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Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif unveils the plague of inauguration of Daanish School Islamabad

Bugti Calls for Unity Against Terrorism, Warns Against Political Divisions

■ Balochistan CM says counterterrorism is a collective responsibility requiring cooperation among all political forces

STAFF REPORTER
QUETTA

Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti has stressed that national security must remain above political differences, urging political leaders not to sacrifice the state for political interests amid the ongoing fight against terrorism.

In a message posted on social media, Bugti said he held Maulana Fazlur Rehman in high regard, describing their personal relationship as one based on respect and acknowledging the



Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) chief's political insight and experience.

However, he said comparisons between the governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Balochistan must take into account the ground realities, security challenges and ongoing counterterrorism efforts in both provinces.Bugti noted that Maulana Fazlur Rehman and his party had also been targeted in terrorist attacks, expressing hope that the JUI-F chief would consider the state's efforts against terrorism and the sacrifices of security personnel while commenting on the sensitive national issue.The chief minister highlighted what he described as political unity in Balochistan, saying the provincial government had taken opposition parties into confidence on counterterrorism strategies and key decisions related to security.

He said the government was pursuing a policy of bringing all parliamentary parties on board despite political differences.

He emphasised that counterterrorism was not merely a matter of political statements or claims but a collective responsibility of the state and the nation. Paying tribute to security personnel, including officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Army and other security agencies, he said their sacrifices carried immense human costs for the families of those killed.

Several killed as Pak Army responds to Afghan regime's firing in Upper Kurram

■ Pakistan Army targets Afghan Taliban's 'Topsar' post and 'Shipola' base camp using artillery fire

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Army has responded to what security sources described as unprovoked firing by the Afghan Taliban regime on Pakistani forces in the Taida sector, Upper Kurram and Ghozgarhi areas, according to 24NewsHD TV Channel.Security sources said Pakistani forces took retaliatory action against Afghan Taliban positions following the reported firing along the border. Several personnel of the Afghan Taliban regime were reportedly killed during the response near the Ghuz Garhi border area.According to security sources, the Pakistan Army also targeted the Afghan Taliban's 'Topsar' post and 'Shipola' base camp in the Upper



Kurram sector using artillery fire. The strikes were carried out in response to the firing incidents targeting Pakistani forces in the border areas.The reported exchange of fire involved several locations along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, including Taida, Upper Kurram and Ghozgarhi. Security sources said the Pakistani forces responded to the firing by targeting positions associated with the Afghan Taliban regime.In Upper Kurram, artillery fire was directed at the 'Topsar' post and 'Shipola' base camp, which were identified by security sources as targets of the retaliatory action. Further details regarding the extent of the damage caused by the strikes were not immediately available.The latest incident highlights continuing security concerns along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, where firing incidents have periodically raised tensions between the two sides. Pakistani authorities have repeatedly emphasised the need to prevent cross-border attacks and ensure the security of border communities and personnel deployed in the area.No independent confirmation of the reported casualties or details of the damage was available in the information provided. Further developments regarding the border situation and any official statements from the Afghan Taliban authorities were awaited..



Iran is ready to join Makkah Defence Alliance, says Pezeshkian

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TEHRAN

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has said that Iran is ready to take part in the Makkah Defence Alliance, a bloc that includes Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, and accused the United States of striking Iran every time the two sides sit down to negotiate, Pezeshkian made the remarks in an interview of about 40 minutes with Al Jazeera, speaking about the war with the United States that, by his account, has continued since the end of February.

"They label us as terrorists, but we are the victims of terrorism," he said and added "Every time we sit at the negotiating table, they carry out another attack on Iran."



KP governor's rule is for short period, aimed at fighting terrorism: minister

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

State Minister Talal Chaudhry has said governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is for a short time, adding the step has been taken to address terrorism and efforts will be made to restore the province's political setup as soon as possible.

He said Maulana Fazlur Rehman will not be given a share in the government setup of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), accusing him of treating the province as "booty" following the end of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government.

Chaudhry alleged that Fazlur Rehman was seeking a share in the provincial setup after PTI lost power. He stressed that the existing arrangement in KP was not designed to distribute power or positions among political figures.



KP governor Kundi says Fazl's remarks disappointing

The governor alleged that decisions made by the previous provincial government had been influenced by Kabul and Kandahar rather than Islamabad.

NEWS DESK
PESHAWR

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has said that the provincial government can be formed and run without Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, expressing disappointment over the latter's recent speech and disagreeing with his stance on the imposition of governor's rule in the province.

Talking to the media in Peshawar, Kundi said he was deeply disappointed with Maulana Fazlur Rehman's speech delivered a day earlier, adding that he had not expected such remarks from a senior politician.Referring to the JUI-F chief's assertion that no government could be formed or run without him, the governor said the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government could function without his involvement.

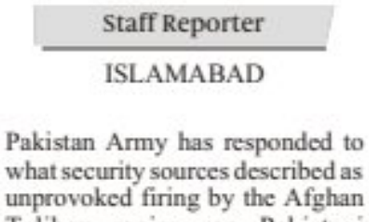
Kundi also rejected Maulana Fazlur Rehman's position on governor's rule, saying that although concerns had been raised about the provincial government's failure to maintain law and order, it was incorrect to claim that the government was not making efforts to restore peace.

The governor further alleged that decisions made by the previous provincial government had been influenced by Kabul and Kandahar rather than Islamabad.

He also claimed that certain fugitive elements associated with the former rulers were operating from across the border and inciting people.

Highlighting the province's natural resources, Kundi urged Maulana Fazlur Rehman to identify the mountains and mineral resources in Lakki Marwat, Tank and Bannu, stressing the need to utilise these resources for economic development.

Trump says Iran will never get nuclear weapon



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US President Donald Trump has declared that Iran's nuclear weapons capability has been destroyed by American military operations and vowed that Tehran would never be allowed to rebuild it, presenting the campaign against the Islamic Republic as one of the major national security achievements of his second presidency.

Addressing a Republican election rally at Northern Kentucky University's Truist Arena on Saturday, Trump defended his decision to launch military operations against Iran, saying the threat of a nuclear-armed Tehran had made American intervention necessary.

"They cannot have a nuclear weapon. They can't because they'll use it," Trump told supporters while discussing the military campaign.

The US President said the United States had successfully struck Iran's nuclear infrastructure and was taking steps to ensure that the programme could not be revived. "We have to make sure it doesn't come back," he said, recalling his instructions to senior administration officials during the operation.

Trump linked the military action to his broader argument that American military strength had been restored under his leadership and that Washington was once again prepared to confront threats to its national security.

PM Shehbaz calls for equal educational opportunities for all children

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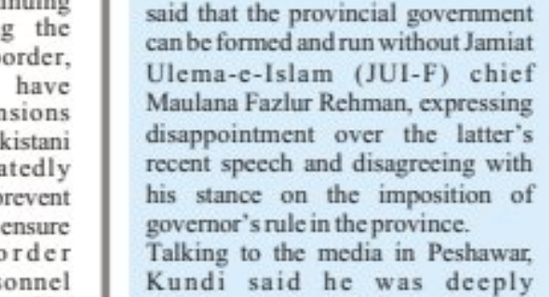
STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said the future of children in Pakistan should not be determined by their parents' financial status, stressing that every talented child deserves equal access to quality education.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony of a Danish School in Islamabad on Sunday, the prime minister said the initiative aimed to expand educational opportunities for children from poor and deserving families and reduce the gap between the rich and the underprivileged.

Shehbaz congratulated students, parents and teachers, saying documentaries and accounts of students' achievements presented at the ceremony were both inspiring and encouraging.

He highlighted the story of a girl from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who lost her father during childhood and faced financial difficulties that threatened her educational ambitions. Despite these challenges, she persevered and became a doctor, enabling her to serve humanity, he said.



The prime minister said such achievements demonstrated that talent and intelligence were not limited to any particular social class. Children from all backgrounds should be given opportunities to develop their abilities and succeed, he added.

He noted that millions of Pakistani families struggled to meet basic household expenses despite their parents working in difficult conditions in fields and farms. For these families, providing education and meeting other essential needs remained a major challenge.

Shehbaz said it was an inequality when talented children from low-income households were denied educational opportunities because of a lack of resources, while children from affluent families could attend leading institutions in Pakistan and abroad.

He said the Danish Schools initiative was conceived to address this disparity by providing quality education to deserving children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Recalling the programme's launch in Punjab in 2010, the prime minister said it was designed to help talented children in remote areas and underprivileged communities pursue education and achieve success through their abilities and hard work.

Reflecting on Pakistan's creation in 1947, Shehbaz said Muslims who migrated to the country had left behind their homes and assets in the hope of building a society based on justice, merit and hard work.

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Students from the International Islamic University visit the Senate Museum at Parliament House.

CDA steps up development work in Islamabad's residential sectors

- The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has stepped up development work in residential sectors E-12, I-12 and C-14, with a focus on infrastructure, road networks and civic facilities, as part of efforts to improve planned urban development in the federal capital.

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The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has stepped up development work in residential sectors E-12, I-12 and C-14, with a focus on infrastructure, road networks and civic facilities, as part of efforts to improve planned urban development in the federal capital.

During a visit to Sector E-12 on Friday, CDA Chairman Sohail Ashraf reviewed the progress of ongoing development work and directed the relevant officers to expedite the projects.

CDA steps up development work in Islamabad's residential sectors

The authority said more than 1,000 kanals of state land, valued at billions of rupees, had been retrieved in E-12, describing the recovery as an important step towards protecting public property and facilitating the sector's planned development.

CDA steps up development work in Islamabad's residential sectors

The recovered land is expected to support future development projects and the provision of infrastructure and civic amenities. However, the authority did not provide a timeline for the completion of the ongoing development work or details of the



facilities to be made available to residents.

Development activities are also continuing in I-12 and C-14, where the CDA says it is focusing on infrastructure and residential facilities. The authority is struction undertaking road construction and rehabilitation, improvements to major road networks, and the construction and improvement of underpasses and pedestrian bridges to facilitate commuters and improve connectivity.The initiatives are being pursued under the directions of Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi and the supervision of the CDA chairman.

The chairman was accompanied by the director general (Works), chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad, additional deputy commissioner (General), project director and the relevant assistant commissioner during the visit.

Hina Javed Murder Case: DNA Matches Domestic Worker, Husband Cleared

- CCD chief Sohail Zafar Chattha says DNA evidence points to the domestic worker, while the victim's family rejects the findings.

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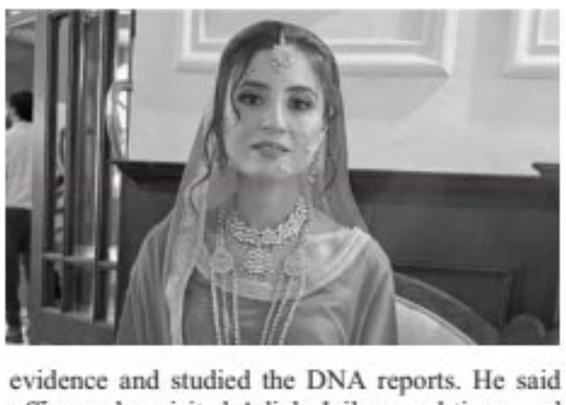
ISLAMABAD

Hina Javed murder case has taken a new turn in Rawalpindi. The police team investigating the killing has declared her husband, Dr Faisal Asghar, innocent.According to police, the two other arrested men are the main accused. One of them is the family's domestic worker, Zeeshan.

Hina Javed, 45, was found dead at her home on the morning of August 20. Her brother, Fahad Javed, filed the case at the Civil Lines police station. He named her husband, her father-in-law and the domestic worker.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz ordered a special investigation team of senior officers. It is led by CCD chief Sohail Zafar Chattha.

Chattha said the team looked at every piece of



evidence and studied the DNA reports. He said officers also visited Adiala Jail several times and questioned the accused for hours.

He claimed the DNA of Zeeshan matched samples found during the investigation. He added that skin particles under the victim's fingernails also matched him, which shows she fought back.

Chattha said Zeeshan confessed during cases. questioning. He also said Zeeshan already has a criminal record and has faced two or three earlier cases. Police also found Dr Faisal's fingerprints on a bed sheet and a door handle. However, Chattha said this was not enough to link him to the crime.

The team also spoke to Dr Faisal's former wife. She told them he never raised his voice and avoided crowds. Hina's sister said Hina never spoke of any violence from her husband in their WhatsApp chats.

The investigation report has now been sent to the Chief Minister.

Hina's family strongly disagrees. In a media statement, they said the investigation is being pushed in the wrong direction. They fear police will file a challan of their own choice.

Her brother alleged that the domestic worker is being blamed for everything to protect the husband. He also claimed the evidence has been tampered with and that police have been friendly towards the accused from the start.

1.5 million Pakistani children faced online sexual abuse in a year: UNICEF

- UNICEF says 1.5 million Pakistani children faced online sexual abuse in a year, urging stronger parental supervision, safer reporting channels and improved child protection.

News Desk

LONDON

Around 1.5 million Pakistani children faced sexual abuse online over the course of a year, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which has urged parents to closely monitor children's access to digital platforms.

UNICEF warned against allowing children unrestricted access to online platforms and stressed the need for effective parental supervision.

According to the organisation, 57% of affected children did not disclose their experiences because of shame, fear of their families' reactions and concerns about social stigma.

UNICEF also identified the creation of fake images and videos of children using artificial intelligence (AI) as an emerging threat.

A research report issued by the organisation found that social media accounted for 44% of reported online harassment incidents. In 85% of the cases described by affected children, the alleged perpetrator was someone they knew.

The report identified sending inappropriate images and messages to children, requesting private photographs, distributing images and blackmailing victims as major forms of online sexual abuse.

UNICEF called for addressing gaps in Pakistan's legal system, improving investigations and strengthening child protection mechanisms. It also stressed the need to provide safe channels for reporting abuse.



IHC to hear appeals of Imaan Mazari and Hadi Ali Chattha on Monday

News Desk

ISLAMABAD

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has fixed the appeals filed by lawyers Imaan Mazari and Hadi Ali Chattha on Monday in the case involving the removal of barriers,

The two lawyers have challenged the Anti-Terrorism Court's (ATC) decisions rejecting their applications against the framing of charges and the inclusion of terrorism-related provisions in the case.

A two-member IHC bench comprising Justice Inam Amin Minhas and Justice Shahrukh Arjumand will hear the appeals.

Mazari and Chattha had approached the high court after the ATC dismissed their pleas seeking to set aside the charges against them.

They also challenged the rejection of their applications seeking the removal of terrorism provisions from the case.

The high court will take up both appeals during Monday's hearing.



FC Balochistan (North) Organizes 63 Free Medical Camps, Treats 8,150 Patients in September

News Desk

QUETTA



FC Balochistan (North) continued its efforts to provide healthcare facilities to the people of Balochistan by organizing 63 free medical camps in remote, underdeveloped and underserved areas of the province during September 2026.Through these medical camps, a total of 8,150 patients were examined and treated free of cost. Essential medicines were also provided to patients to help meet their medical needs and improve access to basic healthcare facilities, particularly in areas where residents face difficulties in reaching hospitals and other medical centres.The initiative reflects FC Balochistan (North)'s continued efforts to extend medical assistance to local communities and provide essential healthcare services to people living in far-flung areas. By arranging free medical camps in these locations, the force helped residents receive medical consultations, treatment and necessary medicines closer to their homes.

Special attention was given to the health needs of children, women and senior citizens, who often require timely medical attention and access to appropriate healthcare services.

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Pakistan: The Next Critical Minerals Destination



By: Zeeshan Zaidi

Pakistan is entering a new phase in developing its mineral economy as rising global demand for copper, gold, chromite, lithium, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals creates a strategic opportunity for the South Asian country to attract investment, develop new supply chains, and diversify its sources of foreign exchange.

The opportunity is significant. Pakistan has extensive mineral-bearing areas and a geological position within the broader Tethyan Metallogenic Belt, one of the world's important copper and gold regions. The country possesses 92 known minerals, of which 52 are commercially exploited.

The country's mineral reserves are estimated at around $8 trillion and spread across 600,000 square kilometres, according to the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA). The vast mineral resources highlight the massive economic potential of the country's mining sector.

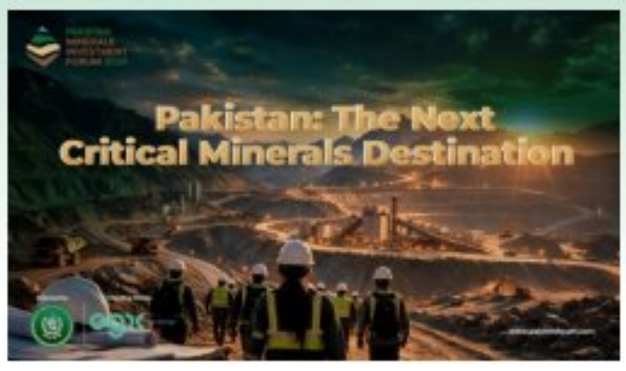
The country's mining sector has historically contributed less than 3 percent to gross domestic product (GDP), ICMA said. The institute estimated that with stronger governance and security, annual mineral exports could rise from about $3 billion to $8 billion, and GDP growth could climb from roughly 3 percent to 6 percent.

The challenge, however, is to turn geological potential into bankable projects, exports, jobs and industrial capacity. That requires more than mining. It requires exploration, geological data, modern technology, infrastructure, financing, predictable regulation, environmental safeguards and partnerships with international companies. Pakistan's policy direction is increasingly focused on building that ecosystem.

Reko Diq, located in Balochistan's Chagai district, is one of the world's largest undeveloped copper and gold deposits. The project is a joint venture in which Barrick Mining Corporation holds a 50 percent stake, while the Balochistan government holds 25 percent and three federal state-owned enterprises collectively hold the remaining 25 percent. In February 2025, Barrick announced the completion of the updated feasibility study for the Reko Diq project. Reko Diq will be a major contributor to Pakistan's economy which is expected to have a transformative impact on the Balochistan province. The updated feasibility study estimates a 37-year mine life, with total capital investment of $8.83 billion. The project will be developed in two phases, with Phase 1 requiring an estimated $5.6–$6.0 billion. First production from the project is expected by the end of 2028.In Phase 1, the project will process 45 million tonnes of ore annually, producing about 240,000 tonnes of copper and 297,000 ounces of gold per year. Phase 2, planned for 2034, will double processing capacity to 90 million tonnes annually, raising average annual production to 460,000 tonnes of copper and 520,000 ounces of gold during its first 10 years.

According to the feasibility study, Reko Diq has probable mineral reserves of around 3 billion tonnes, containing an estimated 15 million tonnes of copper and 26 million ounces of gold. Barrick estimates the project could generate $90 billion in operating cash flow and $70 billion in free cash flow over its mine life. Reko Diq is the largest foreign direct investment project in Balochistan and one of the largest in Pakistan.

International lenders have assembled a financing package exceeding $2.6 billion. The Asian Development Bank approved $410 million in August 2025 — $300 million in loans plus a $110 million guarantee for Balochistan's equity stake. The International Finance Corporation (IFC) and World Bank approved a $700 million concessional loan in June 2025. The US Export-Import Bank approved $1.25 billion in December 2025, which US embassy said could unlock up to $2 billion in American mining equipment and services exports and support roughly 13,500 jobs across both countries. Reko Diq's first-year shipments, once operational, were projected to generate $2.8 billion in export value.



Global copper demand is forecast to grow 24 percent to reach 42.7 million tonnes a year by 2035, driven by electrification, according to Wood Mackenzie. The International Energy Agency has said electricity demand from AI-driven data centres will accelerate this further. The European Union's Critical Raw Materials Act and Washington's push to diversify rare earth supply chains have both raised the strategic premium on new, reliable sources.

Pakistan's mining history predates Reko Diq. The Saindak copper-gold project, developed with Chinese participation, traces back to 1950s aerial surveys of Balochistan and Geological Survey of Pakistan exploration from the 1960s.

On September 8, 2025, Pakistan's Frontier Works Organisation and Missouri-based US Strategic Metals (USSM) signed two MoUs focusing on the development and processing .

of critical minerals, including rare earth elements, and logistics services. The agreement establishes a framework for collaboration across a range of critical minerals essential for the defence, aerospace, and technology industries.

According to the Prime Minister's Office, the partnership will begin immediately with the export of readily available minerals from Pakistan, including antimony, copper, gold, tungsten, and rare earth elements. This cooperation lays the foundation for scaling up towards the establishment of a USSM proprietary, highly flexible poly-metallic refinery in Pakistan. The refinery will produce intermediate and finished products dedicated to meeting the rapidly growing demand of the US market. The first phase of this deal is envisaged at approximately $500 million of investments into Pakistan's critical minerals sector.

The next steps for the MoU include forming dedicated teams to explore the full potential of Pakistan's vast resource base, identifying critical minerals for immediate export, and building an anchor position for a long-term partnership in exploration, extraction, and processing. Importantly, the cooperation will prioritise sustainability, profitability, and environmental responsibility to ensure benefits for the people of both nations.

The Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum (PMIF) is the government's flagship platform for promoting investment in the country's mineral sector and connecting Pakistan with global investors, mining companies, financial institutions and technology providers. The forum brings together policymakers and industry leaders to showcase Pakistan's mineral potential, facilitate partnerships and investment, and promote sustainable development and value addition across the sector.

The last year's edition of the Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum (PMIF25), attracted 5,000 delegates from more than 50 countries. The event saw the signing of 16 memoranda of understanding and featured 18 panel discussions.

The 2026 edition, PMIF26, was originally set for April 8–9 at the Jinnah Convention Centre in Islamabad but was rescheduled to November 12–13, 2026, at the same venue. Federal Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) Ali Pervaiz Malik has said the forum is designed to promote mining awareness and attract sustainable investment, arguing that Pakistan's mineral wealth has for decades gone largely unexplored.

The investment-focused platform connects governments, investors, mining companies, technology providers and other stakeholders across the mineral value chain. PMIF26 is expected to focus more heavily on project development, exploration, technology, value addition and investment.



By Nisar Ahmed Thakur

India's bid to reshape Kashmir narrative



The Kashmir issue, as the world has known it, has now snowballed into a highly complex conflict. It not only threatens the peace and security of the entire South Asian region but also continues to take a heavy toll on the lives of millions of Kashmiris who have remained trapped in this deadly conflict for several decades. This complexity has been further compounded by a vast yet sophisticated network of spin doctors and opinion managers operating both within and outside the realm of the Indian political and security establishment. They have transformed what was once a relatively simple issue into a complex and confusing jigsaw puzzle by weaving a cobweb of confusion around it.

It is not merely a sweeping statement on the subject; rather, it is a considered view shared by many scholars of international repute. There is no denying the fact that the Indian narrative surrounding the events of 1947 in Kashmir was shaped by political "spin" aimed at lending credence to its intervention and subsequent incursion into the State. Let us unpack this carefully and factually, drawing on historical evidence and scholarly interpretations, while maintaining objective precision.

Following the partition of British India in 1947, the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir was also engulfed in political turmoil marked by communal violence. Amid the broader upheaval accompanying the partition of the Indian subcontinent, the Jammu region of the erstwhile state, in particular, witnessed severe communal violence, resulting in widespread death, displacement, and destruction.

Muslim subjects of the state, regardless of gender or age, were brutally killed, maimed, and mutilated. Nearly half a million Kashmiri Muslims were driven out from their homes and forced to migrate to Pakistan.

So against this very turbulent backdrop, competing claims over the future of the State were advanced by the leadership on both sides. In the Indian official narrative, the Tribal fighters' attempt to assist their Kashmiri brethren in their struggle against the despotic Maharaja in October 1947 is portrayed as an invasion and, consequently, as the raison d'être that compelled India to intervene militarily. According to this account, the intervention followed the Maharaja's request for military assistance and his execution of the Instrument of Accession to India. However, a number of historians and scholars—including Alastair Lamb, Victoria Schofield, Christopher Snedden, and A. G Noorani—have challenged aspects of this narrative and drawn attention to the complex political, military, and humanitarian circumstances that preceded and accompanied India's military intervention.

Their works have raised serious questions about the veracity of the claims made by the Indian leaders, chronology of events, the circumstances surrounding the Maharaja's accession, the nature and extent of external involvement, and the manner in which the events of October 1947 were subsequently presented in competing national narratives.

While the Indian government

presented the Kashmiri resistance movement, supported by tribal brethren, as an unprovoked invasion of sovereign territory, it portrayed itself as the defender of rule of law. As it kept harping incessantly on the so-called "raid," the macabre dance of death continued in Jammu, where the blood of Muslims was spilled with impunity by armed goons aided and abetted by the Maharaja's administration.

Alastair Lamb and Christopher Snedden both noted that the word "raid" was used as a political pretext to justify India's pre-planned designs to integrate Kashmir. Secondly, the speed and scale with which India airlifted its military forces to Srinagar on 27 October 1947 suggest that preparations for intervention had been underway even before the formal accession was signed.

By beating the drum of the so-called "tribal invasion" India launched a systematic propaganda campaign to downplay the mass resistance that was going on against the Maharaja since the mid-1930s, obscure the carnage taking place on the streets of Jammu, and frame its entry into Kashmir as an act of rescue rather than occupation.

So, under the charade of the so-called "tribal invasion," India has largely been able to hide the atrocities or at least downplay magnitude of the massacre of Muslims in Jammu during October–November 1947—a tragedy reported by Horace Alexander in "The Spectator" on 16 January 1948 and by "The Times (London)" on 10 August 1948.

These reports described the massacre of between 200,000 and 237,000 Muslims, often with the complicity of Dogra state forces, as well as the forced migration of hundreds of thousands more to Pakistan.

Controversies surrounding the Instrument of Accession (IoA)

The Indian government claims that the IoA was signed on 26 October 1947. However, Alastair Lamb and A. G. Noorani question this claim, arguing that the "original signed copy" has never been made public and that the timeline suggests Indian troops entered Kashmir before the accession was formally executed.

Thus, the portrayal of the accession as an immediate and legally valid act became a crucial element of political spin, providing a legal justification for India's military intervention



By: Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan

An Inquiry into the Subjugation and Stabilisation of the Earth

Tell me, my dear: when we discourse upon the material grandeur, dynamism, productive capacity, and resource endowment of a sovereign state, what manifestations of the natural order are we, in essence, attempting to apprehend?"

"Superficially, we are referring merely to the ever-expanding horizons of the atmosphere, the torrential currents coursing across the terrestrial surface, and the mineral wealth concealed within the subterranean recesses of the

"Then should we conclude that these are nothing more than inanimate, mute, and intrinsically inert physical entities, or does there lie concealed behind their apparent materiality some more profound philosophical and socio-economic enigma?"

"Manifestly, these ostensibly inert entities are by no means self-sufficient in their existential utility. The atmospheric spectrum constitutes an indispensable substrate for telecommunications bandwidth; riverine systems facilitate the generation of hydroelectric power; while the

geological repositories embedded within the profound strata of the lithosphere sustain the industrial circulatory system upon which modern economies depend."

"Excellent! Yet if these resources remain physically existent in their natural repositories, while humanity fails to harness them through intellectual ingenuity,

scientific discernment, technological sophistication, and capital mobilisation, can they genuinely become instruments of

national prosperity?"

"By no means! In the absence of prudent strategisation, relentless endeavour, scientific inquiry, and purposeful exploitation, these divine endowments remain little more than distant mirages and hypothetical narratives of unrealised abundance. The immutable Qur'anic principle is unequivocal: 'And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives.' The dominion and productive utilisation of the celestial and terrestrial realms likewise cannot be unlocked without the epistemic authority of knowledge."

"Thus, it becomes evident that there exists an ontological distinction between mere potentiality and demonstrable, material reality. Tell me, therefore, what philosophical and methodological sequence must be followed if a geological possibility is to be transmuted into a firmly established, economically viable, and sustainably productive



reality?"

"Three determinants possess sequential primacy: first, geographical accessibility; second, the magnitude and volumetric extent of the deposit; and third, the grade, composition, and metallurgical quality of the raw mineral. Where accessibility is absent, logistical extraction and transportation become prohibitively difficult; where adequate volume or grade is lacking, the economic rationale and industrial viability of exploitation themselves become untenable."

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"Indeed. But through what scientific, technical, and rationally verifiable stages does this prospective commercial proposition ultimately attain the threshold of geological certainty and economic credibility?"

"It traverses three principal epistemological and technical stages. The first is the stage of conjectural identification and preliminary delineation, wherein remote sensing, geophysical interpretation, geological reconnaissance, and systematic sampling collectively construct the preliminary morphology of mineral potential. The second is the stage of resource estimation, in which technical parameters, geological continuity, extractive considerations, and preliminary financial variables are integrated into a structured assessment of prospective viability. The third, and ultimately decisive, stage is that of proven reserves, wherein intensive deep-core drilling, high-resolution subsurface investigation, and rigorous laboratory analysis of core samples establish the existence, continuity, grade and recoverability of the subterranean asset with a degree of evidentiary certainty approaching incontrovertibility."

"Then is this precisely the juncture at which the clouds of conjecture, uncertainty, and geological ambiguity finally dissipate, thereby conferring commercial credibility upon the underlying asset?"

"Precisely! Until a prospective geological occurrence advances to this third threshold the threshold of demonstrable and technically substantiated reality it remains exceedingly difficult to justify the enormous capital expenditure associated with contemporary large-scale mining operations involving gigantic hydraulic excavators, ultra-class haul trucks, extensive beneficiation infrastructure, and sophisticated mineral-processing systems."

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SCCI, Faysal Bank discuss digital payment challenges faced by exporters



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President of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Khawar Hussain Spall held a meeting with Branch Manager (AVP) of Faysal Bank Limited, Cantt Branch, Sialkot, Mian Hammad Umer, to discuss trade-related matters, particularly challenges faced by exporters and traders in receiving payments through e-commerce platforms.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on payment-related issues encountered by the business community while conducting international trade through online marketplaces, including Alibaba.com.

The discussion focused on exploring secure, efficient and convenient digital payment solutions to facilitate Sialkot's exporters and traders. The participants also highlighted the need to improve payment mechanisms to ensure smooth business transactions and support the city's export-oriented business activities.

The meeting underscored the importance of coordination between the banking sector and the business community in addressing payment challenges and facilitating digital commerce for Sialkot's exporters and traders.



A vendor sells baby dolls and other toys from his handcart along the roadside in the city

Pakistan freelancers earn record $197 million in September 2026

- Pakistan's freelancers earned a record $197 million in September 2026, up 49% year-on-year, with first-quarter export earnings reaching $550 million.

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ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's freelance sector has achieved a major milestone in the country's growing digital economy, with freelancers recording their highest-ever monthly foreign exchange earnings in September 2026. According to the reported figures, freelance export earnings reached a record $197 million, reflecting strong year-on-year and month-on-month growth and highlighting the increasing contribution of digital services to Pakistan's economy.

The record performance represents a significant development for Pakistan's information technology (IT) and digital services sector, which has increasingly become an important source of foreign exchange. The latest figures indicate that Pakistani freelancers are expanding their participation in the international marketplace by providing a wide range of online services to clients and businesses around the world.



According to the figures, freelance export earnings increased by 49 percent year-on-year in September 2026. Compared with the corresponding month last year, the substantial increase reflects the growing volume of income generated through freelance work and the potential of Pakistan's skilled workforce to serve international clients.On a month-on-month basis, freelance earnings rose by 11 percent, demonstrating further growth compared with the preceding month. The increase helped push monthly export receipts to an unprecedented level, establishing September 2026 as a historic month for Pakistan's freelance industry.

The sector's performance was also strong during the first quarter of the current fiscal year. From July to September 2026, Pakistani freelancers collectively generated $550 million in export earnings, marking a 46 percent increase compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, according to the reported data.

PSX sheds 669 points during the week, KSE-100 closes at 166,419

- The index fluctuated within a range of 2,927 points during the week

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KARACHI



The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed a negative trend during the trading week, as the benchmark KSE-100 Index shed 669 points to close at 166,419 points, reflecting a decline in overall market performance.

According to the PSX's weekly market update, the benchmark index experienced fluctuations throughout the week, moving within a range of 2,927 points. The market recorded a high of 166,988 points and a low of 164,060 points, highlighting changes in investor sentiment and trading activity during the period.

The decline in the benchmark index came alongside substantial trading activity, with a total of 2.15 billion shares changing hands during the week. The overall value of transactions reached Rs89 billion, indicating continued participation by investors despite the market's negative closing performance.

Meanwhile, the total market capitalisation of the Pakistan Stock Exchange decreased by Rs89 billion over the week, bringing its value to Rs18.479 trillion.

KSE-100 Index Records Weekly Decline

The KSE-100 Index, which tracks the performance of major listed companies on the Pakistan Stock Exchange, ended the week at 166,419 points after losing 669 points during the trading period.

The weekly decline indicates that the benchmark finished below its previous closing level. However, the index's movement throughout the week demonstrated that trading was not limited to a single direction, as it moved between its reported high and low points.

The index reached a weekly peak of 166,988 points before falling to a low of 164,060 points. This represented a trading range of 2,928 points based on the reported high and low figures, while the PSX weekly update cited a range of 2,927 points.

Such fluctuations are a normal feature of equity markets, where share prices respond to buying and selling pressure, corporate developments, economic indicators and changes in investor expectations.

Trading Volume Exceeds 2 Billion Shares Despite the negative performance of the benchmark index, trading activity remained substantial during the week.

According to the weekly market update, approximately 2.15 billion shares were traded on the exchange, while the total value of transactions reached Rs89 billion.

Trading volume provides an indication of the number of shares exchanged between market participants, while transaction value reflects the monetary worth of those trades. Together, these indicators help illustrate the level of activity in the stock market.

However, high trading volume does not necessarily indicate a bullish or bearish market on its own. Prices can decline even when a large number of shares are traded, depending on the balance between buyers and sellers and the performance of individual stocks.

The weekly figures show that market participants continued to trade actively during the period, even as the benchmark index ended lower.

Warmer Pakistan ties, tarrif blitz hold up US-India trade deal

- Rubio will meet senior Indian officials, but will bypass the Indian capital during the trip in the coming week.

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WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio is set to visit India for the second time this year, as Washington seeks to bolster ties with a strategic partner despite months of friction over a trade deal. Rubio will meet senior Indian officials, but will bypass the Indian capital during the trip in the coming week.

Instead he will focus on investment and energy during visits to financial hub Mumbai and India's oil hub of Jamnagar, which is home to billionaire Mukesh Ambani's refining complex, the world's largest.

The elephant in the room will be the inability by both countries to seal their long-awaited trade deal, experts say.



Several factors, including US President Donald Trump's tariff blitz, friction over energy imports and Washington's warmer ties with India's arch-rival Pakistan have made it harder for negotiators to clinch an agreement.

Rubio will start his six-day overseas trip on Saturday with a visit first to Uzbekistan before arriving in India, according to the US State Department.

Here are some of the challenges the trade pact has faced and the road ahead.

India and the United States agreed in February on the framework for an interim deal under which Washington would lower reciprocal tariffs from 25 percent to 18 percent and India would reduce duties on a range of industrial and agricultural goods.

Despite months of negotiations, the agreement has not yet been finalised and signed.

One reason is the legal uncertainty surrounding Trump's tariff plans after court challenges undermined the reciprocal tariffs that formed their basis.

"The February framework had offered to reduce India's reciprocal tariff... in return for substantial Indian concessions. Once that tariff regime was struck down, the value of the US offer became unclear," trade expert Ajay Srivastava said in a note.

India is also wary of new trade measures by Washington that could impact it, including an investigation into alleged unfair practices in several countries and a new law that allows for up to 100 percent tariffs on nations that purchase Russian oil.

Trump on Friday signed an executive order that waived those threatened sanctions.

Progress appears to have hit several hurdles.

Attacks on Gulf energy infrastructure 'worrying' for outlook, says FM Aurangzeb

- Aurangzeb said that the country had procured enough energy supplies to last through November, and was now planning for the winter months

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BANGKOK

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said that Pakistan had so far withstood the shock from skyrocketing energy prices due to the Iran war, but that attacks on infrastructure in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries were "worrying" for the country's longer-term economic outlook.

In an interview with AFP on the sidelines of the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok, Aurangzeb said that the country had procured enough energy supplies to last through November, and was now planning for the winter months, when household needs typically spike.

"The first-order impact has been negotiated well by Pakistan," he said.

"We've had no shortage, no queues at the gas stations, and no law and order situation, which at times we have seen in some of the countries." He added that unless the government saw "an absolute dire need", it would not be procuring spot cargoes on the LNG front, which tend to be far more expensive than previously contracted shipments.



Since the United States and ally Israel launched the war on Iran in February, global energy prices have surged as Tehran's retaliatory action has targeted Washington's Gulf allies and curtailed oil and gas supplies.

With Yemen's civil war flaring back to life as well, the Houthis there have repeatedly attacked Saudi infrastructure, including energy facilities and airports, in recent days.

Aurangzeb expressed alarm at the escalation, saying damage to such sites would delay a return to economic normalcy.

"What is now (the) worrying part of it is when the energy infrastructure starts getting hit," he said.

"I, to be very honest, I don't know where that would go. But one thing is very clear: that if the infrastructure continues to get hit, the return to normalcy, even if things subside, will take longer."

Pakistan has been a frequent customer at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the lender of last resort to countries on the brink of default.

It is currently in the midst of its 25th programme with the Fund — at least 11 of which have been outright bailouts — since gaining independence in 1947.

The current programme totals around $7 billion over three years, with the Fund reaching an agreement this month to release a $1.2 billion tranche.

With global debt stocks running high, the Fund has called at this year's annual meetings on all economies, even those most vulnerable to the Iran war shock, to engage in fiscal consolidation to avoid a potential crisis.

"Fortunately for us, we have been on this fiscal consolidation path for a while," Aurangzeb said with a rueful smile.

The country's tax revenues have grown significantly in recent years, and the finance minister said the government was targeting the theft of taxes by private sector businesses that collected sales tax from consumers but never deposited it in government accounts.

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Zelenskiy hopes for meeting with US and Russia during G20 summit

■ The Group of 20 major economies, which includes the US and Russia but not Ukraine, is due to hold a summit in Miami in



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KYIV

Ukraine, the United States and Russia could meet during a G20 summit in the US but Washington and Moscow have not confirmed the meeting and other venues are also possible, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy

The Group of 20 major economies, which includes the US and Russia but not Ukraine, is due to hold a summit in Miami in December.

"The meeting could then take place in the United States during the G20 summit. But there has been no confirmation yet from either Russia or the United ?States. It could also be held in a European country," Zelenskiy told reporters in a WhatsApp media chat.

He added: "This meeting could take place in one of the Middle Eastern countries. The United States has consistently mentioned the United Arab Emirates or Saudi Arabia."

Zelenskiy said Ukrainian negotiators had spoken to US officials on Friday but gave no other details. He also said that Europe needed its own track for talks with Russia, with which relations are strained by Moscow's war in Ukraine.

US President Donald Trump has declined to impose tougher sanctions on Russia over the ?more than four-year-old war, and Zelenskiy has criticised Trump for lifting sanctions on Russian diesel exports.

Zelenskiy said the Ukrainian military was unable to use its interceptors against Russian drone attacks because of speed restrictions placed on services provided by satellite company Starlink.

"Today, our interceptor drones are not operating because of speed ?limitations," Zelenskiy said.

He said Ukraine had been told that the speed restrictions had been caused by technical issues but that tests of Starlink on the territory of the European Union had shown there were ?no such issues there.

Trump said on Friday he did not think either he or Elon Musk - whose company SpaceX developed the Starshield system used by Ukraine's military - was responsible for Ukraine ?losing Starlink access in a way that affected its military operations against Russia.

The reduction in services provided by the satellite company interrupted communications with headquarters and caused internet speeds to drop..

UAE agrees with Saudi Arabia to re-enter Yemen conflict



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UAE

United Arab Emirates will reportedly resume payments to Yemeni forces as gains by Iran-backed Houthi fighters alarm Gulf state rulers

The United Arab Emirates has agreed to re-enter the Yemen conflict by resuming payments to some government forces fighting Iran-aligned Houthis in the south, according to sources in Yemen.

In return, Saudi Arabia has agreed to provide air cover for the anti-Houthi force.

The new cooperation agreement is the first tangible sign that the deep rift between the UAE and Saudi Arabia over Yemen's future is starting to be healed – if only because the advance by Houthi forces across Yemen has alarmed all the rival Gulf state rulers.

Saudi Arabia is facing daily drone and missile attacks and is struggling to maintain an atmosphere of normality, as Houthi strikes immobilise its airports and some of its energy infrastructure.

Southern forces – mainly in the Giant Brigades – were previously trained and funded by the UAE, and are regarded as some of the most effective in the disjointed anti-Houthi military coalition. But the UAE quit operations inside Yemen in January, cutting off its funding supply line.

Neither Saudi Arabia nor the UAE have responded to a demand this week by southern Yemen separatists for a referendum on secession, a move that would restore the 1967-1990 borders, when Yemen was two separate states.



Egypt's Sisi seeks parliament's backing to help defend Saudi Arabia if asked

▪ Says Egypt ready to defend Saudi Arabia if asked, as Houthi attacks on kingdom escalate

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CAIRO

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said that Egypt would take any measures necessary to defend Saudi Arabia if asked, ?amid escalating Houthi attacks on the kingdom, and parliament announced ?an emergency session on Sunday.

"It is inconceivable that we would allow Saudi Arabia, its security or stability to be harmed," Sisi said at a graduation ceremony ?at the Egyptian Military Academy. He said Egypt was not seeking ?to attack anyone, but was prepared to act in defence.

Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis have in recent days attacked Riyadh's international airport and the ?state oil giant Saudi Aramco, amid renewed fighting with the Saudi-backed forces of ?the internationally recognised government following the collapse of a truce.

Sisi said Egypt would act in accordance with guidance from Saudi King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin ?Salman, who visited Sisi on September 15, after fighting in Yemen reignited, ?to discuss issues including security and navigation in the Red Sea.

"I know this requires ?the ?approval of the Egyptian parliament, and I ask that an emergency session be held so that it can give us that authorisation if we are asked," Sisi said.

Shortly after he spoke, parliament said it would ?hold a plenary session at 1pm (1000 GMT) on Sunday in response to the request, though it did not disclose the agenda.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia are close strategic and economic partners. Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Gulf states provided Egypt with billions of dollars in aid, central-bank deposits and investments after the military ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

Egypt also joined the Saudi-led coalition that intervened in 2015 to support the Yemeni government against the Houthis.

19 dead, 25 hurt in stampede at India religious gathering

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KOLKATA



At least 19 people were killed and two dozen more injured in eastern India after a stampede that occurred during sudden rainfall at a Hindu religious gathering, officials and Indian media said.

West Bengal's Chief Minister Suvendhu Adhikari told reporters the fatalities included a seven-year-old girl, adding that 25 other people were injured outside a pavilion "in a stampede" at the Hindu festival of Durga Puja in the city of Kolkata.

"Six bodies have so far been identified," Adhikari said. A senior police official at the scene told AFP an announcement caused "commotion" after it started raining at night and the "crowd waiting outside the pandal (pavilion) was pushing, pulling and rushing forward and fell on the ground, leading to the stampede."

Afterwards medics were seen moving injured people on stretchers, including a police officer, into a local hospital. Several relatives of victims cried and held one another as they mourned the loss of loved ones.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the tragedy in a short statement on Facebook. "The stampede in Kolkata is saddening.

Riyadh reports fresh drone interceptions as Cairo considers steps to defend kingdom

■ The interceptions came as Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said he was willing to "carry out any measure to protect" Saudi Arabia if its leaders requested it

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Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia said on Saturday that it had intercepted a fresh wave of drones, as its ally Egypt weighed helping the kingdom defend against repeated attacks by Yemen's Houthis.

Riyadh leads a military coalition supporting Yemen's internationally recognised government in its war against the Houthis. A military spokesman for the Iran-backed group said on Saturday that dozens of Saudi strikes over the past day had killed and wounded "numerous" people.

Since Yemen's conflict flared up again in July after a years-long hiatus, Saudi Arabia has faced sustained Houthi missile and drone attacks targeting its oil installations, tankers and transit hubs, including an attack on Riyadh's airport last week that killed 13 people.



A spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition said on Saturday that it had "intercepted and destroyed four drones over the past few hours in the regions of Riyadh, the Eastern Province, and the South".

The interceptions came as Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said he was willing to "carry out any measure to protect" Saudi Arabia if its leaders requested it.

Sisi said Egypt was not seeking to intervene in regional wars but added that it was "inconceivable" for Cairo to stand by while the kingdom was "harmed or its security and stability threatened".

"I'm not talking about fighting anyone or attacking anyone," he said. "We are speaking only about defence."

Although Egypt is a member of the anti-Houthi coalition, its role has largely focused on Red Sea maritime security rather than the fighting in Yemen.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia have historically close relations and strategic economic ties.

Egypt's parliament will hold an emergency session on Sunday at Sisi's request.

The repeated Houthi strikes have prompted foreign embassies to warn their citizens against using Saudi airports or travelling to the kingdom altogether.

Saudi Arabia's Education Ministry on Saturday announced an extension of remote learning measures for students in Riyadh and nearby Diriyah.

Saudi Arabia has accused Iran of encouraging the Houthis' recent escalation, a charge Tehran denies.

Albanian anti-government protesters clash with police in Tirana

● The protest turned violent when a group of young people wearing masks hurled rocks at riot police, who responded with stun grenades, tear gas and a water cannon

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TIRANA

Thousands of young Albanians gathered outside the Education Ministry in the centre of the capital Tirana on Saturday on the fifth day of a growing student-led movement to force Prime Minister Edi Rama to resign.

The protest turned violent when a group of young people wearing masks hurled rocks at riot police, who responded with stun grenades, tear gas and a water cannon.

Demonstrations over corruption and a lack of jobs have begun spreading throughout Albania. In Tirana this week, protesters smashed windows, set alight government buildings and clashed with police.

Police figures showed that 500 protesters had been detained ?so far, 330 of whom were released.

Some 120 police and 45 protesters were registered as injured, although many injuries to protesters are likely to have gone unrecorded.

The unrest is emerging as the biggest threat to Rama, who has governed since 2013 and won a fourth term in elections last year.

It follows months of largely peaceful protests triggered by plans to build a luxury resorton Albania's pristine southern coastline, backed by investors including US President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

Villagers told Reuters in July that their land had been wrongfully sold for the development. Reuters later reported that the man who sold the land was wanted by prosecutors on suspicion of drug trafficking, accusations his lawyer denied.

Reuters found no evidence of wrongdoing by Kushner, who is not directly involved in the villagers' dispute.

Rama's administration has been dogged by corruption scandals and analysts say Albania is a hub for gangs seeking to launder money from drugs and weapons trafficking, complicating its efforts to join the EU.



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Legendary comedian Umer Sharif remembered on death anniversary

■ Umer Sharif's popular dramas include the famous comedy drama Bakra Qastoon Par, released in 1989, Badha Ghar Par Hai, Meri Bhi To Eid Karade, Mama Mojak Mat Karo and

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KARACHI



Pakistani actress Laila has revealed that the chance to win the trophy and prize money, along with the opportunity to revive her career, motivated her to join reality show Tamasha.

Recalling how the idea first came to her, Laila said she decided to consider participating after learning about the show and its winning prize.

She discussed the plan with fellow actress Meera, who encouraged her to take part.

Laila said she kept waiting for the opportunity throughout the year and regularly followed up.

About a month before the show began, she finally received a call, discussed her conditions and confirmed her participation.

For Laila, the show was about more than the financial reward.

After spending years away from regular work, she wanted to return to the spotlight and introduce herself to a younger generation of viewers who might not be familiar with her earlier career.

She believes the experience helped her reconnect with the public and win a place in viewers' hearts.

Her appearance also drew support from Meera, who publicly encouraged fans to vote for Laila and praised her hard work and determination.



Kubra Khan Impresses Fans with Glamorous Appearance at Samsung Pakistan Event

■ Pakistani actress draws social media attention with her elegant black outfit; photographs shared by Showbiz and

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KARACHI

Pakistani actress Kubra Khan has attracted attention on social media with her elegant and glamorous appearance at a recent event hosted by Samsung Pakistan.

Images from the occasion have generated interest among entertainment followers, with the actress's stylish look becoming a talking point among fans. Her appearance was highlighted in a post shared by Showbiz and Newz on social media platform X, featuring photographs of the actress attending the event.

Kubra Khan appeared glamorous at the gathering, drawing attention for her fashion choice and confident presence. The photographs added to the online conversation surrounding the actress, whose public appearances and style often interest her followers.

The event brought together the worlds of entertainment and technology, reflecting a growing trend among major brands of inviting well-known celebrities to promotional events and public gatherings. Such occasions provide companies with opportunities to connect with wider audiences, while giving celebrities a platform to engage with fans beyond their work on television and film.

Kubra Khan is one of Pakistan's well-known television and film actresses. Over the years, she has built a strong following through her performances in popular drama serials and her presence in the entertainment industry.

She has appeared in several recognised television productions, including Noor Jahan, Alif and Hum Kahan Ke Sachay Thay. Her work in these dramas has helped establish her as a familiar face among Pakistani television audiences.

Apart from her acting career, Kubra Khan's fashion choices and appearances at public events frequently attract interest. Social media platforms have become an important space where fans follow celebrities' professional activities, share photographs and discuss their latest appearances.

Her latest appearance at the Samsung Pakistan event once again highlighted the attention celebrities can receive through brand engagements. Photographs shared online can quickly reach audiences beyond the event itself, generating discussions among entertainment enthusiasts and followers.

Netizens applaud Amar Khan's powerful performance in 'Mitti De Baway'

■ In the scene, Zarina, dressed in black, stands near a wooden door while holding a framed photograph of a couple.

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ISLAMABAD



Amar Khan is receiving praise for her emotionally charged performance as Zarina in Mitti De Baway, with viewers highlighting a heartbreaking scene in which the actress expresses her character's grief through a Punjabi song.

In the scene, Zarina, dressed in black, stands near a wooden door while holding a framed photograph of a couple.

As she looks at the picture and sings, the pain in her eyes and the sorrow in her expressions bring the character's emotional struggle to the forefront.

The clip has drawn appreciation from viewers in the comments section, where fans continue to applaud Amar's acting.

One viewer called her performance "on next level" and praised the way she sang the Punjabi song with visible pain in her eyes.

Another viewer, expressed admiration with the comment, "Amar Khan's acting Oh My God!"

Amar Khan has built her career across acting, writing and filmmaking.

A graduate of Beaconhouse National University in Lahore, she began by working on short films before moving into television acting.

She made her acting debut in the short film Chashm-e-Num in 2017 and gained wider recognition through the supernatural drama Belapur Ki Dayan in 2018.

She later appeared in projects including Ghughi, Dil-e-Gumshuda and Qayamat.

Alongside acting, Amar has pursued writing and developed projects of her own.

She made her feature film debut with Dum Mastam in 2022, in which she starred opposite Imran Ashraf and also contributed as a writer.



Salman Khan recalls sensing an unseen presence in his bedroom

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INDIA

Bollywood actor Salman Khan has recalled unusual experiences from his youth, saying he often felt the presence of something mysterious in his bedroom at his Mumbai residence.The actor shared the account during an appearance on filmmaker Karan Johar's talk show Koffee with Karan season nine.

Recalling his experiences at Galaxy Apartments, Salman said he never slept alone in his bedroom because he could hear sounds suggesting someone was present, although he never saw anyone.

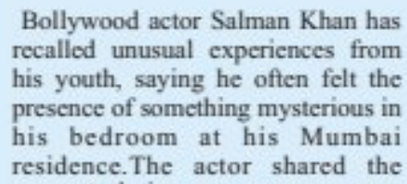
He said the lights would flicker, cupboards would open on their own and the music system would start playing whenever he left the room.

The actor also recalled feeling that someone was outside when he was in the bathroom, as though an unseen presence was moving things around near the cupboards.

Describing the incidents, Salman said they led him to believe that something or someone was present in the room, although he could not identify what it was.

When Karan asked whether he believed the room was haunted, the actor clarified that he did not necessarily interpret the experience as supernatural or paranormal. However, he said he had a persistent feeling that an unseen presence was there.

Simi Raheal recalls facing catcalls in her youth



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LAHORE

Veteran Pakistani actress Simi Raheal has recalled how she faced catcalls and whistles in public even when wearing simple clothes such as jeans and a T-shirt in her younger old days.

Speaking about her experiences, the actress recalled walking for hours during winter, including around areas near the National College of Arts (NCA) and GOR-1.

She said people would sometimes whistle or pass comments, but generally did so from a distance.

According to Simi, the situation was different when it came to physical harassment.

She look back on that sayig people were less likely to dare to touch a woman in public, as others nearby would intervene and catch the person responsible.

She attributed this response to a sense of fear, shame and ghairat (a concept associated with honour and moral responsibility) which, in her view, discouraged people from crossing certain boundaries.

Her recollections have renewed discussion about women's safety in public spaces and the way society responds to harassment.

Kubra Khan Captivates Fans with Glamorous Black Look at Samsung Pakistan Event

■ Pakistani actress draws social media attention with her elegant appearance as fans praise her style and fashion sense

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ISLAMABAD



Pakistani actress Kubra Khan has attracted considerable attention on social media following her elegant and glamorous appearance at a recent event hosted by Samsung Pakistan.

The actress's photographs from the event have been circulating online, drawing interest from fans and entertainment followers who appreciated her stylish appearance. Her look quickly became a talking point, adding to the online buzz surrounding the popular television and film star.

A post shared by Showbiz and Newz on social media platform X featured Kubra Khan attending the event in a glamorous black outfit. The images highlighted her elegant style and confident appearance, prompting renewed interest in her fashion choices and public engagements.

Kubra Khan is among Pakistan's recognised entertainment personalities, having established a strong presence in the television and film industry through her performances in several popular drama serials. Over the years, she has earned appreciation from audiences for her acting abilities and screen presence, while her public appearances have also attracted considerable attention.

The actress has appeared in a number of well-known television productions, including Noor Jahan, Alif and Hum Kahan Ke Sachay Thay. Her work across different projects has helped her build a substantial following among viewers, making her a familiar name in Pakistan's entertainment industry.

Her appearance at the Samsung Pakistan event brought together the entertainment and technology sectors, reflecting the growing trend of major brands inviting celebrities to promotional activities and public gatherings. Such events provide companies with opportunities to connect with wider audiences through familiar public figures, while offering celebrities additional platforms to engage with their fans.



A 15-member cultural delegation from Bangladesh arrived in Islamabad on Friday for a four-day visit aimed at strengthening cultural ties and promoting artistic cooperation between Pakistan and Bangladesh after a gap of 30 years.

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Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by 37 runs in ODI tri-series opener

● Salman Ali Agha scores 107, skipper Shaheen Afirdi picks three wickets

SPORTS REPORTER

RAWALPINDI



Salman Ali Agha's century and a clinical bowling performance guided Pakistan to a 37-run win over Sri Lanka in the opening match of the ODI tri-nation series at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Chasing a target of 306, Sri Lanka were bowled out for 268 in 48.1 overs as Pakistan's bowlers, led by captain Shaheen Afridi, delivered an impressive performance.

Sri Lanka lost Avishka Fernando for five in the sixth over after a 30-run opening stand with Kamindu Mendis.

Skipper Kusal Mendis joined Kamindu, but their 36-run partnership ended when Faheem Ashraf dismissed Kusal for 18, leaving Sri Lanka at 66-2. Kamindu scored 44 off 50 deliveries before Shaheen removed him, then struck again to dismiss Sahan Arachchige for three as Sri Lanka slipped to 91-4.

Pavan Rathnayake and Janith Liyanage revived the innings with a Rathnayake registered his maiden ODI half-century and went on to score 79 off 74 deliveries, including six fours and two sixes, before Faheem broke the stand.

Liyanage continued the fight, reaching Dasun Shanaka added quick runs. Their 43-run partnership ended when Haris Rauf dismissed Liyanage for 60 off 74 balls, including five boundaries, leaving Sri Lanka at 253-6.

Shaheen then removed Shanaka for 28 and a six, further denting Sri Lanka's hopes.

Naseem Shah dismissed Sachindu Colombage for one, while Eshan Malinga was run out for two following a mix-up between the batters.

Chwalinska fights back to win Wuhan Open in title breakthrough

● Maja Chwalinska pulled off an impressive comeback to defeat Britain's Sonay Kartal 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 and claim the first tour-level title of her career at the Wuhan Open on Sunday.

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ISLAMABAD



Maja Chwalinska pulled off an impressive comeback to defeat Britain's Sonay Kartal 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 and claim the first tour-level title of her career at the Wuhan Open on Sunday.

The Polish 16th seed trailed by a set and a break before she turned things around to become just the fourth player to win her maiden tour-level title at a WTA1000 event.

She joins Naomi Osaka (2018 Indian Wells), Bianca Andreescu (2019 Indian Wells) and Victoria Mboko (2025 Montreal) in that exclusive club.

The 25-year-old Chwalinska started the year ranked 146 in the world and provided one of the biggest surprises of the season when she reached the French Open final as a qualifier in June.

The talented lefty will now rise to a career-high No.11 in the world, making her top-20 debut when the new rankings are released on Monday. Kartal, who was contesting her second tour event back from a six-month hiatus due to a spinal stress fracture, entered Wuhan ranked 170 in the world but will return to the top 50 after reaching the first WTA 1000 final of her career.

The first set was one-way traffic, with Kartal dictating play with heavy hitting from the baseline and Chwalinska scrambling to defend from all corners of the court.

It took three breaks of serve and 45 minutes to give Kartal a one-set lead and send her closer to the biggest title of her career.

Chwalinska found her legs in the second set and began to put pressure on the Kartal serve by employing the methods that helped her knock out her compatriot Iga Swiatek in the semi-finals: extending the rallies, running down every ball, and mixing things up with her smooth touch.

Despite saving 10 out of 13 break points and holding a 2-0 advantage early in the frame, Kartal surrendered the second set after 71 minutes.

Kartal ran out of steam in the decider as Chwalinska broke twice to secure the trophy on her third championship point after a gruelling two hours and 43 minutes.

Haaland stars in Man City win, Liverpool beat Brentford

SPORTS Desk

ISLAMABAD

Erling Haaland starred with a double as Premier League leaders Manchester City beat Ipswich 3-2, while Liverpool came from behind to seal a 2-1 win at Brentford

City are in turmoil off the pitch after being found guilty of more than 100 breaches of Premier League financial rules.

On the grass, they have made a perfect start, with seven successive league victories marking their best opening to a Premier League season.

City, who are appealing against the guilty verdict after branding it a "Premier League conspiracy", sit six points clear of champions Arsenal.

Second-placed Arsenal can close the gap with a win at Nottingham Forest on Sunday.

With City potentially facing a massive points deduction or even expulsion from the top flight if their appeal fails, it remains to be seen whether their results will even matter by the end of the season.

For now, Enzo Maresca's side are in fine form after bouncing back from their midweek loss to Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League. There was a defiant mood at the Etihad Stadium, where City fans booed the Premier League anthem before kick-off, while thousands waved inflatable bananas to underline their commitment to the club regardless of its plight.

Phil Foden put Maresca's men ahead in the 19th minute with a sharp turn and finish after Jeremy Doku's incisive run prised open the Ipswich defence.

Foden's first goal this season was followed by an Ipswich equaliser in the 21st minute when Daizen Maeda evaded Marc Guehi to fire home.

Haaland restored City's lead in the 34th minute with a pinpoint header from Mateo Kovacic's cross.

Haaland killed off Ipswich in the 69th minute, sprinting onto Iliman Ndiaye's pass and steering his shot past Ipswich goalkeeper Christian Walton.

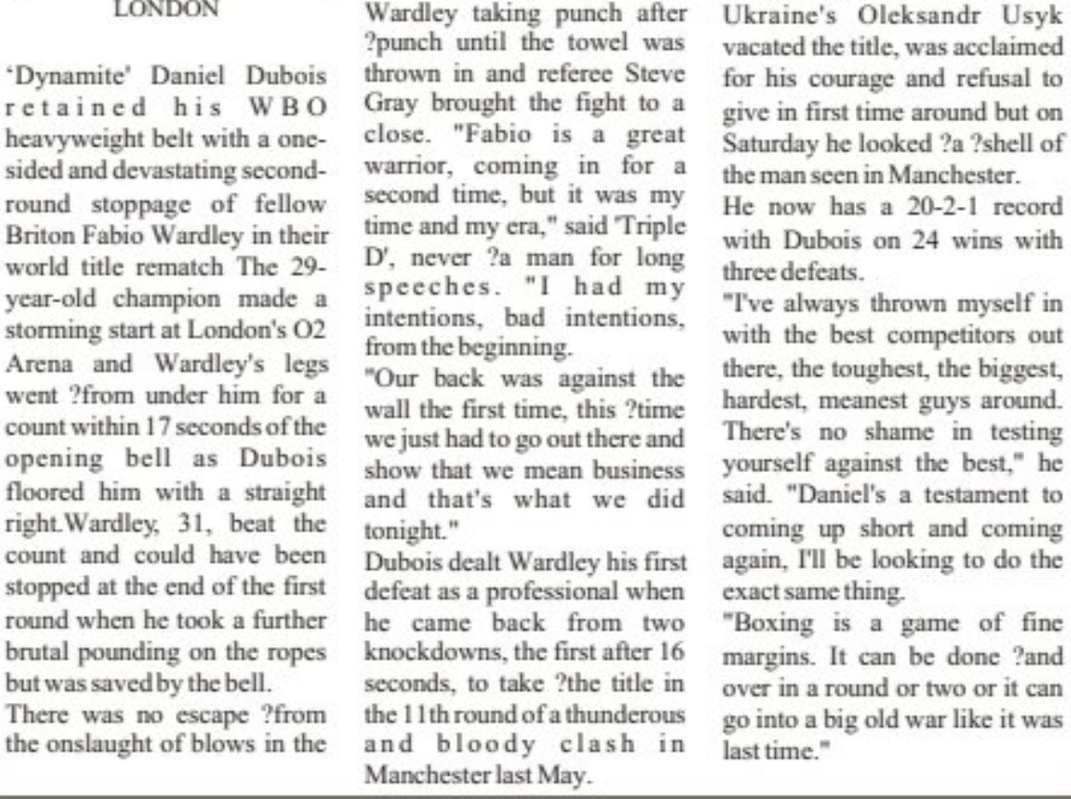
Zian Flemming's 90th-minute penalty, awarded for a foul by Guehi, set up a tense finale but City held on.

"Very happy with today's game; we controlled it for 95 minutes. We create chances, we score. We finish a little bit suffering together, but overall, it is good," Maresca said.



Dubois defeats Wardley in short order to retain WBO heavyweight title

■ Daniel Dubois retained his WBO heavyweight title with a dominant second-round stoppage of Fabio Wardley in their rematch in London, as Filip Hrgovic challenged him to a unification fight.



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LONDON

'Dynamite' Daniel Dubois retained his WBO heavyweight belt with a one-sided and devastating second-round stoppage of fellow Briton Fabio Wardley in their world title rematch The 29-year-old champion made a storming start at London's O2 Arena and Wardley's legs went ?from under him for a count within 17 seconds of the opening bell as Dubois floored him with a straight right.Wardley, 31, beat the count and could have been stopped at the end of the first round when he took a further brutal pounding on the ropes but was saved by the bell.

There was no escape ?from the onslaught of blows in the second with Dubois picking up where he left off and Wardley taking punch after ?punch until the towel was thrown in and referee Steve Gray brought the fight to a close. "Fabio is a great warrior, coming in for a second time, but it was my time and my era," said 'Triple D', never ?a man for long speeches. "I had my intentions, bad intentions, from the beginning.

"Our back was against the wall the first time, this ?time we just had to go out there and show that we mean business and that's what we did tonight."

Dubois dealt Wardley his first defeat as a professional when he came back from two knockdowns, the first after 16 seconds, to take ?the title in the 11th round of a thunderous and bloody clash in Manchester last May.

Wardley, promoted to WBO champion last November after Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk vacated the title, was acclaimed for his courage and refusal to give in first time around but on Saturday he looked ?a ?shell of the man seen in Manchester.

He now has a 20-2-1 record with Dubois on 24 wins with three defeats.

"I've always thrown myself in with the best competitors out there, the toughest, the biggest, hardest, meanest guys around. There's no shame in testing yourself against the best," he said. "Daniel's a testament to coming up short and coming again, I'll be looking to do the exact same thing.

"Boxing is a game of fine margins. It can be done ?and over in a round or two or it can go into a big old war like it was last time."



Horse racing- Loughnane becomes Britain's youngest champion jockey since 1923

Web Desk

ISLAMABAD

Ireland's Billy Loughnane was crowned Britain's champion jockey at Ascot on Saturday, making the 20-year-old the youngest rider to win the title in more than a century.

Loughnane beat fellow Irishman and five-time champion Oisin Murphy, 31, to ?become the youngest winner since Charlie Elliott in 1923.

Nearly four years ago when I was going up to Newcastle for my first ride, my aim then was just to ?have a few winners really," Loughnane said on ?a ?Great British Racing media call earlier this week.

"If anyone had said that day that four years ?later I'd ?be ?where I am now I'd have said they ?were absolutely crazy."

The 20-year-old, who ?has ?recorded more than 220 victories this year, will now turn his ?sights ?to Gordon Richards' ?1947 record of 269 winners in a calendar ?year.



Chelsea's Martinez undergoes surgery after collision at Everton

Web Desk

ISLAMABAD

Emi Martinez has undergone surgery following ?his collision with Everton's Jarrad Branthwaite, the Chelsea goalkeeper said on Sunday, after his club's 2-0 Premier League victory.

Pedro Neto's double on Saturday at the Hill Dickinson Stadium ended Everton's unbeaten start to the league season, but Chelsea's victory was overshadowed by the lengthy ?injury stoppage in the second half.

Martinez and Branthwaite came together when Everton's ?Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall whipped a free kick into the box and, although ?the defender was back on his feet after treatment, the Argentina goalkeeper required treatment ?from paramedics.

The 34-year-old was eventually strapped to a stretcher and carried off the field ?before being taken to hospital with a concussion, as Argentine media reported he had suffered a jaw injury in the collision.

Martinez, wearing a hospital gown, posted on social media early on Sunday: "Thanks ?to everyone for the messages. The operation went well.



PCB to observe Breast Cancer Awareness Day during Pakistan-England ODI on 25th

WEB DESK

ISLAMABAD

Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium will turn pink on Sunday, 25 October, when Pakistan take on England in the fourth ODI of the tri-series also involving Sri Lanka, as the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) observes Breast Cancer Awareness Day as part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives,

According to a PCB statement released in Lahore on Sunday, the initiative, being organised as part of Pinktober, the global Breast Cancer Awareness Month, aims to highlight the importance of early detection, regular screening and timely treatment while encouraging greater awareness of the disease across the country.

As part of the campaign, Pakistan Men's cricket team will wear specially designed pink kits during the ODI to demonstrate solidarity with breast cancer patients and survivors. England cricket team, match officials and commentators will also be invited to wear pink ribbons in support of the cause.

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Making Punjab hub of livestock is govt's priority: CM Maryam

NEWS DESK

LAHORE

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has said that making the province a hub of livestock in the region is her government's goal.

In a statement, CM Maryam Nawaz said the Punjab Government wants to link the livestock farmers with national exporters and international websites.

Meanwhile, 400,000 cattle were raised in one year, earning profit of a billion rupees to the livestock farmers. Through the Chief Minister' Livestock Card, every farmer in getting a profit worth twenty-seven thousand rupees on every animal.

The livestock export of Punjab has risen by forty-three percent as nearly one hundred thirty thousand cattle were exported through Livestock Card.

India and banned action committee exposed for exploiting human rights

● Intelligence sources said India's High Commission in London coordinated with a banned action committee and a UK-based rights group to promote an anti-Pakistan narrative.

STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Intelligence sources have said that India's High Commission in London and a banned action committee coordinated activities to promote an anti-Pakistan narrative under the guise of human rights.

According to the sources, the Indian High Commission in London contacted the banned action committee in April 2026 as part of an alleged coordinated plan. In June, Indian High Commission official Pramod Khemchandani reportedly met Zaka Jacob of Indian broadcaster Times Now in London.

The sources claimed that the meeting discussed launching an operation through a new organisation to promote unrest in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and publicise the narrative of the banned Joint Action Committee.

On June 24, 2026, the Indian High Commission allegedly prepared individuals identified as Azhar Ahmed, Yasir Shafaat and Dr Ishtiaq Khaliq to foment unrest in Azad Kashmir, the sources claimed.



Zaka Jacob was reportedly assigned the task of promoting the alleged anti-Pakistan narrative through extensive media coverage.

The sources further alleged that the Indian High Commission made 17 WhatsApp calls to the three individuals during June as part of the alleged operation.

On July 30, 2026, the Jammu Kashmir Human Rights Observatory (JKHRO) was registered in the United Kingdom, according to the account provided by the sources.

The sources also claimed that the banned action committee published several social media posts in June depicting conditions in Rawalakot and other parts of Azad Kashmir in a misleading manner while calling on the international community to take immediate action.

They alleged that JKHRO subsequently issued reports echoing the committee's narrative and that media outlets, including The Independent, Times Now and Kashmir Times, further circulated its claims through their reporting.

The sources questioned the organisation's credibility, describing it as newly established, and alleged that its registration documents named Pramod Khemchandani, an official associated with the Indian High Commission.

They said the alleged connection between the official and the organisation raised questions about the group's formation and its activities.

LHC Chief Justice opens Punjab's first dedicated room for gender-based violence survivors in Vehari

● The initiative aims to provide a safe and private environment for survivors, alongside new facilities for lawyers and court visitors across Punjab.

SPECIAL REPORTER

LAHORE

Lahore High Court (LHC) Chief Justice Justice Aalia Neelum has inaugurated Punjab's first dedicated room for survivors of gender-based violence at a court facility in Vehari, marking an initiative aimed at making the judicial system more accessible and sensitive to the needs of victims.

The specially designated room is intended to provide survivors with a safe, calm and supportive environment where they can explain their complaints and concerns without fear. Particular attention will be given to their privacy and protection, allowing them to discuss sensitive matters in a more secure setting.



The inauguration was part of a series of judicial infrastructure and welfare initiatives launched during Justice Aalia Neelum's visits to Pakpattan, Vehari, Arifwala, Mailsi and Burewala.

The projects introduced across the judicial centres include e-libraries, dedicated rooms for women lawyers, daycare centres, modern waiting areas and facilitation centres for people visiting courts.

The e-libraries established in Pakpattan and Vehari are intended to improve lawyers' access to legal research materials and judicial judgments. The facilities are expected to support legal research and help practitioners access information needed for court proceedings.

Dedicated rooms for women lawyers and daycare centres are also among the measures aimed at improving their professional working environment and helping them manage their responsibilities. Meanwhile, modern waiting areas and facilitation centres are designed to provide litigants and other court visitors with more comfortable surroundings and easier access to services.

The dedicated room for gender-based violence survivors in Vehari forms part of these efforts, with its emphasis on privacy and security addressing the particular needs of people reporting abuse.



Several KP schools declared dilapidated after deadly Peshawar school collapse

■ Preliminary inspection reports had identified deteriorating school buildings and classrooms in several KP districts

SPECIAL REPORTER

PESHAWAR

Several government schools across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been found in a dilapidated condition during inspections launched after a deadly roof collapse at a private school in Peshawar that killed 34 people, including 32 children and two female teachers.

The provincial education department said preliminary inspection reports had identified deteriorating school buildings and classrooms in several districts, following the circulation of videos highlighting their poor condition on social media.

According to the department, four of the six classrooms at a government school in Badal, Buner, have been declared dilapidated. In Charsadda, 15 of the 20 classrooms across three government schools were also found to be in poor condition.

In Lower Dir, the buildings of three government boys' schools were declared unfit for use, while both classrooms at a government school in Bami Banda, Karak, were found to be dilapidated.

The inspection reports further identified four of the five classrooms at two government schools in Lakki Marwat as being in poor condition. In Mardan, four of the 15 classrooms across two government schools were also declared dilapidated.

In Dera Ismail Khan, all 25 classrooms across two government schools were reported to be in a dilapidated condition. Meanwhile, the buildings of three government girls' schools in Haripur were also declared completely dilapidated.

The education department said the initial data had been compiled using videos shared on social media after the provincial government appealed to citizens to highlight schools in need of urgent repairs.

The inspection drive follows the collapse of a private school building in Peshawar's Dir Colony three days ago. The incident killed 32 children and two female teachers, while more than 40 children were injured. The school owner was subsequently arrested.

Five suspected human traffickers arrested in Karachi's Surjani Town

■ Sindh Rangers and West District police arrest five suspects in Karachi over alleged human trafficking, saying they moved around 230 undocumented Afghans to the city in a month.

Staff Reporter

KARACHI

Sindh Rangers and West District police arrested five suspects allegedly involved in interprovincial human trafficking during a joint operation in Karachi's Surjani Town.

According to a Sindh Rangers spokesperson, the suspects transported undocumented Afghan nationals from Hub to Karachi and also arranged temporary accommodation for them in Hub.

The arrested suspects were identified as Abdul Aziz Brohi, Muhammad Bakhsh Dashti, Ali Hassan Brohi, Nadeem Brohi and Jameel Brohi.



Weapons, drugs and a Suzuki loader vehicle were recovered from their possession, the spokesperson said.

The suspects allegedly used unpaved routes through Manghopir, Bund Murad, Surjani and the Northern Bypass to evade arrest.

According to Rangers, they charged approximately Rs2 million to transport a family to Karachi. The suspects reportedly disclosed that they had moved around 230 undocumented Afghan nationals to the city in a single month.

The spokesperson said small vehicles and motorcycles were also used for human trafficking, adding that raids were underway to arrest the suspects' accomplices.

The spokesperson further revealed that a similar group had also helped transport suspects involved in terrorist attacks from Balochistan to Karachi.

Sharjeel Memon wants Fazl to take 'unambiguous' stance against terrorism

NEWS DESK

KARACHI



Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Memon has said disappointing statements are being heard from an experienced politician like Maulana Fazlur Rehman, adding Maulana himself faced terrorism.

Sharjeel Memon said that his party has suffered at the hands of terrorists, and he hopes that Maulana Fazlur Rehman will take an 'unambiguous' stance against terrorism.

He said that PTI lost its government by having a soft corner for terrorists, the blood of innocent people kept flowing, young men kept getting martyred and the founder of PTI kept talking about opening offices for terrorists.

The senior provincial minister added that PTI is facing the consequences of its own decisions today.

Earlier, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has said that the provincial government can be formed and run without Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, expressing disappointment over the latter's recent speech and disagreeing with his stance on the imposition of governor's rule in the province.

Talking to the media in Peshawar, Kundi said he was deeply disappointed with Maulana Fazlur Rehman's speech delivered a day earlier, adding that he had not expected such remarks from a senior politician.



A roadside vendor displays caps to attract customers at his stall

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