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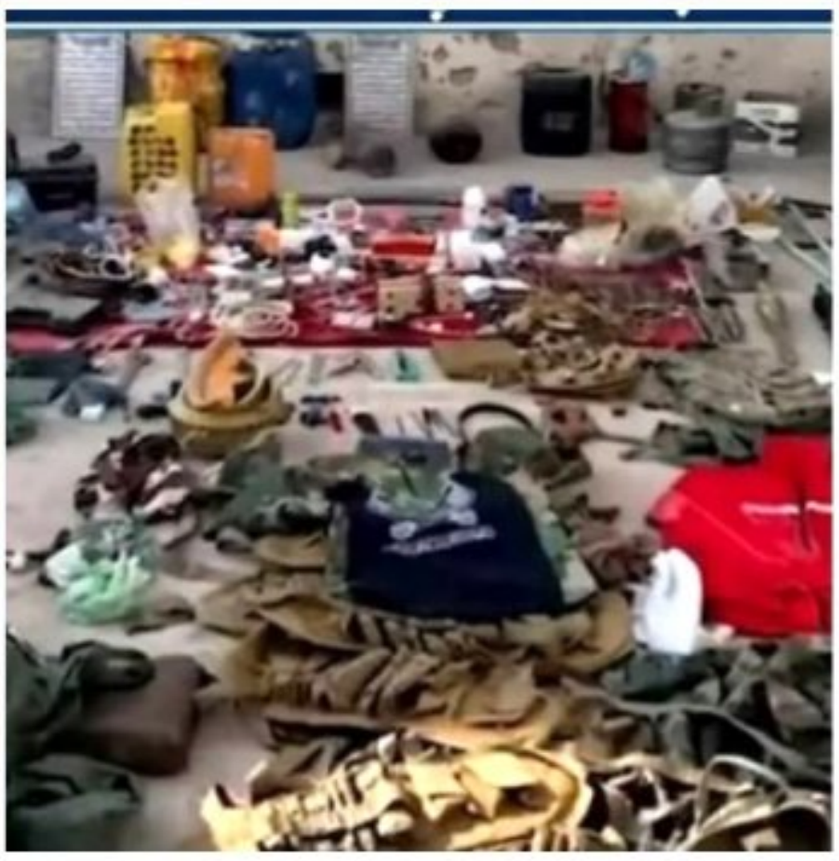
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Security forces clear terror hideouts in two North Waziristan mosques

ISPR says terrorists hideout belonged to Indian-sponsored proxy Fitna al-Khwarij: Large number of IEDs, bomb-making material, weapons recovered: Torture cells also found

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The security forces personnel have carried out an intelligence-based operation in Muzak village located on southern fringes of Mir Ali in North Waziristan District, following reported presence of terrorist hideouts belonging to Indian proxy Fitna al-Khwarij,

According to an ISPR statement released in Rawalpindi on Monday, during the conduct of the operation on November 8, 2026, two terrorist hideouts established by the Kharjis in mosques were sanitised and huge cache of prepared improvised explosive devices (IEDs), bomb-making material, weapons and ammunition were recovered.

The terrorists had deliberately established hideouts in mosques to store explosive materials and also were running torture cells there.

This reprehensible desecration of places of worship by Indian proxy Fitna al-Khwarij serves yet another clear evidence of their utter disregard of fundamental teachings of Islam, the ISPR said.

These Kharji terrorists abetted by Afghan Taliban have nothing to do with Islam and nd righteous people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



and Pakistan, said the ISPR statement. Their perverted interpretation and misuse of our great religion is unacceptable and fully rejected by proud and righteous people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Pakistan, said the ISPR statement.

A sanitization operation was being conducted by the brave soldiers of Pakistan security forces to eliminate any other Indian-sponsored terrorist hideouts in the area.

Relentless counter-terrorism campaign under vision "Azm-e-Istehkam" (as approved by Federal Apex Committee on National Action Plan) by the security forces and the law-enforcement agencies of Pakistan will continue at full pace to wipe out menace of foreign-sponsored and -supported terrorism from the country.

President, PM, KP governor commend security forces

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have commended security



Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi undergo medical check-up in Adiala jail

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi underwent a medical examination in Adiala Jail .

A medical team led by Dr Arif of PIMS Hospital examined them. Sources said that a medical team led by Dr Arif reached Adiala Jail on Sunday evening, where the medical staff of the prison hospital assisted the team.

The medical team checked the blood pressure, body temperature and pulse of the PTI founder, while also conducting an external medical examination.

Sources added that the doctors also asked the PTI founder various health-related questions, reviewed the medications he was taking, and gave him necessary medical instructions.

Additionally, the medical team also examined Bushra Bibi, after which the team left Adiala Jail.



Pakistan to host third Makkah Defence Alliance committee meeting this month

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan will host the third meeting of the Strategic Political and Defence Committee of the Makkah Defence Alliance later this month, diplomatic sources said.

The meeting is expected to bring together the foreign ministers, defence ministers and military chiefs of Pakistan, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia to discuss strategic, political and defence cooperation among the three countries.

Pakistan will be represented by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir. Foreign and defence ministers, along with military chiefs from Türkiye and Saudi Arabia, are also expected to attend.

The upcoming gathering will mark the committee's third meeting. The first two meetings were held in Türkiye and Saudi Arabia, respectively.



Pakistan strongly condemns Houthi attempt to attack Saudi Aramco building in Riyadh

- **Pakistan condemns the attempted Houthi attack on a Saudi Aramco administrative building in Riyadh, expresses solidarity with Saudi Arabia and demands an immediate halt to attacks.**

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has strongly condemned an attempted attack by Yemen's Houthi group on a Saudi Aramco administrative building in Riyadh, reaffirming its full support for the Kingdom's security, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Islamabad expressed solidarity with Saudi Arabia's leadership and people following the incident, which fortunately resulted in no reported casualties. Pakistan also called on the Houthis to immediately and unconditionally stop all attacks against the



Kingdom.

In a statement issued on Monday, the Foreign Office said Pakistan strongly condemned the attempted targeting of the Saudi Aramco administrative facility in the Saudi capital.

The ministry described attacks targeting civilian facilities as a demonstration of reckless disregard for human life and regional security, stressing that such actions threaten the safety and stability of the region.

Pakistan demanded that the Houthis immediately and unconditionally cease all attacks against Saudi Arabia.

Support for Riyadh

The Foreign Office also commended the vigilance and swift response of Saudi authorities in confronting what it described as an unjustifiable and unprovoked act of aggression.

Reaffirming Islamabad's position, Pakistan said it stood resolutely with the leadership and people of the Kingdom and supported all measures necessary to protect Saudi Arabia's security, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The statement further underlined the importance Islamabad attaches to the security of its close regional partner, describing the Kingdom's safety as being of paramount importance to Pakistan.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia investors launch fund to boost trade, investment

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

A joint council of Saudi Arabia and Pakistani investors launched a private equity fund on Monday as part of the countries' wider push to deepen two-way private sector trade and investment.

The Saudi-Pakistan Joint Business Council, formed by the governments of both countries, said the fund's initial size is "multi-hundred million", which is expected to expand based on opportunities across sectors.

Three-fourths of the fund will be invested in Pakistan, while the rest will be invested in Saudi Arabian projects, the council said in a statement.

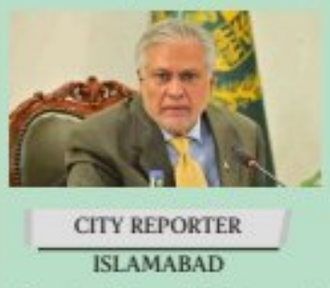
The launch of the fund comes at a time when Islamabad and Riyadh are deepening longstanding ties, especially in defence, amid a few signs of a breakthrough in the months-long US-Iran conflict.

The development follows Pakistan's renewed efforts to attract Saudi investment across key sectors of its economy.

During an August meeting with a high-level Saudi business delegation led by Prince Mansour bin Mohammad Al Saud, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had expressed Islamabad's desire to transform its economic relationship with Riyadh into a mutually beneficial strategic economic partnership.

DPM Dar urges nation to follow vision of Allama Iqbal

- **Ishaq Dar marked Iqbal Day by urging Pakistanis to uphold Allama Iqbal's vision of a progressive, peaceful nation built on justice, equality, self-reliance and prosperity.**



CITY REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar urged the nation to renew the pledge to build a country that truly reflects Iqbal's vision of a progressive, peaceful and prosperous Pakistan, where justice, equality and the rule of law remain the guiding light.In a message on Iqbal Day (9 November 2026), he said, "On Iqbal Day, the nation comes together with profound respect to honour our National Poet and Philosopher, Allama Muhammad Iqbal. Today, we pay tribute to his vision, which laid the ideological foundation of the independent state of Pakistan."

He said, "Long before the creation of a separate homeland, it was Allama Iqbal who gave words and direction to the unspoken aspirations of millions. Through his historic Allahabad Address of 1930 and his timeless poetry, he articulated the distinct identity of the Muslims of the subcontinent and envisioned a separate homeland where they could shape their destiny.

Iran rules out US negotiations until 7 conditions met

- **Iran open to negotiations to end 'no war, no peace' situation: Iranian president**

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TEHRAN

A senior Iranian security official on Monday ruled out any plans for negotiations with the United States, saying Tehran's position on talks remained unchanged until Washington took practical steps to meet its seven conditions, according to Press TV.

The official spoke to Press TV on Monday and was responding to media reports about a possible meeting between Iran's Supreme National Security Council secretary Mohsen Rezaei and US Vice President JD Vance in Doha.

The official stressed that no negotiations with the American side were currently on the agenda, Press TV said.

Iran has stressed that the American side must meet its seven conditions for the resumption of diplomatic talks amid a stalemate in negotiations between the two sides owing to the war of aggression against Iran.

General Rezaei had previously stated that Tehran has conveyed seven conditions to the US government for the start of any negotiations, terming the message "clear and unequivocal".

Iran open to negotiations to end 'no war, no peace' situation: Iranian president

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Monday that



Tehran remains open to negotiations to end the country's "no war, no peace" situation, stressing that Iran sought dialogue with the US based on mutual respect but would not surrender to pressure.

Speaking at a ceremony, Pezeshkian said Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei had instructed officials to end the state of "neither war nor peace," according to a statement published on the Iranian presidency's website.

"We can negotiate with dignity and resolve the issue with dignity. We favour dialogue and negotiations," he said.

Pezeshkian stressed that logic dictates resolving disputes through negotiations rather than war whenever a country's rights can be secured through dialogue.

"However, we will not surrender to force and bullying," he added.

Recalling his address to the UN General Assembly, the president reiterated that Iran seeks negotiations based on justice and equal conditions while refusing to relinquish its rights under pressure.

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Governor Kundi vows to continue intelligence-based operations against terrorism in KP

SPECIAL REPORTER
LAHORE



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has said intelligence-based operations will continue wherever terrorists are present, stressing that efforts to eliminate terrorism in the province will remain a priority.

Speaking to media in Lahore on Monday, Kundi criticised the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), saying the days of spreading unrest and hatred between provinces were over.

He said the government was committed to making Khyber Pakhtunkhwa a prosperous province and that intelligence-based operations against terrorism would continue wherever necessary.

Taking a swipe at the previous provincial government, the governor alleged that it had not pursued democratic politics but had instead promoted unrest.

In a sarcastic remark about the party, Kundi said that whether good or bad, there was only one PTI, but it had four franchises, questioning who had the authority to make decisions for the party.

The governor also accused PTI leaders of failing to condemn terrorism, reiterating that intelligence-based operations would be conducted wherever terrorists were present.

Turning to civic issues in Peshawar, Kundi said around 11,000 manholes in the city did not have covers.

He also alleged that encroachments had been established in the province after people were charged money for occupying public spaces.

He said anti-encroachment operations were currently under way.

Kundi further announced that he would hold a press briefing on November 11 to share details of the provincial government's performance.



Pakistan Navy Station Commander Commodore Misbah ul Amin SI (M) offering fateha after laying floral wreath during a change of guard ceremony to pay homage to the Poet of the East, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, on his birth anniversary at Mazar-e-Iqbal

5 Pakistani groups join Turkish investors for bidding of IESCO, FESCO, GEPCO

- Former Caretaker Minister Gohar Ejaz was also present during the signing ceremony.



SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

In a landmark development that could reshape Pakistan's electricity distribution industry, three Pakistani business groups have joined forces with Türkiye's industrial heavyweight Cengiz Holding through a joint venture agreement signed in Istanbul to participate in the privatisation of Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO), Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) and Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO),

The Pakistani consortium comprises Fatima Group, Lake City, Artistic Milliners (Pvt.) Ltd., DIN Group and Fazal Group, bringing together business interests spanning fertilisers, textiles, construction, mining, aviation, industrial investment and real estate development.

Former Caretaker Minister Gohar Ejaz was also present during the signing ceremony.

Their Turkish partner, Cengiz Holding, is one of Türkiye's major privately owned industrial conglomerates, with operations across electricity generation and distribution, construction, mining, metals and large-scale infrastructure development.

The agreement represents a potentially significant development in Pakistan's electricity distribution privatisation programme, creating the possibility of foreign direct investment and international operational expertise entering three strategically important state-owned utilities.

Cengiz Holding also brings experience in managing major electricity distribution networks in Türkiye through CK Enerji and associated businesses, alongside an electricity generation portfolio exceeding 5,600 megawatts.

The scale of the partnership is particularly noteworthy.

The Pakistani business groups collectively represent a reported workforce exceeding 100,000 people across their wider operations, while Cengiz Holding reports approximately 45,000 employees.

Together, the business groups associated with the partnership represent a reported combined workforce exceeding 145,000, although these figures describe their wider operations rather than employees directly involved in the proposed joint venture.

The Istanbul agreement positions the Pakistani-Turkish partnership as a potentially formidable contender in Pakistan's first batch of electricity distribution privatisation transactions.

World Bank energy mission visits Pakistan to review projects

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



A World Bank energy mission, led by Moez Cherif, the Practice Manager for Energy in the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAAP) region, is visiting Pakistan from November 9 to 13 to review energy-sector projects,

The delegation will hold meetings with officials from the power and petroleum divisions, the Privatization Commission and other key institutions.

According to a World Bank letter addressed to Economic Affairs Secretary Muhammad Humair Karim, the mission will also hold discussions with representatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).



Pak Navy assumes guard duties at Allama Iqbal's mausoleum

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

A dignified change of guard ceremony was held at the mausoleum of Allama Muhammad Iqbal in Lahore on Monday, with a Pakistan Navy contingent assuming ceremonial guard duties.

Pakistan Navy Station Commander Lahore Commodore Misbah-ul-Amin attended the ceremony as the chief guest, laid a floral wreath at the mausoleum and offered Fateha.

The chief guest inspected the contingents of the Pakistan Rangers and Pakistan Navy and recorded his remarks in the visitors' book.

The 149th birth anniversary of Allama Muhammad Iqbal is being commemorated on today.

Allama Muhammad Iqbal dreamed of a separate homeland and through his poetry, he breathed a new spirit of awakening among the Muslims of the Subcontinent.

His famous presidential address in Allahabad in 1930 is of historic significance.

Pakistan came into existence through the teachings of Allama Iqbal and the tireless efforts of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Karachi mayor visits Swaminarayan temple, extends Diwali greetings to Hindus

- He highlighted that Sindh has a longstanding tradition of promoting minority rights, religious freedom and religious tolerance.

SPECIAL REPORTER
KARACHI



Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab visited historic Swaminarayan Temple in Sadar along with his family on the occasion of Diwali and extended warm greetings to members of the Hindu community.

uring his visit, the mayor met members of the community, exchanged Diwali greetings and distributed sweets among those present at the temple.

Speaking on the occasion, Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that people of all religions are equal participants in each other's joys and celebrations. He described Karachi's diverse communities as an integral part of the city's cultural identity.

He highlighted that Sindh has a longstanding tradition of promoting minority rights, religious freedom and religious tolerance.

The mayor emphasised that all religious minorities in Pakistan have the right to celebrate their festivals freely and joyfully. He said it was the collective responsibility of society to protect minorities, respect their rights and ensure equal opportunities for everyone.

Sharing his message of harmony, Wahab said that participating in one another's celebrations helps strengthen brotherhood, love and mutual understanding.

He also prayed that Diwali would bring peace, prosperity and happiness to the Hindu community.

Later, the Karachi mayor attended a fireworks ceremony organised at the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation's main office as part of the Diwali celebrations.

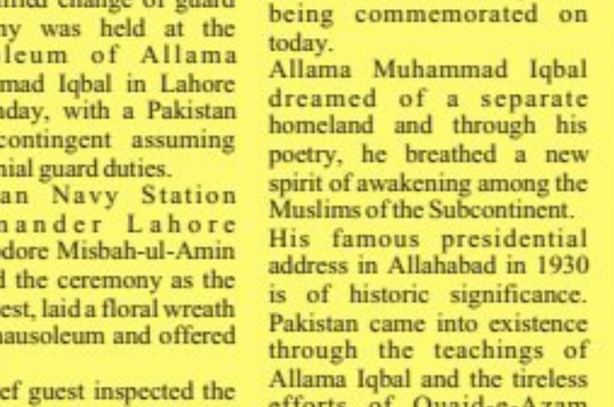


Children from the Hindu community celebrate the Diwali Festival at Krishna Mandir in the provincial capital

Cop martyred, three abducted as terrorists attack Hangu police post

- The terrorists have taken three police personnel towards the Samana mountain, in the direction of Khanano Kota.

SPECIAL REPORTER
Hangu



One policeman was martyred, and three others were abducted when unidentified terrorists attacked a police post in the Hangu area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Hangu District Police Officer (DPO) Salahuddin Kundi said that terrorists attacked a police post that was established in the Pir Pahari area of the city.

The terrorists have taken three police personnel towards the Samana mountain, in the direction of Khanano Kota.

Soon after receiving the report, a police contingent rushed to the spot. During heavy exchange of fire, the attackers kidnapped the policemen.

Later, the police retook control of Shah Almas Pir Pahari and started chasing the terrorists.

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Pakistan's New Auto Policy

Government aims to reduce vehicle prices, boost exports to $6 billion, strengthen local manufacturing and promote electric vehicles, but effective implementation will determine the policy's successPakistan's economy continues to face serious challenges, including a heavy reliance on imports, high production costs, limited industrial competitiveness and sluggish exports. In this difficult economic environment, the government's proposed Automotive Industry Policy represents an important opportunity to transform the country's automobile sector into a competitive, export-oriented manufacturing industry. The policy aims to gradually reduce vehicle prices, increase localisation, improve safety standards and encourage the adoption of electric vehicles. However, the real success of this initiative will depend not on ambitious announcements but on effective implementation, consistent policies and tangible benefits for consumers and manufacturers alike.Adviser to the Prime Minister on Industries and Production Haroon Akhtar Khan and Information Minister Attaullah Tarar recently unveiled the final draft of the policy, stating that it had been approved by the prime minister and would now be submitted to the cabinet for consideration. According to the government, the framework has been finalised after extensive consultations to address structural weaknesses in the automotive sector and create a more sustainable foundation for industrial growth.Pakistan's automobile industry has expanded over the years, but its growth has largely remained confined to domestic demand, vehicle assembly and dependence on imported components. Despite several policy initiatives over the past decade, the country has failed to achieve the desired growth in automotive exports. The new policy seeks to address this structural weakness by encouraging manufacturers to move beyond assembling completely knocked-down (CKD) kits and importing completely built-up (CBU) vehicles towards developing a strong domestic manufacturing base.One of the most ambitious targets under the proposed policy is to increase automotive exports from the existing $200 million to $6 billion within five years. This target, if achieved, could significantly strengthen Pakistan's foreign exchange earnings, reduce pressure on the external account and create new employment opportunities. However, the scale of the challenge cannot be overlooked. Moving from $200 million to $6 billion in exports requires a fundamental transformation of the industry, including improved product quality, modern technology, competitive pricing and access to international markets.The government plans to assign export targets to manufacturers and offer incentives to companies that achieve them.

Under the proposed framework, manufacturers meeting their prescribed targets will receive a reward equivalent to five per cent of their export value in the first year. Companies failing to achieve the targets will face penalties. While this approach may encourage export-oriented production, it must be supported by a transparent and realistic mechanism. Manufacturers should be provided with the necessary facilities to compete internationally, including affordable raw materials, reliable energy supplies, access to technology and a predictable business environment.A major weakness of Pakistan's automotive industry has been its dependence on imported components. Although local assembly plants have expanded their operations, the domestic production of critical components remains limited. The development of a strong auto-parts manufacturing industry is therefore essential for sustainable growth. Greater localisation can reduce import dependence, improve the balance of payments, create employment opportunities and retain more economic value within the country.The policy's emphasis on strengthening domestic vendor industries is a step in the right direction. Local manufacturers of auto parts will also be encouraged to expand their exports. However, achieving this objective requires investment in research and development, modern production facilities, technical training and quality control. The government must ensure that local vendors are not merely protected from international competition but are also equipped to meet global manufacturing standards.The introduction of 45 additional safety standards is another significant feature of the proposed policy. Road accidents caused by defective brakes, tyre failures, inadequate safety features and non-functional seat belts have raised serious concerns about vehicle safety in Pakistan. Bringing locally manufactured vehicles closer to international safety benchmarks is essential for protecting consumers and improving the reputation of the country's automobile industry.Nevertheless, announcing safety standards will not be sufficient. Effective monitoring, independent testing and strict enforcement will be necessary to ensure compliance. The safety of imported used vehicles must also be addressed, as consumer protection should not be limited to locally manufactured automobiles. Every vehicle operating on Pakistani roads should meet appropriate safety requirements.The proposed restriction on advance payments is also a welcome consumer-protection measure. Under the policy, manufacturers will not be allowed to demand advance payments exceeding 20 per cent of a vehicle's price at the time of booking. For years, Pakistani consumers have faced problems related to delayed vehicle deliveries, unexpected price increases and excessive booking payments. Limiting advance payments could reduce the financial burden on buyers and discourage unfair business practices.The proposed third-party audits are equally important.

Transparency and accountability are essential in an industry where consumers often have limited choices and manufacturers enjoy considerable market influence. However, such measures will only produce meaningful results if the government establishes an effective mechanism for addressing consumer complaints and penalising companies that violate the rules.The promotion of electric vehicles is another central component of the new policy. Pakistan's dependence on imported petroleum products has placed a considerable burden on the national economy. Fluctuations in international oil prices increase the import bill, put pressure on the current account and contribute to inflation. Encouraging electric vehicles could help reduce this dependence while also improving environmental conditions in major cities.

Jammu Martyrs' Day: 237,000 Martyrs, A Silent History and Our Collective Conscience



By: Professor Imran Ismail



November 6 is not merely a date on the calendar; it is a tragic chapter in the history of Kashmir, an enduring lament whose echoes can still be heard in the deserted streets, abandoned homes, and painful memories of displacement in Jammu. It is a day of remembrance for the countless Muslims whose lives, homes, dreams, and centuries-old cultural identity became victims of the bloody events of 1947. Jammu Martyrs' Day reminds us that alongside the celebrations of independence during the Partition of the subcontinent, an immense human tragedy was unfolding, the wounds of which have yet to heal. In 1947, the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir was ruled by Maharaja Hari Singh. Although Muslims constituted the majority of the state's population, political power remained concentrated in the hands of the Dogra ruling dynasty. Muslims faced various forms of political, economic, and administrative discrimination. The events of 1931 had marked a turning point in the political awakening of the Muslim population. The political struggles of leaders such as Sheikh Abdullah and Chaudhry Ghulam Abbas further highlighted the question of the state's future. Following the end of British rule in 1947, when princely states were required to decide their political destiny, the Maharaja attempted to preserve his authority despite the aspirations of the majority population. This political conflict eventually became part of a much larger human tragedy.

Violence against Muslims in Jammu had reportedly begun as early as August 1947. During October and November, it assumed an extremely horrifying form. According to various historical accounts and research studies, Dogra state forces, armed Hindu and Sikh groups, and elements associated with extremist organisations targeted Muslim communities. Muslim villages were devastated, houses were set ablaze, properties were looted, and large numbers of people were forced to abandon their ancestral homes. The atrocities committed against women and children remain among the darkest aspects of this tragedy and deserve an honest place in historical records.

One particularly significant historical reference concerning this tragedy is a report published by The Times, London, on August 10, 1948. The report claimed that 237,000 Muslims in the eastern districts of Jammu were systematically killed or managed to escape to Pakistan. It attributed these events to the Dogra state forces under the Maharaja's authority and the armed Hindu and Sikh elements assisting them. This figure relates to the combined tragedy of killings and displacement, rather than representing the number of deaths alone. The report was subsequently cited by Pakistan's representative, Sir Zafrullah Khan, during a meeting of the United Nations Security Council on February 8, 1950. (The Times, London, August 10, 1948; United Nations Security Council, 464th Meeting, February 8, 1950).

Renowned researcher Christopher Snedden examined this tragedy in detail in his research paper, What Happened to Muslims in Jammu? Local Identity, "The Massacre" of 1947 and the Roots of the Kashmir Problem, published in 2001 in the South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies. His book, Kashmir: The Unwritten History, is also an important research contribution to this subject. Snedden critically examined various historical accounts and figures, highlighting the difficulty of establishing an exact number of casualties. Nevertheless, his research draws attention to the large-scale killings, violence, and forced displacement experienced by Muslims in Jammu. (Christopher Snedden, 2001, pp. 111–134).

The magnitude of this tragedy can be understood from the fact that the demographic composition of areas where Muslims had lived for generations changed dramatically within a few weeks. Those who survived were forced to migrate towards Pakistan, leaving behind their ancestral homes. These migration caravans included mothers holding their children close to their hearts, elderly people carrying their final memories of their homes, and young men uncertain about their future. The stories of attacks, killings, and separation along the migration routes remain among the most painful accounts in human history.

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A fundamental question arises here: Was the right to self-determination of the Muslims respected during Partition? Were the people of a Muslim-majority state allowed to decide their own future? Maharaja Hari Singh's accession to India, the arrival of Indian forces on October 27, 1947, and the subsequent war transformed the Kashmir issue into an international dispute. Violence against Muslims in Jammu had already begun before the arrival of Indian forces. Subsequent military and political developments further complicated the conflict. A comprehensive and evidence-based examination of these events is essential to understand the role and responsibility of every party involved.

The tragedy was not limited to the loss of human lives; it also shattered an entire social and cultural existence. The Muslims of Jammu lost not only their homes but also their lands, businesses, educational institutions, family connections, and historical heritage. Their families were scattered across borders, and subsequent generations had to rebuild their lives in refugee settlements and unfamiliar cities. The memories of Jammu remained alive in the hearts of their elders, but the responsibility of preserving these memories for future generations remains an important challenge.

It is unfortunate that while certain human

The Rise of Islamic Civilisation: Lessons from History and the Imperatives of the Present Age



Muhammad Tayyab Khan



History is not merely a chronicle of events consigned to the irretrievable past; it is a mirror in which the rise and decline of human societies, the ordering of their intellectual priorities, and the consequences of their collective decisions are reflected. Within its accumulated wisdom lie intimations of the future and the means by which its direction may be more wisely determined. Civilisations do not attain enduring greatness through territorial dominion, military strength, or the abundance of natural resources alone. Their true vitality springs from the cultivation of knowledge, the administration of justice, the stability of institutions, the observance of moral responsibility, and the capacity to comprehend and respond

intelligently to changing circumstances. The historical experience of Islamic civilisation offers a particularly instructive illustration of this enduring principle. For the contemporary Muslim world, its study ought therefore to signify something more consequential than a retrospective contemplation of former glory: it should constitute an earnest summons to intellectual renewal and practical reform.

Following the emergence of Islam in the seventh century of the Christian era, Muslim societies, within the space of a few centuries, established a formidable intellectual and cultural tradition. Between the eighth and thirteenth centuries, in particular, such centres as Baghdad, Damascus, Cairo, Córdoba, Bukhara, and

Samarkand became prominent seats of learning and scientific inquiry. These cities were not merely the administrative strongholds of political authority; they were also flourishing environments in which philosophy, medicine, mathematics, astronomy, geography, and literature received sustained attention. Scholars working within them encountered intellectual traditions inherited from diverse civilisations, and the resulting exchanges enlarged the horizons of human understanding. The distinction of this age lay not simply in the preservation of earlier knowledge, but in its translation, critical examination, further development, and, in numerous instances, the production of original insights through observation and experiment. The achievement was thus not the passive inheritance of an intellectual patrimony, but its

active transformation into a living tradition of inquiry.

The opening revelation of the Holy Qur'an, expressed in the imperative Iqra—"Read"—possesses profound significance within the intellectual history of Islam, directing attention towards knowledge, comprehension, and reflection. During the Abbasid period, Baghdad's Bayt al-Hikmah, or House of Wisdom, became an enduring emblem of the scholarly endeavours associated with that flourishing age. Greek, Syriac, Persian, and Indian traditions were studied and translated, furnishing Muslim scholars with materials through which inherited ideas could be examined, adapted, and extended.

Al-Khwarizmi made foundational contributions to the development of algebra; Ibn Sina's Al-Qanun fi al-Tibb exerted a substantial influence upon the history of medicine; and Ibn al-Haytham advanced the study of optics and the disciplined investigation of natural phenomena. The chemical tradition associated with Jabir ibn Hayyan likewise bears witness to the importance accorded to experiment and observation. The legacies of these scholars demonstrate that intellectual advancement is not secured by the accumulation of information alone. It depends upon the courage to formulate questions, the discipline to test conclusions, and the willingness to reconsider propositions when evidence or reason demands their revision.

Equally significant was the participation of scholars belonging to different religious and linguistic communities in the development of Islamic intellectual life. Muslim, Christian, and Jewish scholars contributed, in different periods and regions, to translation, medicine, philosophy, and other branches of learning. Al-Andalus, and Córdoba in particular, occupied an important position within the network of intellectual relations connecting Islamic societies with Europe. Nevertheless, historical judgement requires a distinction between the demonstrable existence of scholarly exchange and the broader claim that every period or region exemplified complete religious equality or uninterrupted toleration. Such a generalisation would disregard the complexity of historical circumstances. Opportunities for intellectual collaboration, the security afforded to urban communities, and the legal and social standing of religious minorities varied according to political conditions, geographical circumstances, and the dispositions of particular rulers. Yet wherever learning was valued, commerce enjoyed a measure of protection, and engagement with diverse intellectual traditions remained possible, the conditions for economic activity and cultural development were correspondingly strengthened.

The decline of Muslim political and intellectual predominance cannot be adequately explained by reference to a single event, doctrine, or individual. The Mongol conquest of Baghdad in 1258 inflicted devastating damage upon a major centre of political authority and scholarship. The fall of Granada in 1492, meanwhile, marked the termination of Muslim political rule in the Iberian Peninsula. Both events occupy an important place in historical memory, but neither can, by itself, account for the decline of learning throughout the entire Islamic world.

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A vendor displaying different kinds of dry fruits to attract customers in his shop at Aabpara Market in the Federal Capital

Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum to be held in Islamabad

■ **All the leading investors, global mining executives, policy-makers and experts, and Pakistan's political and military leadership will attend the forum.**

Business Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan is ready to host global mining companies that will participate in the Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum from November 12-13 in Islamabad,
All the leading investors, global mining executives, policy-makers and experts, and Pakistan's political and military leadership will attend the forum.
An exhibition of companies, projects, products, services, equipment and technologies related to the minerals and mining value chain will also be held.
The objective of the Forum is to promote domestic and foreign investment in the minerals sector by leveraging Pakistan's valuable mineral reserves and resources.
The Minerals Investment Forum is



being organized in collaboration with the SIFC to attract investment into Pakistan's vast minerals sector.
The Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum will pave the way for global technical partnerships, policy reforms, investment, and sustainable mining.

Finance Ministry allocates Rs300 billion export financing scheme exclusively to SME exporters

■ **Government reserves Rs300 billion under Pak Exim Bank's export finance scheme exclusively for eligible SME exporters to boost exports and investment.**

Special Correspondent

ISLAMABAD

The Ministry of Finance has announced measures to facilitate small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) exporters and boost the country's exports.
According to the ministry's announcement, the entire Rs300 billion allocation under the Pakistan Export-Import Bank's (Pak Exim Bank) Export Finance Scheme has been reserved for eligible SME exporters.
Previously allocated across different business categories, the entire amount will now be exclusively available to small and medium-sized exporters, providing them



with access to financing at lower interest rates and opportunities to expand their business activities.
Officials said the fiscal year 2026-27 budget also included measures to reduce the financial burden on businesses through tax cuts and various incentives.
Affordable financing and improved investment facilities are expected to strengthen the competitiveness of Pakistani exporters in international markets, promote business activity and create new employment opportunities.
Pak Exim Bank has issued necessary instructions to the relevant banks to ensure effective implementation of the decision and optimal utilisation of the allocated funds.
The Ministry of Finance said the initiative aimed to support small and medium-sized businesses financially, encourage investment and industrial activity, and increase national exports.

US dollar holds onto payrolls gains, NZ dollar rises after election

WEB DESK

ISLAMABAD

The US dollar traded not far from a 1-1/2-year high versus the euro and ?a seven-month high on the Aussie on Monday, after surging by the most in nearly six months on Friday as ?robust US jobs data pushed up bets for higher interest rates.New Zealand's currency bounced from a seven-month trough after too-close-to-call weekend elections weakened the government, although the country will need to wait until late this month to find out who



will govern as vote counting continues.
The US dollar index , which measures the currency against six major rivals ?including the euro, was steady at 102.20 early on Monday, after leaping around 0.7% on Friday, when data showed jobs growth accelerated in October while the unemployment rate fell.



Pakistan's trade deficit rises 16pc to 14.6 billion dollars in four months

Business Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's trade deficit increased by around 16 percent to 14.6 billion dollars during the first four months (July-October) of the current fiscal year, compared to 12.6 billion dollars recorded in the corresponding period last year.
According to documents released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), the trade deficit also widened by 19.7 percent in October 2026 compared to the same month last year. On a month-on-month basis, it increased by 10.3 percent compared to September.
The data showed that Pakistan's exports rose by 2.2 percent in October compared to the same month last year, while imports registered an increase of around 12 percent.The country's exports stood at 2.93 billion dollars in October, while imports reached 6.8 billion dollars, resulting in a monthly trade deficit of 3.87 billion dollars.

Government introduces new LPG auction system, sales to be held in presence of media

■ **The government is moving to auction 90% of locally produced liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) while reserving the remaining 10% for state-owned marketing companies**

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The government has initiated measures to ensure transparent auctions and fair distribution of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), introducing a new mechanism under which sales will be conducted in the presence of media representatives.
The first meeting of a committee established for the purpose was held under the chairmanship of the Petroleum Secretary.
Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik said addressing public concerns over LPG availability and unfair pricing was a government priority.
He said the new auction mechanism would help ensure equitable distribution, stabilise the supply chain and strengthen energy security.
Under the arrangement agreed upon at the meeting, local LPG producers will reserve 10 percent of their total production for government marketing companies, while the remaining 90 percent will be sold through transparent



auctions in the presence of media representatives.
The committee decided that each company would be allowed to purchase a maximum of 20 metric tonnes of LPG per day, with equal opportunities provided to all eligible companies.
It was also decided that daily LPG production would be monitored and relevant figures presented to the prime minister.
Ali Pervaiz Malik said the government's objective was to ensure better LPG supplies to consumers at reasonable prices..

NEPRA increases electricity price by Rs2.36 per unit under fuel adjustment

■ **NEPRA has increased electricity prices by Rs2.3673 per unit under the September 2026 fuel adjustment, with the additional charges set to appear in consumers' November bills**

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has increased electricity prices by Rs2.36 per unit under the monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA), adding to the financial burden on power consumers.According to a notification issued by NEPRA, the increase has been made on account of the fuel cost adjustment for September 2026.
The adjustment reflects the difference between the actual fuel cost of electricity generation and the reference fuel cost determined earlier.Under the decision, electricity consumers will face an additional charge of Rs2.3673 per unit in their bills, in line with the applicable FCA mechanism. The adjustment will be reflected in electricity bills for November 2026.
Meanwhile, NEPRA has approved a Rs2.32 per unit increase in electricity rates for additional consumption by industrial and agricultural consumers, raising the applicable rate from Rs22.98 to Rs25.30 per unit.



The decision has been forwarded to the federal government for further action, with the revised rate proposed to take effect from the November 2026 billing month.Under the existing relief package, the government provides subsidised electricity rates to industrial and agricultural consumers on consumption exceeding the units used during the corresponding month of the previous year. The federal government had introduced a three-year relief package under which agricultural consumers were offered electricity at Rs22.98 per unit instead of Rs38, while industrial consumers received the same rate instead of Rs34 per unit for their additional consumption.

Pakistan, Turkiye set to revive landmark offshore exploration as seismic vessel arrives this month

■ **Pakistan expects a Turkish seismic vessel in Karachi on November 17-20, 2026, reviving offshore exploration after nearly two decades and strengthening bilateral energy cooperation.**

News Desk

ISLAMABAD

Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik chaired a high-level meeting to review preparations and arrangements for the arrival of the seismic vessel of Turkish Petroleum Offshore Company (TPOC) in Pakistan.
The vessel is expected to arrive in Karachi between November 17-20, 2026 marking the revival of Pakistan's offshore exploration efforts after nearly two decades.
The Minister described the occasion as a special milestone in Pakistan-Türkiye relations, particularly following the signing of the Mecca Agreement. He said the arrival of the vessel represented a new chapter in the longstanding friendship and cooperation between the two brotherly countries.
"This is a special moment for Pakistan-Türkiye friendship. I will try to personally receive the vessel upon its arrival in Karachi," the Federal Minister said.
Federal Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik emphasized that the government was fully committed to facilitating the offshore exploration initiative and ensuring all necessary arrangements for the successful commencement of operations. He assured the Turkish delegation of Pakistan's full support, stating that both countries



would work together to achieve a landmark success that would be remembered for generations to come.Secretary Petroleum also erly looking forward to welcoming the expressed enthusiasm over the upcoming arrival, saying that the Petroleum Division was eagerly looking forward to welcoming the epartments and stakeholders to vessel to Pakistan. He underscored the importance of coordination among all relevant departments and stakeholders to ensure smooth arrangements.
Project Manager TPOC appreciated the support and cooperation extended by Pakistan, expressing confidence in the project. He said that the team had received encouraging support from Pakistani authorities and hoped for a successful outcome from the exploration effort.
The meeting reviewed operational, logistical, maritime, security and interdepartmental arrangements for the vessel's arrival and commencement of the offshore exploration campaign to build Pakistan's energy security. Relevant departments were directed to maintain close coordination to ensure timely facilitation.
The meeting was attended by the Project Manager TPOC, Secretary Petroleum, Additional Secretary Petroleum, Director General Petroleum Concessions, Managing Directors of OGDCL, PPL and GHPL, and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Hydrographic Office Pakistan (NAVAREA IX), Karachi, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Board of Investment, and Directorate General Ports and Shipping, Karachi.

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US army announces new task force to disrupt Iran's supply routes

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The US Central Command (CENTCOM) announced the establishment of a new task force aimed at disrupting Iran's use of land routes to transport advanced weapons and other materials, expanding Washington's pressure on Tehran.

In a statement shared on US social media platform X, CENTCOM said Adm. Brad Cooper, the command's chief, directed the formation of Task Force Iron Gate on November 7. The unit, comprising approximately 20 civilian and military personnel, will be based in Tampa, Florida.

The task force will work with other US government agencies to monitor and prevent the movement of advanced weapons systems, dual-use technologies, sanctioned materials and what Washington describes as illegal revenue streams across Iran's land borders and the Caspian Sea.

"The establishment of Task Force Iron Gate reinforces the success of our ironclad blockade against Iran at sea," Cooper said.

He added that closer cooperation with US government agencies would further limit Tehran's ability to finance terrorism, rebuild weapons factories and replenish its military.

The announcement comes as Washington maintains its naval blockade of Iranian ports, which CENTCOM said has prevented Iran from exporting more than $25 billion worth of crude oil in recent months.



Pakistan and Saudi Arabia Sign Key Agreement to Improve Hajj Arrangements for Pakistani Pilgrims,The agreement was signed by Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Sardar Muhammad Yousaf and Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah.

Trump confirms new US strikes on Iran's Qeshm island

■ Trump said that US forces had carried "minor strikes" against Iranian air defence systems.

Web Desk

Washington

US President Donald Trump has confirmed United States military strikes on Iran's Qeshm island, while also claiming Washington has made "a lot of progress" in talks with Iran.

Trump said that US forces had carried "minor strikes" against Iranian air defence systems.

Trump told reporters in West Palm Beach, Florida, "They knocked out – they built a little bit of an anti-aircraft device, and we knocked it out in about 15 minutes, maybe five."

The US president spoke shortly after Iranian state media reported two missile strikes in the Suza area of Qeshm island in the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial route for oil shipments.



State broadcaster IRIB also reported an Iranian army statement, saying that the country's air defence forces intercepted and destroyed an American MQ-9 drone over Qeshm island.

In response to reports of explosions heard on Qeshm, US Central Command versees US military operations in the Middle East, said the situation is "relatively calm".A CENTCOM official told Al Jazeera that they were aware of the reports, adding they had no further comment.

CENTCOM announced in a post on X late on Friday that the US "is offering a reward of up to $20 million and possible relocation for information about Iran's nuclear program, including its facilities, equipment, and associated personnel, such as those in the scientific community, or the movement of any of the above".

Iranian media reported several explosions on Qeshm island, as American media outlets reported that the US military carried out what officials called "defensive strikes" in the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran warns foreign powers against forming alliance to confront Tehran

■ Abolfazl Shekarchi said Donald Trump and his allies had sought to destroy Iran but had instead found themselves facing a strategic crisis

Web Desk

TEHRAN



Iranian military spokesperson Abolfazl Shekarchi has said that any alliance formed by foreign powers against Iran is destined to fail. Shekarchi said US President Donald Trump and his hardline allies had sought to destroy Iran but had instead found themselves facing a strategic crisis.

He further claimed that the United States had reached a deadlock in the Middle East, adding that the Trump administration and Republicans' defeat in US elections reflected Washington's failure in confronting Iran.

The Iranian military spokesperson also said that US threats and policies against Iran had shaken the White House's power and influence.He maintained that Washington's policies of aggression, terrorism and pressure against Iran had failed to achieve their objectives.

Meanwhile, Iran executed three men on Sunday after they were convicted of carrying out operations for Israel and the US and taking part in armed unrest during anti-government protests in January.

The executions are the latest in a series Iran has carried out in recent ?months over the January protests, including of people accused of links to Israel and the US.

Gunman 'fascinated by far-right' kills six in Krakow, Poland

● Tusk also announced Poland would hold two days of mourning over the shooting that he called an act of "terrorism".

Web Desk

Beijing

Six people were killed and at least 15 wounded when a gunman opened fire in the landmark historic centre of Poland's second city of Krakow, in the country's deadliest shooting in decades.

Three bodies -- of two women and a man -- were later found at the suspect's home, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said, adding there was "much to suggest that they are members of the (suspect's) immediate family".

Tusk also announced Poland would hold two days of mourning over the shooting that he called an act of "terrorism".



Polish Interior Minister Marcin Kierwinski said the gunman appeared to be "fascinated by far-right ideologies".

A British national was among the killed, according to Polish police chief, Marek Boron, and five foreigners were among the wounded in hospital, the authorities said.

"Two people who have not yet been identified," Boron said referring to the victims killed.

Britain's Prime Minister Andy Burnham said he was "shocked and saddened by the appalling shooting".

"My thoughts are with the families of those who have lost their lives, everyone injured and all those affected by this senseless violence," he wrote on X. The suspect -- a Polish citizen born in 2002 -- drove a car onto Krakow's Main Market Square and began shooting at random people, said police.

Two officers were wounded as they tried to stop the man, the police said, before shooting the suspect who was later detained and taken to a hospital.

An AFP reporter at the scene saw ambulances and multiple police cars as personnel cordoned off the area -- one of Poland's landmark tourist hotspots popular with locals and foreign visitors.

"Everything suggests that the perpetrator held very, very radical views. A number of weapons were found in the car he was driving," Kierwinski said.

"Everything suggests that he was fascinated by far-right ideologies" and held "ultra-nationalist views," he added.

The man was wearing military-style clothing at the time of the attack, said Kierwinski.

Heavy rains wreak havoc in war-torn Gaza

Web Desk

GAZA

Heavy rains have flooded tens of thousands of displaced people's tents in the war-devastated Gaza, Palestinian authorities said, leaving many of them without shelter.

About "70,000 tents sheltering tens of thousands of displaced people were flooded on the first day" of rains, the Hamas-run government media office stated.

There were also reports of "collapse of dozens of cracked walls and roofs, which caused injuries", some critical, in various areas of the tiny territory, it added.

Civil defence spokesman Mahmoud Bassal told AFP his teams had received more than 1,500 calls during the night from residents requesting urgent assistance after their tents were flooded, explaining that the agency "is operating without any equipment or capabilities".



"We have issued an urgent distress call to the international community and hum-a-nitarian organisations to intervene immediately to save hundreds of thousands of displaced people from the flooding of their tents. We cannot face the consequences of this storm on our own," he said.

After close vote, New Zealand must wait weeks for new government



NEWS DESK

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealanders faced weeks of uncertainty on Sunday over who will govern the country after their general election, with the current coalition holding a slim majority but a potentially decisive slice of votes still to count.

Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's National Party and its partners ACT and New Zealand First were on track for 67 of the currently projected 131-seat parliament, Electoral Commission preliminary results of Saturday's vote showed. Sixty-six seats are needed for a majority.

But special votes, around 14% of the total, remain to be counted, the commission said. These — including ballots from overseas New Zealanders and people voting outside their electorates — have historically favoured the left.

Thousands of Syrian troops to deploy to Yemen, Saudi Arabia: sources to AFP

■ Those already stationed on the Yemeni side of the border at the moment are leading drone operations against the Houthis in the area, one of the military officials told AFP.

STAFF REPORTER

Syria

Thousands of Syrian troops are set to deploy to Saudi Arabia and Yemen, with some already on the ground, multiple Yemeni officials told AFP, as Riyadh rallies international help to repel the Houthis and bolster the government in Aden.

It came after the two countries signed cooperation agreements this week including a defence deal, with Syria considering joining the recently enacted mutual defence pact between Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan.

Hundreds of Syrian troops have already been deployed to both sides of the border, according to three separate Yemeni military sources and a defence official, with more to come.

Later on Saturday, Syria's official SANA news agency cited a diplomatic source who insisted Damascus had not sent troops to Yemen "at this time".



However, a source from the Presidential Leadership Council, Yemen's top governing body, told AFP that Syria would send as many as 3,000 troops to help fend off the Houthis.

The arrangement was greenlit during Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa's visit to Riyadh this week, during which the two countries agreed to various deals, according to the PLC source.

Later, a high-level Yemeni defence ministry source told AFP that while the first phase would involve around 3,000 troops, with some already in place, as many as 10,000 could eventually be deployed.

Those already stationed on the Yemeni side of the border at the moment are leading drone operations against the Houthis in the area, one of the military officials told AFP.

The kingdom -- a key backer of Syria's post-Assad government in place since late 2024 -- has been pressing allies for help as it comes under daily fire from the Iran-backed group that recently seized swaths of the Red Sea coastline from the Riyadh-backed government.

The Houthis have ramped up attacks on the kingdom in recent weeks, forcing Riyadh airport to close for two weeks after fatal strikes there and threatening Saudi Arabia's vast economic diversification plans.

Boots on the ground

According to the Yemeni defence ministry source, technical teams from the Syrian and Saudi defence ministries are currently in Riyadh putting the final touches on arrangements for Syrian forces to take part in operations against the Houthi militias.

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Hina Altaf Turns Instagram Into Her Personal Diary

Hina Altaf Gives Instagram a Personal Touch With Candid Memories

Showbiz Desk

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani actress Hina Altaf has offered fans a candid look at her everyday life, revealing that she wants her Instagram page to reflect genuine memories rather than only polished celebrity moments.

Taking to Instagram, Hina shared a throwback photograph taken by her best friend, Mahi Baloch, in December 2025. Alongside the picture, the actress recalled the light-hearted story behind the candid moment and explained why she wants to keep such memories on her social media.

Hina said she does not want her Instagram to revolve solely around carefully arranged pictures. Instead, she hopes the platform can also serve as a personal diary documenting ordinary moments, memories and experiences.

The actress jokingly recalled that she was actually suffering from a fever when the photograph was taken. Despite that, she described herself as being in a carefree mood and enjoying the moment without worrying about how she looked.

She also celebrated the comfort of having a close friend who can listen to her thoughts, lend her clothes and capture spontaneous moments along the way.

A major part of Hina's nostalgic post was her affection for chai. She said tea has accompanied her through both the happiest periods of her life and some of its more difficult phases, adding with a playful touch that she makes the best tea herself.

Adding to the casual tone of the post, Hina also joked that her lengthy caption was "100 percent not written by ChatGPT."

The photograph shows the actress in a relaxed outfit featuring an oversized burgundy Sherpa-style jacket, ice-cream-print pajama trousers and fluffy pink bunny slippers. The informal look perfectly matched the unfiltered mood she wanted to capture.

Reports of Meghan Markle being cast in The Gentlemen generate buzz at season premiere

Series co-writer and executive producer Matthew Read pointed out that Ritchie has a great tradition of casting people from unexpected places

Web desk

ISLAMABAD

Reports that Meghan Markle had been in talks to join Guy Ritchie's The Gentlemen sparked plenty of discussion at the Netflix series' season two world premiere on Wednesday, with lead actor Theo James saying he was "intrigued" by the speculation.

While Breaking Bad star Giancarlo Esposito said someone with such a high profile could be "a great plus or a great negative", Hugh Bonneville dismissed the reports as "a genius piece of marketing".

"I'd suggested Keir Starmer for the role, but nobody seemed to take an interest," the Downton



Abbey actor quipped.

Reports in late August had linked Markle to a role in season three of the crime drama shortly after she and Prince Harry announced plans to return to Britain. However, subsequent media reports suggested the proposal had been dropped amid a "backlash" to the speculation.

Series co-writer and executive producer Matthew Read pointed out that Ritchie has "a great tradition of casting people from unexpected places", adding the level of interest in potential cast members demonstrated how invested audiences have become in the show.

Following the success of its debut series in 2024, The Gentlemen season two returns with Eddie Horniman, played by James, seeking to grow his criminal empire a year after inheriting his family's vast estate and title.

James, who rose to prominence with his role in Divergent, told Reuters the new season explores what "centuries of landed gentry" and vast inherited wealth can do to a person.

"(Horniman) is beginning to realise that violence begets some sense of power, and he's willing to enact violence to get where he wants to be," he revealed.

In the latest season, filmed in locations including Italy's Lake Maggiore, Horniman teams up with drug empire heiress Susie Glass and her father Bobby, played by Ray Winstone, who sees him as a natural fit for the criminal underworld.

Veteran crime-film actor Winstone said the series resonates because it blurs the line between organised crime and the establishment.



Showbiz stars pay tribute to martyrs, urge national unity on Defence Day

WEB DESK

RAWALPINDI

Defence and Martyrs Day is observed as a day to pay tribute to the unmatched bravery of the country's defenders, veterans and martyrs who made sacrifices for the homeland.

Renowned actors and directors from Pakistan's showbiz industry conveyed a message of love for the country and national unity for the sake of Pakistan's development.

The showbiz personalities said the Pakistani nation was moving towards a brighter future by overcoming every challenge with courage and steadfastness. They said every Pakistani remained firmly committed to considering Pakistan as their destination and the progress of the homeland as their own progress.

They said the entire nation stood united like a wall of iron to protect the integrity of the country against any external conspiracy. They added that this historic day was an occasion to renew the commitment to national unity and pay tribute to the great sons of the soil who sacrificed their lives for the motherland.

Ariana Grande bids emotional farewell to fans

The US singer and "Wicked" star told a packed performance of the last night of her "Eternal Sunshine" tour in London that she would "cherish this experience always."

WEB DESK

LONDON

Ariana Grande has bid an emotional farewell to her fans as she steps away from the limelight.

The US singer and "Wicked" star told a packed performance of the last night of her "Eternal Sunshine" tour in London that she would "cherish this experience always."

Speaking through tears on stage at London's O2 Arena on Tuesday night, Grande expressed her heartfelt gratitude to her legions of fans.

"I just wanted to say thank you so much," Grande said, to a huge wave of applause and cheering. "Thank you for 10 beautiful London shows and for 41 incredible Eternal Sunshine tour shows.

"She said that performing for this tour — which kicked off in Oakland, California, in June — had been "one of the most beautiful and extraordinary experiences of my life" and that she would "cherish this experience always."

"I have the best fans in the entire world and I always have," she said, adding: "I love your outfits. I love your faces. I love seeing you and



I love connecting with you in this way. Thank you for all your effort that you put into making this so special."

News emerged last month that the star would be taking a "step back from visibility" following the end of her tour.

A representative for the 33-year-old star told People magazine in an August 2 interview that Grande would end the tour on a "high note" before taking a "much-deserved break from public-facing work and appearances, which has led to endless, ongoing public scrutiny."

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In the same interview, it emerged that Grande had pulled out of starring in a London revival of Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George," which would have seen her starring opposite her "Wicked" co-star Jonathan Bailey. He subsequently also withdrew from the production, which had been scheduled for next summer.

Grande has long been subjected to intense scrutiny over her appearance. Most recently, the video of her latest single — "Petal" — led to a chorus of alarm about how underweight she appeared.

However, a day after the news broke of her withdrawal from public life, Grande said her decision "was not a reactive or impulsive thing," and that it was a decision she had planned "a long time ago."

"I heard that my fans were worried that negativity was ruining things for me but I just have to say, that could not be more the… opposite," the singer said during a performance in Chicago. "Boundaries do need to be set, human beings can need a break sometimes."

Not completing education something Kareena Kapoor regrets

Web Desk

MUMBAI

From her films to her fashion choices, Kareena Kapoor Khan has remained one of Bollywood's most talked-about stars.

While the actress is currently making headlines for her upcoming film Daayra, an interesting detail about her life away from the screen has now caught fans' attention, her educational journey.

In the latest interview, Kareena opened up about leaving her studies to pursue a career in films and admitted that not completing her education is something she still regrets. She also revealed how her own experience has influenced the way she wants to raise her two



sons, Taimur and Jeh.

In a conversation with Hanuman Dass, Kareena Kapoor spoke candidly about her decision to leave education behind at a young age. "Education is something I do regret not completing. I never finished my education, and that was something that kind of stayed with me. Even though I had the opportunity, I got into movies and didn't study any further after Class 11," she said.

The actress added that while

Mohsin Gilani claims he is 'king of jinns,' says jinn has been with him for 12 years

Staff Reporter

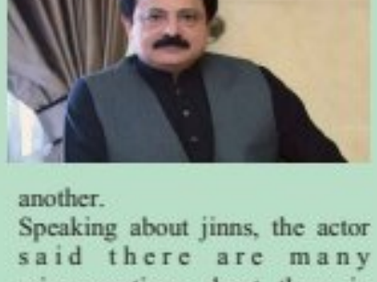
ISLAMABAD

Renowned Pakistani television and radio actor and producer Syed Mohsin Gilani has claimed that he is the "king of jinns" and that a jinn has been with him for the past 12 years.

Mohsin Gilani, who belongs to Multan, recently appeared on a podcast where he spoke about his experiences and views regarding jinns.

During the podcast, Mohsin Gilani claimed that when it comes to jinns, he is their king and that a jinn named Najeeb is currently with him. According to him, the jinn has remained with him for the past 12 years, since the death of his father.

Mohsin Gilani further claimed that his ancestors also had jinns and that people who possess knowledge of the Quran know about individuals who have jinns under their influence. He said such a relationship can also be passed down from one generation to



another.

Speaking about jinns, the actor said there are many misconceptions about them in society. He said jinns are also creations of Allah and belong to different religious sects.

Mohsin Gilani said jinns do not harm humans but only make their presence felt, while they can also play with children. He claimed that jinns are afraid of humans and that humans are a superior creation.

He also said humans cannot command jinns according to their own wishes because jinns are not bound to serve humans. According to him, jinns like sweets, and in the past, sweet sellers were aware that jinns would come to their shops to buy sweets.



Colorful activities of the third World Culture Festival at the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi continued on the tenth day .

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First Test: Debutants Tayyab, Taha hit fifties as Pakistan dominate opening day

● Skipper Babar Azam, unbeaten Saud Shakeel also smash half-centuries; Fernando picks three wickets

STAFF REPORTER

Rawalpindi



Fifties from debutants Tayyab Arif and Mohammad Taha, alongside skipper Babar Azam and Saud Shakeel, helped Pakistan reach 281-5 at stumps on the opening day of the first Test at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Monday.

Pakistan made an impressive start after being asked to bat first, with openers Azan Awais and debutant Tayyab Arif taking the attack to the Sri Lankan bowlers through confident strokeplay.

The opening pair capitalised on loose deliveries and regularly found the boundaries, putting the visitors under early pressure. Their positive approach helped Pakistan cross the 50-run mark during the opening stages of the first session.

Tayyab looked assured on his international debut and brought up his maiden Test half-century, providing Pakistan with a solid platform. However, Sri Lanka broke the 86-run opening partnership in the 16th over when Milan Rathnayake dismissed Azan for 30 off 35 deliveries, including seven boundaries.

The visitors struck again in the following over as Asitha Fernando removed Tayyab, who departed after scoring an impressive 57 off 51 balls, hitting nine fours and a six at a strike rate of 111.76.

Following the two quick dismissals, captain Babar Azam joined fellow debutant Mohammad Taha at the crease. The pair consolidated the innings while maintaining the scoring momentum, taking Pakistan past the 100-run mark in the 21st over.

Pakistan resumed after lunch at 137-2 in 30 overs, with Babar unbeaten on 31 off 39 deliveries, including four boundaries, while Taha was batting on 15 off 42 balls.

The pair added a valuable 69-run partnership for the third wicket, taking Pakistan beyond 150 before Dilshan Madushanka dismissed Babar shortly after he completed his 35th Test half-century. The Pakistan captain scored 50 off 58 deliveries, including seven boundaries, leaving the hosts at 159-3.

Saud Shakeel joined Taha, and the duo steadied the innings with another important partnership, guiding Pakistan past the 200-run mark in the 49th over.

Taha continued his positive approach and brought up his maiden Test half-century on debut. However, Sonal Dinusha ended their 68-run fourth-wicket partnership in the 56th over, dismissing the debutant for 51 off 105 balls, including six boundaries.

Shakeel was joined by Salman Ali Agha, and the pair took Pakistan beyond 250 before Fernando claimed his second wicket by removing Agha for 16 off 22 deliveries.

Shakeel continued to bat confidently, completing his 12th Test half-century as Pakistan strengthened their position.

Bad light brought an early end to the opening day's play, with Shakeel unbeaten on 57 off 112 deliveries, including seven boundaries, while Ghazi Ghori remained not out on seven off 10 balls.



Freiburg third after beating Union

Web Desk

LOS ANGELES

Freiburg kept hot on the heels of Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund with a comfortable 2-0 home win over lowly Union Berlin to return to third in the Bundesliga table on Sunday, while Bayer Leverkusen sunk derby rivals Cologne.

Freiburg pressured Union captain Rani Khedira into an own goal nine minutes after half-time and Yuito Suzuki scored another as the hosts won despite their own skipper Vincenzo Grifo missing a penalty.

Last season's beaten Europa League finalists are third on 19 points, two behind Bayern and Dortmund with the Bavarians ahead on goal difference.

"We knew our chances would come and we managed to convert them well," Freiburg winger Derry Scherhant told DAZN.

After an even first-half, Freiburg were impressive after the break and forced a last-ditch intervention from Khedira, who knocked the ball into his own net.

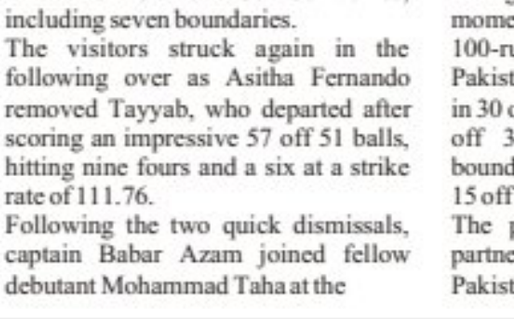
Scherhant chipped for Suzuki to score with 67 minutes gone. The Black Forest side may have won by a higher margin were it not for Union goalkeeper Frederik Ronnow, who kept out Grifo's 84th-minute penalty and made a number of other saves.

Inter Milan beat Como to close in on Serie A leaders Lazio

● Francesco Pio Esposito and Marcus Thuram struck in the opening 20 minutes as Inter ended a six-match winning run from Como

Sports Desk

MONTREAL



Inter Milan claimed a statement 2-0 win over Como on Sunday to move just one point behind Serie A leaders Lazio, who were held to a 1-1 draw at Napoli.

Francesco Pio Esposito and Marcus Thuram struck in the opening 20 minutes as Inter ended a six-match winning run from Como that included the biggest away win in Champions League history, Wednesday's 9-1 demolition of French side RC Lens.

Inter, who suffered their first league defeat of the season to rivals AC Milan a week ago, jumped back into second as a thrilling title race heats up, with two points separating Lazio from third-placed AS Roma.

"Today we played well in every aspect. We put pressure on their build-up and accepted that they could cause us problems," said Inter coach Cristian Chivu. "We counter-attacked with ferocity and were clinical in front of goal. I applaud my players for a performance of maturity and quality."

Cesc Fabregas' Como were outclassed in defeat at San Siro, allowing Milan to leapfrog them into fourth on 24 points after Alphadjo Cisse and Christian Pulisic struck in a 2-1 win over Genoa.

Inter made a fast start as they looked to put the memory of last weekend's Milan derby defeat behind them, with Esposito tapping in an inviting Djed Spence cross after 12 minutes.

They soon made it two when a poor clearance dropped invitingly into Thuram's path in the box and the France international lashed a shot past Robert Sanchez.

Como mustered little in response in an uncharacteristically muted display as Federico Dimarco and Thuram threatened a third with efforts in the second half, before Nico Paz clipped the crossbar late on.

Lazio stumble, Milan react

Leaders Lazio dropped points for just the second time this season at struggling Napoli as Davide Frattesi's opener was cancelled out by an Alfonso Pedraza own goal.

Napoli were under pressure to deliver a result after defeats by Juventus and FC Porto saw the squad sent into a training retreat in a bid to revive their flagging form. But they could only claim a point against Gennaro Gattuso's unbeaten outfit, whose remarkable form continued as they remained 14 points ahead of 10th-placed Napoli.

"We must keep going; everything's not lost even if we are behind in the standings," Napoli coach Massimiliano Allegri said.

Milan finished a mixed week on a high as a second Serie A win on the bounce took them into the top four.



Noskova beats Kostyuk in opening match at WTA Finals

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Reigning Wimbledon champion Linda Noskova defeated Marta Kostyuk 6-2, 6-4 on Sunday in the opening match of the season-ending WTA Finals at Indian Wells.

Noskova, a 21-year-old Czech, needed only 86 minutes to capture the Group One match over Ukraine's Kostyuk with Americans Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula to play later.

World number one and reigning champion Elena Rybakina withdrew from the WTA Finals on Saturday due to a viral illness with Kostyuk replacing her at the California hardcourt event.

Noskova improved to 3-1 against Kostyuk, all matches coming this year as both made the WTA Finals for the first time.

Noskova won in three sets at the US Open fourth round in their most recent prior meeting and in the Wimbledon semi-finals, while Kostyuk won on her way to the Madrid clay crown.

Australia axe Labuschagne for New Zealand Tests

▪ The number three, who has played 68 Tests, was under-pressure going into their recent tour of South Africa and failed to fire across the three Tests.

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ISLAMABAD

Marnus Labuschagne was Monday axed from Australia's squad for their upcoming four-Test series against New Zealand, paying the price for a long run of poor form.

The number three, who has played 68 Tests, was under-pressure going into their recent tour of South Africa and failed to fire across the three Tests.

"At this stage we won't be considering Marn for selection for certainly that first Test, but for the New Zealand series," chairman of selectors George Bailey told cricket.com.au.

"There's been a lot of speculation around his place in the team.

"So I think this gives him a little bit of space and clears up a bit of conjecture as we work through the next round of (Sheffield) Shield cricket."

Labuschagne, who at one stage was the world's top-ranked batter, had a tortured tour of South Africa, where his highest score was 39.

The 32-year-old has not scored a century since the 2023 Ashes series against England, but Bailey left the door open for a recall if he again finds form in the domestic red-ball competition.

"It's still possible, absolutely," he said.

"And I think we all know how good and how effective Marnus can be at his best. But that performance hasn't been there.

"But I don't think we've ever ruled anyone out permanently ... and that's no different in this case."

The first Test against New Zealand starts on December 9 in Perth with the squad set to be named after the next round of Shield action, which begins Wednesday.

With Labuschagne gone, the question is who replaces him, with Steve Smith tipped to move up from four to three.



Carlos Alcaraz downs Ben Shelton to win Paris Masters for first time

▪ Unlike their five-set quarter-final epic in New York two months ago, the clash in Paris lasted just under two hours



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Carlos Alcaraz gained a measure of revenge on Ben Shelton on Sunday as the seven-time Grand Slam champion beat the American 7-6(7/5), 7-5 to win the Paris Masters for the first time.

In defeating the man who ended his US Open title defence earlier this season, the 23-year-old claimed the ninth 1000-level title of his career.

Unlike their five-set quarter-final epic in New York two months ago, the clash in Paris lasted just under two hours.

"For me it's really special that finally I just got to play great tennis," Alcaraz told reporters.

"I went far in the tournament, lifting the trophy at the end.

"I would say this week I took a step forward mentally. I had a lot of really tough moments. I'm just really happy that I controlled my emotions, controlled my thoughts every moment, every single match," he added in reference to his quarter-final win against Taylor Fritz, in which he saved two match points.

Coming into Paris on the back of winning the 500-level title in Vienna, Alcaraz has won his last nine matches.

"Probably these two last weeks have been the best I've played since my comeback," Alcaraz added of his return from a wrist injury that caused him to miss the French Open and Wimbledon.

Ahead of the ATP Finals, which run November 15-22 in Turin, world number three Alcaraz now holds five tour-level titles this year — only the injured Jannik Sinner has more with six.

In Italy, he will next be seeking a first coronation at the season-ending Finals.

For world number four Shelton, it was a first defeat in a Masters final after winning his two previous appearances in showpiece matches at that level — both coming in the last two editions of the Canadian Open.

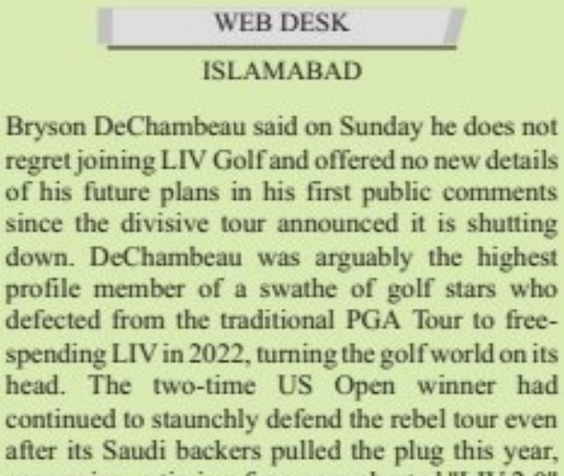
'Little details'

An entertaining first set, which drew a multitude of admiring gasps from the crowd, went the distance despite both players enjoying some success on the other's serve.

In the tie-break, a Shelton error at 4-4 followed by a leaping backhand smash by Alcaraz brought up two set points.

The first came and went when Alcaraz thundered the ball into the top of the net cord, and the expectant arena froze in time as it rose and fell in seeming slow motion, only to land on the Spaniard's side of the court.

Alcaraz was not to be denied a second time, however, as Shelton overcooked a forehand on the next point to cede the opener.



Defiant DeChambeau 'grateful' for LIV

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Bryson DeChambeau said on Sunday he does not regret joining LIV Golf and offered no new details of his future plans in his first public comments since the divisive tour announced it is shutting down. DeChambeau was arguably the highest profile member of a swathe of golf stars who defected from the traditional PGA Tour to free-spending LIV in 2022, turning the golf world on its head. The two-time US Open winner had continued to staunchly defend the rebel tour even after its Saudi backers pulled the plug this year, expressing optimism for a now-aborted "LIV 2.0" relaunch plan even as others like Jon Rahm jumped ship.With LIV announcing on Thursday that it will shutter for good, DeChambeau issued a statement expressing gratitude for his experience with the rebel tour.

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Three flights FromLahore airport cancelled amid security concerns

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Three flights scheduled to depart from Allama Iqbal International Airport for Riyadh, Abu Dhabi and Istanbul were cancelled on Monday due to security concerns and technical issues, airport sources said.

According to airport sources, a private airline's flight XY318, bound for Riyadh, was cancelled due to security concerns.

Meanwhile, flight PF796, scheduled to fly from Lahore to Abu Dhabi, was cancelled due to a technical fault.

Another private airline flight, TK745, bound for Istanbul, was also cancelled due to a technical issue. Airport sources confirmed that the three flights were cancelled due to security concerns and technical problems.

TTAP seeks judicial review of governor's rule, emergency in K-P

● Demands medical reports of Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi made public

STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

The Tehreek-e-Tahafuz-e-Ayin-e-Pakistan (TTAP) on Monday called for a transparent judicial review of the constitutional grounds for imposing governor's rule and an emergency in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), warning that such governance systems undermine provincial autonomy, the public mandate and parliamentary democracy.

The joint declaration was issued by Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly (NA) Mahmood Khan Achakzai, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate Allama Raja Nasir Abbas and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and former speaker of the NA Asad Qaiser after a consultation on the country's prevailing "political and constitutional" situation.

On November 7, the Peshawar High Court (PHC) removed all petitions challenging the imposition of emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as well as 3-MPO detentions, from its cause list following a Federal Constitutional Court ruling stripping it of jurisdiction over post-October 12 cases. The move



followed the court's November 5 order barring the PHC from hearing 3-MPO detention cases.

Before that, the PHC had granted bail to 23 PTI workers arrested under the ordinance and sought responses from the governor and provincial assembly speaker over the imposition of governor's rule.The opposition alliance maintained that such governance styles must be transparently examined by the judiciary to determine their constitutional validity, stressing that the supremacy of the Constitution, provincial autonomy and parliamentary democracy must be safeguarded.

The declaration also paid tribute to Maulana Fazlur Rehman for his stance on constitutional matters, saying that targeting the dignity and honour of political leaders or their families over political differences was contrary to democratic traditions.

On the health of the PTI founding chairman and Bushra Bibi, the TTAP demanded that complete medical examination reports be made public without delay.

It also called for immediate implementation of the Supreme Court's decision to transfer the former prime minister to Shifa International Hospital."Imran Khan's treatment should be ensured in the presence of his personal physicians," the joint declaration emphasised further.

Moving on to the arrests of several PTI leaders in the aftermath of the long march, including suspended K-P Chief Minister Sohail Afridi and Speaker Babar Saleem Swati, the opposition alliance demanded a clarification from the government.

"Elected public representatives should be produced before the relevant courts," the declaration underscored, while adding that the practice of arresting political workers and denying them their legal rights "must come to an end".

"All political workers, including [sisters of Imran Khan] Aleema Khan, Uzma Khan and Noreen Niazi, should be released immediately."

It said access to courts and the right to seek justice were fundamental constitutional rights of every citizen and must be protected without discrimination.

The TTAP concluded that its democratic struggle against political victimisation and unconstitutional measures would continue in light of the prevailing situation.

The TTAP formed a committee on November 5 to facilitate the upcoming All Parties Conference and pledged to launch countrywide protests against what it described as an undemocratic government.

K-P governor's rule and emergency

On October 11, President Asif Ali Zardari approved Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's advice to impose an emergency and governor's rule in the province under Articles 232 and 234 of the Constitution, citing a deterioration in the security situation, an increase in terrorist attacks, and what it described as the provincial administration's failure to cooperate effectively in counter-terrorism efforts.

Under the new arrangement, executive powers were transferred to Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, assisted by an advisory council, while emergency measures were imposed in 12 districts.

The PTI rejected the federal government's position and opposed the move.

AJK PM urges Kashmiris to reject anarchists

● Gilani announced plans to engage consultants to prepare a comprehensive tourism development strategy for Leepa Valley.

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister Iftikhar Gilani has said that elements promoting disorder within the ranks of the Kashmir freedom movement are damaging its cause, urging people to reject activities that could undermine peace and stability in the region.

Addressing a public gathering in Leepa Valley, Gilani said that while people's demands may be legitimate, the methods adopted to raise them must remain peaceful and constructive. He stressed the need to identify and discourage elements whose actions could fuel unrest and division.

The prime minister paid tribute to the courage and determination of residents living along the Line of



Control (LoC), saying their morale had remained strong despite difficult circumstances. He also extended greetings to Pakistan Army personnel deployed along the LoC.

Highlighting the government's development agenda, Gilani announced plans to engage consultants to prepare a comprehensive tourism development strategy for Leepa Valley. He said viable projects would be introduced to promote the valley's natural beauty, attract visitors and create employment opportunities for local residents.

He said eliminating unemployment and improving basic infrastructure, particularly roads, were among the government's priorities. The government would also work to improve access to higher education, offering financial support to deserving students from Leepa Valley to study at leading public and private universities across Pakistan.

Gilani further announced that basic health centres and rural health facilities would be upgraded in phases, while several development projects for the valley would be introduced in the coming days.

Reaffirming the government's stated position on the Kashmir dispute, he said its objective was to secure the right to self-determination for Kashmiris in accordance with United Nations resolutions.



Punjab CM orders no blockades, no business closure during her visits

■ The chief minister directed officials not to seal or block residential streets or restrict residents' movement in the name of security.

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LAHORE

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has directed authorities across the province not to close markets, shops, businesses or commercial establishments during her visits, emphasising that ordinary citizens must not face inconvenience due to security arrangements.

In a message on X, CM Maryam Nawaz said that clear instructions had once again been issued to all Regional Police Officers (RPOs), District Police Officers (DPOs), commissioners and deputy commissioners.

The chief minister directed officials not to seal or block residential streets or restrict residents' movement in the name of security.She further instructed law enforcement agencies and relevant departments to ensure that all security arrangements are made discreetly and without disrupting the daily activities of the public.Maryam Nawaz stressed that her instructions must be implemented in letter and spirit, warning that strict action would be taken against officials found violating the orders.

The directive aims to ensure that public life, commercial activities and routine movement remain uninterrupted during the chief minister's official visits.

While Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif expressed gratitude for the success of the PML-N candidates in the national and provincial assembly by-elections.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif congratulated PML-N candidate Rashid Bashir Virk from NA-77 Gujranwala and Asad Hanif from PP-203 Chichawatni on their victory.

Maryam Nawaz Sharif said that the success of Rashid Bashir Virk and Asad Hanif is proof of the popularity and public trust of the PML-N.The success of the PML-N is a manifestation of the people's trust and love. The people of Gujranwala and Chichawatni have appreciated the politics of service by deciding in favor of the PML-N.

The CM said the people have once again expressed their confidence in the leadership of the Muslim League (N), and the success of the Muslim League (N) is a reflection of the love and full trust of the people.

NCCIA warns citizens against fake Rs13,000 cash reward

■ NCCIA warns citizens about fake Rs13,000 reward messages falsely issued in the PM's name, urging them to avoid suspicious links, protect personal and banking data, and report scams via helpline 1799.

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) on Monday warned citizens against fake messages circulating in the name of the Prime Minister, falsely offering a cash reward of Rs 13,000, and advised the public not to click suspicious links or share personal and banking information.

According to an NCCIA spokesperson, cyber fraudsters were attempting to deceive citizens through fake reward messages claiming that the Prime Minister was



offering Rs 13,000 in cash.

He said such messages could contain suspicious links designed to steal personal information and banking details, exposing citizens to online financial fraud.

The spokesperson urged citizens not to click on unverified links or provide personal information, bank account details or other sensitive data in response to such messages.

He also advised the public to avoid forwarding fake messages to others and immediately report any suspicious communication to the relevant authorities.

Director General NCCIA Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi said the agency was following a zero-tolerance policy against cyber fraud and would continue taking action against those involved in online scams.

He urged citizens to remain vigilant and report cybercrime incidents through the NCCIA helpline 1799 or visit their nearest NCCIA circle office.

Lahore remains world's most polluted major city as AQI crosses 600



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LAHORE

Lahore remained the world's most polluted major city on Monday as its Air Quality Index (AQI) surged to 590, with a separate hourly reading reaching 647, according to IQAir.

The live global ranking placed Lahore at the top, followed by Ulaanbaatar (177), Delhi (174), Kolkata (173) and Sarajevo (170).

Several areas of Lahore recorded hazardous pollution levels, with Allama Iqbal Town reporting an AQI of 1,033, CERP Office 864 and Burki Road Paragon 748.

Other Punjab cities also experienced hazardous air quality, including Raiwind (688), Multan (655) and Faisalabad (600).

The deterioration came amid concerns over smoke from Diwali fireworks in Indian Punjab, crop-residue burning and easterly winds carrying polluted air towards Lahore.

However, satellite data also indicates significant agricultural fire activity within Pakistani Punjab, making local emissions another major concern.



A worker is busy stitching a colourful quilt at roadside setup for customers

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