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PM Health Insurance Scheme for Journalists and Media Workers to Be Launched Soon: Ashfaq Ahmed Khalil

■ Senator Talha Mahmood says journalists play a vital role in strengthening democracy and highlighting public issues

STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

The oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of the All Pakistan Newspapers and Electronic Media Employees Confederation (APNEC), Gilgit-Baltistan Chapter, was held at the National Press Club Islamabad, with Senator Talha Mahmood, Federal Secretary Information and Broadcasting Ashfaq Ahmed Khalil, and Principal Information Officer Raeesa Adil attending as chief guests.Senator Talha Mahmood administered the oath to the newly elected office-bearers. Addressing the ceremony, he said journalists play a vital role in promoting truth, highlighting public issues and strengthening democratic values. He stressed the need to protect journalists' rights and take practical measures for their welfare.Federal Secretary Information and Broadcasting Ashfaq Ahmed Khalil announced that the Prime Minister's Health Insurance Scheme for Journalists and Media Workers would be launched soon in an improved form. (Continued on Page-4)



Noreen Niazi admitted to PIC after heart problem in Kot Lakhpat jail: lawyer

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

PTI founder Imran Khan's sister, Noreen Niazi, has been shifted from Kot Lakhpat Jail to Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) for heart complaints, according to her lawyer Rana Mudassar Umar. Rana Mudassar Umar, the lawyer for Noreen Niazi, has confirmed her transfer to the hospital and explained her health status.

The lawyer has stated that Noreen Niazi had a heart problem, for which she is undergoing initial tests at the hospital."Noreen Niazi Sahiba has been transferred to Punjab Institute of Cardiology due to deteriorating health in jail," her legal counsel, Rana Mudassar Umer, said on X.

He alleged that no family member was informed of her transfer to the hospital. The PTI expressed serious concern over the reported deterioration in Noreen's health in detention and her transfer to the PIC in Lahore, in what the party described as an "extremely alarming condition".In a statement shared on X, the party criticised the authorities over the treatment of the 70-year-old, alleging that she was being held in illegal and unconstitutional detention.



Singapore FM to undertake official visit to Pakistan on Oct 30

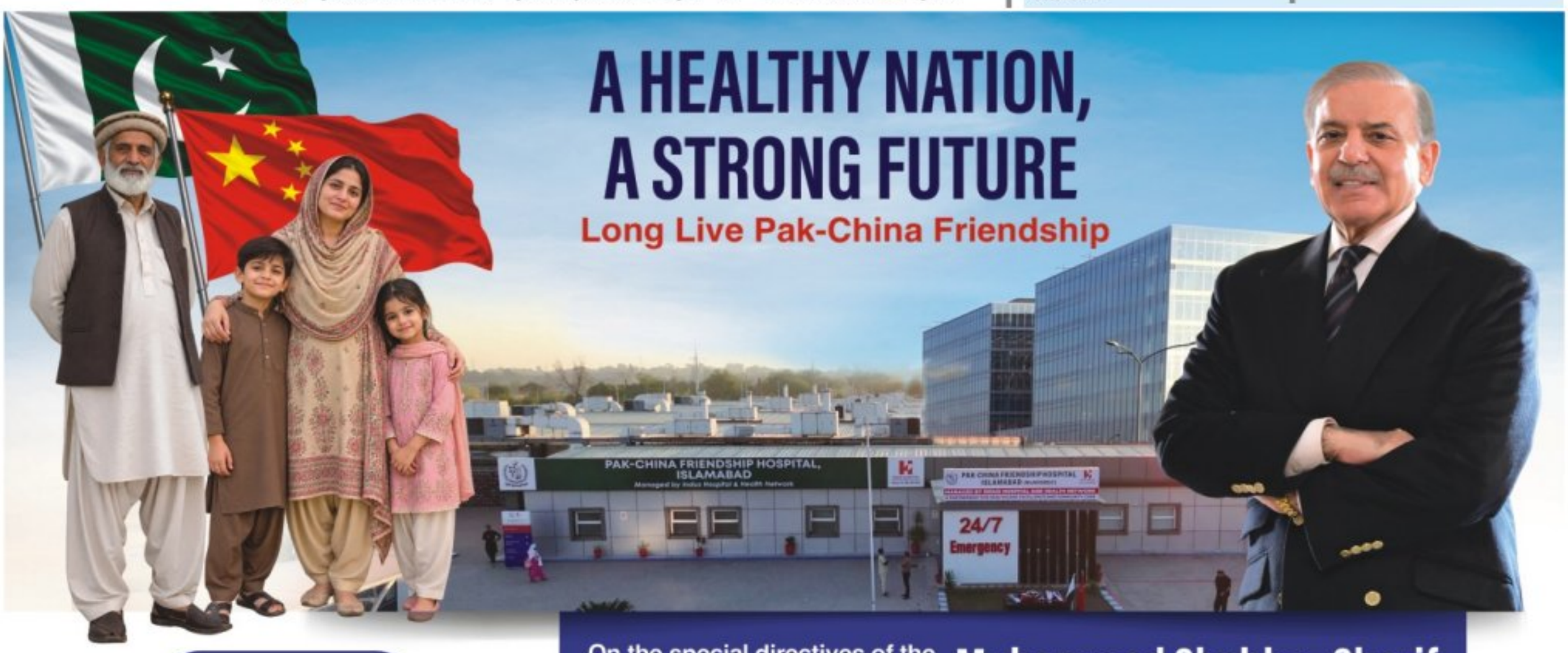
Staff Reporter
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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, will undertake an official visit to Islamabad on 30 October 2026 at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

The visit assumes significance as it coincides with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Singapore and comes ahead of Singapore's assumption of the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2027.

During the visit, DPM Dar and Foreign Minister Balakrishnan will hold bilateral talks covering the entire spectrum of Pakistan—Singapore relations.They will also exchange views on regional and global developments of mutual interest.An Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in disaster management between Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Singapore's Civil Defence Force (SCDF) will be exchanged.

Foreign Minister Balakrishnan will also call on the leadership of Pakistan. Pakistan and Singapore maintain cordial bilateral relations.



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UHS announces postgraduate entry test results, 2,131 candidates pass



SPECIAL REPORTER
LAHORE

The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has announced the results of its postgraduate entry test, with 2,131 of the 8,271 candidates who appeared passing the examination.

According to the results, 744 of the 2,939 candidates who took the test for the Medicine and Allied Group passed.

In Surgery and Allied Group I, 248 of 959 candidates qualified, while 274 of the 1,031 candidates who appeared in Group II were successful.

For Anaesthesia, 86 of the 338 candidates passed the test. In Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 287 of the 1,136 candidates qualified.

In other specialties, 51 of 189 candidates passed in Ophthalmology, while 51 of 197 qualified in Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT). In Pathology, 29 of 114 candidates passed.

Paediatric Medicine recorded 126 successful candidates out of 485, while 52 of the 186 candidates who took the Psychiatry test qualified.

In Radiology, 108 of 411 candidates passed. In Operative Dentistry, 18 of 64 candidates qualified, while 30 of 120 candidates passed in Oral Surgery.



Saudi Ambassador Dr. Rajeh Tami Albugamy calls on Federal Minister Dr. Musadik Masood Malik.

SC disposes of petitions challenging reinstatement of FIA officers in Libya boat tragedy case

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

The Supreme Court has disposed of petitions challenging the reinstatement of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) officers in connection with the Libya boat tragedy, observing that any allegations against the officials must be investigated through a regular inquiry in accordance with the law.

A three-member bench headed by Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar heard the petitions and observed that Article 10-A of the Constitution guaranteed every citizen the fundamental right to a fair trial and an opportunity to defend themselves.

During the hearing, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar observed that a person holding a valid passport and visa could not be prevented from travelling abroad.

"If the travel documents are in order, what fault lies with the officer?" Justice Mazhar asked, questioning the responsibility of immigration officials in the incident.

He observed that immigration authorities had no connection with the sinking of a vessel, pointing out that the passengers had departed Pakistan by air rather than by boat.

Justice Mazhar also raised questions about the delay in filing the petitions and asked about the whereabouts of Advocate-on-Record Ruqayya Sami.

During the proceedings, Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan referred to the involvement of organised groups in sending people abroad.

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iv. The last date to apply is **17.November.2026 .**
v. Only short-listed candidates will be invited for interviews.

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Death toll in Thar ambulance cylinder blast rises to 10

SPECIAL REPORTER
Thar

The number of people died in a deadly oxygen cylinder blast at a basic health unit (BHU) facility in Tharparkar climbed to 10 after three injured victims breathed their last on Thursday morning.

The tragedy occurred at BHU Danwadandhal in Nagarpar area of Tharparkar.

Rescue officials said the deceased included ambulance driver Pandhi Rajarr, watchman Ishaq Thebo, dispenser Dino Mul, Pardeep Bheil, attendant Lachhman Meghwar, Jaswant, Lado, Ms Kreman and Ms Raju.

The ambulance, operated by the People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI), caught fire while the staff were changing its oxygen cylinder.

Assistant Commissioner Nagarparkar Erum Karim Narejo said the ambulance was parked at the health facility when the explosion occurred.

Hospital administration said a pregnant woman was still inside the ambulance when staff began fitting the oxygen cylinder. An explosion during the process triggered the fire.

Abducted judge recovered in Rawalakot operation, two injured

SPECIAL REPORTER
MUZAFFARABAD



Police have recovered Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Akram after he was abducted in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), while two people, including a police official, were injured during a subsequent operation.

According to police, workers of the banned Jammu Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee had abducted the judge.

A Rawalakot police official said the judge was recovered during an operation carried out between Wednesday and Thursday night.

Police said Judge Muhammad Akram was travelling from Rawalakot to Muzaffarabad via Palandri when armed men allegedly intercepted his vehicle and abducted him at gunpoint.

The judge's driver and gunman were also present in the vehicle at the time of the abduction, according to local police.

In a statement, Rawalakot police said committee workers opened fire outside a hospital during the operation, leaving two people, including a police official, injured.

Five killed, dozens injured in bus accident in Hafizabad

SPECIAL REPORTER
HAFIZABAD



At least five people were killed and 27 others injured when a passenger bus plunged into a drain in Punjab's Hafizabad district on Thursday, according to Rescue 1122.

The accident occurred in the Fatehki area of Pindi Bhattian tehsil as the bus was travelling from Raiwind to Chiniot.

According to rescue officials, overspeeding caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle, resulting in the accident.

Rescue 1122 teams rushed to the scene and launched a rescue operation. The injured passengers were provided with first aid at the site, while 13 of them were shifted to the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital in Pindi Bhattian for medical treatment.

With the assistance of the local administration, a crane was used to lift the bus, enabling rescuers to recover the bodies of five victims trapped beneath the vehicle.

Rescue teams continued search operations amid fears that more passengers might be trapped under the wreckage.

The incident comes amid a series of deadly road accidents in the country. Last week, 12 passengers were killed and around two dozen others injured in a head-on collision between a minibus and a passenger coach near Zero Point in Balochistan's Uthal area on the Quetta-Karachi Highway.

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Judges Resign; Principles Do Not



By: Barrister Syed Hamid Jamal

On 10 February 2025, lawyers in black coats marched on Islamabad believing the constitutional order was being fundamentally reshaped and that the judiciary could no longer resist it from within.

from across the country to protest the 26th Constitutional Amendment and the convening of the Judicial Commission of Pakistan for Supreme Court appointments. Barricades rose around the Red Zone. Police lined the approaches to the Supreme Court. Protesters invoked constitutional supremacy and judicial independence.

For a brief moment, it looked like 2007 again.

It was not.

The movement of 2007 possessed something rare: moral simplicity. The confrontation was instantly understood. The symbolism was direct. The legal fraternity responded with unity and persistence that eventually forced a reversal. The protests of February 2025 offered no such clarity. The dispute concerned judicial appointments, constitutional procedure, and institutional seniority, serious but legally dense questions. To a public burdened by inflation and instability, the crisis appeared distant from everyday survival. The black coat no longer carried the uncontested moral authority it once did. The legal community itself was divided. Some viewed the amendments as a direct assault on judicial independence. Others considered them controversial but constitutionally permissible. Some joined the protests openly; others questioned whether the movement had become entangled in opposition politics and establishment rivalries. Without unanimity, momentum never crystallised.



The state responded not with panic but with procedural continuity. The Judicial Commission meeting proceeded despite the demonstrations. By ensuring appointments continued uninterrupted, the government deprived the movement of its immediate leverage.

What the movement needed was not louder voices on the street but quieter resolve on the bench, judges willing to remain, resist, and force the state to confront principled opposition from within. For much of the legal community, that expectation was embodied in Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Athar Minallah, whose reputations had come to stand for precisely that kind of internal resistance. They did not remain. Over years of jurisprudence, both men came to symbolise constitutional seriousness and institutional courage. Many lawyers believed that even if protests failed, these judges would hold the line inside the court.

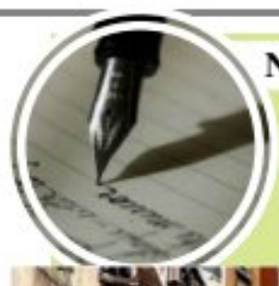
That belief proved misplaced.

When both justices resigned, shock hardened into disillusionment. Their resignations were framed as acts of principle against an unconstitutional assault on judicial independence. That framing deserves scrutiny.

Resignation, however principled, is ultimately an act of abandonment. It removes the judge from the very institution they claim to defend. What the resignations achieved, in practical terms, was the removal of the two most capable internal dissenters precisely when dissent was most needed.

The black coats marched believing the state could still be compelled to pause. The state did not pause. They marched believing the judiciary still contained figures willing to resist from within. The judges did not hold.

In those twin refusals lay the true measure of what the movement could not survive.



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ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION IN GAZA: THE SILENT CASUALTY OF WAR



Israel's unprecedented bombardment of the Gaza Strip has caused more than 100,000 casualties and the forced displacement of most of Gaza's 2.3 million inhabitants. However, beyond the human tragedy, there is another "silent victim" of this conflict: the environment including both the natural and built environment.

The continuous bombardment has resulted in massive destruction of infrastructure, residential neighborhoods, public buildings, archaeological sites, religious places, universities, hospitals, and other essential facilities. This destruction has severely damaged sewage systems and water networks, leading to the contamination of both groundwater and surface water sources.

Today, pollution exists everywhere in Gaza in the air people breathe, the water they drink and bathe in, the food they consume, and the environment surrounding them.

In addition, the use of rockets, explosives, and other weapons has caused serious environmental damage. The use of explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA) releases toxic and hazardous chemicals from destroyed buildings and infrastructure. These pollutants contaminate the environment and contribute to the destruction of biodiversity.

Since the escalation of the conflict, relentless airstrikes have covered Gaza in thick clouds of smoke, dust, and toxic gases. Every explosion releases harmful pollutants into the atmosphere, including carbon monoxide, sulfur compounds, and fine particulate matter, turning the air into a major health hazard. As a result, civilians face increasing respiratory illnesses and long-term exposure to dangerous chemicals.

The land itself has also suffered greatly. Explosive weapons leave behind toxic residues, heavy metals, and hazardous substances that penetrate the soil. Agricultural lands, once essential for food production and survival, are now polluted and less productive. Crop failure and food insecurity continue to increase, placing additional pressure on an already vulnerable population.

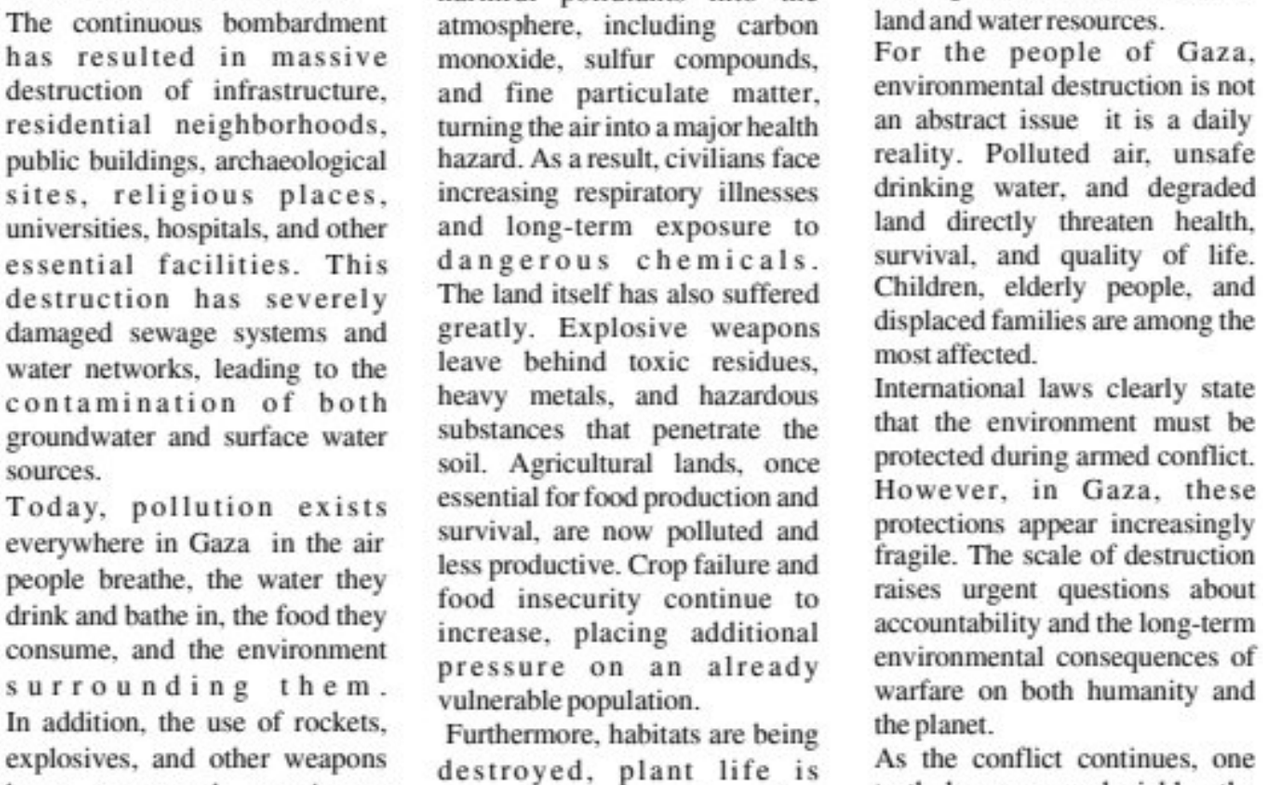
Furthermore, habitats are being destroyed, plant life is disappearing, and marine ecosystems are being damaged by polluted runoff entering the sea. The delicate balance of nature is being disrupted, with consequences that may last for generations.

At the same time, mountains of debris and waste continue to accumulate. Destroyed buildings, damaged hospitals, and broken infrastructure have created a severe waste management crisis. Toxic materials spread uncontrollably, causing further contamination of land and water resources.

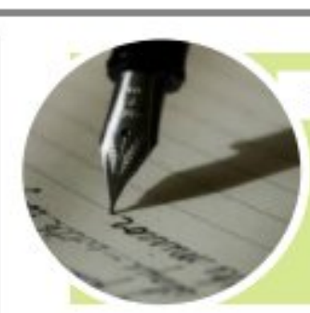
For the people of Gaza, environmental destruction is not an abstract issue it is a daily reality. Polluted air, unsafe drinking water, and degraded land directly threaten health, survival, and quality of life. Children, elderly people, and displaced families are among the most affected.

International laws clearly state that the environment must be protected during armed conflict. However, in Gaza, these protections appear increasingly fragile. The scale of destruction raises urgent questions about accountability and the long-term environmental consequences of warfare on both humanity and the planet.

As the conflict continues, one truth becomes undeniable: the environment is a silent casualty of war. Unless immediate attention and action are taken, its wounds may outlast the conflict itself



First Lady Bibi Asifa Bhutto Zardari in a meeting with Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) during her visit to the BISP Headquarters.



By: Muhammad Rabnawaz Awan

Educational Leadership Beyond Rhetoric: Reflections on a Year of Reform in Attock



Since my transition from corporate communications to the teaching profession as an English language teacher, I have developed a different perspective on public-sector leadership. One observation that has often concerned me is that appointments to key educational positions—whether District Education Officers, Deputy District Education Officers, or Chief Executive Officers of District Education Authorities—are sometimes perceived as being influenced more by connections than by professional competence and merit.

It was therefore encouraging to observe that, under the broader reform agenda of the Punjab Government, efforts were made to introduce a more merit-oriented selection process for educational leadership through competitive assessments and structured interviews. While interpretations may vary, the emergence of a number of energetic, qualified, and reform-oriented officers across Punjab appears to suggest that this shift may be gradually influencing institutional functioning. I remain open to correction on this view.

One such appointment was that of Dr. Muhammad Azhar as Chief Executive Officer, District Education Authority Attock, in May 2025. I may sound somewhat subjective here, but during his tenure serving in the district in a modest capacity of English language teacher I had the opportunity to observe several administrative developments from within the system. Over time, it appeared that some of the changes were not isolated administrative actions but may be understood as part of a broader effort toward merit, accountability, and institutional responsiveness.

One of the more visible changes was a gradual shift in administrative culture. Traditionally, district education offices have often been perceived by many teachers as formal, distant, and less accessible. During the past year, however, there appeared to be efforts aimed at making the office of the Chief Executive more approachable, responsive, and engaged with field-level educators. This transition—from a relatively rigid administrative style toward a more open and communicative approach—helped reduce the distance between policy formulation and classroom realities.

Within this evolving environment, several reforms were introduced or implemented across the district. One may interpret these differently, but they appear broadly aligned with a merit-oriented leadership approach in which planning and execution are increasingly guided by performance, transparency, and institutional need rather than routine administrative practice.

The implementation of the "Learn and Earn program" is one such example. The programme aimed to link education with skills development and employability, encouraging students to view learning not only as academic preparation but also as a pathway toward practical economic engagement. Its execution at the district level reflects how coordinated administrative effort can translate policy direction into operational outcomes.

Infrastructure development across schools further illustrates this direction of reform. Construction and upgradation projects in multiple institutions, the establishment of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) classrooms across tehsils, and the installation of solar systems were undertaken to improve access and learning environments. While infrastructure alone does not determine educational quality, its impact becomes more meaningful when supported by leadership that prioritizes functionality, sustainability, and equitable resource distribution.

Similarly, steps toward digital inclusion, including the distribution of Chromebooks among high-achieving students, reflect an effort to introduce learners to technology-enabled education. In principle, such initiatives represent a move toward preparing students for an increasingly digital environment, provided they are sustained through teacher support and meaningful integration into classroom practice.

Teacher development also remained an important focus area. Various training programmes were organized to enhance pedagogical skills, classroom management, and student-centred teaching approaches. From an institutional perspective, such initiatives gain greater significance when embedded within a consistent reform culture that treats continuous professional development as a long-term investment.

Recognition and morale-building measures also contributed to strengthening institutional confidence. The introduction of "Hero Awards" for teachers, along with promotions for teaching and non-teaching staff.

PM Health Insurance Scheme for Journalists and Media Workers to Be Launched Soon: Ashfaq Ahmed Khalil

He said journalists and media workers deserved recognition for their services and that the government was committed to improving their working conditions. He added that his doors remained open to journalists and media workers and called for joint efforts to promote the media industry.Principal Information Officer RaeesaAdil said the professional contributions of journalists and media workers were highly valuable. She emphasized continued coordination between media organizations and relevant institutions to address their problems and safeguard their legitimate rights.APNEC Chairman Muhammad Siddiq Anzar said protecting the rights and welfare of journalists and media workers was a fundamental responsibility of media organizations. He called for unity among journalistic bodies and stronger cooperation to address workers' challenges and improve their working environment.Media Workers Organization President Kaleem Shamim highlighted the importance of economic security, professional development and protection of workers' rights for the stability of media institutions.APNEC Gilgit-Baltistan Chapter Chairperson Mahwish Mumtaz Baig thanked the participants and reaffirmed the organization's commitment to

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Share prices consolidate gains at Pakistan Stock Exchange

■ At 10:25 am, the PSX's benchmark KSE-100 Index was trading at 166,989.55 points, up by 1,252. 80 points or 0.75 percent.



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Buyers were busy in active trading at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Thursday building on yesterday's gains, with the index gaining over 1,250 points in the opening session, At 10:25 am, the PSX's benchmark KSE-100 Index was trading at 166,989.55 points, up by 1,252. 80 points or 0.75 percent.

Of the total 570 companies traded so far, share prices of 282 companies were up, 150 were down while 138 remained unchanged.

Buying was observed in key sectors, including automobile assemblers, commercial banks, oil and gas exploration companies, OMCs and power generation. Index-heavy stocks, including HUBCO, KE, MARI, POL, PPL, PSO, SNGPL, HBL, MCB, MEBL and UBL, traded in the green.

Yesterday, the PSX had extended its recovery as late-session buying lifted the market, supported by broad-based gains across major sectors. The index advanced by 1,269.55 points, or 0.77%, to close at 165,736.76 points.



Syed Shakeel Shah, Member (C-Ops), Pakistan Customs, and Li Qingua, Deputy Head of Urumqi Customs and Director of Tashkurgan Customs, Sign Green Channel Agreement for Sost-Khunjerab Border between Pakistan and China, ceremony held online at FBR.

Airbus aims for record deliveries despite disappointing quarter

■ The company delivered 196 aircraft in the three months to the end of September, compared to 201 during the same period the previous year.

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European aircraft manufacturer Airbus said Wednesday its third quarter revenues dipped as it finished fewer planes, but insisted it would still deliver a record number this year.

The company delivered 196 aircraft in the three months to the end of September, compared to 201 during the same period the previous year.

Revenues slid two percent to 17.5 billion euros ($19.5 billion), but net profit jumped 20 percent to 1.3 billion euros, Airbus said in a statement.



Airbus kept to its target of delivering a record 870 commercial aircraft this year, beating the 863 it handed over to airlines in 2019 before the Covid pandemic upended the industry.

"Against a complex geopolitical and operating environment, we are focused on delivery while maintaining a steadfast focus on quality," chief executive Guillaume Faury said in a statement.

"Our plan is clear, and our teams are onboard to meet our objectives," he added.

Aircraft deliveries are important for Airbus and its main competitor Boeing as they get paid the majority of the agreed price when planes are hand over.

Airbus needs to deliver 323 aircraft in this quarter to meet its annual target, but it usually delivers a large number of planes at the end of the year.

The head of the company's commercial aircraft unit, Lars Wagner, said earlier this month he was confident Airbus can meet its annual target as most of the aircraft are in the final stages of assembly.

Oil prices hover at six-week high as Middle East shipping risks escalate

■ Iran's Revolutionary Guards said an oil tanker caught fire after an explosion while attempting to follow a route they described as mined



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Oil prices fell on Thursday, paring the previous day's gains, as hopes for peace talks took the edge off renewed concerns over Middle East supply disruptions from escalating regional conflict.

Brent crude futures declined 82 cents, or 0.7%, to $114.50 a barrel by 0132 GMT. US West Texas ?Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were down $1.04, or 1.0%, at $101.74.

Brent rose 1.3% and WTI gained 3% on Wednesday.

US Vice President JD Vance sought to revive peace negotiations by sending a letter to Iranian Security Council chief Mohsen Rezaei, the Wall Street Journal said on Wednesday, citing US officials and people familiar with the matter.

"Selling pressure is prevailing amid expectations that peace talks may ?resume," said Yuki Takashima, an economist at Nomura Securities. "However, the decline remains limited."

This was due to concerns over intensified attacks by the Houthis and fears the US may launch an attack on Iran following its mid-term elections set for November 3.

The Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Houthis said it destroyed a ballistic missile fired by the ?group towards the kingdom's eastern region early on Thursday, as hostilities between both sides show no signs of abating.

The Houthis attacked Aden airport on Wednesday, Yemeni government forces said.

The attack came a day after the Houthis said they hit Saudi Arabia's biggest oil refinery with a missile, stepping up strikes against the world's second-largest crude producer after the United States.

Saudi authorities did not immediately confirm the strike on the 550,000-barrel-per-day facility.

Qatari mediators have presented Iran with a new draft deal to end the war with the US and Israel, an official briefed on the negotiations said, but a senior Iranian official dismissed it as unacceptable ideas that did not amount to an offer.

Iran's foreign minister said on Wednesday Tehran continued to give diplomacy a chance to succeed and flagged the possibility of completing its seven-day plan in less than a week if adopted.

UK budget lifts bank tax to offset surging energy bills

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Britain's Labour government will increase a tax on profits earned by banks to help reduce soaring energy bills for millions of UK households, finance minister John Healey announced in his budget Wednesday.

The first budget of Prime Minister Andy Burnham's administration was delivered to parliament against a harsh global backdrop of rising inflation and borrowing costs, and the fallout of the Iran war.

Despite the constraints, Healey pledged to raise UK defence spending to three percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2030 -- a commitment he had pushed for before resigning as defence secretary over insufficient military funding under previous PM Keir Starmer.



Britain's economy will grow slightly faster than forecast this year -- by 1.2 percent -- before slowing to a worse-than-expected 1.0 percent in 2027 -- driven by effects of the war in the Middle East, Healey said as he delivered the government's annual budget.

"Fiscal discipline is my first commitment," he added, in comments welcomed by bond markets as UK yields dipped Wednesday.

Healey, whose official title is Chancellor of the Exchequer, promised "immediate" support for households and businesses in the face of "global economic storms".

Labour is to double to six percent a surcharge on profits earned by banks operating in the UK.

Lasting for 15 months from January, the tax increase will raise £1.5 billion ($2.0 billion), Britain's fiscal watchdog, the Office for Budget Responsibility, said in an accompanying statement.

"This is net of an estimated £190 million reduction in receipts as some banks are assumed to move profits out of the UK in response to the higher tax rate," the OBR said.

Banks had expected to be hit harder, resulting in share prices of most UK lenders, including Barclays and NatWest, rising.

Dollar steady after Fed hold leaves rate path murky

■ The US dollar steadied after the Fed held interest rates unchanged, as investors assessed inflation risks and awaited policy decisions from the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan.

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The US dollar steadied on Thursday after the Federal Reserve held interest rates as expected while hinting upcoming inflation data would influence future policy moves, leaving investors uncertain about the rates outlook.

The Fed opted to delay any changes to borrowing costs until after next week's midterm election in a 10-2 decision, which came with an upgraded assessment of an economy that the central bank now says is growing at a "strong pace."

That, along with the confidence expressed by Fed Chair Kevin Warsh that inflation can be lowered to the 2% target without having to "throw sand in the gears" and slow growth or raise unemployment, pushed traders to rein in bets for rate hikes in 2027.

The euro eased 0.15% to $1.1134 in early Asian hours after the common currency firmed 0.3% in the previous session following the Fed decision. Against the Japanese yen , the dollar was up 0.14% at 158.045 yen.

The greenback had held near two-week highs ahead of the announcement but turned lower after Warsh's press conference offered no clear steer on a December move.

"Warsh's silence on further rate hikes was interpreted as dovish, or not hawkish enough," said ?Carol Kong, a currency strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia. "Some market participants might have expected him to pair the on-hold decision with a little bit of guidance ?on the December meeting, but he didn't do that."



Traders are pricing in a 78% chance of a hike in December, the FedWatch tool showed. The dollar index , which measures the greenback against a basket of six currencies, was at 102.26.

The Treasury yield curve steepened after Warsh started his press conference, with the 2-year note yield, which typically moves in step with Fed interest ?rate expectations, falling as low as 4.678%. It was last down 2.3 basis points at 4.712% in Asian hours.

Kerry Craig, global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Asset ?Management, said the meeting outcome gave the market and the Fed time to assess upcoming jobs and inflation data.

"The market reaction today was dovish... However, with policy tightening already being ?priced in, ?this implies that yields will remain range-bound unless there is a clearer signal for more aggressive policy tightening or a pivot to cuts," Craig said.

Warsh said on Wednesday the central bank would begin setting aside one of its eight regularly scheduled policy meetings next year and two in 2028 to weigh major issues facing the institution and would not use them to consider changes in monetary policy.

"The changing of meeting schedules for 2027 and 2028, where one and two of the eight meetings will discuss strategy not policy changes, respectively, reads as dovish to us," analysts at TD Securities said in a note. "It may also have the side effect of producing potentially both more extreme and more inter-meeting moves down the line."

Attention now shifts to central bank meetings in Europe and Japan.The European Central Bank will announce its decision later on Thursday, while the Bank of Japan concludes a two-day ?meeting on Friday. Both ?central banks are expected to leave interest rates unchanged.

"Barring major hawkish surprises at either of those meetings, we would expect the dollar to continue to consolidate towards the top of recent ranges," ING analysts said.

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Six killed in cyclone off India's eastern coast

- At least 15,000 electricity poles were damaged by the cyclone



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WASHINGTON/RIYADH

At least six people were killed and power supply in several areas along India's eastern coast remained disrupted on Thursday, one day after Cyclone Arnab barrelled through the region, bringing heavy rain and gusty winds, officials said.

The Times of India newspaper, citing local officials, put the death toll at nine, caused by electrocution as well as tree and house collapses.

The official death toll was six, an Andhra Pradesh state government official said.

Cyclone Arnab, classified by the India Meteorological Department as a very severe cyclonic storm – the third-highest category on its scale – made landfall in Andhra Pradesh early on Wednesday.

At least 15,000 electricity poles were damaged by the cyclone, state Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu was quoted as saying in a statement.

Power supply had been restored in most districts except for Konaseem and West Godavari, ?the statement said.

Advances in technology enabled the government to identify the areas likely to face the greatest impact and limit loss of life and property, Naidu said.

A Marshall Island-flagged cargo vessel, with 20 crew members on board, that was grounded off the coast of Andhra Pradesh remained stalled on Thursday because of rough seas, officials said.

More than 180,000 people had been evacuated in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha ahead of the cyclone's arrival.

Some schools were closed and some train and ?flight services cancelled.

Arnab formed over the Bay of Bengal, a major region for tropical cyclones that has spawned deadly storms on India's east coast. .

US military carries out strikes on Iran as both sides threaten civilian infrastructure



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Neither man is on the ballot but Republican President Donald Trump and Democratic former President Barack Obama took prominent roles on the campaign trail with less than a week to go before congressional races that could shift the balance of power in Washington.

While Trump has been on a weeks-long campaign blitz that has underlined Republican concerns about losing control of Congress for the final two years of his presidency, Obama had kept a relatively low public profile until the past week, during which he has delivered blistering speeches criticizing Trump.Thirty-five of the 100 Senate seats and all 435 seats in the House of Representatives are being contested next Tuesday. Nonpartisan analysts generally favor Democrats' chances of capturing a majority in the House, with the contest for the Senate seen as very close.

Obama appeared in Morrow, Georgia, near Atlanta, where he urged voters to support Democratic Senator Jon Ossoff, who faces a challenge from Representative Mike Collins, a Republican.

While delivering the standard Democratic critique of Trump for imposing tariffs and going to war in Iran, Obama also said America's values were on the ballot, as he recalled the vision of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., who is buried in Atlanta.

"There is a moral component to the choices we face right now," Obama said. "We are not going to fix the system that's broken, we're not going to unrig our economy, so long as we've got a culture where anything goes, where people in the highest offices of the land think it's OK to lie and cheat and bully, if we continue to have a culture where money is deemed the only measure of our worth," Obama said.

Trump's public approval rating has fallen to a near record low, with Americans increasingly sour on the high cost of living and the Iran war, but he remains an animating force in the party and has campaigned hard to increase Republican turnout.Americans have been voting for weeks, with 40 million ballots already cast, according to the University of Florida's Election Lab. A total of 45.9 million Americans voted early in the last midterm elections in 2022.

Addressing a rally inside a modest college gymnasium in the Ohio town of Chillicothe, the president appeared with Senator Jon Husted of Ohio as he faces a challenge from Democratic former Senator Sherrod Brown.Trump attacked Brown for supporting immigration policies the president said had overwhelmed Springfield, Ohio, with Haitian migrants.



US VP Vance contacts Iran security chief for reviving peace talks

- Houthis said their ?forces carried out missile and drone strikes on two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea

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WASHNGATION

US Vice-President JD Vance has contacted Iran's security chief in a bid to revive peace talks that could head off a renewed American assault on the Islamic republic,

Vance sent a letter to Mohsen Rezaei, head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, the Journal reported, in a move that one of the newspaper's sources said was directed by President Donald Trump.

The letter -- as well as subsequent talks between US and Iranian officials -- focused on a possible framework for negotiations rather than specifics of a peace proposal, the Journal said.

The war, which the United States and Israel launched in late February, has severely disrupted energy shipments from Gulf countries, causing global economic fallout. Iran began blockading the key Strait of Hormuz waterway, through which around a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas used to travel, after the conflict began and regularly attacks vessels that attempt to cross without its authorization.

The United States has meanwhile maintained a naval blockade of Iranian ports, seeking to squeeze the country's economy.

The Journal also reported Wednesday that Washington had told several Gulf Arab countries to prepare for a possible "short, intense military campaign" against Iran after the US midterm elections on November 3.

But the newspaper, citing people briefed on the conversations, said Trump had not made a final decision.

Iran's military has meanwhile warned it would retaliate more widely against any new attack, with Rezaei saying it could strike US-related infrastructure including data centers and other artificial intelligence targets.

Iran says discussing plan with mediators

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Wednesday that Tehran was discussing with mediators ways to implement a seven-day plan to end the Middle East war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

South Korea says considering deployment options to Strait of Hormuz, including aircraft

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South Korea's National Security Adviser Wi ?Sung-lac said on Thursday that Seoul was still considering various options regarding a possible deployment to the Strait of Hormuz, including sending a maritime patrol aircraft.

Seoul was continuing discussions ?with Washington on possible options, but a combat deployment was ruled out in line with President Lee Jae Myung's earlier announcement, Wi told a parliamentary audit.

Meanwhile, 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.

Qatar presents Iran with new draft deal to end ME war, Tehran calls ideas unacceptable

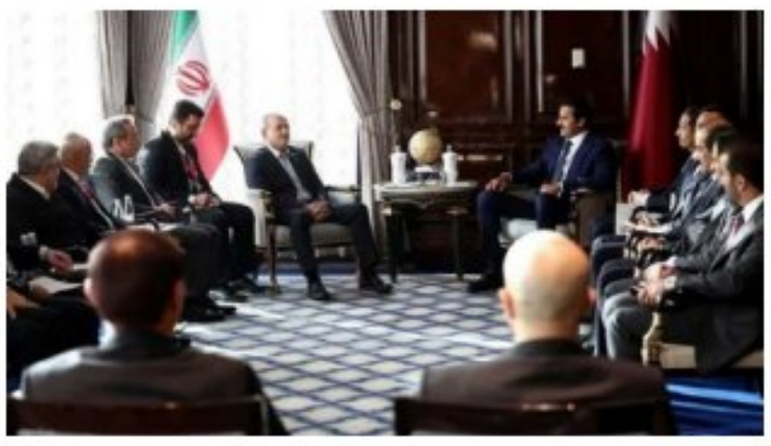
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Qatar

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The official briefed on the negotiations, who is not from Iran, said a new draft peace proposal for the eight-month-old conflict was presented on Sunday and was being considered by Tehran, with a response expected by the end of the week.



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The proposal presented by Qatar sets a seven-day timeline addressing both Tehran's and Washington's concerns, laying out daily confidence-building steps that each side must take, the official briefed on the negotiations said. The timeline could begin early next week and several countries would act as guarantors of the deal, the official added.Shortly afterwards, a senior Iranian official involved in the talks said Qatar had presented only "unacceptable ideas and not an offer", and that Tehran's policy on showing no flexibility over the nuclear issue remained unchanged.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said on Wednesday that Tehran remained in close contact with intermediaries to review ideas that could ensure the implementation of its own seven-day proposal aimed at ending the war in the Middle East.

Iran's demands over the Strait of Hormuz would set a dangerous precedent, Rubio warns Asian leaders

- Yemeni government officials urged the international community to help protect civilians and reopen roads into the city of Taiz as Iran-backed Houthi rebels further tightened their siege of the city.

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Yemeni officials have appealed for international support to protect civilians in Taiz as Iran-backed Houthi rebels tightened their siege of the city.

Meanwhile, a police officer guarding the Israeli Embassy in the Serbian capital of Belgrade shot and killed a man who attacked him with a knife. Police said the incident was a "terrorist attack."

Separately, Iran's top diplomat said a meeting of high-level security officials from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Turkey was a step toward dialogue and peace, while stressing that regional security should be handled by the countries themselves rather than outside intervention.

Here is the latest news from the Middle East on Wednesday. Read our full coverage here.

Yemen appeals for help as Houthis tighten Taiz siege

Yemeni government officials urged the international community to help protect civilians and reopen roads into the city of Taiz as Iran-backed Houthi rebels further tightened their siege of the city.

Taiz province has emerged as a major battlefront in recent weeks, including the city of Taiz — considered a gateway to the country's south. It has taken in around half of Yemen's population displaced by the latest fighting, straining limited resources.



The Taiz governor, Nabil Shamsan, said residents had lost access to about 3 million liters (about 793,000 gallons) of water previously available from wells in Wadi al-Dhubab, which he said is now under Houthi control. The Associated Press couldn't independently verify that claim.

Eshraq al-Maqtari, a legal affairs minister in Yemen's internationally recognized government, said more than 2,000 projectiles and explosives fired by the Houthis had struck Taiz city districts in recent days and called for measures to cut off the rebels' weapon supplies and funding.

Shamsan said fighting had intensified across the province as the Houthis deployed reinforcements to multiple fronts, with the city encircled on all four sides.

It was the first time the Houthis issued an evacuation warning for Aden airport. It has been struck a few times this month, most recently by two missiles, with police blaming the Houthis.

Israeli strikes kill 1, wound 6 in Gaza

Two Israeli strikes in southern Gaza on Wednesday killed one person and wounded at least six others, according to health officials at Nasser Hospital.

The first strike killed one man and critically wounded a woman, health officials said. Another strike wounded at least five others. Israel's military did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Mahira Khan says open to all kinds of roles, not just heroine characters

Mahira urged directors and producers not to limit her to stereotypical or traditional roles

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Renowned Pakistani actor and superstar Mahira Khan has said she is fully content with her current phase of life and is not worried about a time when she may stop receiving traditional heroine roles.

Speaking at a special session titled "From Story to Character" during a literary and cultural event in Dubai, Mahira Khan discussed fame, success and the evolving nature of roles with age. She said she deeply values success and the love of her fans, adding that her connection with her audience remains an important part of her life.

Mahira Khan noted that while she appreciates the affection she receives from people, she is also aware that fame and popularity are not permanent. According to her, this is why she prefers to stay focused on her work and continuous improvement as an actor.

The actor further said that success and stardom are temporary and should not be considered the ultimate goal of life. She added that she is enjoying her ss current stage of life and is fully at peace with the idea that conventional heroine roles may become less frequent over time.

Mahira also urged directors and producers not to limit her to stereotypical or traditional roles, saying she is eager to explore diverse and challenging characters that allow her to showcase different dimensions of her acting.

Her remarks have been widely appreciated on social media, where fans praised her confidence, realism, and dedication to her craft.

Bilal Abbas Khan Marks 33rd Birthday Amid Warm Wishes

Gohar Rasheed's Birthday Tribute Wins Hearts Online

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ISLAMABAD

Pakistani actor Bilal Abbas Khan is celebrating his 33rd birthday, receiving an outpouring of love and good wishes from fans, friends, and fellow artists across social media.

Among the notable messages was a heartfelt birthday tribute from Gohar Rasheed, who shared a throwback photo with Bilal on Instagram Stories. Referring to him as "Hajji Sahab" following his recent Hajj pilgrimage, Gohar extended his best wishes and affection for the actor on his special day.



Bilal has enjoyed a remarkable year both professionally and personally. Recently, he was seen performing Hajj in Makkah, where he appeared alongside prominent figures including and Wasim Akram, Misbah-ul-Haq, and Fakhr-e-Alam during the pilgrimage.

On the professional front, Bilal was last seen in the popular drama Meri Zindagi Hai Tu opposite Hania Aamir. Widely admired for his performances, he continues to be one of Pakistan's most celebrated television stars.

Last year, Bilal marked his birthday with a reflective social media post, expressing gratitude for life's lessons, challenges, and personal growth. The message resonated with fans, who once again joined in celebrating the actor's latest milestone.



Shakira discusses her parental responsibilities post-split

The Waka Waka singer noted, "Mother hood makes you strong.

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Shakira also indulges in raising her kids rather than looking for romance after her split from Gerard Piqué.

In a new interview with People magazine published on Wednesday, the 49-year-old singer said that she is focused on raising her sons rather than looking for romance right now.

She continued, "I'm just thinking of raising my kids. I don't see that for now. Maybe when they're older". During the interview, Shakira said that life did not pause after the split. She further told, "When your world collapses, you have to get up and pay the bills and still prepare breakfast and take your kids to school. Life needs to go on".

The Waka Waka singer noted, "Motherhood makes you strong. The moment I became a mother, I saw life through a different perspective, and my kids are not only the best thing that happened to me, but I've learned so much from them every day".

"We regret to confirm that we are separating. For the well-being of our children, who are our highest priority, we request respect for our privacy. Thank you for your understanding," the former couple said in a joint statement at that time. For those unversed, the Waka Waka hitmaker shares two sons, Milan and Sasha, with her ex-partner Gerard.

Momina Iqbal's smoking video sparks debate during wedding festivities

A video from her bridal makeover session has recently gone viral

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Momina Iqbal and Hamza Habib's wedding festivities have become the talk of social media, with the newlyweds receiving widespread love and congratulations. Videos and pictures from their various wedding events have gone viral, drawing significant attention online. Their Barat ceremony, in particular, was described as a lively and joyful gathering attended by close friends and family.

The actress, who opted for a designer bridal outfit by Fahad Hussyn, appeared as a fully styled glamorous bride during her wedding events. However, a video from her bridal makeover session has recently gone viral, sparking debate on social media.

In the circulating clip, Momina Iqbal is allegedly seen smoking during her makeup session, a detail that quickly became the center of online discussion.

Following the video's spread, social media users expressed mixed reactions. While some criticized the act, others defended the actress, emphasizing personal choice. One user



commented, "Smoking does not make a woman characterless. It will only affect her lungs." Another wrote, "Men smoke all the time, it's her choice." A further user added, "We have our own lives to deal with; there is

The incident has divided public opinion, turning a wedding celebration moment into a broader discussion on personal freedom and social judgment.

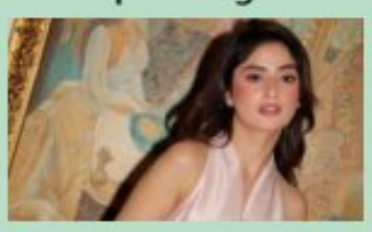
Sajal Aly Inspires Fans With Message Of Empathy

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KARACHI

Pakistani actress Sajal Aly has won praise from fans after sharing an emotional message about compassion and humanity on social media. Through her Instagram Stories, she reflected on the suffering and challenges faced by many people around the world, encouraging followers to show greater understanding and kindness toward others.

In her message, Sajal highlighted the struggles that many individuals endure quietly and emphasized that small acts of support can have a meaningful impact. She urged people to remain empathetic and extend help wherever possible, stressing the importance of compassion during difficult times.

The actress's thoughtful post



resonated with fans, many of whom applauded her for using her platform to promote positivity and social awareness. Her message quickly attracted attention across social media, with followers appreciating its uplifting tone.

Shortly afterward, Sajal shared a series of stylish photographs, captioning the post, "Felt like a doll." The actress showcased an elegant blush-pink outfit by Zarih, featuring a sleeveless halter-style top paired with a traditional farshi shalwar.

Study Links Coffee Intake to Heart Risk

Heavy Coffee Consumption May Increase Heart Risk in Hypertension



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High blood pressure is often referred to as the "silent killer" because it can gradually damage the heart and blood vessels without obvious symptoms. While coffee is a common daily habit for many people, new research suggests that high consumption may increase risks for individuals with severe hypertension.

A study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association analyzed health data from more than 18,000 Japanese adults aged 40 to 79 to examine the relationship between coffee intake and cardiovascular outcomes.

The findings indicate that among individuals with severe hypertension — defined as blood pressure readings of 160/100 mm Hg or higher — drinking two or more cups of coffee per day gher risk of death from heart disease was associated with a significantly higher risk of death from heart disease compared to non-coffee drinkers.

However, the study also noted that moderate consumption, defined as up to one cup per day, did not show the same increased risk, suggesting that limited intake may be safer for people with high blood pressure.

Researchers also examined green tea consumption and found no increased risk of heart-related death, even among participants with severe hypertension. Scientists attribute this to green tea's high levels of polyphenols, which are known for their antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties that support cardiovascular health.

Experts explain that while moderate caffeine intake may offer some general health benefits, excessive consumption can temporarily raise heart rate and blood pressure, placing additional strain on an already weakened cardiovascular system.

Medical professionals continue to emphasize that managing hypertension requires a combination of prescribed medication, regular physical activity, and a balanced diet. The study suggests that individuals with severe hypertension may benefit from limiting coffee intake to one cup per day or opting for alternatives such as green tea.

Nida Yasir Shares Secret to Long Marriage

Host Nida Yasir Reveals Staycations Key to Strong Marriage Life

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Pakistani television host Nida Yasir has shared insights into the secret behind her long and enduring marriage with actor and director Yasir Nawaz, revealing that intentional quality time has played a key role in keeping their relationship strong over the years.

Speaking on her television program, Nida Yasir disclosed that despite being married for 24 years, the couple continues to make deliberate efforts to nurture their bond by planning regular getaways together. She explained that they often organize short staycations around special occasions such as birthdays and their wedding anniversary.



According to her, the couple typically takes four to five days off to travel without their children, allowing them to focus entirely on each other and their relationship.

Nida emphasized that couples do not necessarily need international travel to reconnect, adding that even short trips to another city or a brief hotel stay within the same city can offer a meaningful break from daily routines and responsibilities.

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England end ODI tri-series campaign with 55-run win against Sri Lanka

● Sri Lanka reach tournament's final despite losing their last league match



SPORTS REPORTER

LAHORE

England beat Sri Lanka by 55 runs in their final league match of the ODI tri-Saturday.

Chasing a target of 387, Sri Lanka were bowled out for 331 in 45.1 overs despite centuries from Pavan Rathnayake and a strong contribution from captain Kusal Mendis.

Rathnayake top-scored with 118 off 77 balls, hitting 15 fours and one six, while Kusal made 89 off 71 deliveries, including eight fours and five sixes. Avishka Fernando also contributed 48 off 50 balls as Sri Lanka attempted to keep pace with England's imposing total.However, Sri Lanka continued to lose wickets at crucial stages and fell 55 runs short of the target.

Sri Lankas Dilshan Madushanka (L) and Englands captain Harry Brook (R) gesture at the end of the one-day international (ODI) tri-series cricket match between England and Sri Lanka at the Gaddafi stadium in Lahore on October 29, 2026.

Liam Dawson led England's bowling attack with four wickets for 49 runs in his 10 overs. Sonny Baker claimed two wickets, while Sam Curran, Henry Crocombe and Joe Root took one each.

Earlier, England posted 386 for five in their allotted 50 overs, with Ben Duckett leading the batting effort through a commanding 167 off 132 balls. He struck 24 fours and was named Player of the Match for his innings.

Tom Banton scored 74 off 75 deliveries as he and Duckett added 163 runs for the opening wicket. Captain Harry Brook contributed 44 off 34 balls, while Will Jacks made 30 off 21 deliveries.

Jordan Cox added 43 off 27 balls, and Sam Curran remained unbeaten on 21 off 12 deliveries as England finished with a formidable total.

PCB hosts tri-series teams at Lahore Fort

● PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi welcomed the players and officials of all three teams at the historic Alamgiri Gate of Lahore Fort.

Sports Desk

LAHORE

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi hosted a special reception and dinner at the historic Lahore Fort in honour of players and officials from Pakistan, England and Sri Lanka participating in the ongoing ODI tri-nation series.

Players, coaches, management staff, and match officials attended the event, where foreign guests received a traditional welcome inspired by Mughal-era royal hospitality.

PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi welcomed the players and officials of all three teams at the historic Alamgiri Gate of Lahore Fort.

The visiting players and officials toured the Badshahi Mosque, the Tomb of Allama Iqbal, and Hazuri



Bagh, exploring Lahore's historical and cultural landmarks.

The foreign players also enjoyed rides in colourful Rangila rickshaws, which added a traditional touch to the event.

The Dholichi group entertained the guests with a performance, and foreign players applauded the traditional drum performance.

At the Diwan-e-Khas, attendants in Mughal-era costumes welcomed the visiting players and officials, recreating the atmosphere of the historic royal court.

The guests also visited the Diwan-e-Aam, Barood Khana and Sheesh Mahal, where they received briefings on the history and architectural significance of Lahore Fort.

During the visit, foreign players and match officials showed interest in Lahore's historical sites and cultural heritage. Addressing the guests, PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi said the visiting players and officials were special guests of Pakistan.

He said Pakistan is a peaceful, secure country and that its people have a deep passion for cricket.

Naqvi also hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting players, officials and other guests.

The foreign players thanked the PCB for arranging the event and said the reception gave them an opportunity to experience Lahore's historical and cultural heritage.

They said they enjoyed visiting the historical landmarks and would return home with pleasant memories of Lahore.

Top golfers ready to battle for Governors Cup 2026

SPORTS Desk

ISLAMABAD

The Millat Tractors Governors Cup Golf Championship 2026 is set to provide an exciting contest at the Lahore Gymkhana Golf Course, with leading golfers, seasoned seniors and determined female players preparing to compete for top honours.

The championship is being held under favourable weather conditions, offering participants a comfortable environment to showcase their skills. The ladies' competition will take place on October 29, with around 33 golfers expected to participate. The seniors will compete on October 29 and 30, while the men's championship will be played over three days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The net events, in which players receive handicap allowances, are expected to produce closely contested battles, with competitors looking to capitalise on their preparation and practice. The main men's trophy remains a major attraction, with prominent golfers Nouman Ilyas, Qasim Ali Khan and Ali Zafar among those expected to challenge for the title. The women's field is also expected to deliver a competitive display, with participants eager to make their mark in the prestigious championship.

Tournament organisers expressed optimism about the quality of competition, anticipating an event full of excitement and memorable performances. Golf Captain Ahsan Khawaja, Convenor Wajid Aziz, and Ahsan Imran, chief executive of the sponsoring organisation, discussed details of the championship at a press conference, where he was acknowledged for his support of the event, along with Khawaja Pervaiz Saeed.

The championship is expected to bring together golfers across categories for several days of competitive action at one of Lahore's established golf venues. The ladies' event will be played on October 29, the seniors' event from October 29–30, and the men's event from Friday to Sunday at the historic Lahore Gymkhana Golf Course. The event will be a net competition with handicap allowance.



Milwaukee brews its first World Series title with triumph over Rays

■ The Milwaukee Brewers won their first World Series title, defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-1 in Game 5 to end a 57-year championship drought, with William Contreras named MVP.

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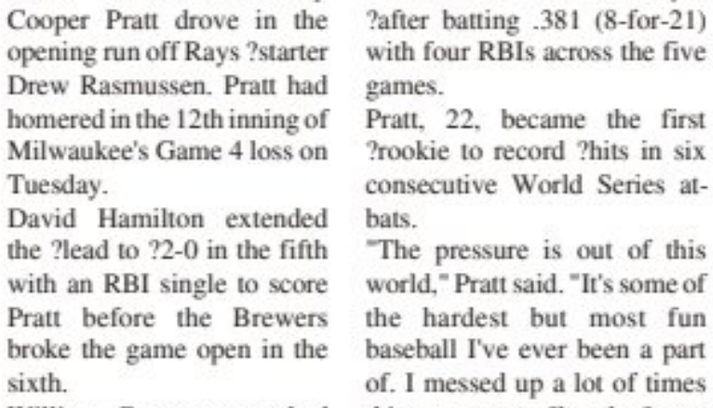
The Milwaukee Brewers captured their first World Series title by defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-1 to wrap up the Fall Classic in five games and end a 57-year championship drought.

Milwaukee starter Jacob Misiorowski tossed 5-2/3 shutout innings, while timely hitting silenced the home crowd at Tropicana Field as the Brewers secured the crown in their first World Series appearance in 44 years.

The victory caps a dominant campaign for Milwaukee, who won 103 games to claim the National League Central before defeating the San Diego Padres in the NL Division Series and sweeping the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL Championship Series.

"I know the city has waited a long, long time for this, and we're so happy to bring it back to them," said veteran outfielder Christian Yelich, who joined the franchise in 2018. "I ?can't wait to get back there and celebrate."

Fighting back tears after the final out, Misiorowski paid tribute to the Milwaukee faithful.



"They've been nothing but supportive this year and in years prior, and it has been amazing," the right-hander said.Milwaukee got on ?the board in the second inning when rookie shortstop Cooper Pratt drove in the opening run off Rays ?starter Drew Rasmussen. Pratt had homered in the 12th inning of Milwaukee's Game 4 loss on Tuesday.

David Hamilton extended the ?lead to ?2-0 in the fifth with an RBI single to score Pratt before the Brewers broke the game open in the sixth.

William Contreras crushed an RBI double off the left-field wall to score Yelich before tagging and scoring on Pratt's sacrifice fly into foul territory, making it 4-0. Tampa Bay managed just two hits off Misiorowski. They ?avoided a shutout with ?two outs in the bottom ?of the ninth on an RBI double by Chandler Simpson before Milwaukee closer Trevor Megill locked down the final out.

Contreras was named World Series Most Valuable Player ?after batting .381 (8-for-21) with four RBIs across the five games.

Pratt, 22, became the first ?rookie to record ?hits in six consecutive World Series at-bats.

"The pressure is out of this world," Pratt said. "It's some of the hardest but most fun baseball I've ever been a part of. I messed up a lot of times this postseason, ?but the ?guys picked me up, and we're world champions."

The franchise, founded as ?the Seattle Pilots in 1969 before moving to Wisconsin a year later, made their only prior trip to the World Series in ?1982 when they lost in seven games to the St Louis Cardinals.



Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League Quetta: Jaffarabad Lions and Chaman Champions Secure Thrilling Victories

SPORTS REPORTER

QUETTA

Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League Quetta* Thrilling matches in the sixth and seventh league matches, Jaffarabad Lions and Chaman Champions successful!*The Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League Quetta is ongoing in collaboration with All Balochistan, FC Balochistan (North). The sixth and seventh league matches played on October 29, 2026 saw exciting and thrilling matches between the teams.?? *Sixth League Match:*In the match played between Jaffarabad Lions and Chagai Scorpions at Shola Stadium, Quetta Cantt, Jaffarabad Lions performed brilliantly and won by 5 runs.?? *Seventh League Match:*In the match played between Chaman Champions and Command and Staff College Quetta at Chagai Stadium, Quetta Cantt, Chaman Champions played excellently and won by 4 wickets. The Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League aims to promote cricket in Balochistan, provide opportunities for young players to showcase their talents and promote a positive trend in sports



Antonelli on brink of F1 title

Web Desk

ISLAMABAD

Kimi Antonelli will take his place in Formula One's record books as the youngest champion and Italy's first since 1953, barring a wild swing of unexpected misfortunes amid a fiesta atmosphere at this weekend's Mexico City Grand Prix.

The runaway leader of the drivers' championship needs to finish ninth or better in his Mercedes to take the title aged 20 years and 68 days, lowering the record held by Sebastian Vettel by more than three years.Almost more remarkably, he will also succeed Italy's last champion Alberto Ascari, who won for Ferrari in 1953, after a gap of 73 years during which his country has become synonymous with Formula One. After winning the United States Grand Prix last Sunday, his two remaining title rivals team-mate George Russell and Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton are 123 and 124 points adrift respectively and can only prevent the seemingly inevitable by winning and hoping Antonelli finishes 10th or worse.

Antonelli has won nine races of this year's 18 to date. In his last 11, he has scored nine podium finishes, one fifth and one 15th place – only his second non-points-scoring race in 18 outings that began with a second-place in Australia followed by five wins.

It is the consistency of a champion, a driver with a clear vision of his work and a cool head albeit on such young shoulders. Out of the car, he is boyish, precocious and has an infectious sense of fun. Some have said he behaves like a puppy.

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KP government to review 74 laws enacted during PTI rule

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The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to review legislation enacted during the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government, with 74 laws passed by the provincial assembly set to be examined.

According to sources, the provincial Law Department has constituted a committee to review the legislation.

The committee will submit its recommendations to the relevant authorities within seven days. The review will cover laws relating to 20 provincial departments, while legislation concerning prosecution, universities and medical teaching institutions will also be examined.

Sources said laws related to the powers and privileges of the provincial assembly will also be included in the review.

Resolving Business Community's Issues Top Priority, Says Maryam Nawaz

● Digitalisation being accelerated to make Punjab business-friendly; government striving to eliminate red tape and remove hurdles to industrial growth

STAFF REPORTER

LAHORE

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has said that all possible measures will be taken to resolve the issues faced by the province's business community, reaffirming the provincial government's commitment to promoting business activities, accelerating industrial development and creating a conducive environment for investors and entrepreneurs.The chief minister expressed these views during a meeting with newly elected Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President Ali Hassam, whom she congratulated on his election to the position.Maryam Nawaz said that the process of digitalisation was progressing rapidly as part of the government's efforts to transform Punjab into a business-friendly province. She added that the provincial government was also working to eliminate red tape and bureaucratic hurdles to accelerate industrialisation and facilitate business activities.During the meeting, matters concerning the welfare of the business community and other related issues came under discussion. The LCCI delegation presented various suggestions to the chief minister aimed at further improving the business environment in Punjab and facilitating the commercial and industrial sectors.The chief minister reiterated that the provincial government was committed to addressing the concerns of the business community and would take all possible steps to resolve the problems faced by traders and industrialists. She emphasised the importance of removing unnecessary administrative barriers to ensure that industrial and commercial activities could progress at a faster pace.Maryam Nawaz said that digitalisation was being pursued to make Punjab more business-friendly.



The government's efforts to eliminate red tape are aimed at removing obstacles that slow down industrial growth and creating a more supportive environment for business activities across the province.The meeting also provided an opportunity for representatives of the business community to share their views and recommendations regarding measures needed to improve the business climate. The LCCI delegation put forward proposals for further improving the environment for businesses.Speaking on the occasion, LCCI President Ali Hassam appreciated the chief minister's people-friendly policies and acknowledged the efforts being made by her government to promote prosperity in Punjab.He also praised the chief minister and her team for their efforts to maintain peace in the province. "CM Maryam and her team are doing a remarkable job to make Punjab a prosperous province," he said.The meeting underscored the importance of cooperation between the provincial government and the business community in addressing commercial concerns, improving the business environment and supporting industrial development in Punjab.

Imaan Mazari, husband get 10-year prison term each in security breach case

● ATC judge Tahir Abbas Sipra also slapped fines on them.

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

.An anti-terrorism court (ATC), set up at Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi, on Thursday sentenced renowned human rights lawyer Imaan Mazari and her husband Hadi Ali Chattha to 10-year-imprisonment each in the case of removal of barriers and interference in official duty, reported 24NewsHD TV channel.

ATC judge Tahir Abbas Sipra also slapped fines on them.

The sentence was handed under three different sections.

The ATC had on Tuesday reserved its verdict in the case against Imaan and Chattha over the alleged removal of security barriers and disruption of a designated route during the visit of an international cricket team.



The trial concluded at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail, where both accused recorded their statements under Section 342 of the CrPC, and the state counsel completed final arguments.

The ATC framed charges against Imaan and Hadi on October 7 in the barrier removal case.

A sessions court had on January 24, 2026 sentenced lawyer Imaan and her spouse Chattha to a total of 17 years in prison on multiple charges in a case pertaining to social media posts.

The written order by Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Afzal Majoka stated that the "prosecution has been able to prove its case against both the accused" under sections 9 (glorification of an offence), 10 (cyberterrorism), 26-A (false and fake information) of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (Peca).



Probe blames substandard materials, official negligence for Peshawar school tragedy

■ The roof of the private school in Peshawar's Dir Colony collapsed during classes on October 15, killing 34 children and a female teacher.

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

An inquiry into a school collapse that killed 35 people in Peshawar has blamed the owner for using substandard construction materials and identified negligence by government departments, the governor's office said on Wednesday.

The roof of the private school in Peshawar's Dir Colony collapsed during classes on October 15, killing 34 children and a female teacher. The disaster prompted authorities to order inspections of private schools across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

The findings raise questions about both construction standards and regulatory oversight. After the collapse, relatives of some victims said they had previously complained to the school's owner about rainwater seeping into classrooms.

"The inquiry report held the school owner responsible for the use of substandard materials in the construction of the school building," the governor's office said in a statement.

Governor Faisal Karim Kundi received the report at a meeting attended by senior education officials, the provincial chief secretary and members of the inquiry committee.

The committee briefed him on the causes of the collapse, statements from relevant officials, departmental responsibilities and its findings and recommendations.

The statement said Kundi was also informed of negligence by the departments concerned, but did not identify the officials involved or detail their failures.

Kundi directed authorities to consult the provincial law department on the report's legal implications and take strict action against those responsible. The statement announced no new arrests, prosecutions or disciplinary penalties.

Police arrested the school owner after the collapse and registered a criminal case against the owners, shareholders and construction contractor. The case included an allegation of causing death without an intention to kill.

PTI committee backs talks with govt, but disputes procedure

■ Sources said Barrister Gohar and like-minded leaders, including Mahmood Achakzai and Raja Nasir Abbas, are in favour of pursuing dialogue with the government.

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) parliamentary committee has expressed support for negotiations with the government, although differences have emerged among party leaders over the procedure and composition of the negotiating team, according to sources.

Sources said Barrister Gohar and like-minded leaders, including Mahmood Achakzai and Raja Nasir Abbas, are in favour of pursuing dialogue with the government.

However, several PTI members have called for the formation of a dedicated negotiation committee to represent the party in the talks.



Some members have also expressed reservations about the role of opposition leaders, arguing that broader political demands could take precedence over PTI's own demands during negotiations.

They have stressed that the party should establish its own committee to ensure its priorities remain central to the process.

According to sources, PTI members have proposed including Mahmood Achakzai and Raja Nasir Abbas in the committee while limiting their authority to negotiate on the party's behalf.

The proposed committee would focus on securing relief for PTI founder Imran Khan and pursuing the party's demands through negotiations with the government.

Sources added that some members favour adopting a "give-and-take" approach to reach an understanding with the government.

LHC commutes woman's life term to 10-year jail for killing her two sons

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LAHORE

The Lahore High Court has commuted the life sentence of a mother to 10 years in prison for the murder of her two sons. Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafique ruled that parents may be exempt from retribution for the murder of their children, but may be subject to criminal punishment if proven guilty.Lahore High Court Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafique issued a 20-page decision on the appeal of Shagufta Parveen. According to the decision, the bodies of Shagufta Parveen's three-year-old son Abdul Hadi and nine-month-old son Abdul Rahim were found at their home in Hafizabad on November 9, 2022.

The accused was also shifted to the hospital in an injured condition. The trial court had sentenced her to two life sentences on June 28, 2024, for the murder of the two children, while she was also sentenced to pay compensation of Rs200,000 to the heirs of each child and six months in prison for the crime of attempted suicide.

In the judgment, Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafique, while reviewing sections 306 (B), 308 and 302 (C) of the Pakistan Penal Code, ruled that under the law, parents may be exempted from the punishment of Qisas for the murder of their children, but this does not mean that they are acquitted of the crime of murder or that they cannot be punished.

Qisas means the legal punishment of retaliation in return for murder, while punitive punishment is the punishment that a court gives under the law upon conviction of a crime.According to the court, under Section 302(C), a sentence of up to 25 years in prison can be imposed in circumstances where Qisas is not applicable according to Islamic injunctions.

The court held that in the present case, the accused was found guilty of murder, but she could not be punished under Qisas, therefore, instead of upholding life imprisonment, the sentence was imposed under Section 302(C).



Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan participates in the Belt and Road Initiative International Industrial-Educational Cooperation Forum at CACIE 2026.

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