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Russia's Minister of Internal Affairs Vladimir Kolokoltsev (left) calls on Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir at General Headquarters (GHQ), Rawalpindi,

After NA, Senate approves K-P emergency resolution by majority vote amid opposition ruckus

■ Law minister says K-P situation threatens 'national security'; Achakzai warns next 'governor's rule will be in Sindh'

STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



The National Assembly (NA) and Senate on Wednesday endorsed President Asif Ali Zardari's proclamation of emergency in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), passing a resolution by a majority vote despite opposition lawmakers' objections to the imposition of emergency measures in the province.

The developments emerged after the federal government imposed emergency and governor's rule in K-P on October 11, suspending the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)-led provincial administration amid a dispute over the province's security situation and counter-terrorism measures. The government has defended the move, citing a deterioration in law and order and an alleged failure by the provincial administration to coordinate counter-terrorism efforts with federal authorities.

The NA session began under the Chairmanship of Speaker Ayaz Sadiq as Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Tariq Fazal Chaudhry presented the resolution before the House. During the proceedings, Chaudhry moved a separate motion seeking the suspension of question hour to allow the House to take up other parliamentary business. Opposition lawmakers opposed the motion, but it was adopted by a majority vote. The Lower House later debated the emergency measures imposed in the province, with opposition lawmakers strongly opposing the Centre's decision and raising a hue and cry during the proceedings. However, the resolution was passed by a majority vote. The NA session was subsequently adjourned until 11am on Friday.

PTI challenges imposition of emergency, governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

■ Barrister Gohar seeks restoration of elected provincial govt, calling emergency rule an end to democratic governance

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD



Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan has challenged the imposition of emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the Peshawar High Court, seeking the restoration of the elected provincial government.

The emergency was imposed on October 11 after President AsifAli Zardari approved the move on the advice of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif under Articles 232 and 234 of the Constitution.

The federal government cited the province's deteriorating security situation and concerns over counterterrorism efforts. The Imran Khan-founded PTI, which leads the provincial government, has opposed the imposition of emergency and governor's rule.

Following the decision, Governor Faisal Karim Kundi was assigned responsibility for provincial affairs.

Under the new arrangement, he exercises the provincial government's functions on behalf of the federation with the assistance of an 11-member advisory council, while Parliament exercises the legislative powers of the provincial assembly.

Federal Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said the arrangement would initially remain in place for six months.

The move was followed by the detention of Chief Minister Sohail Afridi and some provincial cabinet members on Sunday.



Rana Sanaullah warns terrorism threatens Pakistan's existence

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister's Adviser Rana Sanaullah has said that the threat of terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is evident, questioning the need to demand proof under such circumstances. He warned that failure to take timely measures to prevent terrorism could pose a threat not only to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but also to the existence of Pakistan as a whole.

Speaking exclusively to Dunya News, Rana Sanaullah responded to questions about the endorsement of imposing an emergency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He was asked about the opposition's position that the government had failed to provide evidence of terrorism in the province.



Pakistan, Oman stress dialogue for lasting regional peace

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Oman FM Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Al Busaidi Ministers emphasized the importance of dialogue and diplomacy in advancing lasting peace and stability.

They expressed it in a meeting held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday ahead of the 8th Pakistan-Oman Joint Ministerial session.

The two ministers reaffirmed the close, fraternal ties between Pakistan and Oman and underscored the importance of sustained high-level engagement to deepen cooperation across all areas of mutual interest, particularly trade, investment and people-to-people contacts.



Security forces kill five terrorists in Balochistan's Washuk

■ Security forces killed five terrorists and injured Four in an intelligence-based operation in Washuk, Balochistan, under Operation Raddul Fitna 3, recovering weapons, ammunition, phones and motorcycle

STAFF REPORTER
QUETTA

Security forces have killed five terrorists and injured four others during an intelligence-based operation in the Palantak area of Washuk district in Balochistan, according to security sources.

The operation was conducted as part of ongoing security actions against Fitna al-Hindustan under Operation Raddul Fitna 3.

Security sources said weapons and ammunition were recovered from the militants killed during the operation.

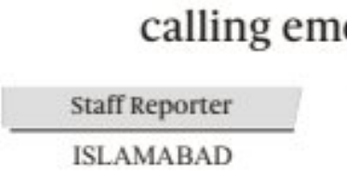
The recovered items included an RPG-7 launcher, five rounds, magazines, five advanced weapons, three mobile phones and two motorcycles.

The sources said militant hideouts were targeted with advanced weapons during the operation.

The militants killed in the operation were involved in looting local Baloch residents, spreading fear and damaging infrastructure.

Security forces have reiterated their commitment to eliminating terrorism in Balochistan, with operations set to continue until the threat is eliminated.

FCC rejects Bushra Bibi's plea seeking suspension of sentence in £190m case



CITY REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

The Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) on Wednesday dismissed an application filed by Bushra Bibi, wife of incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan, seeking suspension of her sentence in the £190 million case.

A two-member bench headed by FCC Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan announced the decision, turning down the plea filed by former prime minister Imran Khan's spouse, Bushra Bibi.

An accountability court in Islamabad had sentenced Bushra to seven years' imprisonment and a Rs500,000 fine, while the PTI founder was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment and a Rs1 million fine in the case.

The Al-Qadir Trust case, commonly known as the £190m case, stems from allegations that Imran and some others in 2019 adjusted Rs50 billion — amounting to £190 million at the time — sent by Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) to the Pakistani government during his tenure as the country's prime minister.The concerned amount relates to a property tycoon's assets, which were seized by the NCA during PTI's rule.

The British crime agency back then had said that the amount was supposed to be passed to the government of Pakistan as its settlement with the Pakistani property tycoon was "a civil matter.

Bilawal accuses PTI of 'political suicide attack' on KP govt, renews dialogue offer

■ KP govt's approach to terrorism "endangered" national security, law minister tells National Assembly

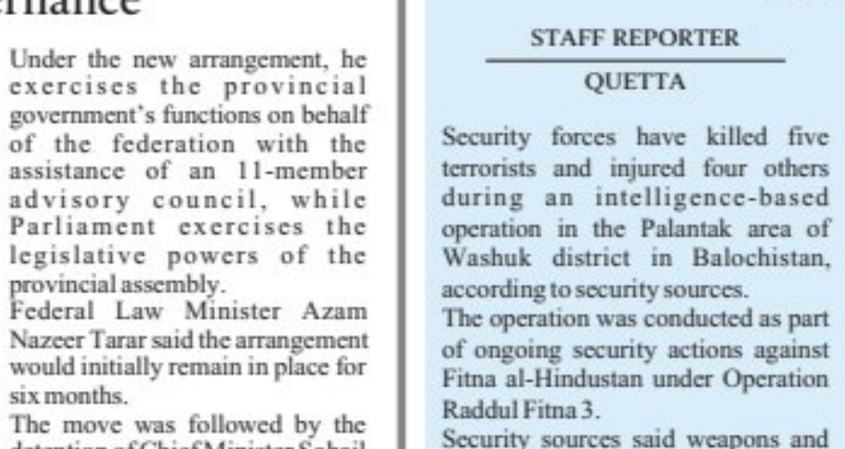
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ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has blamed the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)-led Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government for the circumstances that led to the imposition of an emergency in the province, describing its actions as a "political suicide attack".

Addressing the National Assembly session on Wednesday, Bilawal said the emergency and governor's rule were measures taken under the Constitution.

The parliamentary session was summoned to discuss the federal government's decision to impose the emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The question hour session was suspended to allow debate on the KP issue. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Tariq Fazal Chaudhry tabled a motion concerning the emergency proclamation, while Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar opened the discussion.



Speaking on the floor of the lower house of parliament, Bilawal — the former foreign minister — said President Asif Ali Zardari approved the emergency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in accordance with the Constitution.

The PPP chief said the government had made every effort to engage the opposition and held talks before approving the move.

"Emergency was imposed out of necessity and was not intended to continue indefinitely," he said, while renewing his offer of talks to the opposition party, saying dialogue could create space for political engagement.

"I am still asking the government today to extend its hand towards the opposition for negotiations," he added.

The PPP chairman urged the opposition to engage with the government to create circumstances in which an emergency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would no longer be necessary.

Bilawal said that if the opposition helped bring about such a political situation, he would personally ask the prime minister to end the emergency. At the same time, he made it clear that his party supported the decision to impose an emergency in KP.

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FC Balochistan (North) Pays Tribute to Martyrs, Visits Their Families Across the Province

- Officers and personnel visit the families and graves of martyrs in Dera Bugti, Sohbatpur, Loralai, Sibi, Quetta, Noshki and Naseerabad, reaffirming solidarity and honoring their sacrifices for the defense of the homeland.





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Balochistan?? Officers and men of FC Balochistan (North) visited the homes of martyrs in different districts of Balochistan, Dera Bugti, Sohbatpur, Loralai, Sibi, Quetta, Noshki and Naseerabad in the month of September and paid tribute to their families for their great sacrifices in the defense of the beloved homeland.??On this occasion, attendance was paid at the graves of the martyrs, salutes were offered and wreaths were laid. The officers and men, describing the eternal sacrifices of the martyrs as a valuable asset of the nation, expressed solidarity with their families and expressed their determination that the sacrifices of the martyrs will always remain a source of pride for us.



Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar meeting the Foreign Minister of the Sultanate of Oman, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Albusaidi at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Quetta-Zahedan Iran Air Flights Resume, Boosting Pakistan-Iran Trade

- Officials from the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, including Jangiyan Baloch, Sardar Ayub Marriani and Jumma Khan Badizai, welcomed representatives of the Zahedan Chamber of Commerce

SPECIAL REPORTER
QUETTA



Iran Air flights between Quetta and Zahedan have resumed after a temporary suspension, raising hopes of stronger trade ties, business cooperation and people-to-people contacts between Pakistan and Iran.

Iran Air flight IRA 0827 arrived at Quetta International Airport from Zahedan on Tuesday and later departed for the Iranian city, carrying more than 80 passengers.

The resumption of the air service is expected to facilitate cross-border business activities and improve connectivity between Balochistan and Iran.

Officials from the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, including Jangiyan Baloch, Sardar Ayub Marriani and Jumma Khan Badizai, welcomed representatives of the Zahedan Chamber of Commerce alongside Quetta Airport Manager Khalid Kakar and other officials.

A meeting was also held between Zahedan Chamber of Commerce President Haji Hakim Regi and representatives of the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Participants discussed ways to promote bilateral trade, strengthen commercial relations and expand cooperation between the business communities of both countries.

The Iran Air services connecting Quetta with Zahedan and Mashhad were inaugurated by Balochistan Governor Jafar Khan Mandokhail in December 2025. However, the flights remained suspended for some time due to the prevailing international situation.

The restoration of the Quetta–Zahedan flight service has been welcomed by Balochistan's business community and the public, who hope that improved air connectivity will encourage trade, facilitate travel and strengthen economic relations between Pakistan and Iran.

Zahedan, a major city in Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan province, has geographical and commercial significance for Balochistan. The resumption of direct flights could provide additional opportunities for business delegations, traders and other travellers seeking closer engagement between the neighbouring regions.

The renewed air link is expected to support regional connectivity and contribute to stronger Pakistan-Iran economic cooperation, particularly by creating more convenient travel opportunities for traders and the business communities of Quetta and Zahedan.

Section 144 imposed in DI Khan, pillion riding and public gatherings banned

SPECIAL REPORTER
DERA ISMAIL KHAN

Deputy Commissioner Dera Ismail Khan Hikmatullah has imposed Section 144 across the district for one month, banning rallies, processions, demonstrations and public gatherings for 30 days to maintain law and order.

According to an official notification, a ban has also been imposed on pillion riding on motorcycles, display of weapons and setting up tents on roads in Dera Ismail Khan.

The deputy commissioner said Section 144 would remain in force from October 13 to November 11. The restrictions aim to maintain law and order in the district.

The notification clarified that legal action would be taken against those violating Section 144 under Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code.



173 soldiers join Pakistan Army after completing training in Quetta

- A total of 173 soldiers joined the Pakistan Army after completing Basic Military Training-22 at Baloch Training Wing in Quetta, where awards were presented to outstanding trainees.

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QUETTA

A passing-out parade for Basic Military Training-22 was held at the Baloch Training Wing in Quetta, where 173 soldiers who completed their training formally joined the Pakistan Army.

The General Officer Commanding (GOC) Quetta attended the ceremony as the chief guest and distributed awards among soldiers who demonstrated outstanding performance during their training.

A large number of family members of the newly trained soldiers and local residents attended the passing-out ceremony.

The soldiers expressed their determination to make every sacrifice for the defence and security of their homeland.

On the occasion, soldiers belonging to Balochistan said they were delighted to join the Pakistan Army as soldiers and successfully complete their training. They said they had joined the army willingly to serve in the defence of the country.

Rain, thunderstorms expected in upper Pakistan over next 24 hours

- The Met Office forecasts rain, thunderstorms and possible hail in upper Pakistan over the next 24 hours, while most parts of Sindh and Balochistan are expected to remain hot and

SPECIAL REPORTER
LAHORE



The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast rain accompanied by strong winds and thunderstorms in parts of Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad and upper and central Punjab over the next 12 to 24 hours.

According to the Met Office, the country's upper regions are expected to remain partly cloudy. Hailstorms at isolated locations and heavy rainfall at a few places are also likely in the upper areas of Kashmir.

The PMD said most other parts of the country, particularly Sindh, are likely to experience mainly dry weather, with hot conditions during the daytime. Most districts of Balochistan are also expected to remain dry, although partly cloudy conditions may prevail in Khuzdar, Zhob, Barkhan and Musakhel.

According to the Met Office's report, Garhi Dupatta received 24 millimetres of rain, followed by Muzaffarabad city with 22mm, Muzaffarabad Airport with 15mm and Kotli with 2mm.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balakot received 15mm of rain, Parachinar 14mm, Takht Bhai 13mm and Peshawar city 12mm. Daroosh and Kakul recorded 11mm each, while Patan received 10mm. Upper Dir and Malam Jabba recorded 9mm each, Lower Dir 8mm and Kalam 7mm. Saidu Sharif in Swat and Chitral each received 6mm of rain.

Mir Khani recorded 5mm, while Bacha Khan International Airport and Peshawar Airport each received 1mm of rainfall.

In Gilgit-Baltistan, Skardu received 9mm of rain, Astore 8mm, Gilgit 5mm and Gupis 2mm. Bunji and Chilas recorded 1mm each.

The Met Office has forecast that rainfall may continue in the country's upper regions, while most parts of Sindh and Balochistan are expected to remain dry and hot. .



Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP), Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, addresses the International Conference on "Inclusive and Resilient Economic Empowerment and Growth," organized by the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) at a local hotel.

Five killed, three injured as rivals trade fire in DI Khan

- All five victims reportedly belonged to the Baloch community. The injured have been identified as Qaiser, Fazal and Saadullah.

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Five people were killed and three others injured in an armed clash between two groups here on Tuesday, police said.

According to police officials, the deceased have been identified as Qudratullah, Muhammad Farooq, Muhammad Shafiq, Muhammad Ajmal and Muhammad Arsalan.

All five victims reportedly belonged to the Baloch community. The injured have been identified as Qaiser, Fazal and Saadullah.

They sustained injuries during the exchange of fire and were reported to have been affected by the violent incident.

Following the shooting, police launched an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the clash.

Investigators are examining the incident from various angles to establish the cause of the dispute and identify the factors that led to the deadly confrontation.

Further details regarding the incident and any possible arrests were not immediately available. Police said the investigation was underway.

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Governor's Rule

State Security or Democratic Principles?

The reported imposition of Governor's Rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has once again brought Pakistan's political leadership face to face with a fundamental question: how should a democratic state respond when political confrontation threatens governance, public order and institutional stability? The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has defended the measure on the grounds that the protection of the state and the safety of its citizens must take precedence over political interests. According to the party's leadership, efforts were made to resolve the crisis through negotiations, but the situation became increasingly complicated because of the absence of meaningful progress. The party maintains that the government was ultimately compelled to consider extraordinary constitutional measures in the larger national interest.

There can be little disagreement with the principle that the security of the country and the protection of its people must remain the foremost responsibilities of the state. No government can perform its basic functions effectively if law and order deteriorate, public institutions become paralysed or political disputes begin to threaten the normal functioning of the state. Economic activity, employment opportunities, investment and public welfare all depend, to a considerable extent, on peace, stability and the effective administration of justice. However, the crucial question is not whether national security matters, but how it should be protected without weakening the constitutional and democratic foundations upon which the state itself rests.

Governor's Rule is an extraordinary constitutional measure, not an ordinary instrument of political administration. Its use therefore demands exceptional care, convincing justification and strict adherence to the law. The government must demonstrate that the circumstances genuinely warrant such intervention and that the prescribed constitutional requirements have been fulfilled. Political disagreements, strained relations between the federal and provincial governments, or differences between rival political parties cannot, by themselves, provide an adequate justification for suspending or displacing an elected provincial government. The distinction between a genuine constitutional emergency and an ordinary political dispute must remain clear.

Pakistan's constitutional framework recognises both the authority of the federation and the importance of provincial autonomy. This balance is essential to the functioning of a federal democracy, in which power is distributed between different levels of government and each institution is expected to operate within its legally defined sphere. Any extraordinary intervention in provincial affairs must therefore be examined not merely in terms of its immediate political consequences but also in light of its implications for federalism, democratic representation and the constitutional rights of the people.The position taken by the PPP reflects a familiar argument in Pakistan's political discourse: when the interests of the state appear to conflict with the interests of a political party, the state must come first. In principle, this is an understandable position. No political organisation should place its electoral ambitions, leadership disputes or partisan objectives above the security and welfare of the people. Nevertheless, the concept of the national interest must be applied carefully and consistently. If every government claims that its controversial decisions are necessary for the survival of the state, the phrase risks becoming a political justification rather than a clearly demonstrable constitutional principle.

The protection of the state does not mean that every decision taken in its name is automatically justified. A democratic government must explain not only the objective of its actions but also the legal authority under which it acts, the evidence supporting its decision and the reasons less disruptive alternatives were considered inadequate. Constitutional government requires that the exercise of power remain subject to rules, limitations and accountability. Otherwise, extraordinary measures intended to resolve a crisis may create a deeper crisis of public confidence.

The situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa must also be understood in the context of the province's political significance and security challenges. The people of the province have legitimate expectations that their elected representatives will address insecurity, unemployment, inadequate public services and economic hardship. They also expect the federal government to cooperate with provincial authorities in tackling threats to public safety. When political confrontation overshadows these responsibilities, the people become the principal victims of institutional disagreement.

The people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa should not be forced to choose between security and democracy. They deserve both. The state must protect citizens from violence, maintain public order and ensure that law enforcement institutions can perform their duties. At the same time, the electorate's right to democratic representation must be respected. Security and democracy are not necessarily opposing objectives; when properly protected, they reinforce one another. A legitimate political system can strengthen public cooperation with state institutions, while accountable institutions can improve confidence in the state's capacity to maintain peace.The PPP leadership has argued that the government made efforts to pursue negotiations before considering constitutional alternatives. If these efforts were undertaken in good faith, they would represent an important recognition that political disputes should ordinarily be resolved through dialogue. However, the failure of negotiations does not automatically establish that the most extraordinary available measure is the only remaining option. Before resorting to Governor's Rule, the relevant authorities must consider whether other lawful and proportionate mechanisms could address the underlying difficulties. The necessity of an extraordinary measure must be established through constitutional reasoning rather than political frustration.Dialogue remains indispensable in a parliamentary democracy. Political parties may disagree sharply over policies, governance, leadership and the distribution of authority, but disagreement is not in itself a threat to the state. Indeed, democratic institutions exist partly to accommodate differences and provide peaceful methods for resolving them. The responsibility of political leadership is to prevent disagreement from turning into confrontation and to ensure that public institutions are not transformed into instruments of partisan competition.

"Unbloomed Flowers A silent State"



By: Jamal Nasir

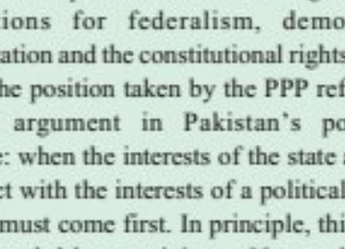


Child sexual abuse in Pakistan is such a tragedy that remaining silent is tantamount to imprisoning one's conscience. Cases of child abuse, rape, mistreatment, kidnapping, torture and murder are increasing day by day in Pakistan. Every day, news of an innocent boy or girl being abused comes to light and we forget about these news after a few days, considering them as sensational news. We do not try to solve the root causes of this problem. Sahil is a well-known non-governmental organization working for the rights and protection of children in Pakistan, which especially raises its voice against sexual abuse of children. According to its report, the number of child abuse cases in 2025 was 3630, which is 8% more than in 2024, but according to unofficial estimates, this number has reached close to 7608. Among them, there are also a large number of those who, due to fear of honor, influence of people or delay in seeking justice, do not approach the courts or police stations and remain silent. It is estimated that 9 or 10 cases of sexual abuse of children are being reported every day, of which 53 percent are girls and 47 percent are boys. The children who are most often subjected to violence are between the ages of 11 and 15. At present, 73 percent of cases of child abuse are reported in Punjab province, 21 percent in Sindh, 4 per- cent in KP, 2 percent in Balochistan and Islamabad, and out of these, about 7,110 children were kid- napped, 596 were molested, 522 were raped, 365 were missing, 195 were attempted raped, 100 were gang raped and 58 children were killed after being raped. In 1667 cases, the perpetrator was an acquaintance, relative or someone you cannot even imagine that this person could abuse your children. Coming to judicial justice, unfortunately, only 12 were convicted in 2025, no one was convicted in 717 cases of sexual assault and 12 people were acquitted. At present, the conviction rate in Pakistan is two to one percent, that is, 99 out of 100 criminals are acquitted. It is true that cases of child abuse also come to light in countries like America and Europe, but due to the implementation of law and justice there, the conviction rate is almost more than 50 percent and due to this, the number of sexual abuse cases is decreasing day by day. Unfortunately, according to the Sahil report for the first six months of 2026 in Pakistan, more cases have been registered than in 2025. Pakistan currently has very good laws against sexual violence, but due to their slow implementation, people's trust in the justice system has been lost and cases of sexual violence are increasing every year. The Zainab Alert Bill in Pakistan was enacted in 2020 when a seven-year-old girl named Zainab Amin Ansari was kidnapped while going to a Quran lesson, sexually assaulted, protests broke out all over Kasur and the girl's body was recovered from the garbage. This year, there were about 12 cases in Kasur alone, after which an Anti-Rape Bill 2021 added sections 376 and 377, which made DNA testing mandatory and revealing the identity of the victim a crime punishable by three years, ordered the registration of an FIR within two hours, ordered the completion of a 14-day trial and the court to decide within 30 days to four months. The law exists, but unfortunately, even today, if you look at the number of cases in the courts, you will find that most cases of sexual violence are pending. UNICEF conducted a study in Pakistan in 2026 and said that in Pakistan, children aged 12 to 17 using the Internet have been victims of sexual abuse, exploitation or violence in some form or the other, and this number is about 1.5 mil- lion, meaning that the threat is not limited to the streets or any specific place, but also includes mobile phone, social media and internet blackmail, obtaining or distributing private photos, pressure for sexual conversations and creating fake photos through artificial intelligence. If we want to eliminate incidents of child sexual violence from this country, then first we have to strengthen the judicial sys- tem, restore people's trust in the judicial system. FIRS, trials and cases should be decided within the stipulated time, sentences should be implemented quickly and such perpetrators should be hanged or flogged publicly so that people can learn a lesson from it. Second, the police and investigative agencies will have to recruit personnel who have received special training in investigating child sexual crimes. Third, the hospital and forensic systems should be strengthened and more forensic institutions should be established so that evidence can be preserved in a timely and accurate manner. Fourth, trained experts and child-friendly methods should be adopted for questioning children. Fifth, children in educational institutions and homes should be informed about age- appropriate good touch.

bad touch and ways to get help for online safety. Sixth, parents must under- stand that listening to the child, befriending him, and providing immediate help have now become essential. Seventh, online platforms and relevant state agencies must create a more effective system for the digital protection of children because the threat is no longer limited to the physical world, but artificial intelligence has also taken a dangerous turn. Eighth, the media also has a responsibility to present such programs and raise such a voice that when an incident occurs, its perpetrators are punished as soon as possible so that the government can make it a lesson. Child abuse is not a test of the conscience of a single family but of the entire society. We have to create such a system that the child can be protected from this sexual abuse. After sexual abuse, most children suffer from psychological illnesses. We must encourage these children.

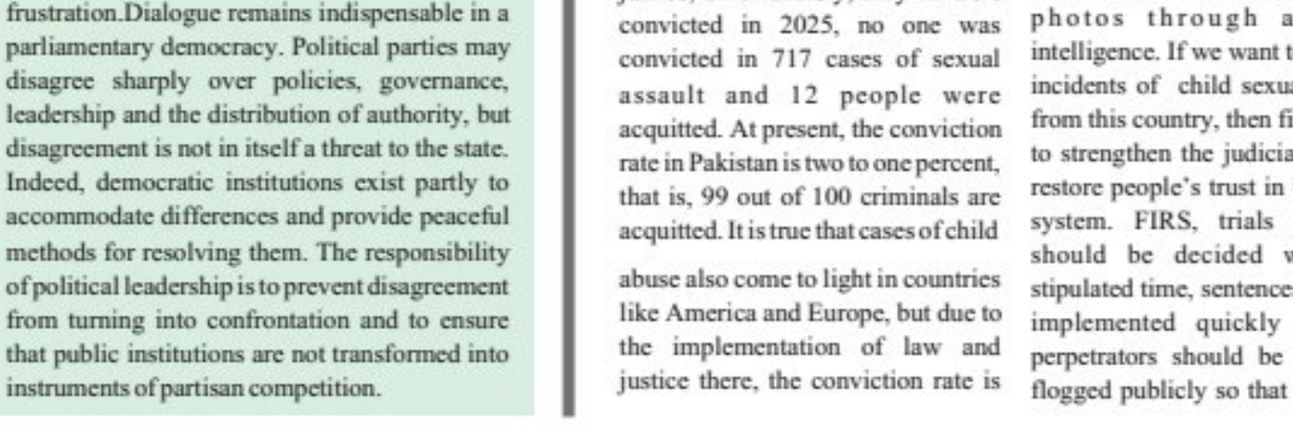
By trying to bring the accused to justice , he should be made a symbol of punishment so that the accused, while committing such an act, thinks many times that the punishment for this crime will be very severe and soon. Apart from the government, the police and the court, all of us have a common responsibility not to remain silent in such cases but to contribute and strive to eradicate this scourge from the society. In summary, awareness, reporting, effective law, strong investigation, prompt justice and child protection must be worked on honestly.

Expert-Led Governance in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Learning from the Swiss Model Towards Better Governance



By: Azhar Mahmood Awan

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The development of any state does not depend solely on its natural resources, geographical importance, or financial capacity. It also depends on how efficiently, honestly, transparently, and strategically its administrative affairs are managed. In the modern world, effective governance requires that education be managed with the expertise of educationists, healthcare with the knowledge of experienced medical professionals, the economy with the support of economic and financial experts, legal affairs by legal professionals, and energy and development planning by individuals with relevant professional experience.

In this context, the establishment of an eleven-member expert-led administrative council in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is significant. The council brings together experienced individuals from different professional fields and assigns them responsibilities relevant to their areas of expertise. The underlying philosophy is that government affairs should be managed not merely on the basis of political affiliation, but also through relevant knowledge, professional experience, competence, and performance.This concept also draws attention to government affairs are not left solely to the discretion of one individual. Instead, the heads of different departments work through mutual consultation and the principle of collective responsibility. Representation of different political parties, linguistic communities, and regions is also an important feature of the Swiss system. The eleven-member council in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa raises a related question: can administrative performance be improved by assigning specific responsibilities to individuals with relevant professional expertise?

Therefore, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa arrangement should not be described as a complete replica of the Swiss system. Rather, the Swiss model should be viewed as a comparative example of collective administration and sector-specific expertise.

Members of the Eleven-Member Council and Their Responsibilities

According to a report published by Dawn, an eleven-member Technocratic Advisory Council was formed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to assist the Governor and manage provincial affairs. The following is a summary of its members, their respective fields, and their available professional backgrounds.

1. Tariq Mehmood Pasha — Finance and Revenue

A former Chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Tariq Mehmood Pasha has experience in financial and economic affairs. His responsibilities include provincial finance, revenue, excise, and taxation.

His experience may help improve tax collection, strengthen fiscal discipline, and ensure the more effective use of public resources.

2. Dr. Syed AamirAbdullah — Education

Dr. Syed Aamir Abdullah holds a PhD in International Relations and has experience as a former caretaker provincial minister.

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US fines Bank of America $1.2 bn for anti-money laundering violations

■ The second biggest US bank failed to properly report more than $5 billion in "suspicious transactions," the department said.



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The US Treasury Department said that it is imposing penalties of more than $1.2 billion on Bank of America, citing "violations of anti-money laundering and sanctions laws."

The second biggest US bank failed to properly report more than $5 billion in "suspicious transactions," the department said.

Some of these involved risks related to national security and other concerns, including transactions "indicative of Chinese money laundering networks" and illicit finance around the southwest US border.

The overall charge involves $1.2 billion assessed by the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. This includes a $750 million civil penalty from a key bank regulator, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

The Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control also announced a $11.6 million settlement with the bank over "apparent violations of numerous sanctions programs, including on Iran, Russia, narcotics, and global terrorism."

"Today's actions send a clear message that even the biggest financial institutions are not above the law," said US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent in a statement.



A woman vendor displays and sells fresh vegetables at a local market to earn a livelihood for her family.

FinMin highlights economic stability, capital market strategy at Citi Macro Forum

■ Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb expects Pakistan's economy to grow 4% or more this fiscal year, outlining fiscal reforms, bond plans and targeted relief for vulnerable groups.

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Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has expressed optimism that Pakistan's economic growth will reach or exceed 4% during the current fiscal year, while briefing international investors on the country's economic outlook and reform priorities at the Citi Macro Forum.

The finance minister highlighted continued macroeconomic stabilisation, three consecutive years of primary budget surpluses, a fiscal deficit at a 22-year low and strengthened foreign exchange reserves.



Outlining Pakistan's capital market strategy, Aurangzeb discussed plans for further Panda bond issuances, Sukuk and a rupee-denominated, dollar-settled international bond. He said the strategy aimed to diversify funding sources, reduce borrowing costs and extend debt maturities.

He also discussed progress under the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme, including efforts to broaden the tax base, strengthen enforcement and improve coordination with provincial governments to maintain fiscal discipline.

Addressing the economic impact of the Middle East conflict, the finance minister outlined measures to ensure energy supplies and provide targeted relief to vulnerable groups within existing budgetary allocations.

Discussions also covered climate resilience, disaster preparedness and the effective utilisation of development financing.

Aurangzeb reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to sustained economic reforms and a transition from aid towards trade and investment in its international partnerships.

Oil prices climb as traders weigh Saudi supply risk, Russian diesel flow

■ Oil prices rose as Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia heightened supply concerns, while expectations of increased Russian diesel exports limited gains amid geopolitical tensions.

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TOKYO



Oil prices climbed on Wednesday as traders weighed supply risk from fighting between Yemen's Iran-allied Houthis and Saudi Arabia against the prospect of increased diesel from Russia.

Brent crude futures rose 89 cents, ?or 0.8%, to $106.58 a barrel by 0030 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures gained 80 cents, or 0.9%, to $94.94. Brent fell 0.9% on Tuesday, while WTI rose 0.4%.

"Supply ?concern stemming from conflict between the Houthis and Saudi Arabia is driving ?prices higher," said chief strategist Hiroyuki Kikukawa at Nissan Securities Investment, ?a unit of Nissan Securities.

"However, the expectation that increased Russian diesel exports ?will ease market tightness is likely to limit sharp price movement in either direction," ?Kikukawa said, projecting WTI to trade between $90 to $100 a barrel.

The Houthis attacked an administrative building belonging to state-owned oil firm Saudi Aramco (2223.SE) in the city of Dhahran, causing a limited fire, ?Saudi Arabia's energy ministry said on Wednesday.

The group has fired ballistic missiles and ?drones at Saudi Arabia over the past week in retaliation for the kingdom's support of ?Yemeni ?government forces. Riyadh's international airport has been hit four times, with a strike on Saturday killing 13 people.

Last month, Saudi Arabia raised oil production despite disruption to shipments caused by the US-Iran war, leading to a sharp production increase from OPEC+ — the ?Organization of the ?Petroleum Exporting Countries ?and partners including as Russia — OPEC said on Tuesday.

Iran is deploying new tactics to target ships in the Strait of Hormuz ?to keep oil prices high and influence US midterm elections, ?two senior Iranian officials told Reuters.

In Russia, the government said on Tuesday it did not see any direct link between peace talks with Ukraine and its deal to export diesel to ?the US.

The ?comment came after Reuters reported that US envoys ?had told Ukrainian officials on Friday that the deal was part of an attempt to draw ?Russia back to negotiations for a peace settlement.

Punjab CM inaugurates Livestock Card Phase-II by swiping card

● Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the 96 percent recovery rate of Livestock Card Phase-I.

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LAHORE

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has digitally inaugurated Livestock Card Phase-II by swiping the card,

A special documentary regarding the Livestock Department was screened at the event.

Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the 96 percent recovery rate of Livestock Card Phase-I.

Livestock Minister Ashiq Hussain Kirmani and Livestock Secretary Ahmed Aziz Tarar provided a detailed briefing on the Livestock Card scheme.

According to briefing, farmers will receive Rs27,000 per animal through the Livestock Card.



Inputs such as cattle feed (wanda), silage, and mineral mixtures can be obtained on interest-free credit via the Livestock Card.

The target of increasing meat production through balanced nutrition for 600,000 livestock over two years will be achieved via Livestock Card Phase-II.

Farmers will receive interest-free loans totaling Rs16.20 billion through Livestock Card Phase II.

Livestock farmers will repay the principal amount, while the Punjab government will bear the interest cost.

Free livestock tagging and anti-FMD (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) vaccination will also be facilitated through the Livestock Card.

Livestock farmers will be able to withdraw 25 percent of the interest-free loan amount as cash from ATMs.

Free anti-Foot-and-Mouth Disease vaccination for livestock will also be provided through the Livestock Card.

As many as 23,000 farmers have been directly connected to meat exporters via the Livestock Connect Portal.

Dollar languishes as focus turns to CPI, Fed speakers

■ The dollar weakened as investors awaited US inflation data and Fed signals on interest rates, while the euro and other major currencies posted modest gains.

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TOKYO

The dollar languished on Wednesday as traders awaited fresh signals on the timing for interest rate hikes to contend with persistent inflation.

The greenback weakened from an 18-month high ?in the previous session as oil prices eased and investors reassessed the AI-fueled rally ?that has supported demand for US assets. The euro clung to gains as budget concerns in France kept regional bond yields elevated and markets on edge.

Attention now focuses on the release of US consumer price index data as ?well as speeches from Federal Reserve policymakers that could clarify the outlook for interest rates.

"The ?risk is the core CPI surprises to the upside because of strong consumer ?demand and higher costs, pushing up market pricing of an October Fed hike and the USD," ?Carol Kong, a currency strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia, said in a note.



The dollar index , which ?measures the greenback against a basket of currencies, edged 0.02% lower to 102.16, following a 0.35% slide on Tuesday. The euro rose 0.04% at $1.1203.

The yen was little changed at 158.32 per dollar, and sterling rose 0.03% to $1.3256.

The dollar extended ?losses on Tuesday after New York Fed President John Williams said he still expects one more rate ?hike this year, but sees no need for further increases in 2027.

The US Labor Department is due to release ?its ?CPI for September, which is expected to have risen 0.6% month-on-month after increasing 0.4% in August, while annual inflation is seen accelerating to 3.6% from 3.4%.

Additionally, the Fed is due to publish its Beige Book.

Traders see a 77% chance that the Fed will leave rates unchanged at its October 27-28 ?meeting, up from 51% ?a month ago, while ?pricing in about 75 basis points of tightening by late 2027, CME Group's FedWatch Tool showed.

Investors abandoned bets on a Fed rate hike later this ?month after two policymakers argued for gathering more evidence before deciding whether further ?tightening is ?needed, while Fed Governor Christopher Waller said inflation expectations remained "well anchored."

Richmond Fed President Thomas Barkin is scheduled to participate in a fireside chat in Virginia, while Federal Reserve Vice Chair for Supervision Michelle Bowman is set to ?take part ?in talks in Bangkok.

The International Monetary Fund and World Bank's ?annual meetings continue in Bangkok, with several appearances expected by European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde on Wednesday.

The Australian dollar strengthened 0.06% ?versus the greenback to $0.6984, while New Zealand's kiwi strengthened 0.09% to $0.5614.

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Taiwan must 'bear the consequences' of water cannon incident, China

■ China warned Taiwan of consequences after its Coast Guard used a water cannon against a Chinese fishing boat near the disputed



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BEIJING/TAIPEI

Taiwan must "bear the consequences" of its Coast Guard using a water cannon against a Chinese fishing boat near an atoll in the South ?China Sea, a Chinese government spokesperson said on Wednesday.

A Taiwan Coast ?Guard ship this month fired its water cannon, saying the boat failed to respond to warnings to move away from restricted waters close to the Taiwan-controlled Pratas Islands.

The ship then ?suffered engine failure and was towed away by a nearby Chinese vessel, ?Taiwan's Coast Guard said.

Chen Binhua, a spokesperson for China's Taiwan Affairs ?Office in Beijing, said China has "indisputable sovereignty" over the Pratas and surrounding waters.

"Mainland ?vessels operating in the relevant waters are entirely legal and justified. We will ?resolutely safeguard the lives and property of our people," Chen said.

Taiwan's "treatment of mainland vessels roughly in a dangerous manner that endangers the lives and property of the personnel involved is maliciously ?stirring up cross-strait confrontation and they must bear all consequences arising from ?this," Chen said, without elaborating on the consequences.

A Taiwan official with direct knowledge of the situation ?around ?the Pratas told Reuters that the Coast Guard carried out "normal law enforcement" during the incident and responded in a "very careful and proportionate way".

The Pratas Islands lie roughly between southern Taiwan and Hong Kong. Security experts see them as vulnerable to ?Chinese attack due ?to their distance — ?more than 400 km (250 miles) — from Taiwan.

China claims democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory and has increased its military ?presence around the island over the past five years. The ?government in ?Taipei rejects China's claim.

Pope Leo diagnosed with cancer as doctors remove part of lung, Vatican says

■ Pope Leo has been diagnosed with lung cancer after surgery to remove part of his right lung. Doctors said the procedure was successful, but the cancer stage remains unclear.



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ROME

Pope Leo was diagnosed with lung cancer after surgeons removed a part of his right lung , the Vatican said in a medical bulletin, marking a significant health setback for the 71-year-old pontiff.

The pope has lung adenocarcinoma, a common form of cancer, with tissue ?tests conducted during the operation confirming what doctors had suspected from preparatory examinations, the bulletin said.

Leo was admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital on Tuesday for surgery to remove the growth that doctors had discovered in a recent routine health check.

The pope's lead surgeon, Dr. Stefano Margaritora, and his personal physician, Dr. Luigi Carbone, said in a statement that the procedure lasted about 90 minutes and was successful, with no complications.

"In order to make ?the procedure curative, the lower lobe of the right lung was removed using a video-assisted technique," they said, making clear that the aim was to eliminate ?all cancerous tissue.

Human lungs have five lobes -- three in the right lung and two in the left.

A medical expert said that in ?order to assess the pope's case they would need to know the size of the tumour and whether the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes, information the ?Vatican did not immediately provide.

"While we have the diagnosis, we do not yet have the stage. This is critical to prognosis and treatment," said Dr. Stephen Liu, a lung cancer ?expert at Georgetown University in Washington and division chief of hematology-oncology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

"If this is a small lung cancer with no lymph nodes involved, surgery itself is likely to be curative," he told Reuters. "But if final analysis reveals a greater extent of cancer involvement, this indicates a poorer prognosis."



explosions heard in Riyadh as Houthis step up attacks on Saudi Arabia

■ Mobile phone alerts warned Riyadh residents of aerial threat before warning was lifted minutes later

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Saudi Arabia

Loud explosions were heard in the Saudi capital Riyadh on Wednesday, AFP journalists in the city reported, as Yemen's Houthis step up attacks in an escalating war.

Messages were received on phones in Riyadh warning people of an "aerial threat" and urging them to take shelter. The alert was lifted a few minutes later.

Earlier today, AFP reported that Saudi Arabia said on Wednesday that an attack on an Aramco building in the kingdom's east sparked a "limited fire" and that debris from intercepted Houthi missiles wounded four people in the capital Riyadh.

It came hours after the Saudi-led coalition battling Yemen's Houthis said it had intercepted several missiles on Tuesday evening, including over Riyadh.

A Saudi energy ministry official said an administrative building belonging to oil giant Aramco in Dhahran was struck on Tuesday evening, resulting in a "limited fire" but "no casualties or fatalities".

Saudi Arabia's civil defence agency said on Wednesday that four people -- two women, a man and a child -- were wounded by debris from two intercepted Houthi cruise missiles in the capital and that 15 homes were damaged.

Earlier on Tuesday, the coalition struck oil sites across western Yemen, in response to the deadliest attack on the kingdom's soil in years.

The strikes in Yemen's Sanaa and the western provinces of Dhamar and Saada targeted facilities used to "supply the war effort" by the Houthis to "threaten the kingdom, Yemen, the southern Red Sea and waterways", coalition spokesman Turki al-Maliki wrote on X.A powerful explosion then rang out in the Saudi capital, with a phone alert sent to residents saying "the city of Riyadh is facing a hostile aerial threat".

While walking down a major avenue in Riyadh, a witness told AFP he "saw a projectile cutting across the sky" above a mall, saying it left "a yellowish trail of light followed by a trail of smoke. Then, we heard an explosion".

Malaysia court denies ex-PM Najib Razak's request to suspend 15-year jail term

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New Delhi



A Malaysian court on Wednesday denied former premier Najib Razak's ?request to suspend a 15-year jail term in connection with the 1MDB scandal, despite expectations he could soon be transferred to house arrest following a pardon in a separate case.

Najib, 73, has been in prison ?since 2022 after Malaysia's top court upheld ?his conviction for graft and money laundering linked ?to the alleged theft of billions of dollars from ?1Malaysia Development Berhad, a state fund he co-founded while premier in 2009. He denies wrongdoing.

Judge Noor Ruwena Md Nordin ?said there were no special circumstances warranting a ?stay of the sentence.

"Therefore on final merit, the application is accordingly dismissed, the judge said.

Last month, Malaysia's King Sultan Ibrahim granted a conditional pardon to Najib, allowing him to serve the remainder of his sentence at home, ?provided he ?pay a ?50 million ringgit ($12.25 million) fine.

US top diplomat Rubio departs this weekend for Central Asia, India

■ US President Donald Trump hosted the leaders of the five resource-rich Central Asian nations at the White House last November.

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WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will this week lead a large business delegation to Uzbekistan and join a ministerial meeting with five Central Asian nations, before traveling to India,

Traveling between October 17 and 22, Rubio will first go to Samarkand, Uzbekistan, for a "C5+1 Ministerial" and bilateral meetings with Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

"On this historic visit, Secretary Rubio will lead a US commercial delegation comprised of over 200 business leaders, ushering in a new era of strengthened commercial cooperation for the United States and Central Asia," a State Department statement said.



US President Donald Trump hosted the leaders of the five resource-rich Central Asian nations at the White House last November.

Rubio will then make his second official visit of the year to India, spending October 17-22 in the cities of Mumbai and Jamnagar and meeting with senior government officials "to strengthen the US-India strategic partnership, exchange views on regional and global dynamics, and discuss prospects for enhanced energy cooperation."

He will also meet business leaders "to promote opportunities for commercial investment and economic cooperation," the statement said.

Rubio last visited India in May, traveling to four cities over four days in a country that successive US administrations saw as a like-minded partner in a world dominated by China's rise.

Trump has shaken up that approach, temporarily imposing high tariffs and warming to both China and India's historic adversary Pakistan.

Trump says US still sharing intel, even as Ukraine reports attacks with no warnings

■ Trump confirms continued US intelligence sharing with Ukraine as Russian missile strikes hit Kyiv, raising fresh doubts over the proposed energy ceasefire.

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KYIV

US President Donald Trump said that Washington was still sharing intelligence with Ukraine, even as Kyiv reported new Russian missile attacks that came without usual warnings and accused Russia of violating an energy truce the US president announced at the weekend.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said Russian forces attacked Kyiv on Tuesday with ballistic missiles, targeting a thermal power plant, ?and Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said a strike on a high-rise apartment building killed two people.

"Once again, no advance warning from our partners," Zelenskiy said on Telegram without explaining why no warning was given.

"According to our intelligence, the Russians are preparing further ballistic missile launches," he said, adding that the attacks showed Russia did not feel bound by Trump's energy ceasefire.

Trump on Sunday announced a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine, but the warring sides have not confirmed the truce.

Zelenskiy has come under pressure from Trump to halt attacks on Russian oil refineries after the US president eased sanctions on Russian diesel exports, arguing the move would help lower fuel prices ahead of next month's midterm elections.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, Trump said Washington continued to share intelligence with Ukraine and was working with both Kyiv and Moscow to end the war. "We are ?helping them, and we are sharing intel," he said.

Kyiv relies heavily on US intelligence for early warnings of missile strikes and for its own targeting of Russian military sites, experts and officials say.

Asked if Russia could use proceeds from the diesel deal to purchase more bombs, Trump sidestepped the question. "That's a diesel deal, not for ?us. That's being released into the world. That's not being released to us."

Zelenskiy told NPR in an interview that US intelligence sharing had not stopped, but his generals had been warned that it might be.

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Ananya Panday to Co-Host IIFA Awards 2027 in Abu Dhabi

■ IIFA Awards 2027 Announce Ananya Panday, Varun Dhawan and Karan Johar as Hosts

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ABU DHABI



Bollywood actress Ananya Panday will co-host the 27th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Weekend andAwards inAbu Dhabi in January 2027, returning to the stage where her journey with the global celebration of Indian cinema began. The two-day event will take place on January 22 and 23, 2027, at Etihad Arena on Yas Island, bringing together leading actors, filmmakers and other personalities from the Indian film industry to celebrate its achievements.

Panday said Abu Dhabi holds a special place in her career, as it was where she gave her first-ever performance at the IIFA Awards.

"Being a part of IIFA has always been incredibly special to me. My IIFA journey began in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, with my very first-ever performance on that iconic stage," she said.

The actress recalled growing up watching IIFA and described being part of the celebration as a dream come true. She added that the awards had provided her with opportunities to grow professionally, explore new avenues and create lasting memories.Panday said returning to the IIFA stage as a co-host in 2027 would make the occasion even more meaningful. She expressed excitement about celebrating the biggest stars, stories and achievements of Indian cinema with audiences around the world.

Actor Varun Dhawan will also host the awards. Reflecting on his association with IIFA, Dhawan said his previous participation in the event and performances in Abu Dhabi had given him lasting memories.

He praised IIFA for bringing together the Indian film industry and presenting its achievements to an international audience, describing his return to Yas Island as a great honour.

Hiba Bukhari appeals for respect amid social media fan disputes

■ In an Instagram story, Bukhari clarified that her intention behind an earlier post was to understand the situation rather than encourage hostility among her followers.

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Actor Hiba Bukhari has urged her fans to treat others with respect after coming across what she described as "really disrespectful" comments on social media.

In an Instagram story, Bukhari clarified that her intention behind an earlier post was to understand the situation rather than encourage hostility among her followers.

"Okay. So I am posting this after reading comments and some really disrespectful things which I don't appreciate in any way," Bukhari wrote. The actor emphasised that while she valued her fans, she did not want their support to come at the expense of respect for others, particularly her fellow actors.

"I love my fans and I know for a fact my fandom cannot disrespect anyone," she stated. "I respect my co actors and that is exactly what I expect from you all," she added.

Bukhari also clarified the purpose of her earlier interaction, explaining that she had been seeking an understanding of the situation rather than attempting to fuel disagreements.

"The story was to inquire what is happening," she wrote. Concluding her message, the actor appealed to her followers to remain considerate towards one another, expressing disappointment at the hurtful remarks she had encountered.

"It's a request to you all please be respectful towards each other! And it's actually hurtful to see such things. Lots of love from your Hiba Bukhari," she said.

Bukhari's message highlights the challenges public figures can face as their fan communities extend beyond television screens into highly active online spaces.

While passionate supporters can play an important role in celebrating actors and their work, disagreements between fans can also spill over into personal attacks and hostility.

The actor's comments come amid continued public interest in her television projects and on-screen pairings.



Nana Patekar's Five Films Set to Reach Audiences After His Death

■ Babrik Shah comes from a film family, with his father also associated with the Pakistani film industry.

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KARACHI

Indian cinema is mourning veteran actor Nana Patekar, who died at the age of 75 on October 8, 2026, following a cardiac arrest in Goa. Known for his powerful dialogue delivery, intense screen presence and versatile performances, the acclaimed actor leaves behind a legacy spanning Hindi and Marathi cinema.

Although his passing marks the end of an era, audiences will continue to see his work on screen through several films that remain awaiting release or wider distribution. The five projects span horror-comedy, biographical drama, crime mystery, romantic comedy and drama.

Part of Maddock Films' horror-comedy universe, Shakti Shalini features Nana Patekar alongside Vishal Jethwa and other cast members. The story reportedly follows Shakti, an ordinary young woman who becomes connected to a vengeful spirit named Shalini.

Patekar is expected to appear in the role of a tantric. The film is among the projects that could introduce audiences to another performance by the late actor.

2. Eetha

Eetha is a biographical drama inspired by the life of celebrated Maharashtrian folk performer Vithabai Narayangaonkar, who was known for her contributions to the traditional Tamasha and Lavani art forms.

The film features Shraddha Kapoor in the lead role, alongside Randeep Hooda, Anant Joshi and Nana Patekar. The project explores the life and artistic journey of a prominent figure in Maharashtra's folk-performance tradition.

3. The Confession of Mary

Genre: Crime drama and mystery

Director: Ananth Narayan Mahadevan

Based on the 1966 Madatharuvi murder case in Kerala, The Confession of Mary centres on the murder of Mariyakutty, a widow whose death led to a Catholic priest being accused in the case.

Patekar plays Father Benedict, the priest at the centre of the story. The film also features Adil Hussain, Ashish Vidyarthi, Gautam Rode and Neha Mahajan.

The film has already received an international festival showcase, including a screening at the Toronto International Film Festival, making it a significant part of the actor's remaining screen work.



Selma Blair detained after alleged disturbance on New York flight

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KARACHI

US actor Selma Blair was taken into custody Sunday night after allegedly assaulting crew members aboard a domestic flight arriving in New York City, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey told the outlet that it responded to a call about a "physically abusive passenger" aboard a Delta Air Lines flight.

Authorities intervened around 11 pm local time (0300GMT Monday) after the commercial aircraft, which departed from Los Angeles, landed at John F. Kennedy International Airport. "Suspect was identified as Selma Blair, a 54-year-old woman. She was taken into custody and transported to the hospital for evaluation," police said.

Two flight attendants sustained injuries during the altercation, with one crew member requiring hospital treatment for medical evaluation, according to authorities. Blair allegedly kicked a Port Authority police officer in the head while being taken to the hospital and also allegedly assaulted a nurse after arriving at the hospital, celebrity news outlet TMZ reported. A representative for the performer told TMZ that a sudden health crisis triggered the episode, saying Blair experienced a medical emergency that led to the behavior before receiving medical attention upon arrival.

Junaid Khan praises 'Mitti De Baway' co-stars Mahira and Wahaj



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LAHORE

Pakistani actor and singer Junaid Khan has shared his experience of working alongside Mahira Khan and Wahaj Ali in the ongoing drama serial 'Mitti De Baway', offering heartfelt praise for both co-stars and their qualities beyond the screen.

A social media interaction recently caught viewers' attention when users asked Junaid about his experience working with the two celebrated actors. Responding to the questions, the Mitti De Baway star spoke warmly about Mahira's inspiring journey and Wahaj's talent and down to earth personality.

Praising Mahira, Junaid wrote, "Always a pleasure. Her success story is truly inspiring." His comment highlighted his admiration for the actress, who has established herself as one of Pakistan's most prominent entertainment stars through her work in television and films.Meanwhile, sharing his thoughts on Wahaj, Junaid described him as more than just a talented performer, writing, "Not just a very talented actor but a very humble, down-to-earth human being as well.

Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's 78th birth anniversary being observed

■ Pakistan celebrates the 78th birth anniversary of Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, the legendary Qawwali maestro whose soulful voice captivated audiences worldwide.

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ISLAMABAD

The 78th birth anniversary of legendary Pakistani Qawwali maestro Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, widely known as the "Shahenshah-e-Qawwali" (King of Qawwali), is being observed on Tuesday, October 13, to honour his extraordinary contribution to music.

Born on October 13, 1948, in Faisalabad, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan earned international recognition for his powerful voice, soulful performances and distinctive ability to blend traditional Qawwali with contemporary musical influences.

Belonging to a renowned musical family, he received his initial training from his father, Ustad Fateh Ali Khan. Through years of dedication, rigorous practice and exceptional talent, he transformed the traditional Sufi musical form into a globally celebrated art.



His voice, celebrated for its emotional depth, spiritual intensity and remarkable vocal range, captivated audiences in Pakistan and around the world. His performances transcended linguistic and cultural barriers, introducing generations of international listeners to the richness of South Asian devotional music.Among his most celebrated Qawwalis are "Dam Mast Qalandar," "Mera Piya Ghar Aaya" and "Yeh Jo Halka Halka Suroor Hai." These timeless compositions continue to attract listeners, while his songs and ghazals remain an enduring part of Pakistan's musical heritage.

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Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan played a pioneering role in bringing Qawwali to international audiences by collaborating with musicians from different cultural backgrounds and experimenting with diverse musical styles without abandoning the genre's spiritual roots.

His artistic achievements established him as one of the most influential voices in world music. His work helped popularise Qawwali beyond traditional settings, earning admiration from audiences across continents and inspiring musicians from different genres.

Despite his death on August 16, 1997, at the age of 48, his musical legacy continues to thrive. His recordings remain widely heard, and his influence can still be felt in contemporary music.On his birth anniversary, admirers remember Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan not only as a remarkable vocalist but also as a cultural ambassador whose music connected people across borders, religions and generations.



Students and visitors taking keen interest in books at stall setup during 3rd International Seerat Festival, "International Seerat Conference".

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Pakistan Hockey League 2027 launched

New league aims to attract investment and elevate standard of national sport

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD



Pakistan on Wednesday launched Pakistan Hockey League (PHL) at a ceremony in Islamabad in a bid to revive the country's national sport.
Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) said that it is a joint initiative of the federation and Media Cast, designed to bring together international players, Pakistani talent, corporate sponsors and team owners under a professional competition structure.
Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan, chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme and chief guest at the launch ceremony, reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting hockey's revival and encouraging investment in the sport.
He welcomed efforts to bring the government, private sector and hockey community together, expressing confidence that the league and other development initiatives would help restore Pakistan's standing in international hockey. Khan said the government would continue to support initiatives aimed at developing the sport, nurturing young talent and creating new opportunities for Pakistani players.
PHF President Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani said the federation was committed to sustained reforms, investment and institutional development to strengthen the sport's foundations.
He said priorities included improving playing standards, upgrading infrastructure, attracting corporate investment, expanding facilities and providing players with better incentives and opportunities.
Wani stressed that restoring Pakistan hockey would require professional management, long-term planning and stronger partnerships between the government and private sector.
"Our commitment is to bring investment into hockey, improve infrastructure, provide better incentives for our players and create an environment in which Pakistan hockey can once again progress and succeed," he said.
Salman Danish, owner of Media Cast and a partner in the league, said the company would work with the PHF to organise the competition professionally, attract corporate partners and sponsors, and develop a sustainable commercial model for the sport.Organisers said the league would seek to increase commercial interest in hockey, raise competitive standards and create sustainable investment opportunities. It is also intended to reconnect younger generations with Pakistan's rich hockey history and traditions.
Pakistan, a former powerhouse in international hockey, has struggled to maintain its position among the sport's leading nations. The league's success will depend on attracting investment, establishing a competitive structure and translating commercial interest into long-term development opportunities for players.

Swiatek wins all-Polish battle to launch Wuhan campaign

- She defeats lucky loser Magdalena Frech 6-2, 6-1 to record her 40th win of the season

Sports Desk

WUHAN



Six-time Grand Slam champion Iga Swiatek launched her Wuhan Open campaign by triumphing 6-2, 6-1 in an all-Polish battle against lucky loser Magdalena Frech on Wednesday.
Swiatek posted her 40th victory of the season in one hour and 42 minutes and remains on course for a potential quarter-final showdown with top seed and three-time Wuhan winner Aryna Sabalenka.
"We know each other pretty well, so I just wanted to focus on being consistent and playing as good as possible," Swiatek, the seventh seed, said of Frech.
"I know she is running to every ball always and sometimes using the power of the opponent, so I wanted to not play too crazy but play solid and I'm happy that I did that," said Swiatek, who is chasing a qualification spot for the year-end WTA Finals.Despite the lopsided scoreline the opening set was tight, lasting over an hour and requiring Swiatek to erase a 0-2 deficit and save seven of eight break points before she finally took the lead on her fourth set point.
Upping the pressure with her relentless forehand, Swiatek claimed a 10th game in a row to build a 4-0 advantage in the second set. The former world number one briefly lost momentum, getting broken by Frech, but recovered to advance to the round of 16, where she awaits one of two lucky losers, Lanlana Tararudee or Ashlyn Krueger.British world number 170 Sonay Kartal, who missed six months this year with a spinal stress fracture, upset ninth-seeded Belinda Bencic 6-0, 7-5 to book a date with Jasmine Paolini or Nikola Bartunkova.

Yamal stays cool at boiling Galatasaray to lift Barcelona to victory

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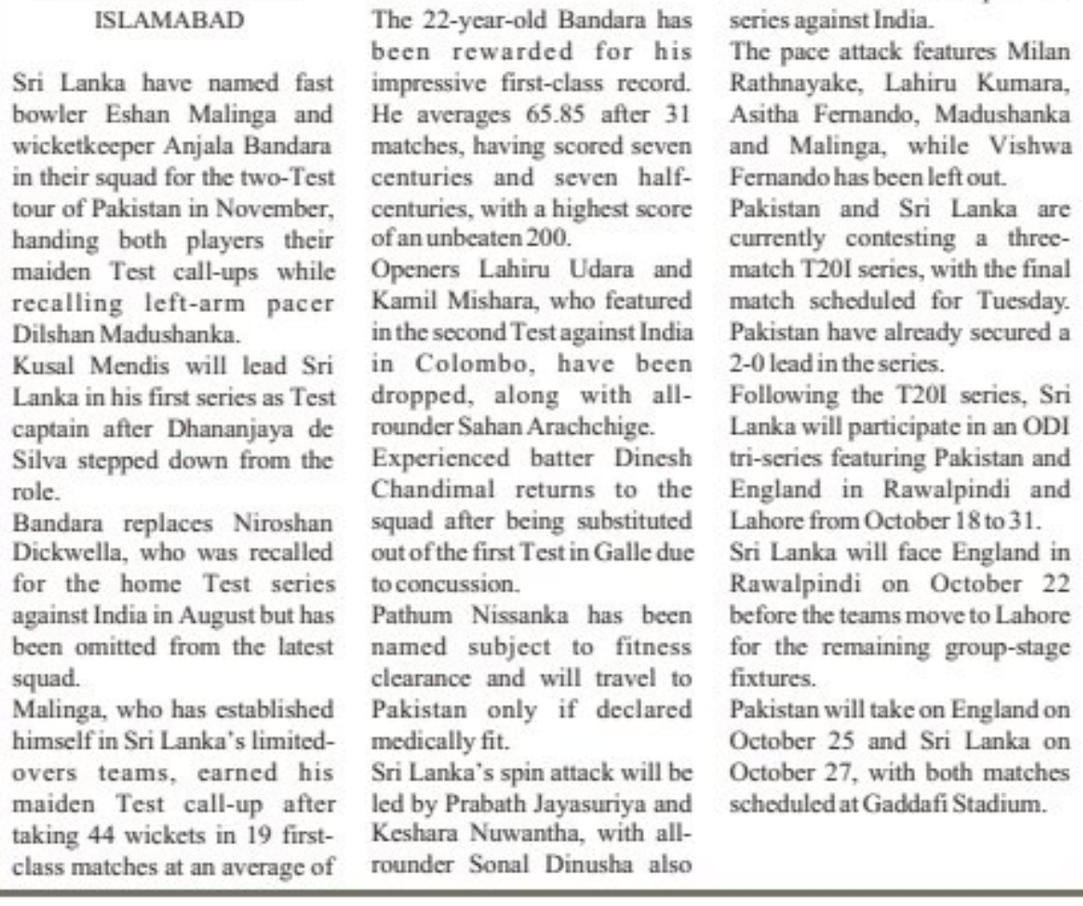
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Barcelona and Lamine Yamal rediscovered their sparkle after a rocky first-half spell in the cauldron of Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen stadium to win 4-1 away to Galatasaray in the Champions League Yamal tore the hosts apart after half time.
"It's incredible to have players like that," said Barcelona coach Hansi Flick. "He's turned the game around for us."
Halfway through the second round of matches, the victory lifted Barcelona to the top of the Champions League table with two wins. Galatasaray are pointless and near the foot of the standings.
"We're at a very high level. We have to keep going; the season is very long. We can't relax," Barcelona's Fermin Lopez told Spanish broadcaster Movistar.
Barcelona dominated the early stages. With Yamal vigorously policed on the right by the home defence, many of their attacks flowed through Anthony Gordon on the other flank.
Yet Galatasaray took the lead after 27 minutes. After Gordon went tumbling in the penalty box, the hosts launched a rapid counter-attack through Rafael Leao on the left.
He pulled the ball back to the edge of the area to Russian Aleksei Batrakov whose drive deflected off Joao Cancelo and into the corner of the goal.
"That goal made things a bit strange for us, because we had been dominating. But we knew how to react and come back," said Fermin.
That ignited a spell of furious home pressure which culminated with Victor Osimhen rising to head a corner past goalkeeper Joan Garcia. Baris Yilmaz toed the ball over the line but was ruled offside.
Barcelona reasserted control. When Yamal went down on the edge of the box, the ball broke to a surprised Davinson Sanchez who gave the ball away immediately.



Kusal Mendis to lead Sri Lanka on first Test tour as captain

- Kusal Mendis will captain Sri Lanka on their November Test tour of Pakistan, with Eshan Malinga and Anjala Bandara receiving maiden call-ups.



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Sri Lanka have named fast bowler Eshan Malinga and wicketkeeper Anjala Bandara in their squad for the two-Test tour of Pakistan in November, handing both players their maiden Test call-ups while recalling left-arm pacer Dilshan Madushanka.
Kusal Mendis will lead Sri Lanka in his first series as Test captain after Dhananjaya de Silva stepped down from the role.
Bandara replaces Niroshan Dickwella, who was recalled for the home Test series against India in August but has been omitted from the latest squad.
Malinga, who has established himself in Sri Lanka's limited-overs teams, earned his maiden Test call-up after taking 44 wickets in 19 first-class matches at an average of 31.15.
The 22-year-old Bandara has been rewarded for his impressive first-class record. He averages 65.85 after 31 matches, having scored seven centuries and seven half-centuries, with a highest score of an unbeaten 200.
Openers Lahiru Udara and Kamil Mishara, who featured in the second Test against India in Colombo, have been dropped, along with all-rounder Sahan Arachchige.
Experienced batter Dinesh Chandimal returns to the squad after being substituted out of the first Test in Galle due to concussion.
Pathum Nissanka has been named subject to fitness clearance and will travel to Pakistan only if declared medically fit.
Sri Lanka's spin attack will be led by Prabath Jayasuriya and Keshara Nuwantha, with all-rounder Sonal Dinusha also included after an impressive series against India.
The pace attack features Milan Rathnayake, Lahiru Kumara, Asitha Fernando, Madushanka and Malinga, while Vishwa Fernando has been left out.
Pakistan and Sri Lanka are currently contesting a three-match T20I series, with the final match scheduled for Tuesday. Pakistan have already secured a 2-0 lead in the series.
Following the T20I series, Sri Lanka will participate in an ODI tri-series featuring Pakistan and England in Rawalpindi and Lahore from October 18 to 31.
Sri Lanka will face England in Rawalpindi on October 22 before the teams move to Lahore for the remaining group-stage fixtures.
Pakistan will take on England on October 25 and Sri Lanka on October 27, with both matches scheduled at Gaddafi Stadium.



Fakhar Zaman becomes first Pakistani to hit 100 sixes in T20

Web Desk

RAWALPINDI

Pakistan's experienced opener Fakhar Zaman achieved a major milestone in the third and final T20 International against Sri Lanka, becoming the first Pakistani batter to hit 100 sixes in men's T20I cricket.
The 36-year-old reached the landmark at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium by hitting Sri Lankan fast bowler Binura Fernando for a six over deep midwicket.
Fakhar had struck 99 sixes before the match and needed just one more to reach the historic milestone.
However, his celebration was short-lived as he was dismissed by Eshan Malinga after scoring 12 runs off seven deliveries.



ICC records massive demand for 2027 World Cup tickets from 142 countries

Web Desk

ISLAMABAD

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has reported record demand for tickets to the 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, receiving more than 15 million ticket requests in just 12 days,
According to the ICC, around 4.4 million people have registered for the World Cup ticket ballot, with total requests exceeding 15.08 million.
The applications have come from 142 countries, highlighting the global excitement surrounding the tournament.
Cricket fans can register for the ICC ticket ballot until November 21, giving supporters more time to secure a chance to watch the biggest teams compete for the ODI world title.
The 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

South Africa hopeful of Rabada return for second Test

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ISLAMABAD

South Africa captain Temba Bavuma says fast bowler Kagiso Rabada is likely to return for the second Test against Australia on Sunday after recovering from a hamstring injury.
Rabada has not played since featuring for Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League in May and missed the opening Test in Durban as a precaution while recovering from the injury sustained in training.The 31-year-old is making progress towards a competitive return, with Bavuma encouraged by the paceman's condition ahead of the second match in Gqeberha.

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CM Maryam launches Livestock Card scheme phase II

STAFF REPORTER

LAHORE

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has launched the second phase of the Livestock Card scheme, under which farmers will receive interest-free loans worth Rs16.2 billion to support livestock-related activities. The first phase of the scheme recorded a loan repayment rate of 96 percent.

Under Phase II, farmers will be provided Rs27,000 per animal. They will also be allowed to withdraw 25 per cent of the loan amount in cash through ATMs.

The briefing further revealed that agreements had been reached to export meat to Saudi Arabia, China, Azerbaijan and European markets, expanding opportunities for Punjab's livestock sector.

Punjab's meat exports recorded an increase of $96 million over the course of one year, according to the briefing.

Any attack on Saudi Arabia is attack on Pakistan: minister

● "Pakistan has also practically proven it (support for Saudi Arabia), and for this, it is taking all kinds of steps and God willing, it will continue to take them," Yousaf said.

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Religious affairs minister on Tuesday strongly condemned Houthi attacks hitting civilian infrastructure and Umrah pilgrims in Saudi Arabia, saying Islamabad considers any attack on the Kingdom as an attack on Pakistan under its defense agreements with Saudi Arabia.

Religious Affairs Minister Sardar Muhammad Yousaf made the remarks while speaking to Arab News after attending a press conference at the National Press Club in Islamabad, where leaders of prominent Pakistani religious parties and parliamentarians gathered to express solidarity with the Kingdom.

The remarks followed several attacks by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi militia targeting Saudi civilian and oil facilities. A Pakistani national was killed and 11 other people were injured in an attack on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh on Sunday, Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation said.

Speaking to Arab News, Yousaf expressed Pakistan's solidarity with Saudi Arabia and said that Islamabad viewed the security and stability of the Kingdom as inseparable from its own.

"Any attacks that anyone has launched on Saudi Arabia, we consider them attacks on Pakistan," the minister said.

"No Muslim can tolerate attacks on Haramain Sharifain (Two Holy Mosques) and Hejaz-e-Muqaddas (Makkah and Madinah) to weaken the power of Muslims."

Pakistan is taking practical steps to support Saudi Arabia and the recently signed Makkah defense pact between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkiye is aimed at ensuring collective security through concrete defensive measures, according to the minister.

"Pakistan has also practically proven it (support for Saudi Arabia), and for this, it is taking all kinds of steps and God willing, it will continue to take them," Yousaf said.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed a bilateral Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement (SMDA) last year, while Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye signed the Makkah Joint Defense Agreement in August. The defense pacts treat an armed attack on one member as an attack on all.

Yousaf denounced Houthi attacks hitting Umrah pilgrims in the Kingdom who he said posed no threat to anyone.

"[Attack on] Umrah pilgrims, this is such a heart-wrenching incident that has happened," he said.

"See, as Muslims, this is a part of our faith. Whoever goes to perform Umrah or Hajj, goes to seek forgiveness for their sins... They do not go to fight with someone. They do not go to attack someone."

Yousaf said Pakistan's political leadership, religious parties and state institutions stood united in support of the government's position on Saudi Arabia.

PM Shehbaz meets Makkah alliance secretary general, reaffirms support for Saudi Arabia

● PM Shehbaz Sharif met Makkah Defence Alliance Secretary-General Nauman Mahmood to discuss strategic defence cooperation and reaffirm Pakistan's commitment to Saudi Arabia's sovereignty and security.

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to supporting Saudi Arabia's sovereignty, defence and regional security during a meeting with Lieutenant General (Retd) Nauman Mahmood, the first Secretary-General of the Makkah Defence Alliance.

The meeting focused on ways to strengthen defence and strategic cooperation under the framework of the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement.

PM Shehbaz Sharif extended his best wishes to Lt Gen (Retd) Nauman Mahmood on assuming his new position.

During the meeting, the prime minister described the Makkah agreement as a historic milestone for promoting peace, unity and stability in the region.

He emphasized that Pakistan stands alongside Saudi Arabia in safeguarding its sovereignty, defence and regional security under the defence agreement.

Shehbaz Sharif reiterated Pakistan's full support for Saudi Arabia's legitimate right to defend itself. He also underscored that Pakistan's commitment to protecting the Kingdom's sovereignty, territorial integrity and security remains unwavering.

Lieutenant General (Retd) Nauman Mahmood briefed the prime minister on his strategy for further advancing defence and strategic cooperation within the agreement's framework.



Pakistan gets first LNG shipment of October amid gas supply concerns

■ Move comes in the wake of heightened tensions following the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's gas supply system received a boost with the arrival of an LNG cargo from Qatar on Tuesday, as the vessel Al-Areesh berthed at Engro's LNG terminal and regasification began at a rate of 150 million cubic feet per day (mmcfd).

The arrival marks the first LNG cargo received in October, as authorities scramble to arrange additional shipments from Qatar amid disruptions to LNG supplies and continued uncertainty surrounding maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, The News reported, citing a senior official of the Petroleum Division.Officials are making efforts to secure three LNG cargoes from Qatar with the assistance of Iranian and US officials. However, under the latest supply scenario, Pakistan is expected to arrange only two cargoes during October, similar to the two vessels received in September.

Engro's LNG terminal had remained non-operational since September 26 because of the unavailability of an LNG vessel. With the arrival of Al-Areesh, regasification has resumed, allowing 150 of re-gasified LNG (RLNG) to be injected into the national gas network.

The situation at the country's second LNG terminal, operated by Pakistan GasPort Limited (PGPL), remains challenging. The terminal has been non-operational since October 9 due to a lack of LNG inventory.

Authorities expect to arrange another cargo within the next eight to 10 days for delivery to the facility.

The interruption in LNG supplies has already affected fuel availability for power generation. Between October 9 and October 13, no LNG was being regasified at either terminal, leaving the power sector with a supply of only around 38 mmcfd for electricity generation as of October 13. The resumption of operations at Engro's terminal is expected to provide some relief, with 150 mmcfd of RLNG now entering the system.

Pakistan's LNG supply outlook remains uncertain following QatarEnergy's declaration of force majeure on March 4, after Iran attacked Ras Laffan.

Emergency to stay until KP purged of terrorism: minister

■ He said the federal government had tried various approaches over the past two to two-and-a-half years and had addressed the demands raised by he two chief ministers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD



State Minister Talal Chaudhry has said that the constitutional option exercised in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) was not intended to serve any political agenda but was prompted by a lack of cooperation in combating terrorism.

Speaking to the media, Chaudhry said the government had no political agenda and would remain in the province until terrorism was eliminated. He stressed that terrorism was not merely a problem for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but a national challenge that was affecting business activities and Pakistan's overall progress.

He said the federal government had tried various approaches over the past two to two-and-a-half years and had addressed the demands raised by the two chief ministers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to Chaudhry, the government had also offered concessions during negotiations on the prime minister's instructions."When terrorists are not openly identified as terrorists and strong action is not taken against them, what option is left?" he asked.The minister said the proposed Democratic Charter II had also failed to gain the required attention, describing the inability of political leaders to reach an agreement on national interests as another setback.

Read More: Interior Minister Naqvi says emergency measures comply with ConstitutionChaudhry maintained that the government had resorted to a constitutional option that was difficult for any political party to pursue. He reiterated that the objective of emergency and governor's rule in KP was to eliminate terrorism rather than remain in the province for an extended period.

Clarifying the government's position on legal action, he said individuals wanted in connection with cases would be arrested or dealt with under the relevant legal procedures. He added that there was no intention to detain or imprison anyone without legal grounds.

114 flights cancelled as Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia disrupt Pakistan's air operations

■ Houthi attacks on Saudi airports have disrupted Pakistan's flight operations, with 114 flights cancelled or non-operational and 77 delayed in 24 hours.

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LAHORE



Flight operations in Pakistan have been severely disrupted due to restrictions on air operations at Saudi airports following Houthi attacks, affecting the flight schedules of Pakistani airlines.

According to sources, 114 flights across the country were reported cancelled or non-operational over the past 24 hours, while 77 flights were also delayed. With Riyadh Airport closed, 28 flights operating to and from Riyadh from Pakistan have been cancelled today.

According to the schedule, Riyadh Airport will remain closed until midnight on October 17, disrupting air connectivity between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has diverted flight PK-765 from Multan to Riyadh to an alternative airport. Two flights from Karachi to Jeddah have also been cancelled, along with one flight each from Sialkot and Multan to Dammam.



An attractive view of seasonal flowers flourishing along 9th Avenue to enhance its beauty.

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