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35 children, teacher die after roof of Peshawar school caves in

■ Several children are feared trapped beneath the rubble in Deir Colony's Al-Khair School System: More than 45 injured shifted to Lady Reading Hospital:

STAFF REPORTER
PESHAWAR

At least 35 pupils and a lady teacher died after the roof of a private school collapsed in Deir Colony of Peshawar on Thursday morning, with several children were still feared trapped beneath the rubble,

According to the spokesperson for Lady Reading Hospital Medical Teaching Institution (MTI), Muhammad Asim, 17 children and a woman teacher were brought dead to Lady Reading Hospital after the roof of a private school collapsed in Deir Colony, Peshawar.

The spokesperson further confirmed that more than 45 injured children and teachers had also been brought to the hospital.

He added that an emergency had been declared and the hospital administration was present in the trauma unit to oversee the response.

The spokesperson said the injured children were receiving immediate medical treatment, adding that some were in critical condition. He said all the children were aged up to 13.

According to rescue officials, most of the injured were children about the age of 13 years and staff members of the Al-Khair School System. They were shifted to Lady Reading Hospital Medical Teaching Institution (MTI) in Peshawar.

Rescue workers reached the scene and began an operation to clear the rubble and evacuate the injured. The possibility that more children remain trapped has raised concerns as the search continues.

Pakistan Army personnel are taking part in the rescue operation alongside Rescuee 1122 teams and other relief departments after a school roof collapsed in Peshawar's Deir Colony. Armymen are working to clear the debris and reach those who may still be trapped.

The incident has prompted



Justice Munib Akhtar takes oath as acting chief justice of Pakistan

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Justice Munib Akhtar took oath as acting Chief Justice of Pakistan during the absence of Chief Justice YahyaAfridi.

The oath-taking ceremony was held at the Supreme Court on Thursday, where Justice Jamal Mandokhail administered the oath to Justice Munib Akhtar.

Supreme Court judges, court staff and other prominent personalities attended the ceremony.

Chief Justice Yahya Afridi is expected to return from his private visit to England on October 21, after which he will resume his duties.In the meantime, Justice Munib Akhtar will perform the responsibilities of acting chief justice and oversee judicial affairs.



MOFA launches digital document attestation system

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Ministry of Foreign Affairs has introduced a fully digital system for document attestation, allowing citizens to apply online from home and receive electronic certificates by email after verification is completed. Under the new system, applicants will no longer need to make repeated visits to the ministry's offices to get their documents attested. Once an application is received, the submitted documents will be reviewed and verified, and applicants will be informed about the outcome.The system also enables citizens to pay the required fees online after the attestation process is completed.



Parliament's joint session endorses K-P emergency, governor's rule amid opposition uproar

STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

A joint session of Parliament on Thursday adopted two separate resolutions ratifying the presidential proclamations imposing a state of emergency and governor's rule for two months in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) amid opposition uproar.

Through the first resolution, the joint sitting approved the proclamation of emergency issued by President Asif Ali Zardari under the second proviso to Article 232(1) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The approval was granted in accordance with Article 232(7) of the Constitution.In a separate resolution, the parliament approved the proclamation issued by the president under Article 234(1) of the Constitution, in accordance with Article 234(3).

The adoption of the two resolutions formalised Parliament's approval of the presidential proclamations concerning the province of K-P under the relevant constitutional provisions. During the session, opposition members tore up copies of the resolution to register their dissent. After the proceedings concluded, the joint sitting of Parliament was adjourned indefinitely.

23 polio environmental samples return negative in Balochistan

■ CM Bugti expresses satisfaction with anti polio measures across province

Staff Reporter
QUETTA

Balochistan is successfully progressing toward the eradication of polio as all 23 environmental samples collected to test for the presence of the virus have returned negative results,

In this regard, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, and Provincial Health Minister, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, have expressed satisfaction with anti-polio measures and directed that the implementation of robust actions be continued.

"We pay tribute to the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives during the national anti-polio campaign," stated Mir Sarfraz Bugti.



He affirmed that Balochistan government will not rest until polio is completely eradicated through sustained efforts and concrete measures.

Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar said the fact that all environmental samples tested negative is the result of three years of continuous struggle and tireless, round-the-clock hard work.

"A significant milestone toward polio eradication has genda and policies," the Health Minister added.been achieved through the consistent pursuit of the Balochistan government's reform agenda and policies," the Health Minister added.

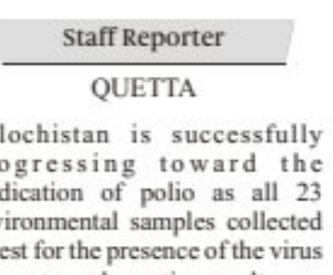
He said the continuous oversight and patronage provided by Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and the Chief Secretary played a pivotal role in this progress.

"The collective efforts of the Health Department, polio workers, and parents are highly commendable," the Provincial Health Minister remarked.

He said despite the threats of terrorism and the challenges posed by difficult, inaccessible terrain, polio workers persisted in reaching the children.

Security forces kill five Indian proxy terrorists in Balochistan IBO

■ ISPR says security forces killed five militants in an intelligence-based operation in Balochistan's Washuk district on October 12-13, recovering weapons, ammunition and explosives.



CITY REPORTER
PESHAWAR

Security forces have killed five terrorists belonging to Indian proxy, Fitna al Hindustan, during an intelligence based operation in Washuk, Balochistan.

Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said the operation was conducted by the security forces on night 12/13 October 2026 on reported presence of terrorists.

During the conduct of operation, terrorist hideout was busted by security forces through swift and decisive action, resultantly five Indian sponsored terrorist were neutralised. Cache of weapons, ammunition and explosive was also recovered.

Sanitization operations are being conducted to eliminate any other Indian sponsored terrorist found in the area.

Relentless Counter Terrorism campaign under vision "Azm e Istehkam" (as approved by Federal Apex Committee on National Action Plan) by Security Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies of Pakistan will continue at full pace to wipe out menace of foreign sponsored and supported terrorism from the country, ISPR said.

Rana Sanaullah warns terrorism threatens Pakistan's existence

■ Rana Sanaullah warns that escalating terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa threatens Pakistan, urging timely action and defending federal intervention amid political disagreements.

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.



Rana Sanaullah said there was little point in demanding proof of something as obvious as daylight. He questioned whether terrorism was not taking place across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He added that Pakistan had been suffering from terrorism for the past 40 years, but the country had not faced terrorism of this nature during that period.

He claimed that following the failure of Operation Sindoor, India had resorted to using proxies. He further alleged that after its defeat in Marka-e-Haq, India was operating from Afghanistan and that attacks were now also being carried out using drones, with technical assistance from Israel.

Rana Sanaullah warned that if the terrorist threat was not addressed in time, the consequences could be serious for the entire country.

He said the provincial government had been asked to play its role but had refused, following which the federal government took over the province's administration. He added that the existing governance vacuum would now be filled and that Pakistan's armed forces and law enforcement agencies would eliminate the terrorists.

Responding to a question about negotiations, Rana Sanaullah said that if the opposition wanted to engage in dialogue, it should play its role within the existing system. He added that the system could not be changed repeatedly.

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Islamabad court orders jail trial in barrier case against Imaan Mazari

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Islamabad has issued a notification for the jail trial of human rights lawyer Imaan Mazari and her husband, Hadi Ali Chattha, in a case related to the removal of barriers.

The notification was issued by the Ministry of Law, and the next hearing will take place at Adiala Jail,

The court directed lawyers and witnesses to appear at the jail for the next hearing. It adjourned the proceedings until Friday. The case against Mazari and Chattha was registered at Aabpara Police Station in Islamabad.

At the previous hearing on 10 October 2026, the anti-terrorism court disposed of a petition filed by the couple seeking the removal of terrorism-related sections from the case.

Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra said he could not hear the petition at that stage. He said he was not authorised to review his earlier decision.

The couple's lawyers, Zainab Janjua and Aimal Khan, walked out of the courtroom and boycotted the proceedings. Imaan Mazari's mother, Dr Shireen Mazari, also attended the hearing.

Advocate Zainab Janjua told the court that Bar President Naeem Ali Gujjar was unwell and that her senior colleague, Advocate Riasat Ali Azad, was at the hospital looking after him.

She also referred to a report from jail officials which, she said, stated that Islamabad Police were not providing security to escort Mazari and Chattha to court.

The lawyer argued that the state was asking prosecution witnesses to record their statements while, at the same time, failing to provide security for the accused to attend proceedings. She said the couple had been deprived of their right to a fair trial.



PESCO workers is removing the electricity power transformer at Hashtnagri GT Road

FAO Strengthens Livestock Health in Zhob

- 321,000 animals vaccinated against PPR, while 130,000 treated for parasites under EU-funded project

SPECIAL REPORTER
ZHOB



The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nationsis implementing the European Union (EU) funded project8 titled: Post-Floods Resilient Recovery and Strengthening of Livestock Sector in Balochistan across the selected districts in Balochistan. This project is funded by European Union (EU) and is implemented with the close cooperation Livestock and Dairy Development. The overall objective of the project is enhanced food security and resilience status of the livestock farmers/households in selected districts. The specific objectives include Improved sustainable production and productivity of husbandry in line with climate resilient approaches while creating/sustaining working opportunities with a focus on youth and women. These objectives will be achievedby key components ranging from Improved capacities of target farmers in climate resilient livestock rearing practicesthrough farmer Field School (FFS), animal health coverage, Rangeland rehabilitation and breed improvement. Secondly, Strengthened capacities of veterinary service providers in disease diagnostic, reproductive services, cold chain for vaccination and food control systems. The third key component is Enhanced skills of women of livestock keeping families in safe and nutritious food. In order to achieve these objectives, the FAO Zhob has successfully completedmajor Animal Health Coverage Campaigns deworming campaignacross all union councils of District Zhob. These campaignswere implemented through the span of four months. In the first campaign, a total of 130,000 animals were dewormed across selected Union Councils of district Zhob. This campaign was started in May this year and completed in august. The specific objectives of the campaign were: To treat the internal and external parasites of the animals, to establish a digital record of the beneficiaries through real-time data collection and to improve animal health and productivity. This activity was carried out under the project's Animal Health Coverage component, aimed at improving livestock health, reducing internal parasitic infestations and enhancing animal productivity. The initiative covered and benefitedthousands of livestock-dependent households in District Zhob. The major medicine administered in these campaigns were highly quality oral drenches for internal parasites and injectable ivermectin for external parasites. The third major intervention of this was the carpet vaccination of the entire district against PPR. PPR is a viral and contagious disease of sheep and goats. The campaign was aimed at achieving the following objectives:To Prevent the outbreak of the disease through immunization, to reduce the prevalence of PPR Virus in small ruminants, to establish a digital record of beneficiaries through real-time data collection, to undertake community Mobilization and promoting awareness of improved breeding practices for enhanced livestock production and household income and to improve animal health and productivity. This campaign was carefully planned with close coordination Livestock and Dairy Development Department Zhob. In coordination meetings, working plans were finalized and key union councils and potential farmers were mapped and identified. The campaign was extended over a period of 44 days. Total eight teams comprising 32 officials from Livestock Department participated in this campaign. The campaign covered 1500 households and vaccinated 321000 animals against the deadly and viral disease of PPR.As far as logistical support and human resource is concerned.

FCC disposes of Sher Marwat's petition against Sohail Afridi after Governor's rule in KP

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



The Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) has disposed of a petition filed by former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Sher Afzal Marwat challenging Sohail Afridi's election as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister, after finding that the case had become ineffective.

FCC Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan observed during Thursday's hearing that the petition had become ineffective following the imposition of an emergency and governor's rule in the province.

Sher Afzal Marwat had challenged Sohail Afridi's election to the provincial post, arguing that the process was illegal and unconstitutional.

He maintained that former chief minister Ali Amin Gandapur had neither resigned voluntarily nor had his resignation been accepted by the governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

During the last hearing of the petition on 14 September, the court issued notices to Afridi, the attorney general and other parties in the case. A three-member bench headed by Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan adjourned further proceedings until the second week of October.

It is also pertinent to mention here that as per the local media reports, former Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Muhammad Sohail Khan Afridi is in protective custody following the federal government's imposition of emergency and Governor's Rule in the province on October 11, 2026.

Punjab issues admission policy for medical, dental colleges

- The admission policy for MBBS and BDS has been issued for the academic session 2026-27 in government and private medical and dental colleges of Punjab.

SPECIAL REPORTER
LAHORE



The admission policy for MBBS and BDS has been issued for the academic session 2026-27 in government and private medical and dental colleges of Punjab.

The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore will be responsible for central admissions to government and private medical and dental institutions in the province for the 2026-27 session.

According to the issued policy, merit for admissions will be determined on the basis of three components, in which 50 percent weight will be given to MD CAT marks, 40 percent to FSc. Pre-Medical or equivalent qualification, and 10 percent to Matriculation or equivalent qualification.

Under the policy, it will be mandatory for candidates seeking admission to MBBS and BDS to pass MD CAT. In addition, the candidate must have a Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), FSC or equivalent 12th grade qualification recognized in Pakistan, in which at least 60% marks have been obtained.

An equivalent certificate from the Inter-Board Coordination Commission (IBCC) will also be mandatory for candidates with foreign or other equivalent educational qualifications.

The candidate must have passed the 12th grade examination with Biology and Chemistry as compulsory subjects and Physics or Mathematics as optional subjects.

According to the policy, additional marks will not be given to Hafiz-e-Quran for admissions to medical and dental colleges.

This decision has been made in light of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admissions, Curriculum and Conduct) Policy and Regulations 2025 and the decision given by a six-member bench in a suo motu case on April 4, 2023.

Candidates applying for admissions will have to provide a preferred list of colleges of their choice online.

KDA, World Bank to provide 'travel ease' to women and girls

SPECIAL REPORTER
KARACHI



The Karachi Development Authority (KDA) and the World Bank have discussed measures to improve safe mobility and access to public spaces for women and girls in Karachi under the Karachi Mobility Project (Yellow Line BRT).

The discussion took place at a meeting chaired by KDA Director General Zain-ul-Abideen Ansari, where officials reviewed ongoing initiatives and explored ways to create a safer and more accessible urban environment for women and girls.

The meeting was attended by KDA's chief engineer, director of land management and director of planning and urban design, along with representatives of the World Bank and Karachi mobility project. The World Bank delegation included transport specialist Bilal Paracha and consultants Yusuf Munir, Hiba Sheikh, Fatima Ehsan and Rija Haider. Hira Nazir, gender specialist for the Yellow Line BRT project, and Ghufran Khan, assistant director of the Karachi mobility project, also attended.



Man displaying traditional stoves as per increased demand in winter season at Surajganj Bazaar

Attempt to travel illegally to Europe on study visa foiled at Multan Airport

- The passenger was traveling to Azerbaijan via Dubai on a study visa.

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) ??Immigration department, acting at Multan International Airport, thwarted an alleged attempt to travel illegally to Europe under the guise of a study visa, The passenger was traveling to Azerbaijan via Dubai on a study visa.The passenger was identified as Muhammad Bilal, who was set to depart for Azerbaijan via Flydubai flight FZ-326 to attend a foundation course.During the immigration clearance process, the passenger failed to provide satisfactory information regarding his entry and academic schedule.

An examination of the passenger's mobile phone revealed evidence concerning an attempt to obtain a visa for Greece.

According to the evidence, the passenger intended to travel from Azerbaijan to Greece using suspicious documentation.

Evidence has also been recovered regarding the payment of Rs5 to 7 million in exchange for visa arrangements upon arrival in Greece.

The mobile phone also contained information pointing to alleged contacts who may have facilitated the immigration clearance process.In light of this evidence and the potential risk of illegal migration, the passenger has been handed over to the FIA's Anti-Human Trafficking Circle in Multan for further legal action.

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A Nation Obsessed With Criticism Why SECP Must Be Spared

By: Muhammad Rabnawaz Awan

The recent debate over the pay and perks of the Chairman and employees of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has caught fire. Unfortunately, much of the noise is based on half-truths, often citing a single audit report without any serious attempt to understand the broader context. In Pakistan, criticism has often become an unexamined reflex. Every reform, every initiative, no matter how well-intentioned, is quickly drowned in a chorus of cynicism. What we seldom pause to realize is that such habitual disparagement is fast becoming our national ethos. Institutions that demand respect and patient nurturing are instead pulled into the whirlpool of political passions.

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) is one such institution. It stands as one of the finest regulators in the country, quietly and diligently reshaping the business and investment environment. Its professionals, who often labor in silence, are not political actors but technocrats tasked with safeguarding the integrity of financial markets. Yet, too often, they find themselves subjected to witch hunts driven not by reasoned assessment, but by fleeting political fervor.

No regulator is flawless; constructive critique is both welcome and necessary. But to indiscriminately attack every positive development—without understanding the complexity of reforms—is to undermine the very foundations of progress. Instead of celebrating the SECP's efforts in modernizing corporate governance, strengthening investor protections, and instilling transparency, we risk delegitimizing it in the eyes of the public. Let us be clear: SECP is not just another government office. It is the country's apex regulator of capital markets, entrusted with overseeing thousands of private-sector companies. Many of these companies pay their executives in millions, offering perks that public sector officers cannot even imagine. In such a landscape, how do we expect the SECP to retain equally qualified and capable professionals if it cannot offer them competitive pay?

The truth is simple—if regulators are weak, markets become vulnerable to manipulation. Around the world, this lesson has been well understood. In the United Kingdom, for example, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) recently raised staff salaries by up to 6.5% to stop talent from drifting to the private sector. Its Chief Executive takes home £455,000 annually, reflecting the premium placed on regulatory leadership. In Ireland, senior financial regulators have historically earned 310,000 to 340,000 per year. Across the Atlantic, senior officials at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission earn up to $318,000 annually—because strong oversight needs strong professionals.

The SECP is no different. In fact, it has an additional advantage—it generates its own revenue through fees and charges. Facilitating its officials with better pay does not burden the taxpayer. On the contrary, it strengthens the very institution tasked with protecting investors, ensuring transparency, and keeping markets clean. So the real question is not whether SECP officials are "overpaid." The question is whether they are compensated enough to resist external pressures, uphold their independence, and stay one step ahead of the companies they regulate. Undermining them by denying fair pay is a false economy—one that could cost Pakistan dearly in lost investor confidence and weakened market governance. If we want our markets to thrive, we must empower the regulator. Competitive pay for SECP officials is not indulgence—it is insurance against corruption, compromise, and collapse. For once, let us rise above our political passions and give credit where it is due: to an institution that is quietly but firmly building the foundations of a modern, transparent economy.

For those who are letting their political fervor rob them of their sanity, it would be worth bearing in mind that dismantling the credibility of SECP is not a blow to its officials—it is a blow to Pakistan's future. If we reduce every reform to political wrangling, we will turn one of our most competent institutions into a crippled watchdog, incapable of standing up to cartels and mafias. That is precisely what those with entrenched interests want: a regulator too weak to regulate. We must not hand them this victory.



By: Muhammad Rabnawaz Awan

Ninth-Grade Results: A Wake-Up Call For Punjab's Education System

Blaming teachers alone won't fix a system broken by weak policies, incompetent evaluation, and chronic shortages.

The disappointing ninth-grade results in Punjab have become a matter of grave concern for every responsible citizen. The outcome has sparked a wave of criticism across the province. Understandably so—poor results at such a crucial stage not only undermine public confidence in the education system but also raise difficult questions about the quality of teaching and learning.

The Punjab Education Minister, Rana Sikandar Hayat, has been vocal in this debate. His determination to curb examination malpractice is commendable and deserves unreserved praise. Yet, it would have been better had the discussion not been limited to blaming teachers alone. The roots of the problem lie much deeper, in systemic flaws that have plagued Punjab's education system for years.

One critical issue is the competence and fairness of paper evaluators. Countless students and teachers have experienced the frustration of seeing correct answers marked wrong simply because they did not match the limited understanding—or careless judgment—of the evaluator. This is not a rare occurrence but a widespread malaise. Unfortunately, despite ample financial resources, examination boards have failed to build the capacity of evaluators. Favoritism and nepotism dominate appointments, while merit and training are sidelined. The result is a culture of incompetence that distorts outcomes and erodes faith in the examination process.

Other structural deficiencies compound the problem. The much-criticized "no-fail" policy up to Grade 8 has pushed students through the system without ensuring they acquired the necessary learning outcomes, leaving them ill-prepared for secondary-level examinations. Simultaneously, the acute shortage of specialist teachers in core subjects such as Urdu, English, and Islamic Studies has weakened classroom instruction. Many contractual teachers have abandoned their posts due to job insecurity, while arts teachers have been denied promotions for years, creating an imbalance at the secondary level.



In light of these realities, threats of terminating teachers or holding them solely responsible for the results risk further demoralizing an already strained roval. It would have been better had the focus remained on uplifting the profession through support and accountability, rather than weakening it through intimidation. The way forward lies in meaningful structural reform. Technology must be embraced to bring transparency and fairness into the examination process. AI-based evaluation systems, if introduced with care and integrity, can reduce human error, eliminate bias, and ensure that students are assessed on their performance rather than on the shortcomings of evaluators. Only once accurate data is available can teachers be held accountable in a fair and just manner.

The crisis of the ninth-grade results should not become another episode in Punjab's cycle of blame games. Instead, it should serve as a wake-up call—a moment to confront uncomfortable truths about policy failures, administrative negligence, and misplaced priorities. It would have been better had the official response focused on these systemic causes alongside teacher performance. Unless the core issues are addressed, no reform will bear lasting fruit.

Punjab's students deserve an education system that is fair, credible, and future-oriented. That goal will only be achieved when policymakers, examination boards, and teachers work together in a spirit of trust, reform, and innovation.



By Prof. Imran Ismail Chohan

Chaudhry Rehmat Ali – The Guy Who Came Up With The Name For Pakistan



Introduction

Chaudhry Rehmat Ali, a big name among Muslim nationalists in the Indian subcontinent, had some pretty groundbreaking ideas that played a huge role in the birth of Pakistan. He's famous for coming up with the name "Pakistan", which is now the identity for millions of Muslims in South Asia. Even though he wasn't the front-runner in politics like Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, his smart ideas and beliefs really shaped the Pakistan Movement for the long haul.

Early Life and Education

Chaudhry Rehmat Ali popped into the world on November 16, 1897, in Balachaur, which is in the Hoshiarpur district of Punjab, now part of India. He was from a Gujjar family and got his early schooling in his home town. Later, he hit up Islamia College Lahore, where he got super into politics and the whole Muslim rights scene in the subcontinent. he decided to go for higher studies, so he packed his bags and headed to the UK, landing a spot at the University of Cambridge to dive into law studies.

The Concept of Pakistan

While studying in England, Chaudhry Rehmat Ali got really worried about what was going to happen to Muslims in India politically He was worried that if India was one country with everyone voting, Muslims might end up losing their unique culture, beliefs, and say in things.

back in January '33, he dropped his famous pamphlet "Now or Never; Are We to Live or Perish Forever?" where he first brought up the name Pakistan the term came from the names of the Muslim-majority areas, like it was an acronym or something

P – Punjab

Afghania, the place now known as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, was once the North-West Frontier Province.

K – Kashmir S – Sindh

Tan – Balochistan

the name was cool too, it meant "Land of the Pure" in Persian, which was kinda awesome both in words and as a symbol

Major Contributions

Authoring the Pakistan Declaration (1933)

His pamphlet "Now or Never", also known as the Pakistan Declaration, was a game-changing political document. it didn't just bring up Pakistan's name, but also made the case that Muslims were a distinct group deserving their own country

2. Founding the Pakistan National Movement (PNM)

While he was in Cambridge, he set up the Pakistan National Movement to push for the idea of Pakistan. this was the first official group all about setting up a Muslim country

3. Proposing a Confederation of Muslim States

His vision stretched way beyond the current state of Pakistan he suggested a bunch of Muslim-friendly places in South Asia, like

Bangistan (Bengal Muslims)

Osmanistan (Hyderabad Deccan Muslims)

Siddiqistan, Farooqistan, Haidaristan (other Muslim-majority regions)

4. Emphasizing Muslim Identity and Nationalism

Rehmat Ali repeatedly emphasized that Muslims were a unique nation, not just a religious minority, with their own culture, history, and political needs.

5. Raising International Awareness

Living in England, he used his platform to spread awareness about the Muslim cause in India, writing letters to British politicians, intellectuals, and newspapers.

6. Vision for Post-Independence Pakistan

He pictured Pakistan as a robust, Islamic, and contemporary nation, run with fairness and equality. even though he later wasn't happy with the leaders straying from his ideas, his dreams still shaped the country's big goals for the future.

Later Life and Death

After Pakistan popped up in '47, Chaudhry Rehmat Ali went there but got super disappointed with the leaders. He came back to England and lived there, kind of out of the spotlight.

He kicked the bucket on 12 February 1951 in Cambridge, and he's now resting there.

Legacy

Chaudhry Rehmat Ali was awesome at defining what the Muslims in India wanted, giving them a solid identity by calling out Pakistan and laying out what it's all about, he gave the freedom fight a solid focus His bigger ideas for Muslim countries in South Asia really showed he cared a lot about keeping Islamic traditions and political freedoms safe there. today, he's known as a big thinker whose ideas totally changed the lives of millions

Even though Chaudhry Rehmat Ali wasn't in politics or leading big protests, his smart ideas were super key in making Pakistan happen His pamphlet called "Pakistan," and his never-ending push for Muslim countries to stand on their own, are still big reminders of his dedication to the idea of Muslim countries being independent. his legacy keeps on motivating folks who think ahead,

Know who they are, and believe in the strength of ideas .

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FinMin Aurangzeb, IMF MD discuss Pakistan's economic situation

■ Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb met IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva in Bangkok to discuss Pakistan's economy, recent staff-level agreement and ongoing energy and tax reforms.



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Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has met International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva in Bangkok to discuss the country's economic situation and progress on reforms.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank, where both sides reviewed Pakistan's economic conditions and ongoing reform efforts.

During the meeting, Aurangzeb briefed Georgieva on the recent staff-level agreement between Pakistan and the IMF. He also informed her that reforms were continuing in key sectors, including energy and taxation.

Georgieva stressed the importance of maintaining the momentum of economic reforms in Pakistan.

The meeting focused on Pakistan's reform agenda and the need to sustain efforts aimed at improving economic stability, with the IMF chief emphasising continued implementation of the agreed measures.



Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Pakistan's Governor to the World Bank Group, Mr. Ahad Cheema, met Ms. Anna Bjerde, Managing Director of Operations, World Bank, on the sidelines of the 2026 World Bank Group–IMF Annual Meetings in Bangkok

Chairman FBR directs field formations to resolve business community issues

■ The directives were issued during meetings with delegations of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association and the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), said a news release.

Web Desk

ISLAMABAD

:Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Rashid Mahmood Langrial on Wednesday directed Chief Commissioners and Chief Collectors to hold regular one-on-one meetings with relevant industry representatives and resolve all outstanding issues faced by the business community.

The directives were issued during meetings with delegations of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association and the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), said a news release.



In compliance with the Prime Minister's directives, the top leadership of FBR is visiting Karachi for the whole week to address the issues of trade and business.

During the meetings, the Chairman reviewed progress on decisions taken during previous visits to Karachi. He directed that completion of tasks under-implementation be expedited.

The trade bodies highlighted further issues for resolution. They appreciated the dynamic leadership of FBR and expressed satisfaction with the progress made so far.

During the meeting Chairman informed the participants about the modernization reforms being undertaken at FBR and their wider impact on the improvement of service delivery.

The chairman stressed the role of the business community in reshaping the working of FBR through a feedback mechanism.

Haroon Akhtar emphasizes tech transfer, export-led growth to boost Pak-China cooperation

■ Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM), Haroon Akhtar Khan on Wednesday emphasized technology transfer and export-led industrial growth to strengthen economic cooperation between Pakistan and China.

STAFF REPORER

ISLAMABAD



Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM), Haroon Akhtar Khan emphasized technology transfer and export-led industrial growth to strengthen economic cooperation between Pakistan and China.

The SAPM was speaking at the Pakistan–China Business Forum (PCBF) function organized to celebrate the 77th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

The celebrations brought together around 150 dignitaries, government representatives, Chinese diplomats and business leaders to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation and promote investment-led industrial development.

Haroon Akhtar stressed that bilateral cooperation between China and Pakistan should translate into tangible outcomes through industrial investment, technology transfer, manufacturing and export growth.

He said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's vision was to transform Pakistan's economic potential into sustainable industrial development, productive employment and stronger exports, adding that the government was facilitating Chinese investors and promoting business-to-business cooperation.

He highlighted the Ministry of Industries and Production's role in coordinating with relevant institutions and the Chinese Embassy to facilitate business delegations and connect Chinese investors with Pakistani partners.

A major highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between GU GO MOTORS and SHENGTANG GROUP for a proposed joint venture to manufacture electric buses in Pakistan. The initiative aims to promote technology transfer, strengthen local manufacturing and explore export opportunities.

Khan said electric mobility offered opportunities to develop local supply chains, adopt advanced technologies and create employment. He also underscored the importance of investment in Special Economic Zones, predictable policies and streamlined regulations.

The event featured a 14-member Chinese business delegation led by Wei Linzhuo, President of the PCBF Beijing Office. Organised by PCBF under its Islamabad Chapter, the 11-day mission covers Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi, exploring partnerships in electric vehicles, batteries, manufacturing, tourism, pharmaceuticals and other sectors.

PCBF Islamabad Chapter Co-Chairman Sheikh Ejaz highlighted the forum's role in connecting businesses and facilitating joint ventures, while Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong expressed interest in strengthening direct engagement between Chinese investors and Pakistani enterprises.

Chinese investors urged to make Pakistan regional export hub

● Highlighting the historic Pakistan-China partnership, Ahsan Iqbal said Xinjiang held a special place in bilateral relations, with the shared border, people-to-people contacts

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ISLAMABAD

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday urged Chinese investors to establish manufacturing facilities in Pakistan and use the country as a regional production and export hub, as the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC 2.0) focused on industrial development, export growth and private-sector investment.

The minister was speaking during a meeting with a business delegation from Xinjiang, China,



led by Yuan Jianmin, Senior Advisor to the Xinjiang Government, a news release said.

Highlighting the historic Pakistan-China partnership, Ahsan Iqbal said Xinjiang held a special place in bilateral relations, with the shared border, people-to-people contacts and the Karakoram Highway serving as enduring symbols of friendship and connectivity.

He stressed the need to remove barriers to trade and strengthen business-to-business linkages to make CPEC 2.0 more successful than its first phase.

Recalling the corridor's achievements, the minister said an agreement signed in July 2013 had translated into more than $25 billion in investment within five years.

Chinese investment in power generation had added around 8,000 megawatts to Pakistan's capacity, helping the country overcome severe energy shortages and supporting its economic transformation.

He said CPEC 2.0 would prioritize industrial cooperation, greater participation of Pakistan's private sector, mining and minerals, information technology, advanced technologies and educational exchanges.

Oil prices retreat as investors weigh supply outlook, Middle East tensions

■ Oil prices fell over 1% as investors weighed Strait of Hormuz shipping attacks against possible US sanctions relief. Rising supply and alternative routes helped ease concerns over disruptions.

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ISLAMABAD

Oil prices fell more than 1% on Thursday as investors weighed risks to supply from attacks on shipping through the Strait of Hormuz against US ?efforts to cut petroleum shipping costs by easing sanctions on vessels.

Brent crude futures fell $1.64, or 1.6%, to $104.42 a barrel by 0337 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down 98 cents, or 1%, to $94.11, reversing gains from the previous session.

WTI rose to a three-week high in the prior ?session after the Houthis attacked Saudi Aramco's headquarters and Iran said it was deploying new tactics to target ships ?in the Strait of Hormuz and keep oil prices high.

A container ship and a dry bulk ?carrier both sank near the strait in the past 24 hours after being hit by projectiles in separate incidents, maritime officials said ?on Wednesday.

Attacks around the waterway have surged over the past 10 days, with Iran saying it is stepping up strikes in ?response to the US blockade of its ports and tougher sanctions introduced last month.

With the Iran war having disrupted shipping and driven up freight costs to record highs,



the Trump administration is considering easing sanctions on so-called shadow-fleet vessels that have transported oil and petroleum products from countries including Russia, ?Iran and Venezuela to help ease prices, a US official said on Wednesday.

The new talks centre on the United States potentially ?allowing "legal oil" to flow on previously sanctioned vessels, the US official said.Increased output from Russia and the Middle East has kept a lid on ?prices. Russia's ?crude oil production rose by 65,000 barrels per day in September to 8.43 million bpd but remained down 870,000 bpd year over year, the International Energy Agency said on Wednesday.

The IEA also said crude oil exports from Middle East Gulf producers rose by 4.4 million bpd in September to around 75% of prewar levels.

"While there is little concrete evidence of a near-term peace deal, oil ?continues to find its way to ?buyers through alternative routes ?and logistical arrangements," said Phillip Nova's head of market insights, Priyanka Sachdeva, in a client note.

"These workarounds have helped prevent a more severe supply shock, although they come at a higher cost and ?leave global flows vulnerable to further disruption." the S&P 500 losing more than one percent and the Nasdaq dropping nearly two percent.

In the US, crude oil and distillate inventories fell, ?while gasoline stocks ?rose last week, market sources said on Wednesday, citing data from the American Petroleum Institute.

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Musk suggests US govt behind any slowdown in Ukraine's Starshield system

■ Opposition Democrats in the US Senate and House denounced the Trump Administration over the reported interrupted connections.



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WASHINGTON

SpaceX boss Elon Musk said that any disruptions reported by Ukraine in using the Starshield satellite communications system would be the responsibility of the US government, not his company.

"Starshield systems are owned and controlled by the US government. Any limits on speed or usage are decided by the US military and ultimately POTUS," Musk said, referring to US President Donald Trump.

Musk drew a distinction between the Starshield system, which Ukraine relies on for battlefield communications, and the parallel Starlink civilian satellite system, which Ukraine also deploys but is not allowed to use for offensive operations. Both were designed by Musk's SpaceX.

Musk was responding to a post on X by Ukraine's former defense minister Mykhailo Fedorov, who said that "Starlink connectivity at speeds of up to 160 km/h is being restored," but that "removing Starshield's speed limit entirely is now critical for Ukraine's defense."

Fedorov then thanked Musk for his "continued support."

Ukrainian defense officials have suggested Washington is behind slower speeds reported on some internet terminals that help the country's military hit Russian-occupied territory and operate interceptor drones.

Ukraine has also accused the United States of helping Russia by failing to warn it of incoming missile strikes, with Kyiv hit by ballistic missiles for two nights in a row before air raid sirens could sound to warn people to take cover.

Opposition Democrats in the US Senate and House denounced the Trump Administration over the reported interrupted connections.

"Trump's making a choice -- and it directly aids Putin's slaughter of Ukrainian civilians," House Foreign Affairs Committee Democrats said in a post on X, describing restrictions as "unconscionable" while Ukraine faced an onslaught of Russian drones and missiles.

In the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, top Democrat Jeanne Shaheen said the "restrictions on Ukraine's access to Starshield must stop immediately," adding that "lives are at stake."

Shaheen also said that the defense department is required to notify "Congress if it pauses or downgrades intelligence sharing with Ukraine," and called on Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth to immediately provide that notification if there are changes.

Trump says he wants to see Pope 'get well'

■ Pope Leo's doctors said that he was out of bed, walking and eating after the removal of a cancerous tumor from his lung.



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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

US President Donald Trump said that he wants to see Pope Leo XIV "get well" after the pontiff underwent surgery in Rome this week to remove a cancerous tumor.

"I want to see Pope Leo get well," Trump told reporters after addressing a campaign rally in Arizona. "It's big stuff. Anytime you have cancer, but the prognosis seems to be good."

"I just want to wish him well. Get better fast," the president added.

Pope Leo's doctors said Wednesday that he was out of bed, walking and eating after the removal of a cancerous tumor from his lung.

Now the 71-year-old awaits the results of a biopsy to determine if the cancer has spread.

Prayers for the recovery of the Catholic leader of 1.4 billion faithful have been sent from around the world, from the northern Peru city of Chiclayo where he was bishop for eight years, to his US hometown of Chicago and beyond.

Other global leaders also offered best wishes, including Britain's King Charles III, who is being treated for an undisclosed cancer and last year became his country's first monarch to pray publicly with the pontiff since the Church of England broke with the Vatican 500 years ago.

Earlier this year, the pope said he has "great love" for the United States, but his stances urging tolerance and protection for migrants, have often put the Vatican at odds with the Trump administration's crackdown on immigration and use of detention camps.

On Wednesday, Trump also noted that he had spoken to the first American pope's brother, Louis Prevost, in the past.

"His brother's a friend of mine who's a great, he's a fantastic guy, and his wife. You know, they're big Trump supporters," Trump said, adding "his brother loves him a lot, loves the Pope a lot, and that's good. That's good enough for me."

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US considers easing sanctions on shadow fleet vessels to cut freight rates

■ The Trump administration considers easing sanctions on shadow fleet oil tankers to increase global oil shipments, address record freight rates, and stabilize fuel markets.

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WASHINGTON

The Trump administration is considering easing sanctions on so-called shadow fleet vessels that have transported oil and petroleum products from countries including Russia, Iran and Venezuela, in an effort to reduce record-high global freight rates,

The discussions are happening days after President Donald Trump temporarily lifted sanctions on Russian diesel fuel, a move met with a torrent of criticism from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, European countries and some of Trump's fellow Republicans in the US Senate.

Both Zelenskiy and the US senators called ?that move a gift to Russian President Vladimir Putin that would provide Russia with revenue to keep funding its war in Ukraine.

The new ?talks center on the United States potentially allowing "legal oil" to flow on previously sanctioned vessels, the US official said. ?That means crude or petroleum products not sanctioned by Washington rather than Russian and Iranian oil, which are under punitive measures.

The goal is to get more refined products and crude out of the Gulf, the official said.

US Energy Secretary Chris Wright said in a video to the World Petroleum Congress in Riyadh this week that the administration was talking about easing the sanctions on shadow fleet vessels in an effort to cut record freight rates that have cut into demand for US crude, according to Energy Aspects, a research group.

Bits of the talk were broadcast on social media, but Reuters was not able to obtain the ?full video or a transcript. The Department of Energy said it was not available.

Companies seeking to use the sanctioned vessels would have to apply to the US Treasury Department to use the vessels, the official said.

The Department of Energy said any move to relieve sanctions on the shadow fleet would not help ?Russia to ?move oil or oil products. The Treasury Department referred questions to the Department of Energy.

New White House press secretary Katie Zacharia's legal career draws scrutiny

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WASHINGTON/BEIJING



The new White House press secretary, Katie Zacharia, faced questions on Wednesday about her legal career before becoming the top spokeswoman for ?US President Donald Trump.

Zacharia, who joined the White House on Monday, has said she practiced law before entering politics. Trump has described her as an attorney.

But Reuters could not find records showing Zacharia was registered as an attorney or member of the bar in any US state or the District of Columbia.

The questions about ?Zacharia's credentials come as she takes the podium just three weeks before November's midterm elections, a critical period when the president ?is seeking to tout his administration's accomplishments and help his fellow Republicans retain control of Congress.

Zacharia was ?an associate at Zhong Lun Law Firm in Beijing from 2011 to 2013 and general counsel at Fix California, an advocacy group ?founded by Trump ally Ric Grenell, from 2024 to 2025, according to her LinkedIn profile.

Gaza officials say Israeli strikes kill four

■ Palestinian officials said Israeli strikes killed four people in Gaza on Wednesday, days after the anniversary of the declaration of a US-mediated ceasefire.

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Gaza

Palestinian officials said Israeli strikes killed four people in Gaza , days after the anniversary of the declaration of a US-mediated ceasefire.

Two young men died when Israeli forces struck a vehicle near Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, civil defence spokesman Mahmoud Bassal and Nasser Hospital said.

Two other people, including a woman, were killed when an Israeli aircraft struck an apartment building in Gaza City, according to Bassal and Al-Shifa hospital.



The Israeli military did not immediately give details on the strikes. Earlier Wednesday, it said it had killed more than 100 "terrorists" over the past four months in an operation in the north of the Gaza Strip.

The military said it also destroyed around eight kilometres (five miles) of tunnels used by militants.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who faces a tight reelection battle this month, has vowed no let-up in targeting Hamas despite the ceasefire that went into effect on October 10, 2025, leading Hamas to free its remaining living hostages.

Hamas stormed into Israel on October 7, 2023, the deadliest day ever for the country. The attack resulted in the deaths of 1,221 people, according to an AFP tally from official Israeli figures, with militants also dragging 251 hostages into Gaza, 44 of them already dead.

Israel's massive offensive in Gaza has since killed more than 74,300 people, according to the territory's health ministry, which operates under Hamas and whose figures are generally considered reliable by the United Nations.

South Korea official says shifting goalposts could block wartime command transfer from US

■ South Korean media have reported that Seoul favours 2028 as the target year for the transfer

WEB DESK

SEOUL

South Korea's Defence Ministry spokesperson said on Thursday that continually changing the requirements for transferring wartime operational control from the United States could make the handover impossible.

"Speaking in a personal capacity, I think that if the goalposts keep moving, wartime operational control can never be transferred," spokesperson ?Jeong Bit-na told a regular news briefing.

She said the comment was not the ministry's official position, which remained that Seoul and Washington were working closely under their mutually agreed conditions-based transition plan.

Her remarks followed comments by US Forces Korea commander General Xavier Brunson, who on Wednesday said that the security environment and operational plans had changed since the allies established the transfer requirements.

"Because the conditions have changed, because we've changed our plan, we have new standards which we have to uphold," Brunson said at an event hosted by the Gold Institute for International Strategy ?in Washington.



He cited North Korea's recent missile launches as evidence of the changing security environment, saying he supported the transition but opposed bypassing agreed requirements and stressing the need for critical military capabilities.

South Korean media have reported that Seoul favours 2028 as the target year for the transfer, while Brunson ?told a US congressional hearing in April that the US military had submitted a roadmap aimed at meeting the conditions by early 2029.

Some media outlets, citing military sources, have also reported that Washington believes Seoul ?has not met the criteria for completing the Full Operational Capability verification, the second of three stages in the transition process.

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has said he aims ?to complete the transfer, pursued by successive governments for decades, before his five-year term ends in 2030.

Seoul regained peacetime operational control in 1994, but command of allied forces during wartime remains with the US-led Combined Forces Command.

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Keep marital issues private Muneeb Butt's advice strikes a chord with fans

News Desk

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Pakistani actor Muneeb Butt has received praise from social media users after sharing his views on marital problems during an appearance on Gup Shab With Vasay Chaudhry.

During the conversation, Muneeb spoke about couples who discuss their relationship problems publicly online. He stressed that disagreements should first be addressed between the people involved rather than exposed to public scrutiny.

The actor also pointed to the role family elders can play in resolving conflicts. He suggested that trusted elders could help couples work through misunderstandings and find a way towards reconciliation.

His advice drew positive reactions on Instagram. One user described him as "very sensible and mature," while another commented, "WELL SAID." A further commenter called him "one of the best speakers of his fraternity."

Other users agreed with his message about keeping personal matters private. One commenter said that sharing relationship problems publicly could make the situation worse, while another praised Muneeb's maturity.

Muneeb is married to actress Aiman Khan. The couple tied the knot in 2018 and, according to the information provided, have three daughters.

Momina Iqbal fires sarcastic shot at Saqib Chadhar over YouTube earnings

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ISLAMABAD



Pakistani actress Momina Iqbal has responded sarcastically to politician Saqib Chadhar's claims that she used their controversy to gain fame and earn money through YouTube.

In a video shared online, Momina and her husband appearing with her joked about supposedly earning so much money from the platform that they did not know where to spend it, adding that YouTube might soon shut down their channel because it could not afford to pay them.

Their remarks appeared to address Saqib's earlier comments during an interview, in which he alleged that Momina had used his name to attract public attention and build her online presence. He claimed that the controversy had helped her gain viewers and establish a YouTube channel that could generate income.

In the video, Momina and her husband used sarcasm to challenge the claims about their supposed earnings. Their comments suggested that they rejected the idea that the controversy had been created simply to make money through YouTube.

The dispute also involves allegations of online harassment. Momina previously approached the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA), alleging harassment and threatening behavior. Saqib's claims about her motives remain allegations and should not be treated as established facts.



Hareem Farooq says Hania Aamir was 'Meant to Fly' after giving her first film break

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani actress and producer Hareem Farooq has mirrored on Hania Aamir's early career, saying she recognised the young actress's potential when she cast her in the 2016 film Janaan.

During an interview, Hareem confidently acknowledged that she launched Hania in films, adding that the actress was destined for success.

"She was meant to fly, I just caught her early," Hareem said.

Hania made her acting debut as Palwasha in Janaan, which marked her entry into Pakistan's film industry.

She later moved into television and gained recognition through dramas such as Phir Wohi Mohabbat, Anaa and Mere Humsafar.

Her popularity grew further with Kabhi Main Kabhi Tum, in which she starred opposite Fahad Mustafa.

The drama reached audiences apart from Pakistan and strengthened her position as one of the country's prominent television actresses.

In 2025, she appeared in the Indian Punjabi film Sardaar Ji 3, marking another step in her cross border career.

Meera refused entry Canada after hours of immigration questioning

■ Pakistani film star says officers questioned her for hours, and she still does not know why she was turned away.

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Meera refused entry Canada after immigration officers stopped the Pakistani film actress at the Niagara border. She was later sent back to the United States,

Meera's real name is Syeda Irtiza Rubab. She was travelling from New York to Canada to take part in a show.

Officers stopped her at the border and asked her many questions. The talk went on for several hours. In the end, she was not allowed to enter and was returned to the US.

This was not her first trip to Canada. She had earlier visited Calgary, where she promoted her film Psycho and also performed on stage.

So far, officials have not shared the exact reason for the latest decision. The actress herself says she has no clear answer.

"I still do not know why I was deported from Canada," she told Media . She said she is now trying to check the facts.

Meera also said the officers only asked her simple questions before sending her back. She believes someone may have filed a false complaint against her.

There is no proof of this yet. No official has confirmed such a complaint.

Her problems at borders are not new. In the past, she was refused entry into the United Kingdom. British authorities also placed a 10-year entry ban on her.

Papers seen earlier by Geo News showed that she was stopped at Heathrow Airport. Officers questioned her and limited her movement there.

Her mother, Shafqat Zahra Bukhari, spoke about that case. She said it was a misunderstanding. According to her, Meera could not follow the English questions during the interview.

The ban has since ended. Even so, Meera kept facing trouble in getting a British visa.

One new visa request was refused later. The reason given was that her travel agent had allegedly sent wrong details. British officials called it false representation.

In July 2025, Meera made a public appeal to the British government. She asked for a visa so she could see her sister, who was being treated for cancer in London.

She said her family and home are in London. She added that she had not been able to visit them for several years.

Meera holds a US Green Card. Because of it, she often travels to America for both work and personal reasons.

The new Canada incident has brought her old

Sabeena Farooq Denies Lip Filler Rumours, Reveals Fear of Needles

Staff Reporter

LAHORE



Pakistani actress Sabeena Farooq has dismissed rumours that she has undergone lip filler treatment, saying her fear of needles prevents her from opting for such cosmetic procedures.

The actress addressed the speculation after social media users commented on her lips in recent videos. Clarifying the matter, she said she had not received lip fillers and explained that she is afraid of needles, even when she needs injections to treat an illness or infection.

Sabeena also shared her views on cosmetic enhancements, saying she has no objection to people choosing to change their appearance. She maintained that everyone has the right to make personal decisions about their looks and do what makes them feel confident and comfortable.

The actress further revealed that she might consider making one or two changes to her face if she could overcome her fear of needles. However, she cautioned against excessive cosmetic procedures, suggesting that too many alterations can affect a person's natural appearance.

Women report higher pain rates in global study of 6.1 million people

■ Hormones, immune responses and reproductive health

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Women are more likely than men to report pain across multiple parts of the body, according to a large international study analysing data from more than 6.1 million people across 118 countries.

Published in the medical journal Nature Medicine, the study found that women reported higher rates of pain across 11 body areas examined by researchers, although the size of the difference varied depending on the location and type of pain.

The areas included the head, face, neck, shoulders, hands, wrists, elbows, feet, ankles, knees, chest, back, abdomen and hips, according to the report.

Back pain was the most common complaint among participants, affecting around 40% of the population studied.

Matt Fillingham, a researcher at Canada's McGill University and the study's first author, said the reasons behind the differences were not fully understood and likely involved a combination of biological and social factors.

Why might women experience more pain?

Researchers said possible explanations include differences in sex hormones, immune-system activity, how the nervous system processes pain, psychological stress, reproductive health conditions, physical demands at work and access to healthcare.

Differences in how people recognise, describe and report symptoms may also contribute to the findings.

Fillingham cited animal studies suggesting that the biological mechanisms involved in the development and intensification of pain may differ between males and females. Some experiments have indicated that the two sexes may use different immune pathways in response to pain, although further research is needed to establish how these findings apply to humans.

Gwyneth Paltrow Officiates Rob Lowe's Son's Star-Studded Wedding

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD



Hollywood actress Gwyneth Paltrow officiated the wedding of Matthew Lowe, the eldest son of actor Rob Lowe, and his longtime partner, Emily Markus, during a star-studded ceremony in Santa Barbara, California, on Saturday, October 10.The celebration reportedly welcomed several well-known celebrities, including Katy Perry, Cameron Diaz, Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldaña and Adam Levine, alongside relatives and close friends of the newlyweds.The occasion was also an important family gathering for Rob Lowe and his wife, Sheryl Berkoff. Their younger son, John Lowe, attended the ceremony with his parents, who were seated together in the front row.Rob's brother, actor Chad Lowe, was also present with his wife, Kim Painter, and their daughters, Mabel and Nixie.

Photographs published by Page Six showed Paltrow standing between the bride and groom as they exchanged vows. The actress wore a long-sleeved floral dress, while Markus chose a strapless white wedding gown. Matthew complemented the occasion in a traditional black tuxedo.Why Gwyneth Paltrow Officiated the Wedding Paltrow's role in the ceremony reflected her longstanding connection with the Lowe family. Her friendship with Sheryl Berkoff dates back to her teenage years, when Berkoff worked as a makeup artist for Paltrow's mother, actress Blythe Danner.That longstanding relationship made the wedding an especially meaningful occasion for the families, with Paltrow taking on the responsibility of officiating the couple's marriage.

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Asian Cup in Saudi Arabia could be postponed but 'no hurry' to decide: AFC

● 2027 Asian Cup supposed to kick off on January 7 in Saudi cities of Jeddah, Riyadh and Al Khobar

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The Asian Cup scheduled for January in Saudi Arabia could be moved back a year to 2028 "if we need to", the continent's top football official said, following a series of Houthi attacks on the country.

But AFC president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim al-Khalifa also said they were in "no hurry" to make a decision over Asia's premier football tournament.

The 2027 Asian Cup is supposed to kick off on January 7 in the Saudi cities of Jeddah, Riyadh and Al Khobar.

The kingdom has in recent days come under sustained attack in a dramatic escalation in the war with the Houthi group.

"We can wait until the end of November," the Asian Football Confederation president told reporters in Zurich on Wednesday about a decision on the fate of the Asian Cup.



"Things can change very quickly for better or worse in the region and it is a question of seeing what happens," he added.

"If we need to make a decision then we will, but we could move back a year to 2028 if we need to.

"But at the moment we are monitoring the situation and everything is on schedule."

Cristiano Ronaldo's Al Nassr saw their Asian Champions League match delayed by an hour on Monday after the Saudi-led military coalition said it had intercepted a missile fired towards Riyadh.

Three matches in Saudi domestic football, including one involving Al Nassr, were this week postponed.

The exhibition Six Kings Slam tennis tournament, due to include Novak Djokovic, Carlos Alcaraz and Alexander Zverev, was pushed back to the end of December.

Australia, one of the 24 teams set to play at the Asian Cup, said this week it was "closely monitoring" the situation in Saudi Arabia.

Shai Hope ton helps West Indies level T20 series at 2-2 in India

● Hope struck his third T20 international hundred -- the most by any West Indian batter -- and his second of the series.

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Shai Hope led from the front with an unbeaten 102 to guide the West Indies to a series-levelling 24-run win over India in the fourth T20 international

West Indies posted 247-3 in Hyderabad, powered by skipper Hope's blistering 50-ball knock and his unbroken 91-run stand with Sherfane Rutherford, who finished on 49 not out. Keemo Paul then led the bowling charge with figures of 5-41 to bowl out India for 223 as West Indies bounced back to level the five-match series at 2-2, setting up a decider on Sunday in Bengaluru.

"I think all the guys, we back our skills and we feel we could beat any team on



our day," said Paul. "So it's just about staying calm and believing in ourselves and I think we're doing that really well."

Hope struck his third T20 international hundred -- the most by any West Indian batter -- and his second of the series.

West Indies started briskly before they lost Jewel Andrew for 21, but Shimron Hetmyer, who hit 33 off 12 balls, gave Hope company in another quick partnership.

Pace bowler Prince Yadav had Hetmyer caught and bowled but West Indies were never short of power as Rovman Powell contributed 24 off 17 balls.

Hope kept up the onslaught in tandem with Rutherford and brought up his century with the final ball of the innings after hitting Nitish Kumar Reddy for successive sixes.

"We were unfortunate we couldn't execute our plans in bowling and that's where we fell a bit short," said India skipper Shreyas Iyer.

In reply, Sanju Samson got India off to a strong start with his 23-ball 56 but the West Indies bowlers struck regular blows to keep India in check.

Medium-pace bowler Paul struck twice in the fifth over to dismiss Samson and then Ishan Kishan in the space of four balls. Iyer struggled for momentum before he fell to Shamar Springer for 16.

Left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie also took wickets in one over, removing opener Abhishek Sharma for 29 before Naman Dhir was stumped for a first-ball duck.

With India needing around 14 per over to win the game, Tilak Varma, who hit 43, and Reddy (41) attempted to pull things back in their quickfire partnership worth 70.Romario Shepherd had Varma caught and then Paul struck thrice in an over, including the wicket of Reddy, to claim his second five-wicket T20 haul and shut down India's chase.

FIFA to offer members $6.35-billion development fund windfall

■ Football's world governing body FIFA is planning to set up a $6.35-billion development fund for the next four years, AFP learned from a source close to the matter.



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ISLAMABAD

Football's world governing body FIFA is planning to set up a $6.35-billion development fund for the next four years, AFP learned Wednesday from a source close to the matter.

The plan is due to be approved at its Council meeting on Thursday in Zurich, where FIFA president Gianni Infantino and the 36 other members of the federation's executive will gather.

To finance this development fund for the 2026–2030 period, which would allow money to be distributed to FIFA's 211 federations as well as to the regional confederations, it would draw in part on its financial reserves after a commercially triumphant 2026 World Cup.

The plan, first revealed by the Associated Press, would allow for the payment of $25 million to each of its 211 member federations.

This is far more than the $10 million called for by two of Infantino's chief critics, Aleksander Ceferin, the boss of the European confederation UEFA, and Victor Montagliani, the head of CONCACAF, the confederation of North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Thursday's gathering is the first such meeting since April 28, and comes amid a crisis in the governance of world football, following Infantino's announcement this summer of his desire to open FIFA's premium competitions such as the World to private investors.

That plan was ultimately abandoned in the face of widespread criticism from the football world, with a rebellion led by UEFA, CONCACAF, and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

At the end of September, Infantino launched a consultation process with the federations to reform how the global body operates, announcing that the first proposals could be examined as early as Thursday's Council meeting.

The 56-year-old, who has headed FIFA since 2016, is running for re-election in March 2027.

His opponents have so far failed to agree on a candidate.

Top seed Sabalenka falls at first hurdle in Wuhan

■ A frustrated Aryna Sabalenka suffered a second successive early exit as her bid for a fourth Wuhan Open title was foiled by American world number 31 Ann Li 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) in round.

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A frustrated Aryna Sabalenka suffered a second successive early exit as her bid for a fourth Wuhan Open title was foiled by American world number 31 Ann Li 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) in round two .

The top-seeded Sabalenka fell to Nikola Bartunkova in the third round at the China Open last week and squandered a 6-3, 4-2 lead against Li to stumble at her very first hurdle in Wuhan.

The Belarusian four-time major winner lost her number one ranking to Elena Rybakina last month and has not won a title since March.

Playing with protective taping around her right knee, Sabalenka was in control of the match until Li swung the momentum in her direction halfway through the second set. Sabalenka asked for the trainer when she was broken early in the decider and appeared to be struggling with her movement. Still, she was able to wipe a 2-5 deficit, saving nine match points along the way.

Li steadied the ship, though, and finished the job in two hours and 27 minutes on her 10th opportunity, to set up a last-16 clash with Indonesia's Janice Tjen.

Meanwhile, second-seeded Jessica Pegula, the runner-up in Wuhan last year, was also



sent packing.

The American suffered a 2-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-3 upset at the hands of Jelena Ostapenko, wasting three match points en route.Ostapenko is the first player to beat Pegula in her opening match at a WTA 1000 event since Indian Wells two and a half years ago, snapping Pegula's 22-event winning streak in openers at this level.

Earlier, 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.

Swiatek posted her 40th victory of the season in one hour and 42 minutes and no longer has Sabalenka as a potential roadblock in the quarter-finals.

"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 breezed through the second set to advance to a round of 16 meeting with American lucky loser Ashlyn Krueger.

Wimbledon finalist Karolina Muchova weathered a three-hour storm to come through 3-6, 7-6 (7/1), 7-6 (7/4) against American qualifier Caty McNally to extend her record in tiebreaks this season to a perfect 10-0.



FIFA postpones FIFAe Finals in Saudi Arabia following attacks

Web Desk

LOS ANGELES

FIFA and the Saudi Esports Federation have postponed the FIFAe Finals 2026 scheduled to take place in Jeddah from October 16-25, organisers said on Thursday following recent attacks on Saudi Arabia. A strike on Riyadh's international airport on Saturday killed at least 12 people and wounded more than 300, with Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement claiming responsibility for the deadliest attack in Saudi Arabia in more than a decade.

"The decision follows an assessment of recent developments in the region and their impact on the logistical arrangements required to stage the tournament," organisers of the global video game tournament said.

"Further announcements on the FIFAe Finals will be communicated in due course." Japan and Brazil withdrew their Esports teams on Saturday after assessing the situation in the host country.

The security uncertainty has cast a shadow over sporting events in the kingdom.



Tickets go on sale for Pakistan, Sri Lanka and England tri-series

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ISLAMABAD

Tickets have gone on sale for the one-day international tri-nation cricket series featuring Pakistan, Sri Lanka and England, which will be held in Rawalpindi and Lahore from October 18 to 31.

The opening matches of the series will take place in Rawalpindi, while four matches, including the final, will be played at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium from October 25 to 31.

Ticket prices for matches in Lahore have been set between Rs200 and Rs22,000. However, the minimum ticket price for Pakistan's matches will be Rs300. Similarly, the minimum ticket price for the final of the tri-nation series has been fixed at Rs400.

Cricket fans can purchase tickets from the outlets of a private courier company. A maximum of five tickets can be purchased using a single national identity card.It is worth mentioning that Pakistan recently won a T20 series against Sri Lanka, although the visiting team won the final match.



Sahibzada Farhan breaks Abhishek Sharma's T20I record

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ISLAMABAD

Pakistan captain Sahibzada Farhan has set a new benchmark for the most runs scored in a three-match bilateral T20 International series between two full-member nations, surpassing India's Abhishek Sharma.Farhan made an impressive start to his tenure as Pakistan's full-time T20I captain in the home series against Sri Lanka, delivering consistent performances with the bat throughout all three matches. The right-handed opener struck a half-century in every game, playing a key role in Pakistan's campaign.

The 30-year-old accumulated 238 runs across the series at an outstanding average of 79.33 and a strike rate of 165.27. His performances earned him the Player of the Series award.

With this tally, Farhan moved past Abhishek Sharma's previous record of 229 runs in a three-match bilateral T20I series between two full-member ICC teams. The Indian batter achieved that milestone during India's series against Afghanistan earlier in 2026, averaging 76.33 and registering a century and a half-century. Farhan began the Sri Lanka series in commanding fashion, scoring 89 off 53 balls, including 10 fours and four sixes. His innings helped Pakistan chase a target of 183 and secure a four-wicket victory.He continued his excellent form in the second match, producing a rapid 73 from just 44 deliveries. His contribution helped Pakistan post a formidable 215/3. Sri Lanka struggled in response, finishing on 133/7 in 20 overs as Pakistan secured the series with another win.

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Ishaq Dar holds talks with Turkish, Egyptian FMs on phone

STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar held separate telephone conversations with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr Badr Abdelatty on Thursday, During his conversation with Hakan Fidan, Ishaq Dar exchanged views on regional and international developments and matters of mutual interest, including the situation in Gaza and Palestine. They also discussed the agenda and strategy of the forthcoming meeting of the OIC Council of Ministers, scheduled on 17-18 October in Iraq.They underscored the importance of close coordination in advancing common objectives through bilateral engagement and cooperation at multilateral fora.In his call with Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar discussed the latest regional developments, and underscored that dialogue and diplomacy remain the only way forward to address all issues.

US considers hitting Iran with 'Mother of All Bombs'

● Diplomatic efforts to end the conflict, which erupted with US-Israeli strikes on Iran in February, have been at an impasse since the summer.

WEB DESK

WASHINGTON

The United States is considering using its largest non-nuclear bomb against Iran if President Donald Trump decides to resume military operations in the conflict, which has reached a deadlock, CNN reported Thursday.According to the report, the US military is planning for the potential deployment of the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB), widely known as the "Mother of All Bombs," against Iranian energy infrastructure and nuclear facilities. CNN cited officials familiar with the matter as saying that the weapon is among the options being considered amid stalled diplomatic efforts and continued uncertainty over the future of the conflict.However, no final decision to deploy the bomb has been confirmed.Doubts Over Effectiveness Against Underground Nuclear FacilitiesDespite its enormous destructive power, the possible use of the MOAB has raised



questions among officials about its effectiveness against Iran's suspected underground nuclear facilities.CNN reported that officials have expressed doubts about whether the weapon could destroy deeply buried installations in the Islamic Republic. Although the bomb is capable of causing extensive destruction across a large area, it was not specifically designed to penetrate deeply buried targets.A source familiar with the planning told CNN that the MOAB is primarily intended for large-area clearance rather than deep penetration.The source's assessment highlights a key limitation in the reported military planning: destroying surface infrastructure and penetrating hardened underground facilities are two different challenges. The effectiveness of any attack would depend on the characteristics of the target and the protection surrounding it.Trump Faces Political Pressure Ahead of Midterm ElectionsThe report also highlighted the domestic political challenges facing President Donald Trump ahead of the November midterm elections.According to CNN, Trump is seeking to improve his low approval ratings as the unpopular war in Iran and rising fuel and other consumer prices put pressure on his Republican Party.The conflict has raised concerns about the economic burden on American households, particularly through higher energy costs and the wider financial implications of prolonged military operations.Rising prices and public dissatisfaction with the war have become important political issues as the elections approach. However, the report does not establish that domestic political considerations are the sole reason behind the military planning.Diplomatic Efforts Remain StalledThe conflict erupted in February following US-Israeli strikes against Iran, according to the report.

European lawmakers support Pakistan's position on Indus Waters Treaty

● Pakistani envoy called for the inclusion of all relevant stakeholders' perspectives, saying reforms should serve the broader interests of the international community

SPECIAL REPORTER

BRUSSELS



Pakistan has called on the international community to uphold international law and honour treaty obligations, raising concerns over the Indus Waters Treaty and urging a resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in line with United Nations resolutions.

Pakistan's Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union, Rahim Hayat Qureshi, made the remarks during a meeting at the European Parliament in Brussels on the future of global governance.

Qureshi stressed that adherence to international agreements was essential for maintaining global stability and ensuring respect for international law. He also emphasised that relations among states should be founded on equality and respect for the rights of all parties.

Addressing proposals for reforming the United Nations, the Pakistani envoy called for the inclusion of all relevant stakeholders' perspectives, saying reforms should serve the broader interests of the international community.

The meeting also saw support for Pakistan's position on the Indus Waters Treaty from Czech Member of the European Parliament Andrej Dostál. German MEP Michael von der Schulenburg called for international efforts to ensure the treaty's implementation and compliance.

Qureshi also highlighted the need for greater international cooperation to reform the global financial system, address climate change and advance modern technologies.

The discussion took place against the backdrop of tensions between Pakistan and India over the Indus Waters Treaty. In April 2025, India announced that it would hold the agreement in abeyance following an attack in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan rejected the move, maintaining that neither country could unilaterally.



Heavy rain slows Islamabad traffic as CDA teams step up drainage

■ The relevant departments were coordinating efforts to ensure timely drainage and provide relief to residents, while CDA teams continued de-watering operations at different locations.

SPECIAL REPORTER

QUETTA

Heavy rain in Islamabad on Wednesday evening prompted the Capital Development Authority (CDA), district administration and emergency services to deploy field teams for drainage operations and measures to facilitate traffic movement and minimize inconvenience to residents.

Teams from the CDA's Sanitation Department, Environment Wing, Islamabad Water and Rescue 1122 were working across the capital to remove accumulated rainwater and monitor roads, drains and other locations. The additional deputy commissioner (general) and assistant commissioners, along with their staff, were also present in the field to supervise drainage operations.

The relevant departments were coordinating efforts to ensure timely drainage and provide relief to residents, while CDA teams continued de-watering operations at different locations.

Meanwhile, Islamabad Traffic Police advised commuters to exercise caution, warning that water accumulation on some roads could slow traffic during the rainfall.

Motorists were advised to reduce speed, maintain a safe distance from vehicles ahead, use fog lights where necessary and remain within their lanes. Drivers were also urged to use side mirrors, indicators and seat belts.

Motorcyclists were advised to wear helmets and use the extreme left lane.

Traffic police personnel remained deployed on roads to facilitate commuters and provide guidance during the wet weather.

Citizens requiring emergency assistance can contact Rescue 1122, police helpline 15 or CDA helpline 1334.

For traffic updates, commuters can follow the Islamabad Traffic Police WhatsApp channel and official social media pages or tune in to ITP FM92.4.

Lahore High Court clarifies limits of Payment of Wages Authority's powers

■ The Lahore High Court has ruled that the Payment of Wages Authority cannot review its final decisions without explicit legal authorisation

Staff Reporter

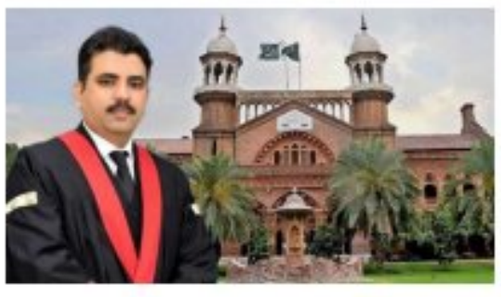
LAHORE

The Lahore High Court has held that the Payment of Wages Authority cannot reconsider its final decisions unless the relevant law expressly grants it the power to do so.

Justice Malik Javed Iqbal Wains issued the ruling while dismissing a constitutional petition filed by Ghulam Rasool Asim concerning a dispute over more than Rs900,000 in unpaid wages owed to a worker.

The court upheld the decision of the Payment of Wages Authority in Faisalabad, according to the reported judgment.

In its ruling, the court observed that the



Payment of Wages Act, 1936, does not expressly empower the authority to review its final decisions. Such a power cannot be assumed or inferred unless it is specifically provided for by law.

The court distinguished between setting aside an ex parte decision and reviewing a final decision delivered after hearing the parties on merit. It noted that Rule 8 of the relevant rules allows an ex parte decision to be set aside in certain circumstances. However, the provision does not permit the authority to reopen a final decision reached after hearing both sides.

The court also observed that a party with an available statutory remedy of appeal should ordinarily pursue that remedy rather than directly invoke the High Court's constitutional jurisdiction under Article 199 of the Constitution.

According to the judgment, failing to file an appeal within the prescribed period and subsequently seeking review through a procedure not authorised by law cannot be used to bypass the established legal process.

KP governor announces salary hikes, enhanced benefits for police officials

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PESHAWAR

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has announced an increase in police salaries and various benefits, including financial assistance for the families of personnel who lost their lives in terrorism-related incidents.

The announcements were made during a ceremony at Governor House in Peshawar, where allotment letters for residential plots were distributed among the families of 54 police martyrs.

Addressing the gathering, Governor Kundi said police salaries in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa should be better than those offered in other provinces. He also announced that recruitment against vacant positions would be expedited to address the shortage of police personnel.

The governor further announced a special financial assistance package for the families of police officers killed in terrorist incidents. A special grant will also be provided for the marriages of daughters of police martyrs.

The ceremony was attended by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Inspector General of Police Zulfiqar Hameed, the chief secretary, police officials, members of the Advisory Council and families of the fallen personnel.

The initiatives aim to provide additional support to police personnel and their families while recognising the sacrifices made by officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.



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