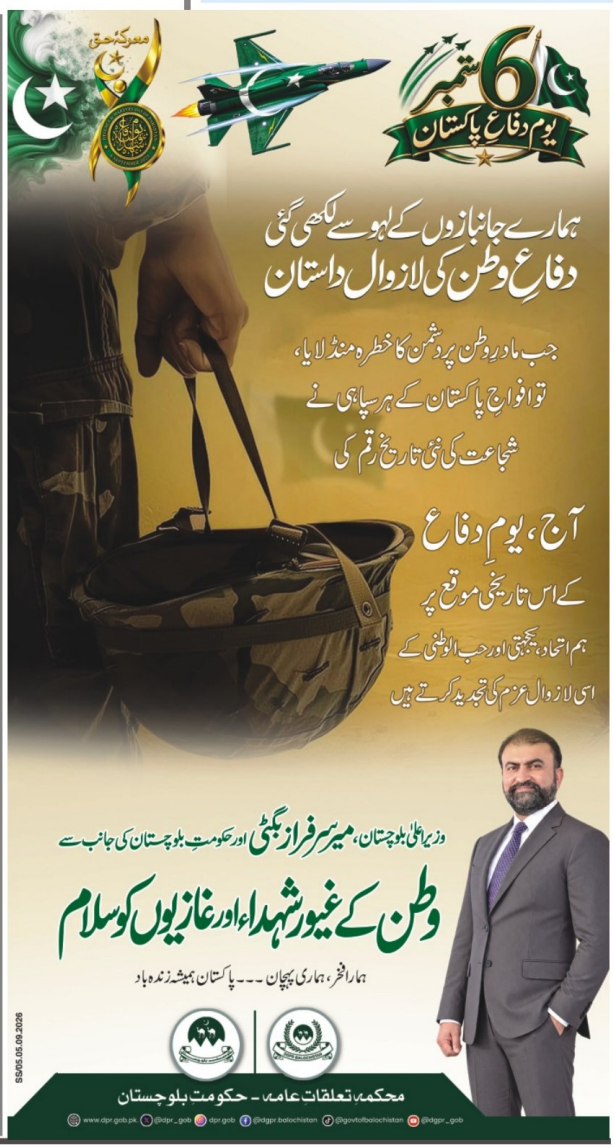
: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has welcomed the completion of training for 600 women under the Women Entrepreneurship Development Program, describing the initiative as a significant step toward advancing women's economic empowerment in the province.

In a message posted on the social media platform X, the Chief Minister said the provincial government is working to expand women's access to education, skills development, employment, entrepreneurship and economic opportunities.

He said 100 women have also received financial assistance to establish their own businesses, describing the support as a practical demonstration of the government's commitment to promoting women's financial independence and self-reliance.CM Sarfraz Bugti said the Balochistan government aims to ensure that every girl in the province has access to skills, education and employment opportunities.

"We want every daughter of Balochistan to have skills, knowledge and employment in her hands, not ammunition," he said, emphasizing the importance of creating constructive opportunities for young women.





Train service from Balochistan suspended for two days

- The suspension and curtailment of the service have caused inconvenience to passengers travelling to and from Quetta



SPECIAL REPORTER
QUETTA

Rail services from Balochistan to other parts of the country have been suspended for two days owing to repair work on the railway track.

According to railway authorities, the Jaffar Express scheduled to leave Quetta for Peshawar on Sept 5 and 6 has been cancelled to facilitate maintenance work.

The inbound Jaffar Express from Peshawar has also been restricted to Jacobabad on Saturday, instead of continuing to Quetta.

The suspension and curtailment of the service have caused inconvenience to passengers travelling to and from Quetta, particularly those relying on the train for intercity travel.

The disruption comes amid a prolonged suspension of other rail services connecting Balochistan with neighbouring areas. The Bolan Mail, which operates between Balochistan and Karachi, and the Chaman Passenger service have remained suspended for around six months.



Vendor arranging and displaying plant pots to attract customers at H-9 local nursery in the federal capital

From South Punjab to Karachi: New provinces debate heats up as political leaders call for smaller units

- UMT dialogue brings governance, resources and regional demands into sharp focus

SPECIAL REPORTER
LAHORE



Pakistan's long-running debate over creating new provinces and smaller administrative units has gained fresh momentum, with political leaders, parliamentarians and business figures calling for changes to the country's governance structure.

Speaking at a National Policy Dialogue at the University of Management and Technology (UMT) in Lahore, participants raised demands ranging from new provinces in South Punjab, Karachi, Pothohar and other regions to stronger local governments and greater devolution of funds and authority.

While there were differences over whether administrative divisions should become full-fledged provinces, speakers broadly highlighted the need to bring decision-making, resources and public services closer to citizens.

Senior journalist Hamid Mir said the Punjab Assembly had already passed a resolution supporting the creation of Bahawalpur and South Punjab provinces, with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) also supporting the move at the time.

He said the political position had since changed, arguing that the PML-N leadership or those controlling the party now believed Punjab should not be divided because Maryam Nawaz was serving as chief minister.

Mir said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif still wanted Punjab to be divided into two provinces and remained in favour of creating new administrative units. However, he claimed that Sharif was unable to advance the proposal in the face of Maryam Nawaz's position.

"Maryam Nawaz has decided that two new provinces will not be created in Punjab, so Shehbaz Sharif is also silent," Mir said.

The journalist's remarks placed the Punjab question at the centre of the wider debate, particularly over whether political considerations are preventing administrative restructuring despite earlier resolutions and commitments.

Federal Minister for Health Mustafa Kamal argued that there should be no fundamental objection to dividing Sindh into three parts if the objective was better administration and governance.

He questioned whether the creation of seven administrative districts in Karachi had caused the city to break apart, arguing that the same principle could be applied to the debate over administrative provinces.

Kamal said the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) had not abandoned its position in favour of administrative provinces and maintained that the issue should be discussed through dialogue to find solutions to public problems. He also referred to former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's role in the constitutional framework, saying provision for the creation of provinces existed in the Constitution.

According to Kamal, however, the real dispute was ultimately about the distribution of resources and authority. He said discussions on the proposed 28th Constitutional Amendment had not yet taken place with his party.

ATC extends interim bails of PTI leaders in May 9 cases

- Lahore ATC extended the interim bail of PTI leaders, including Aleema Khan, Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry, in various May 9 cases until October 6.



SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

The Lahore Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) has extended the interim bail of several Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders in different cases related to the May 9 riots and arson until October 6.

The court extended the interim bail of Aleema Khan, Uzma Khan, Asad Umar, Fawad Chaudhry, Azam Swati, Musarrat Cheema and others in various May 9 arson cases.

Two ATC judges heard the cases related to the May 9 incidents. During the proceedings, Asad Umar, Fawad Chaudhry, Azam Swati, Musarrat Cheema and other accused appeared before the court. PTI founder Imran Khan's sisters, Aleema Khan and Uzma Khan, also appeared in court.

The court directed the lawyers to present their final arguments at the next hearing and ordered that the records of the cases also be presented.

The accused face cases related to the May 9 incidents, including the burning of Jinnah House, Askari Tower and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) office, along with other incidents of arson and vandalism reported during the unrest.

Action taken against 54 Punjab govt officers, employees for corruption

- The crackdown has particularly intensified in the Food Department, where 48 officers and officials have faced action over allegations of corruption

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has ordered decisive action against corruption across the province, resulting in the suspension, dismissal, arrest, and registration of cases against 54 officers and officials allegedly involved in corrupt practices,

The crackdown has particularly intensified in the Food Department, where 48 officers and officials have faced action over allegations of corruption

According to a handout issued on Saturday in Bahawalpur, six Food Grain Inspectors and officials were dismissed from service.

Those removed include Food Grain Inspectors Sajid Mahmood Khan, Muhammad Saleem, Asim Ali, Abdul Rasheed, Muhammad Ishaq and Tariq Rasheed, along with Waseem Talha, Haroon Abdullah and Umar Hayat.

In Gujranwala, Assistant Food Controllers Abu Bakr Raza and Babar Javed, Shafiq, Ansar Butt, Muhammad Nisar, Senior Clerk Waqar Ahmed, Zulfiqar Ali, Muhammad Ali Shahin and Atif Hussain have also been dismissed.



Food Grain Inspector Nadeem Shehzad of Sargodha, Assistant Food Controller Humayun Shaukat Bhatti and Chowkidar Razaqat Ali of Multan, Food Grain Inspector Rana Abdul Sattar of Dera Ghazi Khan and Food Grain Inspector Huzaifa Younas of Gujrat have also been removed from service.

In Faisalabad, action has been taken against PR Chowkidars Allah Ditta, Abdul Ghaffar and Shahbaz Ahmed.

The Food Department has also initiated disciplinary proceedings against 14 Food Controllers over alleged corruption.

They include Muhammad Faisal of Bahawalnagar, Muhammad Muslim of Okara, Abdul Majeed Khan of Narowal, Muhammad Ali of Rahim Yar Khan, Khadim Hussain of Dera Ghazi Khan, Abdul Rehman of Mianwali, Imran Baloch of Sahiwal, Rana Bin Yamin of Dera Ghazi Khan, Muhammad Khalid of Gujrat, Ramzan Sial of Attock, Sidra Meraj of Chakwal, Rana Riaz of Layyah, Ali Imran of Gujranwala, Adeel Ahmed of Bahawalnagar and Khadim Faraz of Mianwali.

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FC soldier martyred, Rangers personnel injured in Azad Kashmir gun attack

SPECIAL REPORTER
BAGH

An FC soldier was martyred and a Pakistan Rangers personnel was injured after armed attackers opened indiscriminate fire at security posts in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, police said.

According to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Police, armed militants opened fire at the Koperah police post on the Chhattara Topi Road in Bagh district and at the Tarar Khel axis.

The attack resulted in the death of FC soldier Raheem Gul, while a Pakistan Rangers personnel sustained injuries.

The AJK Police spokesperson said security personnel displayed "exceptional courage and professionalism" and responded effectively to the gunfire.

During the retaliatory operation, one attacker was killed at the scene.Police said security forces recovered two hand grenades, one Kalashnikov rifle, three magazines containing ammunition, and a dagger from the slain attacker.

Polling underway in Skardu by-election amid tight security

- The by-election was called by the Gilgit-Baltistan Election Commission following the disqualification of PPP candidate Fida Muhammad Nashad by the GB Supreme Appellate Court



SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Polling began at 61 polling stations in the GBA-09 (Skardu-III) constituency on Saturday, with authorities deploying enhanced security arrangements for the by-election.

Voting started at 8am and will continue until 5pm. Around 33,985 registered voters are eligible to cast their ballots.

The by-election was called by the Gilgit-Baltistan Election Commission following the disqualification of PPP candidate Fida Muhammad Nashad by the GB Supreme Appellate Court. Nashad had been declared the returned candidate in the June general elections.

His son, Akhtar Abbas, is contesting the seat on a PPP ticket, while Mohammad Ajmal is the PML-N candidate. Former minister Mohammad Saleem is contesting as an independent. A total of 10 candidates have submitted nomination papers.

Analysts said a close contest was expected between PPP's Abbas and independent candidate Saleem. They said Abbas could retain his father's vote bank and may benefit from public sympathy following Nashad's disqualification by the GB Supreme Appellate Court.

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