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Justice Munib Akhtar takes oath as acting CJP

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Justice Munib Akhtar has taken oath as the acting chief justice of Pakistan (CJP), assuming the responsibilities of the country's top judicial office during the absence of Chief Justice Yahya Afridi. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar administered the oath to Justice Munib Akhtar at a ceremony held at the Supreme Court Judges' Block.The oath-taking ceremony was attended by Supreme Court judges, law officers and members of the court staff.

Justice Munib Akhtar will perform the duties of acting chief justice while CJP Yahya Afridi is on an official visit to South Korea from October 27 to November 4.



PTI yet to make up its mind on 28th Amendment, says Barrister Gohar

CITY REPORTER

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PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said on Wednesday that the party's stance on the 28th Amendment was still not clear,

Speaking to reporters in Islamabad, he said that the PTI wanted that any legislation should be reflective of aspirations of the masses and not controversial. He said that the party wanted immediate lifting of the governor's rule and emergency in KP. Barrister Gohar said that now when governor's rule had been imposed in the province, arrests and persecution of the party leaders and workers must stop. "PTI has roots in the people of Pakistan," he said, adding that the party respected the state institutions and did not want any confrontation with them.



Trump threatens post-election military campaign against Iran

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The United States President Donald Trump has refused to rule out further attacks on Iran after the US midterm elections, while reports suggest Washington and Israel are preparing for another round of major military operations.

According to The Wall Street Journal (WSJ), the US has warned several Gulf Arab countries to prepare for a possible short, intense campaign aimed at weakening Iran and pushing it towards negotiations.

The potential escalation comes as diplomatic efforts to end the conflict remain stalled, the Strait of Hormuz continues to be a central point of contention, and Washington maintains that preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons remains a priority.

Speaking at a campaign rally in Lubbock, Texas, Trump said he could not confirm whether the United States would launch further attacks on Iran after the November 3 midterm elections.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting to review progress on application of Al and digitization of economy in governance and ongoing collaboration with AliBaba group.

Secret to national development lies in AI and digitisation: PM Shehbaz

- Says leveraging partnership with Alibaba Group to provide SMEs access to global markets among govt's top priorities

STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Wednesday that the secret to national development lay in artificial intelligence (AI) and digitisation, stressing the need to accelerate their adoption across key sectors, including agriculture, trade, healthcare and governance.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said that a review meeting on the progress of AI, digitisation in the economy and governance, and cooperation with Alibaba was chaired by the premier in Islamabad.

During the meeting, PM Shehbaz stated that the "secret to national development lay in AI and digitisation", further adding that the effective use of digitalisation, AI, and modern technology played an important role in improving trade, exports, agricultural production, business facilitation, and the quality of government services in Pakistan, the PMO said.The premier further said that during his visit to China, a memorandum of understanding was signed with them at the Alibaba headquarters in Hangzhou.

He underlined that leveraging the strategic partnership between Alibaba Group and the government to provide small and medium enterprises (SMEs) access to global markets and create new opportunities for technology-driven development was among the government's top priorities.

The premier noted that modernising the agricultural sector was essential for national development, and he welcomed Alibaba's cooperation on automation in agriculture and exporting Pakistani agricultural commodities to Chinese markets. PM Shehbaz also stressed the need to translate cooperation with Alibaba into tangible results by ensuring that all projects were implemented with clear targets, timelines and effective monitoring mechanisms, further directing the relevant ministries to complete all necessary measures by November and submit a progress report.



Pakistan, Saudi Arabia Reaffirm Commitment to Stronger Defence

- Islamabad Meeting Focuses on Strategic Partnership, Bilateral Relations and Cooperation in Areas of Mutual Interest

CITY REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral defence cooperation, deepening their strategic partnership and expanding collaboration in areas of mutual interest. The two brotherly countries reiterated their resolve to build upon their longstanding relations, which are rooted in mutual trust, respect and shared interests.Saudi Ambassador to two sides held discussions on matters of mutual interest, bilateral defence relations and ways to further enhance cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.The meeting provided an opportunity for both sides to exchange views on strengthening existing defence ties and exploring avenues for closer collaboration. Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and the Saudi ambassador discussed the importance of maintaining close coordination and continued engagement to further consolidate relations between the two countries.

Pakistan strikes Afghan Taliban posts after deadly cross-border attack in South Waziristan



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Pakistan's armed forces have destroyed multiple Afghan Taliban checkposts in a retaliatory operation after an attack on civilians in South Waziristan's Angoor Adda area by Afghan troops resulted in the death of one person and injured five members of the same family,

Lower South Waziristan Deputy Commissioner said Afghan Taliban forces opened unprovoked fire on the Angoor Adda bazaar and nearby residential areas.

A mortar shell struck the area, martyring one civilian and injuring five others, while several shops were damaged.

The deputy commissioner said Pakistani forces deployed along the border were carrying out an effective and forceful response to the attack.

Security sources said the Pakistan Army swiftly retaliated, destroying several Afghan Taliban checkposts across the border.

They added that the military's response was continuing, with troops prepared to counter any further aggression.

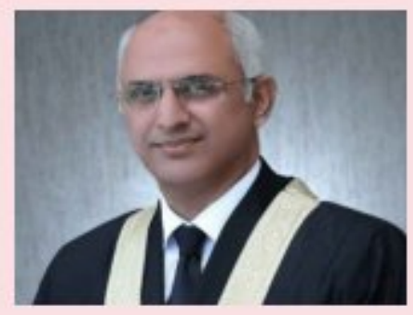
The incident comes amid recurring cross-border violence in the Angoor Adda sector.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani steps down as LHC judge

- Lahore High Court Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani has resigned. He was 10th on the court's seniority list and was due to retire on February 11, 2032.

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Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani resigned as a Lahore High Court judge on Wednesday, citing health concerns and "reasons of conscience" as well as reservations over the 26th and 27th Amendments' impact on judicial independence.

He said his years of judicial service had been among the most meaningful and fulfilling of his life. During his tenure, he had disposed of more than 23,000 cases of various categories, seeking to uphold the Constitution, safeguard fundamental rights and administer justice without fear or favour.

However, Justice Kayani said that, in his considered view, the changes introduced through the 26th and 27th Constitutional Amendments had compromised the independence and institutional integrity of the high courts.

He said he had witnessed what he regarded as growing executive control over judicial institutions, including the appointment and transfer of judges. According to him, such interference had seriously eroded public confidence in judicial independence and the fairness of the judicial process.

Justice Kayani also expressed concern over the plight of ordinary litigants, whom he described as the principal stakeholders in the justice system, saying their suffering continued to deepen.

Security forces kill nine Indian proxy terrorists in Balochistan

- Security forces killed nine suspected Indian-sponsored terrorists in intelligence-based operations in Balochistan's Kachhi and Wadh districts, recovering weapons and ammunition, ISPR said.

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Security forces have killed nine Indian-sponsored terrorists in two separate intelligence-based operations in Balochistan.

Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said an operation was conducted in Kachhi district. During the conduct of operation terrorists hideout was busted by security forces and after an intense fire exchange seven Indian sponsored terrorists were eliminated.

In another IBO in district Wadh, security forces tracked and intercepted terrorist movement and after an intense fire exchange, two Indian sponsored terrorist were killed.

Weapons and ammunition was also recovered during the operations, the military's media wing.

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



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

On Tuesday night, Pakistan's armed forces destroyed several posts of Afghan Taliban after they targeted civilian population, martyring one and injuring five along the Pak–Afghan border in Angoor Adda South Waziristan (Lower).

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Attached issues arrest warrants for Sohail Afridi, others in Radio Pakistan attack case



SPECIAL REPORTER
PESHAWAR

An anti-terrorism court has issued arrest warrants for Sohail Afridi and other suspects in the May 9 Radio Pakistan attack case, according to a written order.

The court's order stated that Special Prosecutor Naumanul Haq Kakakhel had been denotified, while nine suspects in the Radio Pakistan cases remained absconders.

According to the order, the prosecution had submitted a supplementary police challan to the court. The report named Sohail Afridi, Kamran Bangash, Taimur Jhagra, Irfan Saleem and Amir Khan Chamkani, who have not yet been arrested.

The court issued arrest warrants under Section 204 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and adjourned the hearing until November 4.

Legal experts said the court's order authorised police to arrest Sohail Afridi and the other suspects. They said police could arrest Afridi at any time and were responsible for producing the suspects before the court.

According to the experts, pre-trial proceedings would begin once the accused appeared before the court. They added that the court could also remand Afridi to police custody for investigation, while an accused must appear in person to seek bail.

The experts further said that suspects who failed to appear before the court could be declared proclaimed offenders. They warned that such a declaration could carry additional legal consequences, including a possible sentence of up to 10 years, while Afridi could also face disqualification proceedings before the Election Commission.



People gather outside a restaurant on Lajpat Road to receive free food distributed by volunteers.

Imprisoned PTI leaders call for national reconciliation

The statement expressed concern over the 26th and 27th Constitutional A mendments, alleging that they had weakened the judiciary.

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LAHORE



Imprisoned Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders have called for a national reconciliation, respect for the Constitution and the rule of law, warning that political instability and economic challenges are deepening the country's crises,

In a joint statement conveyed through their lawyer, Rana Mudassar Umar, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Dr Yasmin Rashid, Ijaz Chaudhry, Mian Mahmood-ur-Rashid and Umar Sarfraz Cheema criticized the government's policies and alleged that constitutional and democratic institutions were being undermined.

PTI leaders alleged the government was using unlawful measures to sideline the party and its founder, adding that Governor's Rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would not weaken public support for him.

The leaders also noted that the PTI's appeal against governor's rule was scheduled for hearing at the Peshawar High Court on November 10, and stated that the matter should have been taken up earlier.

The statement expressed concern over the 26th and 27th Constitutional Amendments, alleging that they had weakened the judiciary.

PTI leaders recalled Benazir Bhutto and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's sacrifices for democracy and criticized Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, saying his statements contradicted his family's political legacy.

They also raised allegations regarding police conduct and claimed that more than 3,000 people had been killed in encounters involving the Counter Crime Department (CCD) in Punjab.

The PTI leaders further pointed out media freedom and how it is being restricted through the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA).

The statement also highlighted rising inflation, poverty, hunger and declining human development, arguing that higher petrol, gas and electricity prices were adding to public hardships.

It further claimed that political uncertainty and economic difficulties were discouraging domestic and foreign investment.

Calling for a change in approach, the leaders urged the government to pursue dialogue with the opposition and introduce confidence building measures rather than attempting to eliminate political opponents.

Sindh minister orders action against youth 'harassing' people In Karachi

SPECIAL REPORTER
KARACHI



Taking notice of the video showing some youth harassing people by brandishing weapons in South Karachi, Sindh Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar on Wednesday sought a report from the DIG South on the incident, The home minister said that the youth in the video be immediately identified and action be taken against them.

He also ordered that the genuineness of the video should be confirmed and that incident should be thoroughly investigated so that those harassing people could be brought to justice.

However, later in the initial police investigation, it emerged that the video was meant for entertainment purposes and was AI-generated.

DSP Darakhshan, who is investigating the video, said it had been mentioned in the post that it was purely meant for entertainment purposes.

He added that there was also a mention of a café in the video, and the investigators were trying to obtain its CCTV footage.

Federal Minister Inaugurates Regenerative Agriculture Demonstration Block at NARC

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain inaugurated a 10-acre Regenerative-Organic Agriculture Demonstration Block at the National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC), Islamabad, during his visit to review Kharif 2026 progress and the Rabi 2026–27 plans. The initiative, led by Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) Dr. Syed Murtaza Hassan Andrabi and Director General NARC Dr. Muhammad Mansoor, aims to demonstrate climate-smart, resource-efficient and low-cost farming technologies to improve agricultural productivity and farmers' profitability.Federal Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain appreciated the performance and dedication of PARC scientists and emphasized the importance of promoting innovative, climate-smart and resource-efficient agricultural practices to address emerging challenges in the agriculture sector. He acknowledged the significance of research-based initiatives such as the Regenerative-Organic Agriculture Demonstration Block in improving soil health, conserving water, reducing production costs and strengthening farmers' resilience to climate change.The demonstration block comprises four 2.5-acre plots dedicated to cereals, vegetables, oilseeds and legumes, supported by a central fermenter supplying biologically produced agricultural inputs. During the visit, Dr. Muhammad Mansoor briefed the Minister on the potential of regenerative farming to restore soil health, conserve water, improve crop vitality and promote sustainable food production. The Minister also viewed a precision planter developed by NARC's Agricultural Engineering Institute. Chairman PARC highlighted the Council's commitment to translating agricultural research into practical solutions for farmers, while the Minister appreciated the dedication and performance of the scientific community.Regenerative agriculture promotes practices such as minimum tillage, permanent soil cover.



IGFC BALOCHISTAN (NORTH) ASSURES TRADERS OF FULL COOPERATION

SPECIAL REPORTER
QUETTAr

A delegation of the Anjuman Tajran Association Balochistan met with IGFC Balochistan (North), Major General Muhammad Atif Mujtaba. During the meeting, the Anjuman Tajran delegation apprised the IGFC of various issues and difficulties faced by the trade sector in the province.??The IGFC Balochistan (North) assured all possible cooperation to resolve the issues faced by the trade and said that steps would be taken to resolve the issues effectively and timely through mutual communication and cooperation with the relevant institutions. The delegation thanked the IGFC Balochistan (North) for listening to the issues and assuring cooperation to resolve them.

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Tender Fee 3000 PKR and bid Security 3%

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1	CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE BUILDING FOR AC THAL CHUTYALI DISTRICT DUKI 141 Z2026.0603	29,064,039

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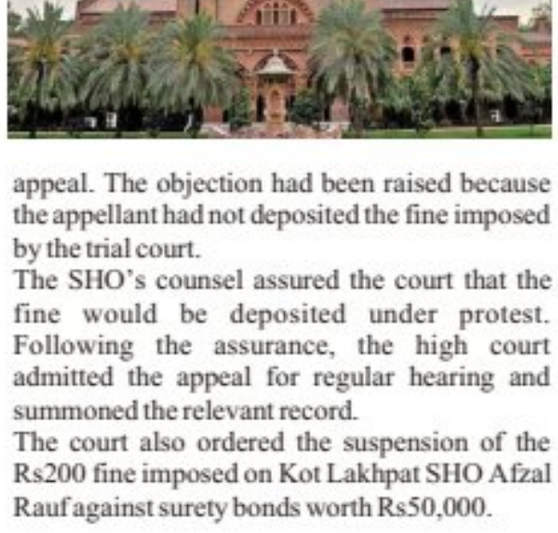
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LHC suspends Rs200 fine on Kot Lakhpat SHO against Rs50,000 surety bonds

SPECIAL REPORTER
LAHORE



The Lahore High Court (LHC) has suspended the Rs200 fine imposed by a trial court on Kot Lakhpat Station House Officer (SHO) Afzal Rauf for failing to produce the case record in a narcotics case.

A two-member bench comprising Justice Sadiq Mehmood Khurram and Justice Jawad Zafar heard an appeal filed by SHO Afzal Rauf. Former Lahore High Court Bar secretary Farrukh Ilyas Cheema presented arguments on behalf of the appellant.

The trial court had imposed a fine of Rs200 on the Kot Lakhpat SHO for failing to produce the record in a narcotics case. Afzal Rauf challenged the penalty before the Lahore High Court.

During the hearing, the court also removed an office objection concerning the filing of the appeal. The objection had been raised because the appellant had not deposited the fine imposed by the trial court.

The SHO's counsel assured the court that the fine would be deposited under protest. Following the assurance, the high court admitted the appeal for regular hearing and summoned the relevant record.

The court also ordered the suspension of the Rs200 fine imposed on Kot Lakhpat SHO Afzal Rauf against surety bonds worth Rs50,000.

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Rs930b Islamic funds curb debt

The federal government has managed to execute an Islamic financing transaction of Rs930 billion to reduce the growing circular debt in the power sector.

At a public hearing held on Tuesday, the officials of Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guarantee (CPPA-G) made the revelation about the Shariah-compliant financing to curb the debt.

CPPA-G requested the power-sector regulator – the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) – to allow the company to file a Multi-Year



Tariff (MYT) petition in the next financial year instead of requiring it to submit the application immediately.

The company pointed out that it had successfully executed Pakistan's largest-ever Islamic financing transaction of Rs930 billion and made settlements, providing critical support for the government's circular debt reduction objectives.

In recognition of the CPPA-G contribution to the circular debt financing initiative, the government of Pakistan conferred Sitara-e-Imtiaz on the company's chief executive officer (CEO) and another official.

The company also informed the public hearing about the initiatives that resulted in a relief of Rs183.4 billion for end-consumers. It cited savings of Rs184.53 billion through the implementation of amended/negotiated settlement agreements, led by a task force, which benefitted consumers through tariff adjustments. It highlighted that the power sector achieved financial stability following the realisation of Rs795 billion in subsidies.

In the petition, the company mentioned that through power purchase agreements, it secured tariff rationalisation and consumer savings via strategic negotiations with wind, solar and nuclear power producers, leading to tariff reductions and a late payment surcharge waiver.

It was pointed out that portfolio scale management and commercial invoicing encompassed 39,936 megawatts of production capacity under 112 active power purchase agreements and energy purchase agreements. During financial year 2025-26, power purchase invoices exceeding Rs3 trillion were processed. "This section provides response to the issues framed by the regulatory authority."

A question was raised regarding whether the grounds provided by CPPA-G for exemption from filing the MYT petition for the subsequent financial year and acceptance of the single-year tariff petition for the current year were justified?

In response, the CPPA-G officials told the public hearing that the company's board had directed the management to undertake a comprehensive exercise based on realistic assumptions, ground realities and future operational and capital expenditure requirements to ensure that the tariff petition accurately reflected the company's legitimate needs and sustainable financial requirements. "Accordingly, the management is diligently working on the directives and expects to complete the necessary assessment for filing the multi-year tariff petition from the next financial year, ie, 2027-28," they said.

In view of the foregoing, the CPPA-G requested the power-sector regulator to allow the company to file the MYT petition in the next financial year instead of requiring it to submit the application immediately, so that a comprehensive, well-founded and realistic petition may be forwarded for consideration of the regulatory authority.

The hearing was further informed that the general establishment cost for financial year 2025-26 was Rs2,524 million, comprising Rs1,627 million for pay and allowances, Rs349 million for employee benefits (provident fund, gratuity, Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution, group life insurance, medical facilities and bonus), Rs199 million for bonus based on the board of directors' approval, Rs32 million for training and capacity building, Rs19 million for consultancy services and Rs298 million for new hiring costs including benefits.

For current financial year 2026-27, the company has requested for expenditures amounting to Rs2,504 million, including Rs1,792 million for pay and allowances, Rs391 million for employee benefits, Rs106 million for bonus, Rs25 million for training and capacity building, Rs15 million for consultancy services and Rs175 million for new hiring costs including benefits. The total establishment cost, including new hiring, is therefore projected to drop by Rs20 million compared with FY2025-26. During the hearing, a question was also raised about the new appointments CPPA-G had made.

Entrepreneurship: A Driving Force Behind Pakistan's Economic Growth



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IntroductionEntrepreneurship is the process of starting and managing a business by introducing innovative ideas, taking risks, and creating opportunities. It plays a vital role in the economic development of a country. In Pakistan, entrepreneurship can reduce unemployment, promote innovation, increase exports, and improve people's living standards.Importance of EntrepreneurshipEntrepreneurs are not merely business owners; they are problem-solvers who transform ideas into practical solutions. They establish businesses, create employment opportunities, introduce new products, and contribute to national income through taxes and business activities. In a developing country like Pakistan, entrepreneurship can help young people become independent and reduce their dependence on limited job opportunities.Analysis of Successful Pakistani EntrepreneursThe success stories of Pakistani entrepreneurs demonstrate how innovative thinking can address real problems. Monis Rahman, the founder of ROZEE.PK, introduced a digital platform that connects job seekers with employers. His business model uses technology to make recruitment easier and more accessible. It addresses the gap between available jobs and people seeking employment. This example shows how digital entrepreneurship can create economic value while helping individuals find career opportunities. <Cite refs={["turn697717search0","turn697717search40"]}/>Similarly, Sadia Bashir, founder of PixelArt Games Academy, has contributed to Pakistan's developing gaming industry. Her academy provides training in game development and helps aspiring developers build professional skills. Her work highlights the importance of education, creativity, and technical training in creating opportunities for young people. It also demonstrates how women entrepreneurs can contribute to industries that are still growing in Pakistan. <Cite refs={["turn697717search1","turn697717news39"]}/>These examples reveal that successful entrepreneurship requires more than earning money. It involves identifying problems, understanding market needs, developing useful solutions, and creating opportunities for others. However, entrepreneurs in Pakistan often face challenges such as limited access to finance, high operating costs, complicated regulations, and economic uncertainty. These difficulties can slow business growth, particularly for small businesses and new startups.Solutions and Economic ImpactThe government can encourage entrepreneurship by providing affordable business loans, practical training, simpler registration procedures, and better digital infrastructure. Universities can also support students through business competitions, mentorship, and startup programmes. Such initiatives would help turn creative ideas into successful businesses.ConclusionEntrepreneurship is a powerful tool for Pakistan's economic progress. By learning from successful entrepreneurs, supporting small businesses, and encouraging innovation, Pakistan can create jobs, strengthen exports, and develop a more self-reliant economy. When one entrepreneur solves a problem, the benefits can extend to employees, communities, and the entire nation.Written by: laiba Hussain

Youth Mental Health: Pakistan's Silent Crisis and the Nation's Greatest Upcoming Test



By: Dr. Muhammad Tayyab

In Pakistan, serious discourse on mental health has not progressed at a pace commensurate with the rapid social, economic, and technological transformations reshaping the lives of the younger generation. Entrenched misconceptions, pervasive ignorance, and the marginal representation of mental health within state priorities have compounded the complexity of this challenge. In this context, the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Pakistan Mental Health Coalition, held in Karachi, was not only timely but also a pivotal step toward understanding the magnitude of this crisis and exploring novel avenues for intervention The meeting convened at a private hotel, drawing a wide spectrum of participants: clinical psychologists, academic researchers, youth facilitators, transgender welfare organizations, representatives from primary healthcare networks, and individuals who have recovered from mental illnesses. Over twenty organizational delegates attended, alongside senior representatives from coalition secretariat institutions, including the British Asian Trust and the Taskeen Health Initiative, all contributing to the dialogue. The assembly underscored that mental health is no longer an exclusively individual concern but a collective societal responsibility. Discussions on mental health have historically been marginalized; however, this meeting demonstrated that further delay is untenable. This is a crisis intimately tied to the nation's future. The focal theme of the gathering youth mental health was deliberate and profoundly urgent: nearly 65 percent of Pakistan's population is under the age of 35. These young individuals navigate the intersecting pressures of economic insecurity, unemployment, familial discord, rapidly evolving social norms, academic expectations, the psychological impact of social media, and a deeply polarized societal climate. Dr. Talha Chughtai, Senior Program Manager at Mental Health Pakistan, emphasized a critical insight: the mental struggles of young people cannot be comprehended unless we listen directly to their lived experiences, fears, motivations, and priorities. According to her, centering youth voices is not merely a procedural necessity but the very foundation upon which effective mental health policies must be constructed. This philosophy distinguished this year's meeting from prior conferences. For the first time, youth participants themselves became the epicenter of dialogue, narrating their personal stories, challenges, and anxieties, thereby furnishing researchers with fresh analytical perspectives. In Pakistan, mental illnesses remain shrouded under layers of stigma, prejudice, and shame. Families often dismiss them as imaginary, peers trivialize them as mere excuses, schools and religious institutions interpret them as weaknesses, and even medical professionals frequently categorize them as secondary to physical ailments. Consequently, affected youth neither recognize nor articulate their struggles, nor do they access timely support. Anxiety, depression, fear, and psychological disarray silently escalate, often reaching catastrophic levels. Left unaddressed, these conditions evolve into generational crises, out integrating it into state policy. Currently, primary healthcare lacks systematic mental health screening, schools are devoid of structured counseling programs, parental and teacher training is nearly absent, and the number of qualified psychiatrists and psychologists remains woefully insufficient relative to the population. Treating mental health

as anything less than a public health emergency has allowed the situation to deteriorate progressively. If unmitigated, this crisis will challenge not only the healthcare sector but the state itself in the coming years. The annual meeting functioned as a vital national convergence point. Discussions extended beyond diagnosis to practical strategies: institutional collaboration, community-level awareness campaigns, teacher and parental training programs, the integration of emotional literacy into schools, and embedding mental health within primary healthcare frameworks. These deliberations are particularly significant in Pakistan, where many social problems stem from institutional disconnects; the meeting attempted to bridge precisely this gap.schools, and embedding mental health within primary healthcare frameworks. These deliberations are particularly significant in Pakistan, where many social problems stem from institutional disconnects; the meeting attempted to bridge precisely this gap. Perpetuating cycles of mental suffering. Meaningful reform in Pakistan's mental health sector is impossible without integrating it into state policy. Currently, primary healthcare lacks systematic mental health screening, schools are devoid of structured counseling programs, parental and teacher training is nearly absent, and the number of qualified psychiatrists and psychologists remains woefully insufficient relative to the population. Treating mental health as anything less than a public health emergency has allowed the situation to deteriorate progressively.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Munib Akhtar, the Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan,taking oath as Acting Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan at Supreme Court of PakistanIslamabad, today, i.e., 28th Oct 2026.

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Islamabad: October 28, 2026: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with JD Singleton, Director, Comminution EMEA at Weir, to discuss opportunities for collaboration in Pakistan's minerals sector.

SECP Talk Series Highlights REITs' Potential to Boost Pakistan's Real Estate Sector

■ Experts call for transparent valuations, stronger governance and simplified tax rules to attract investment and promote sustainable growth in regulated real estate investment trusts

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Regulated Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) can help bring property into the formal economy and connect it with capital markets, but their growth depends on transparent valuations, sound governance and simpler tax rules, speakers said at an SECP Talk Series session.Commissioner Imtiaz Haider, who welcomed participants, said REITs could mobilise private investment for infrastructure such as motorways, bridges, energy parks and logistics hubs. He also suggested exploring REITs to unlock value from existing public assets and finance development projects.Presentations cited 29 REIT schemes registered in Pakistan by March 2026, with an aggregate fund size of Rs173.1 billion in December 2025. Globally, 1,021 listed REITs had a combined market capitalisation of US$2.04 trillion at the end of 2024.Zahid Latif Khan, Chairman of ISE REIT Management Company Limited, highlighted the US$2.04 trillion global REIT market and presented the Rs5.67 billion ISE Towers Rental REIT as a local example. He also outlined potential rental, developmental, hybrid and parking REIT opportunities in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.Muhammad Ejaz, Chief Executive, Arif Habib Dolmen REIT Management Limited, presented Dolmen City REIT and Globe Residency REIT as local examples. He cited Dolmen City REIT's market capitalisation at Rs86.88 billion as of September 30, 2026, with occupancy above 97% at both properties. He called for rationalising property transfer duties and taxes and reviewing investment limits to support sector growth.Speakers stressed that REIT returns and liquidity are not guaranteed; they depend on the underlying assets, scheme structure and market conditions.



FPCCI rejects hike in policy rate

Business Reporter
ISLAMABAD

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) has rejected the decision made by the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to increase the key policy rate by 0.5 percent,
Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, Senior Vice President (SVP) of FPCCI, on Tuesday highlighted the disproportionate impact of this decision on small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as this decision will essentially shut the door on affordable access to finance for SMEs.
Saquib Fayyaz Magoon continued that, coupled with exorbitant energy tariffs and heavy compliance costs, this monetary tightening will push many manufacturers toward default or complete closures.
The FPCCCI SVP said that high interest rates are forcing businesses to limit their activities. He appealed the government to bring the interest at single digit.



Finance Adviser shares scorecard Of Pakistan's economic gains

Business Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's economy has continued to show signs of improvement during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, marked by stronger foreign exchange buffers, rising exports and investment, improving sovereign ratings, expanding private-sector credit, and progress on reforms, According to a performance scorecard shared by Adviser to the Finance Minister Khurram Schehzad, the country's central bank foreign exchange reserves reached $21.5 billion.
Exports rose eleven percent to $11.2 billion, while remittances reached $10.9 billion.

Dollar steady ahead of Fed decision, kiwi slumps after RBNZ holds

■ The US dollar held near a two-week high ahead of the Federal Reserve's rate decision, while the New Zealand dollar fell after its central bank unexpectedly kept interest rates unchanged.

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The US dollar held at a two-week high on Wednesday ahead of policy decisions from central banks, with the Federal Reserve widely expected to leave its policy interest rate unchanged while signalling the probability of any December move.
Most of the dollar's peers were unmoved ahead of the Fed decision. The euro was flat at $1.1129, as was the British pound at $1.3307. Against the ?yen , the dollar oscillated between gain and loss and was last 0.1% weaker at 157.81 yen.
The kiwi dollar sank as much as 1.7% to $0.5585 after the ?Reserve Bank of New Zealand unexpectedly held interest rates at 2.75%. A Reuters poll had 22 of ?27 economists forecasting the central bank would raise rates.
"The market just got that wrong," said Mike ?Houlahan, director at Electus Financial Ltd in Auckland. "The election is only 10 days away," he added. "It's common courtesy not to get involved in politics."
The Australian dollar was 0.1% stronger at $0.7035 after the release of inflation data, ?which was 1.3% in the third quarter of the year, after 0.6% the previous ?quarter. The trimmed mean



measure of core inflation was 1%, matching market estimates and keeping the annualised ?rate ?at an above-target 3.6%.The Reserve Bank of Australia will debate whether four interest rate hikes this year will prove sufficient to return inflation to target at a policy meeting next week, Governor Michele Bullock told lawmakers on Wednesday.
In the US, traders broadly expect no change in central ?bank policy. Fed funds ?futures are pricing ?an implied 91% probability the Federal Open Market Committee will keep its policy interest rate on hold, the CME Group's FedWatch tool ?showed.
"The Fed doesn't need to hike today to move markets," said ?Chris Weston, ?head of research at Pepperstone Group in Melbourne. "It simply needs to change the perceived probability of hiking in December."

PIA increases London flights, likely to restore Birmingham operations

■ The consortium led by Arif Habib Corporation took charge of the national airline on June 29, 2026, and since then, a series of revolutionary measures have been underway.

Business Reporter
ISLAMABAD



PIA's journey back to international skies has entered another important phase as number of weekly flights to London has increased to seven, while direct air operations to Birmingham are also being restored from December 1.
PIA has crossed another milestone, for the first time Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft will be used for air operations.
The consortium led by Arif Habib Corporation took charge of the national airline on June 29, 2026, and since then, a series of revolutionary measures have been underway. From six-year restrictions to daily flights, the national airline has navigated this journey very well.
Under the new schedule, five flights will depart from Islamabad and two from Lahore to London, making air connectivity between Pakistan and the UK now available on a daily basis, providing passengers with more convenience and choice in travel planning.
The national airline is also going to start direct flights to Birmingham from December 1st, which will facilitate Pakistanis living in the UK to travel to their homeland.
This increase in flights is not just the announcement of a new schedule, but is the result of revolutionary initiatives by a consortium led by Arif Habib Corporation.The Arif Habib Consortium took over the national airline on June 29, 2026, and since then, the journey of development has continued, and PIA is regaining its lost identity internationally.On May 22, 2020, PIA flight PK 8303 crashed in Karachi, killing ninety-seven people. After this tragic accident, serious questions were raised about Pakistan's aviation system and safety arrangements.
The situation became more complicated when the then aviation minister raised doubts in parliament about the licenses of Pakistani pilots, revelations that further heightened concerns among international aviation bodies.
In June 2020, the European Union's Aviation Safety Agency suspended PIA's flight permits to Europe, while British authorities also imposed restrictions on Pakistani airlines. The background to these measures included concerns about the verification of pilots' licenses, civil aviation oversight systems, and air safety standards.
The result was that the national airline's key air markets in the UK and Europe remained closed for a long time, passengers had to resort to alternative airlines and other air routes, while PIA also faced difficulties with its international network and revenues.
To lift the sanctions, Pakistan had to work on reforms in the aviation safety system, improving the pilot licensing procedure, and strengthening oversight standards. In November 2024, the European Union lifted the ban on PIA.
In July 2025, the UK removed Pakistan from its air safety list, paving the way for Pakistani airlines to operate to the UK. Following this development, PIA resumed direct flights to London in March 2026.
On March 29, a flight departed from Islamabad to Heathrow, while the next day a direct air connection was also established from Lahore, thus making it possible for the national airline to return to London after years of hiatus, and now the increase in the number of flights is an attempt to further this journey of recovery.

Oil prices rise after attack on Saudi Arabian refinery reignites

■ Iranian state media reported that the four countries agreed to continue discussions to strengthen cooperation on peace and security.

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BEIJING



Oil prices rose on Wednesday after an attack on a refinery in Saudi Arabia, the ?world's biggest crude exporter, renewed concerns around the ?risks to supply in the Middle East stemming from the conflict with Iran and its proxies.
Brent crude futures rose $1.48, or 1.3%, to $115.36 a ?barrel as of 0140 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude rose $1.22 or 1.22% to $101.12.
Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis said on Tuesday they had hit Saudi Arabia's biggest oil refinery with a missile, intensifying their strikes against the world's second-largest crude ?producer. Saudi authorities did not immediately confirm the strike on the 550,000 barrel per day facility.
Prices were swinging back after dropping nearly $2 on Tuesday ?as talks in the Middle East helped ease supply worries.
That was despite data expected to show a rise in crude inventories ?in ?the US. Crude oil stockpiles rose by about 15,000 barrels in the week ended October 23, according to a poll of eight analysts by Reuters.
The OPEC+ oil-producing countries are expected to ?keep their ?December oil output targets ?steady on Sunday, three people with knowledge of the matter told Reuters, in line with ?market expectations.

Engro Fertilizers, Mari Energies sign MoU to improve farm productivity, support communities

News Desk
ISLAMABAD

Mari Energies Limited and Engro Fertilizers Limited have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to help farmers improve crop yields and incomes through better access to quality agricultural inputs and balanced nutrient use, alongside community development initiatives.
The collaboration will combine Mari Energies' experience in community development across its areas of operation with Engro Fertilizers' agricultural expertise. It establishes a framework for the companies to jointly plan, implement and review programmes for farmers and local communities.
Agricultural initiatives will focus on improving access to quality inputs and promoting informed nutrient management practices to support farm productivity and livelihoods.
The partnership will also cover education, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning, vocational training, youth employability, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. Sports, cultural and leadership programmes are also included in its scope.
Faheem Haider, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Mari Energies Limited, said the agreement would build on the company's existing community development work.
"Supporting the communities around our areas of operation has long been a priority for Mari Energies. This partnership with Engro Fertilizers allows us to build on that commitment by id.



combining our community development experience with their agricultural expertise," he said.
"Together, we aim to help farmers improve productivity and income through quality inputs and balanced nutrient use, while creating greater opportunities for communities through education, youth employability, healthcare and sports."
The initiative builds on Mari Energies' work in education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods, and infrastructure. Through joint planning and programme reviews, the companies aim to deliver measurable outcomes and

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US costs of Iran war rise to over $47 billion, according to Pentagon estimate



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WASHINGTON

The US military has spent over $47 billion so far to prosecute the war in Iran, more than 25% higher than the Defense Department's estimate in July, according to Pentagon data obtained by Reuters.

The Pentagon did not immediately respond to a request for comment on its estimate, which has not been shared publicly.

The disclosure about the rising cost of the Iran war comes as Republicans wrestle with the ?political fallout of the unpopular conflict ahead of the November 3 election that will determine control of Congress for the next two years.

The war's impact on global energy costs has weighed on support for Republican candidates ?and hurt President Donald Trump's approval ratings. Trump's Republican Party holds a narrow majority in both chambers of Congress.

The Pentagon's latest estimate was tied to the operational costs of carrying out the war, with a projected cost of more than $29 billion ?to replace expended munitions used in the conflict.

More than $6 billion would be needed to replace military equipment ?and so-called "platform losses," which include the loss of aircraft including many drones lost during the war.

Trump launched the Iran war ?jointly with ?Israel in February, predicting that the conflict would last a short time.



Islamabad: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar meeting the first Secretary General of the Makkah Alliance for Defence, Lt. Gen. (R) Nauman Mahmood, HI (M), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 28 October, 2026.

Saudi Arabia Intercepts 3 Ballistic Missiles, 4 Houthi Drones

■ Fighting Intensifies for Yemen's Taiz as Explosions Rock Sanaa and Red Sea Coast; Residential Buildings and Hospital Reportedly Damaged

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Riyadh

The Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Houthis said on Tuesday that it had shot down three missiles and four drones fired by the group toward the Kingdom's eastern and southern regions.

"Air defences intercepted and destroyed three ballistic missiles launched by the terrorist Houthi militia toward the Eastern Province," coalition spokesman Turki Al-Malki wrote on X.

The Saudi-led coalition earlier said that four drones launched by Houthis towards Saudi Arabia's southern region have been intercepted and destroyed.



Reports said that the fight for Yemen's third-largest city Taiz, is entering a "make or break" stage, according to Al Jazeera.

"The battle for Jabal Sabr is pretty much make or break in order to capture Taiz," analysts said, referring to a strategic mountain nearby, adding that the fight is, "partially about symbolism but more than anything it's about simple geography. It's crucial for maintaining control over the city."

Explosions have been heard in Yemen's Houthi-controlled capital Sanaa and along the Red Sea coast.

Residents in western Sanaa report at least four explosions, but what has been hit remains unclear.

A woman, reportedly living near a Houthi base, says a loud blast shattered windows in her home and nearby houses.

In the port city of Mokha, recently seized by the Houthis, a resident claims a rocket struck a four-storey residential building, and that at least 10 other houses and a hospital have been damaged.

Ship on fire off coast of Iraq

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations Centre (UKMTO)

Al-Shabaab claims hundreds dead in ambush on Somali troops

■ The toll could not be independently verified, and the government did not immediately offer a response.

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Somalia

Islamist insurgent group Al-Shabaab claimed to have killed hundreds of Somali government troops in an ambush. The Al-Qaeda-linked group has been fighting the government for two decades and still controls large swathes of central Somalia despite a massive international operation against it.

According to the SITE Intelligence Group, Al-Shabaab issued a statement late Monday saying it had launched an attack on Turkish-trained government troops and an allied militia -- supported by Turkish fighter jets -- in the Lower Shabelle region, resulting in the deaths of 321 troops.

The toll could not be independently verified, and the government did



not immediately offer a response.

The fighting, near the city of Leego, continued for three hours and resulted in the seizure of prisoners, weapons and vehicles, according to Al-Shabaab's statement.

Local media platform Baidoa Online said the government had called an emergency meeting of the cabinet to discuss the "heavy casualties and substantial military equipment losses during intense fighting with Al-Shabaab militants near Leego".

Netanyahu, Eisenkot stake rival claims to lead Israel after deadlocked vote

● Israel's election left Netanyahu and rival Gadi Eisenkot short of a clear path to power, with exit polls showing a deadlock as both blocs fell short of a parliamentary majority.

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JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and rival Gadi Eisenkot offered competing claims to lead Israel after Tuesday's election, with Netanyahu calling for a right-wing government and Eisenkot saying voters had rejected the longtime Israeli leader, even as ?exit polls left their blocs deadlocked.

While the projected results would represent a setback for Netanyahu and his nationalist-religious coalition, the deadlock could work in his favour, leaving the 77-year-old in office as a caretaker prime ?minister during



what are likely to be prolonged coalition negotiations or even until another election can be held.

With vote counts trickling in, Kan 11 and Channel 13 exit polls had the blocs tied at 51 seats each, while Channel 12 gave Netanyahu's Likud-led bloc a narrow 52-49 edge. That left both sides short of the 61 seats needed for a majority in the 120-seat Knesset, and neither Netanyahu nor Eisenkot claimed victory.

Tuesday's vote was the first election since the Hamas-led attack of October 7, 2023, and the ensuing wars in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran. Far-right religious parties ?led by Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich were projected to take a combined 13 seats within Netanyahu's bloc – with no major gains for either of them.

Arab parties outside the two main blocs could hold the ?balance of power. But Eisenkot, leader of the Yashar party and a former military chief, has all but ruled out forming a government with them, complicating his path to power.

Netanyah, addressing party faithful after 3 a.m. (0100 GMT) at Likud election headquarters in Jerusalem, called for the formation of "a strong, right-wing national government."

He also highlighted Israel's military successes and raised the prospect of renewed joint action ?with US President Donald Trump against Iran."Israel faces a singular historical opportunity, together with our partner President Trump, to remove the existential threat of Iran once and for all. But ulterior motives must not divert us from this sacred mission," ?he said.

Eisenkot said the public had voted against Netanyahu remaining prime minister and called on him to retire from politics, while warning him not to use Israel's security for political purposes.

Mass evacuations as India braces for Cyclone Arnab

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Indian authorities ordered evacuations in southwestern Andhra Pradesh ahead of a severe cyclone expected to make landfall by Wednesday, the national weather office said.

Cyclone Arnab is forecast to hit the coast as a "very severe cyclonic storm", with gusts of up to 140 kilometres (87 miles) per hour, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in a bulletin on Tuesday.

Cyclones, called hurricanes in the North Atlantic and typhoons in the Pacific, are a regular menace in the Bay of Bengal and northern Indian



Ocean.

The storm season, however, has been turbocharged by the El Nino weather phenomenon that has caused unprecedented warming.

Neighbouring Sri Lanka, meanwhile, closed schools with warnings of torrential rain, with the island's Department of Meteorology warning storms could trigger flash floods and mudslides.

Russia, Ukraine begin localised ceasefire to allow for humanitarian operation in Oleshky



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MASCOW

Russia and Ukraine have started a localised ceasefire to allow for a humanitarian operation to begin in the Russian-occupied town of Oleshky, both sides said on Tuesday.

Russia's defence ministry said on Telegram it stopped shelling in the direction of the Ukrainian city of Kherson from 4 a.m. Moscow time (0100 GMT) to prepare for the humanitarian operation in Oleshky, just across the Dnipro River from Kherson. Dmytro Lubinets, Ukraine's parliament commissioner for human rights, confirmed in a Facebook post the ceasefire has started at the same time."As head of the Ukrainian negotiating team, I confirm that the Ukrainian side is honoring its commitments," he wrote.

Sudan drone strikes kill 21, cause mass outages in east

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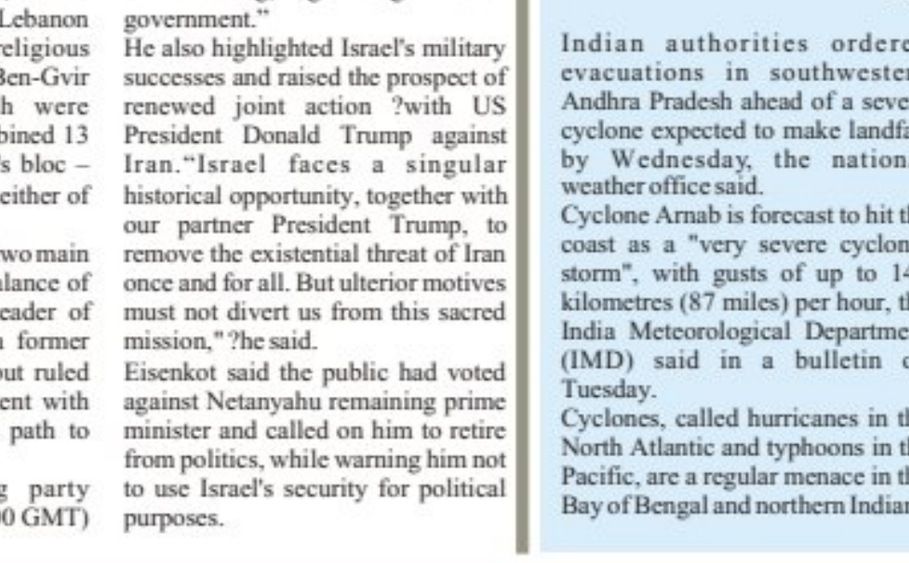
Sudan's warring sides have traded drone strikes that killed 21 people in the western Darfur region and left vast swathes of the country's east without electricity, medics and witnesses said Tuesday.

A drone strike on a market in Nyala, the de facto capital of Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces in Darfur, killed 21 people and wounded at least 40 others, a medical source and witnesses told AFP.

One Nyala resident said a market in the city's north was struck by a drone around 8:00 pm (1800 GMT).

Another said the market was frequented by young men, particularly RSF fighters.

"Twenty-one people were killed in last night's bombing, and more than 40



others injured," a medic at Nyala Hospital said, though he was unable to identify how many were RSF fighters.

Sudan's military, at war with the RSF since April 2023, regularly strikes Nyala, where the RSF has declared an administration rivalling the army-backed internationally recognised government in Khartoum.

The RSF has in turn launched repeated strikes targeting Khartoum's airport, as well as dams and power stations across the country's east.

On Tuesday, "RSF militia drones targeted the Al-Markhiyat transformer station, disrupting the power supply across large parts of Khartoum and Al-Jazira states," a source in the national electricity company told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The strike comes a day after a coordinated RSF drone attack on six power stations left millions without power in Al-Jazira, White Nile, Sennar and Gedaref states.

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The war is currently being fought primarily via drones, with both sides launching sophisticated attacks from across the country, killing dozens of civilians at a time.

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Yashma Gill turns heads with breezy coastal charm

■ Celebrated actress Yashma Gill has once again captured the attention of fans and fashion enthusiasts with her latest Instagram photoshoot, effortlessly blending contemporary minimalism with classic charm.

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Complementing her outfit, Yashma styled her hair in glossy, voluminous waves with soft, face framing bangs, while her dewy makeup and soft pink lip color echoed the embroidery, giving the overall look a refined, "clean girl" festive vibe perfect for a summer evening. The shoot was set against an impressive urban coastal backdrop, likely overlooking the Arabian Sea in Karachi's upscale areas.

Yashma stood on a balcony adorned with white railings and lush green turf, which created a striking contrast against the deep indigo sky of the blue hour. In the background, towering high rise buildings under construction, complete with cranes, added a dynamic, modern energy that mirrored the city's rapid growth, while the vast expanse of the ocean lent a serene and sophisticated atmosphere. Fans and followers quickly took to the comments, showering Yashma with praise for her effortless beauty and style.

Admirers wrote messages like "Soo prettyyyy" and "You are so beautiful pyariiii," expressing their admiration and appreciation for her poised elegance. Beyond just fashion, the photoshoot highlighted Yashma's ability to merge traditional motifs with contemporary silhouettes.



Meera serves 'FIERCE GLAM' in bold red outfit

■ Veteran actress Meera set social media ablaze with her latest striking appearance, unveiling a bold red look that instantly grabbed attention.

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KARACHI



Veteran actress Meera set social media ablaze with her latest striking appearance, unveiling a bold red look that instantly grabbed attention.

Taking to Instagram, the star shared a glimpse of her powerful transformation, leaving fans intrigued not only by her style but also by what's next in her career. In the photos, Meera draped in a vivid red ensemble, embraced a commanding monochrome aesthetic that blended classic sophistication with modern flair.

She styled a structured peacoat featuring a rounded collar and statement buttons over a sleek black turtleneck, creating a sharp contrast that enhanced the overall look. Her beauty choices complemented the outfit seamlessly, with a bold red lip, matching nails, and statement silver accessories adding a glamorous edge.

A neatly styled high bun further highlighted her defined features, giving the appearance a polished and confident finish.

Captioning the post actress wrote "Every phase shape you.

Intensity teaches you depth.

Silence teaches you control.

Time teaches your perspective.

Coming soon #psycho

An actor evolves the same way. Entering a new phase with focus and intention."

Meera hinted at a new phase in her journey while teasing her role in Psycho. The film, which she stars in alongside Shaan Shahid and Sonya Hussyn, is shaping up to be a major cinematic release.

The crime thriller, helmed by Shaan Shahid, is expected to explore intense psychological themes and layered storytelling.

The project also features a strong supporting cast including Javed Sheikh, Shabbir Jan, and Nayyer Ejaz, promising a powerful on-screen lineup.

Backed by Redlipstick and Geo Films, Psycho is already being viewed as one of the most anticipated Pakistani films of 2026.

Fans quickly flooded the comments section, praising Meera's bold style and timeless appeal, proving once again that the actress knows how to command attention both on and off screen.

Danish Taimoor's viral drama clip gets hilarious twist from Rabia Anum

■ However, what truly amplified the moment was a witty Instagram story shared by Rabia Anum Obaid, who added her own playful take to the scene.

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Pakistani television star Danish Taimoor and journalist-host Rabia Anum Obaid caught fans' attention online as a viral drama clip sparked humor, nostalgia, and conversations bringing together their on-screen and real life media presence in an unexpected way.

However, what truly amplified the moment was a witty Instagram story shared by Rabia Anum Obaid, who added her own playful take to the scene. The clip, reportedly from the drama Ishq Hai, shows Hiba's character portrayed as a doctor tending to Danish's injured hand in a hospital setting.

While the scene carries emotional undertones, it is the playful dialogue about "Money" that has turned it into a social media moment.

With humorous Roman Urdu captions layered onto the clip, audiences found themselves relating to the banter, transforming a dramatic interaction into meme worthy content.

Joining the trend, Rabia Anum tagged Danish Taimoor with a cheeky caption urging him to "Return the money,".

Interestingly, both Danish Taimoor and Rabia Anum share another strong connection apart from these moments. They are prominent faces of Ramzan transmissions.

Over the years, Danish has transitioned into hosting special Ramzan shows, bringing a calm and engaging presence to spiritual and entertainment programming.

His ability to balance acting with hosting has strengthened his position as a versatile figure in the industry.

Rabia Anum, on the other hand, has long been associated with morning shows and Ramzan transmissions, known for her articulate hosting style.





IHC Restores Interim Bail for Dr Fazeela Abbasi in Money Laundering Case

■ The case continues to draw significant public attention as proceedings move forward in the trial court.

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The Islamabad High Court on Tuesday restored interim bail for Dr Fazeela Abbasi, a prominent dermatologist and sister of actor Hamza Ali Abbasi, in a high-profile money laundering case.

Justice Muhammad Azam Khan granted bail against a surety bond of Rs100,000 and directed the accused to approach the trial court for further proceedings.

Dr Abbasi appeared before the court along with her counsel Naeem Bukhari, who informed the bench that she had attended three previous hearings and missed one due to medical reasons, for which a certificate had been submitted. Her interim bail had earlier been cancelled following the absence.

According to investigators, the case involves transactions worth Rs25 billion allegedly deposited across 22 bank accounts in Dr Abbasi's name, which were later transferred to the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

Sohail Ahmed addresses controversy over viral clip on Yazid



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LAHORE

Renowned actor and comedian Sohail Ahmed has clarified his remarks after a clip of his speech went viral on social media, sparking public debate.

In the incomplete clip, Ahmed is heard saying that "Hussain is as popular as Yazid," a statement that circulated widely without proper context. Ahmed emphasized that his words were part of a moral lesson and not intended to be political, urging the public to consider the full context before forming opinions.

In the video message, Ahmed stated that a sentence he had spoken is being circulated out of context.He explained that during his talk, he mentioned that "popularity is not such a big deal, and even Hussain is as popular as Yazid." He emphasized that he was teaching children about the importance of joining the Hussaini path rather than the Yazidi one, and that his words were meant as a moral lesson, not a political statement.

Just Minutes Of Vigorous Activity Boost Health

■ Short Daily Bursts Of Intense Activity Reduce Major Disease Risk

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Just a few minutes of vigorous movement each day — such as climbing stairs, brisk walking, or short bursts of running — may significantly reduce the risk of serious illnesses, including dementia, diabetes, and heart disease, according to a new study.

The research, published in the European Heart Journal, tracked nearly 96,000 adults over seven years to examine whether short, intense periods of activity embedded in daily life could protect against major health conditions, even without structured exercise routines.

Participants' physical activity was monitored for one week, and their health outcomes were followed over seven years. Researchers recorded the onset of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, inflammatory disorders, liver and kidney disease, respiratory illnesses, and dementia, among other conditions.

The study found that even brief bursts of vigorous activity were associated with significantly lower risks of developing chronic illnesses and premature death. Specifically, researchers reported a 63% to a reduction in dementia risk, a 60% lower risk of diabetes, and up to a 46% decrease in the risk of early death.

The protective effects were particularly strong for inflammation-related conditions, severe cardiovascular events like heart attacks and strokes, and neurodegenerative diseases such as dementia. Certain conditions, such as joint-related inflammatory disorders, appeared to benefit especially from short, high-intensity movement.

These findings underscore that incorporating small amounts of vigorous activity into everyday life can provide substantial health benefits, even for people who do not follow formal exercise programs.



Pakistani actress Dananeer Mubeen has sparked curiosity among Hurmat fans after sharing BTS pics and clips from the drama set.

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Pakistan names squad for U19 Asia Cup 2026 in Oman

● Pakistan named a 15-member squad on Tuesday for their Under-19 Asia Cup title defence in Oman, with Farhan Yousuf appointed captain ahead of an opening match against the UAE on November 6.

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan named a 15-member squad for their Under-19 Asia Cup title defence in Oman, with Farhan Yousuf appointed captain ahead of an opening match against the UAE on November 6.

Pakistan won the previous edition by defeating India by 191 runs in the final in Dubai. They enter this year's eight-team tournament after beating England 3–1 in a Youth One-Day International series in September.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board has unveiled a 15-member squad for the ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup 2026 scheduled to take place in Oman from 5 to 14 November," the board said in a statement.

Pakistan are in Group A alongside India, the UAE and Nepal. They face India on November 8 and Nepal on November 10, with all matches scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Pakistan time.



Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Malaysia make up Group B. The semifinals will take place on November 12, followed by the final two days later.

Only Ali Raza and Huzaifa Ahsan were not part of the squad that defeated England. The team will depart Karachi for Oman on October 29.

Squad: Farhan Yousuf (captain), Abdul Qadir, Abdul Subhan, Ahmed Hussain, Ali Raza, Hamza Zahoor, Hasnain Abbas Dar, Hayam Khan, Huzaifa Ahsan, Jahangir Bilal, Mohammad Huzaifa, Mohammad Seyam, Niqab Shafiq, Rizwanullah and Usman Khan.

Mohsin Naqvi turns 48, receives birthday greetings

● Naqvi entered public administration when the Election Commission of Pakistan appointed him caretaker chief minister of Punjab on January 22, 2023. He remained in office until February 26, 2024.

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Federal Interior Minister and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi turned 48 on Wednesday, October 28, with relatives, friends, political figures and well-wishers extending birthday greetings and best wishes.

Born on October 28, 1978, in Lahore, Naqvi belongs to a Syed family with ancestral roots in Jhang. His career spans journalism, media entrepreneurship, politics, public administration and cricket administration.

Naqvi received his early education at Crescent Model School before joining Government College Lahore, where he completed his graduation. He later moved to the United States for higher education and obtained a degree in journalism from Ohio University.

After completing his education, Naqvi began his professional career with an internship at the American news network CNN. He subsequently worked as a producer covering Pakistan and later became the network's regional head for South Asia.

Naqvi entered the media business at the age of 30 by establishing City 42, a Lahore-based television news channel. He subsequently expanded his media operations through City Media Group, which launched several television channels and news platforms.

The group's media outlets include 24 News, City 41 for Faisalabad, Rohi TV for southern Punjab, City 21 for Karachi and UK 44 for overseas Pakistanis. The group also launched a local newspaper, Daily City 42.

Naqvi entered public administration when the Election Commission of Pakistan appointed him caretaker chief minister of Punjab on January 22, 2023. He remained in office until February 26, 2024. During his tenure as caretaker chief minister, his administration focused on development projects, hospital improvements and governance-related initiatives. His approach to the implementation of development projects became popularly known as "Mohsin Speed."

On February 6, 2024, Naqvi was elected unopposed as chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board for a three-year term.

As PCB chairman, he has overseen matters concerning cricket administration, stadium renovation projects and arrangements related to the ICC Champions Trophy.

Naqvi joined the federal cabinet on March 11, 2024, when he assumed the responsibilities of federal minister for interior and narcotics control in Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's government.

His responsibilities include internal security, counterterrorism, law and order, narcotics control and administrative matters concerning Islamabad. He is also playing active role in Pakistan's mediation efforts between Iran and the United States.

He was elected to the Senate from Punjab as an independent candidate with the support of the ruling coalition in April 2024.

In April 2025, Naqvi also assumed the presidency of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) for a two-year term, adding another responsibility to his role in regional cricket administration.

Iowa RB Kamari Moulton done for season due to upper-body injur

■ Iowa running back Kamari Moulton will miss the rest of the season with an upper-body injury, coach Kirk Ferentz confirmed, dealing a blow to the Hawkeyes' rushing attack.

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Iowa running back Kamari Moulton will miss the rest of the season with an upper-body injury, coach Kirk Ferentz. Moulton left the Hawkeyes' 13-10 loss at Minnesota on Saturday in the ?second quarter and didn't return. According to reports, Moulton had his right shoulder examined before being moved into the medical tent and was later seen with the arm in a sling following the contest.

"Unfortunately, he's going ?to be done," Ferentz said during his weekly press ?conference. "We'll look forward to getting him back here, but he's got ?some rehab to go through."

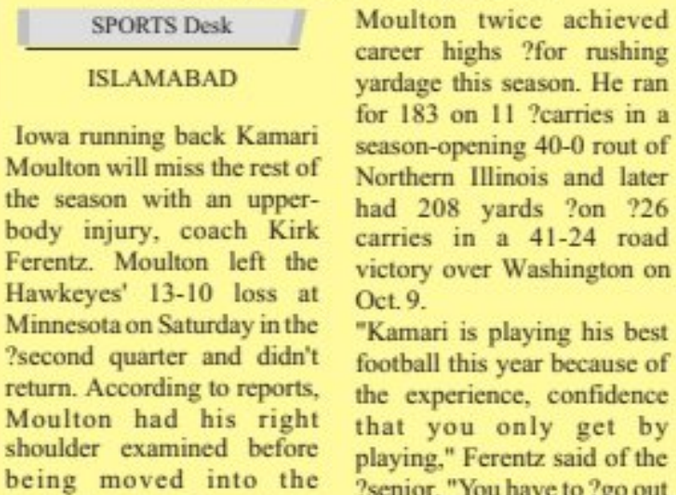
Moulton ranks second in the Big Ten in rushing yards per game at 90.2. By yardage, he stands eighth with 541 in six games. He has rushed for four touchdowns.

Moulton twice achieved career highs ?for rushing yardage this season. He ran for 183 on 11 ?carries in a season-opening 40-0 rout of Northern Illinois and later had 208 yards ?on ?26 carries in a 41-24 road victory over Washington on Oct. 9.

"Kamari is playing his best football this year because of the experience, confidence that you only get by playing," Ferentz said of the ?senior. "You have to ?go out and ?get beat up sometimes to grow true confidence."

Xavier Williams is the likely starter for the Hawkeyes (5-2, 2-2 ?Big Ten) on Saturday against No. 25 Wisconsin. He ?has rushed ?for 187 yards and three touchdowns on just 25 carries.

L.J. Phillips Jr., who opened the season as the backup running back, is ailing, according to ?Ferentz. He has rushed for 88 ?yards on 25 carries.





Alcaraz and Zverev win Vienna openers

■ Alcaraz defeats Khachanov 6-4, 7-6 while Zverev saves four match points to outlast Landaluce

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Carlos Alcaraz won his opening match at the Vienna Open with a straight-sets victory over Karen Khachanov, while Alexander Zverev survived four match points to beat Martin Landaluce in a marathon encounter.

World number three Alcaraz saw off the former eighth-ranked Russian 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) in their first-round meeting.

The seven-time Grand Slam champion decided to add the 500-level event in the Austrian capital to his schedule at short notice, having not competed in it since 2021.

Sidelined from mid-April to the end of August due to a wrist injury, Alcaraz has produced mixed results since his return, including a third-round exit at the Shanghai Masters in his last tournament at the start of October.

"I really enjoyed it, even though I had to run, had to fight, had to sweat a lot. We both played great shots, great points. I would say it was a great match to watch and I'm really happy about it," Alcaraz said.

Alcaraz had to dig deep against the 30-year-old power-hitter, recovering from a break down to take the first set.

In a closely contested second frame, Alcaraz prevailed in a tight tie-break with a perfectly weighted drop shot to seal the match.

The 23-year-old will next face Georgian Nikoloz Basilashvili or local player Jurij Rodionov in the round of 16.

Zverev kept alive his hopes of securing the world number one spot before the year-end with a 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (13/11) win over Landaluce.

"(I was pushed) to the absolute limit," Zverev said. "Credit to (Landaluce), he played an amazing match."

Zverev is assured of finishing the season atop the rankings, but should he win his next encounter against either Tallon Griekspoor or Brandon Nakashima and reach the quarter-finals in Vienna, he will claim that spot from injured Italian Jannik Sinner in next Monday's updated rankings.



TURBAT STRIKERS EDGE PAST LORALAI SUNRISERS IN GRAND BALOCHISTAN T20 LEAGUE

SPORTS REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League Quetta A wonderful series of league matches continues Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League Quetta All Balochistan, which is being organized in collaboration with FC Balochistan (North), is underway. The fourth league match of which was played on October 28, 2026 at Chagai Stadium, Quetta Cantt between Turbat Strikers and Loralai Sunrisers.After a wonderful competition, the Turbat Strikers team won by 3 wickets.More eyes on the Champion Trophy. Excitement, passion — the destination is only the Champion Trophy.



Pakistan cricket team leaves for Hong Kong Sixes Tournament

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The Pakistan cricket team has departed for Hong Kong to defend its title at the Hong Kong Sixes 2026 tournament, scheduled to take place from October 30 to November 1. The national side will compete in the three-day event with the aim of retaining the championship trophy.All-rounder Abbas Afridi will lead Pakistan in the tournament, which will feature 12 teams divided into four groups. Pakistan have been placed in Group C and will compete against other participating teams as they seek to continue their success in the six-a-side format.The Pakistan squad comprises seven players, with Abbas Afridi appointed as captain. Abdul Samad and Ahmed Daniyal are also included in the national team, while Mohammad Irfan Khan, Khawaja Nafay, Mohammad Shahzad and Saad Masood complete the squad.The Hong Kong Sixes is a fast-paced cricket tournament featuring a six-a-side format, offering teams an opportunity to showcase their batting power, bowling skills and fielding abilities in short, action-packed matches.Pakistan's participation in the 2026 edition comes as the team looks to defend its title against a competitive field of 12 teams.



Wawrinka brings career to a close with defeat in Basel

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Three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka played the final match of his career in front of home fans , bidding farewell to the sport following a 7-5 7-6(2) defeat by Czech Jiri Lehecka at the Swiss Indoors in Basel.

Wawrinka announced last year that he would retire at the end of the 2026 season, 24 years after he turned professional.

The 41-year-old defeated Rafa Nadal in the 2014 Australian Open final to win his first major, before ?claiming his other two Grand Slam crowns by beating Novak Djokovic in the finals of the 2015 French Open and 2016 ?US Open.

"For me, all I wanted in my ?career was to give everything, to have no regrets, to always ?fight, ?to always give 100% in every match — out of respect for myself, for the opponent, for the tournament, for the fans, for everybody," Wawrinka told the ?ATP website.

"That ?was always ?the most important thing for more than 20 years, and that's the only way ?you can leave the sport: without any ?regrets."

Wawrinka ?won 16 ATP titles and reached a career-high world ranking of number three in 2014. He also won ?Olympic ?doubles gold with Roger Federer ?in 2008 and helped deliver Switzerland's first Davis Cup title in 2014.

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A vendor displays small gas cylinders for sale along Fort Road amid rising demand as winter approaches.

Punjab demolishes 197 brick kilns in month as Pakistan plans $10m clean-air fund

- Punjab demolished 197 brick kilns in a month as Musadik Malik highlighted smog' s unequal impact and announced plans for a $10 million clean-air startup fund.

SPECIAL REPORTER
LAHORE

The Punjab Environment Protection Department has demolished 197 substandard brick kilns and sealed 163 others in a month-long anti-smog crackdown, while the federal government has announced plans to establish a $10 million fund for clean-air startups as part of efforts to tackle air pollution and protect public health.

According to the Punjab Environment Protection Department, a total of 11,580 brick kilns were inspected across the province between September 28 and October 27. Action was



taken against kilns found violating environmental regulations, with 162 cases registered and fines totalling Rs40.7 million imposed.

As part of the campaign against industrial pollution, authorities inspected 6,650 industrial units, demolished 22 and sealed 191. A total of 333 smog notices were issued over violations, while 15 cases were registered and fines amounting to Rs28 million were imposed.

The department also continued its crackdown on the burning of plastic. Officials inspected 6,064 locations and confiscated 45,100 kilogrammes of plastic. A further 152 locations were sealed over violations.

To control emissions from industrial units, authorities are also monitoring the installation of suction hoods. Under this initiative, 4,204 industrial units were inspected, while 333 locations that failed to comply with environmental requirements were sealed.

Measures to control construction dust were carried out in 397 union councils across Punjab, with mist sprinklers installed at 49 locations.

Meanwhile, 67 quick response units remain operational in agricultural areas to prevent the burning of crop residues. Violations are being identified through satellite and field monitoring, while anti-smog guns continue to be used in Lahore.

Director General of Environment Abdullah Nair Sheikh said the province was continuing to implement a zero-tolerance policy against pollution. He said drones, night squads and field teams remained active, adding that fines, criminal cases and sealing operations would continue against those violating environmental laws.

Separately, Federal Minister for Climate Change Dr Musadik Malik has highlighted the unequal burden of air pollution on society, saying poor communities.

Strong local govts essential for democratic stability: PA Speaker

- The speaker said the benefits of democracy could not reach ordinary citizens without empowering local governments with adequate authority and resources.

Staff Reporter
LAHORE

Punjab Assembly Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan on Tuesday stressed the need for constitutional protection of local governments and effective devolution of powers to the grassroots, saying strong local institutions were essential for democratic stability and resolution of public issues.

He was addressing the launch ceremony of the Task Force Report on Reforms in Local Governance, prepared by the BNU Centre for Policy Research (BCPR), where he attended as the chief guest.

The speaker said the benefits of democracy could not reach ordinary citizens without empowering local governments with adequate authority and resources.



He observed that local institutions in Pakistan had been unable to perform their effective role due to the concentration of powers at the provincial level.

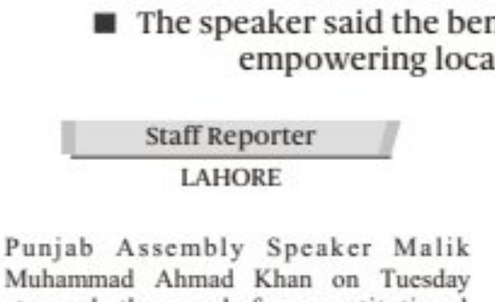
He said strengthening local governments was essential to completing the democratic system envisaged under the Constitution of 1973. Devolution of powers, he added, was not merely an administrative requirement but a fundamental aspect of citizens' participation in governance.

Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan said Pakistan's administrative structure continued to retain features of the colonial system and stressed the need for making governance more responsive to public needs, enabling citizens to take meaningful decisions about local affairs.

He said effective local autonomy and public representation were vital for national cohesion, adding that empowered local governments could address grievances arising from resource constraints and a sense of deprivation by resolving public issues closer to citizens.

Gandapur walks out of party meeting after dispute with barrister Gohar

- Sources said Gandapur subsequently walked out of the parliamentary committee meeting while criticising the opposition leader.



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Differences reportedly emerged between Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders Faisal Amin Gandapur and Barrister Gohar during a seven-hour joint parliamentary party meeting over making parliamentary committee decisions subject to the approval of the opposition leader.

According to sources, Barrister Gohar maintained that the PTI founder had delegated full authority to the opposition leader and that the final declaration would require his approval.Faisal Amin Gandapur objected to the position, reportedly questioning why decisions were being made subject to Mahmood Khan Achakzai and Allama Nasir if they were not present at the meeting.

Sources said Gandapur subsequently walked out of the parliamentary committee meeting while criticising the opposition leader. He also proposed that members return to their respective standing committees.

Barrister Gohar, however, stated that the parliamentary committee did not have the authority to decide on returning to the standing committees.

He also indicated that such a move would take place without the PTI founder's involvement.

Other members reportedly said they would resign from the standing committees again if the PTI founder raised objections to their return.

Pakistan will never tolerate attacks on its people, KP governor warns Afghan Taliban

STAFF REPORTER
PESHAWAR



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has strongly condemned what he described as unprovoked aggression by the Afghan Taliban regime against civilian homes and Angoor Adda Bazaar in Lower South Waziristan, while expressing full support for the Pakistan Armed Forces' response.

In a strongly worded statement, Kundi said Pakistan would never tolerate attacks on its people or violations of its sovereignty, warning the Afghan Taliban regime against underestimating the country's resolve to defend its territory.

"Let the Afghan Taliban regime have no illusions: Pakistan will never tolerate attacks on its people or violations of its sovereignty," the governor said.

The KP governor said the people of the province had made immense sacrifices in the fight against terrorism, losing thousands of lives in efforts to protect the country from militant violence.

He stressed that the sacrifices of the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would not be allowed to go in vain, adding that no one would be permitted to threaten the province's residents or undermine Pakistan's security.

Kundi further warned that any aggression against Pakistan would be met with unwavering resolve, underscoring the country's determination to protect its territorial integrity.

Reaffirming national support for the military, the governor said the armed forces had the backing of the entire nation in defending the country's territory.

"Our armed forces have the full backing of the nation to defend every inch of our soil, and no threat or hostile act will weaken our determination to protect Pakistan," he said.

On Tuesday night, Pakistan's armed forces destroyed several posts of Afghan Taliban after they targeted civilian population, martyring one and injuring five along the Pak–Afghan border in Angoor Adda South Waziristan (Lower).

A civilian was martyred and five members of a family were injured after firing and shelling along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border struck a residential area in Angoor Adda, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, according to security sources.

India's actions in IIOJK threat to regional, global peace and security: HC Tipu Usman

- The Pakistan High Commission in London organised a solemn event to commemorate

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The Pakistan High Commission in London organised a solemn event to commemorate 'Jammu and Kashmir Black Day.

British parliamentarians including Lord Qurban Hussain, Lord Shaffaq Mohammed, Baroness Nosheena Mobarik, Adnan Hussain MP, Afzal Khan MP, and Ayoub Khan MP as well as a large number of British Kashmiris, civil society activists and media representatives attended the event.

In his keynote address, High Commissioner Tipu Usman condemned the reign of terror and brutal oppression unleashed by Indian occupation forces in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He noted that the people of IIOJK had been subjected to a severe and prolonged military siege, under which torture, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings had become rampant.

The High Commissioner emphasised that India's actions violated both international law and basic morality, and threatened not only regional but global peace and security.

He urged the international community to hold India accountable for violating the UN Security Council resolutions that guarantee the Kashmiri people their right to self-determination.

High Commissioner Usman appreciated the role of British parliamentarians for raising the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in Parliament and with the British government. He reiterated the High Commission's desire to work with the parliamentarians and the wider Kashmiri community for highlighting the Kashmir cause.

British parliamentarians and guest speakers, in their remarks, expressed their solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Members of Parliament emphasized that Jammu and Kashmir is not a bilateral issue between Pakistan and India, but a long standing international dispute.

They urged the international community to call upon India to put an end to the systematic violations of human rights in IIOJK and abide by its international commitment of holding a free and fair plebiscite in the occupied territory.



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