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Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meeting with His Highness Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait, on the side-lines of the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) at Antalya on 11 November 2026.



China says ready to deepen cooperation with Pakistan in space, other fields

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

China stands ready to work with the Pakistani side to deepen cooperation in space and other fields and bring bilateral relations to new heights, Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said at a regular press briefing in Beijing.

A Pakistani astronaut will join the Shenzhou-24 mission crew as payload specialist and complete a short orbital flight before returning to Earth aboard the Shenzhou-23 spacecraft."We stand ready to work with the Pakistani side to carry forward our traditional friendship, deepen cooperation in space and other fields.



Bushra Bibi's interim bail extended until November 26 in 29 cases

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

A special anti-terrorism court in Rawalpindi has extended the interim bail of Bushra Bibi, wife of PTI founder Imran Khan, until November 26 in 29 cases registered against her.

ATC Judge Amjad Ali Shah heard the bail petitions.

During the hearing, Bushra Bibi's lawyer, Muhammad Faisal Malik, appeared before the court along with her legal team, while the prosecution team was also present.

The court extended her interim bail until November 26 and adjourned further proceedings on the petitions without taking up the cases.

DSP among 12 policemen injured in firing during Kohat gold mining operation

■ Fitna al Khawarij and criminals behind ambush on police party in Kohat, say officials

STAFF REPORTER

KOHAT

At least 12 policemen were injured in firing during an operation against illegal gold mining in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kohat district, police said on Wednesday.

The incident took place in the Darbukach area, within the limits of Gumbat police station, where the operation against illegal gold mining on the River Indus was underway, the police added.



Police said terrorists belonging to Fitna al Khawarij and criminal elements ambushed the police party. They added that illegal gold mining in the area had been continuing because of a nexus between terrorists and criminals.

Those injured include DSP Haider Zaman and Gumbat SHO Ayaz Afridi. The injured were shifted to the hospital.

Police said armed men also set a police mobile on fire. They added that an exchange of fire between the police and the militants was underway.

Fresh contingents of police and security forces have reached the spot, the police added.

District Police Officer (DPO) Kohat said the pursuit of the Fitna al Khawarij was continuing and the operation would go on until the last militant was eliminated.

Emergency has been imposed at the District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital, Kohat, said Medical Superintendent Dr Tahir Ali Shah. (Continued on Page-4)



Pakistan Army wins 46th PARA Central Meet as over 1,500 shooters compete in Jhelum

■ Punjab Regiment's Havildar Fazal Rehman wins Pakistan's highest military shooting trophy

STAFF REPORTER

JHELUM

Pakistan Army has won the 46th Pakistan Army Rifle Association (PARA) Central Meet, with more than 1,500 participants from the armed forces, civil armed forces and civilian shooting associations taking part in the month-long competition.

The closing ceremony of the major shooting event was held at the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) in Jhelum on Wednesday, with Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces (COAS and CDF), attending as the chief guest.

The competition, which ran from October 7 to November 11, 2026, brought together shooters from the Pakistan Army, Navy and Air Force, as well as civil armed forces and civilian teams from across the country.

Admiral Naveed Ashraf, Chief of the Naval Staff, attended the ceremony as the guest of honour. Alongside the army chief, he presented trophies and medals to winners and runners-up across various categories. Pakistan Army claimed the championship trophy in the 4th Inter-Services Combat Shooting Championship, while the Army Marksmanship Unit secured victory in the Prime Minister's 'Skills at Arms' Big Bore National Challenge Match.

PM Shehbaz meets world leaders at COP31 in Turkiye, set to highlight Pakistan's climate priorities

■ PM Shehbaz joins world leaders at COP31 in Turkiye, holds key meetings and calls for stronger global climate action and financial support for developing nations.

Staff Reporter

ANTALYA

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif joined world leaders at the COP31 Antalya Leaders' Summit in Turkiye on Wednesday, where he is set to outline Pakistan's climate priorities and call for stronger international cooperation to tackle the growing threat of climate change.

The prime minister was welcomed at the summit venue by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, according to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Shehbaz also met Erdogan and Turkish First Lady Emine Erdogan, while the leaders attending the high-level gathering posed for a group photograph.

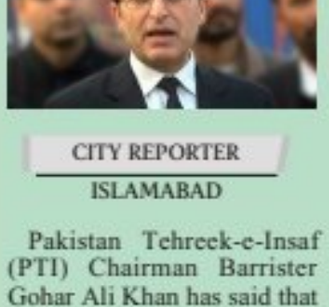


The summit has brought together delegates from nearly 200 countries in the Mediterranean city of Antalya amid mounting concerns over rising global temperatures, greenhouse gas emissions and increasingly destructive weather events.

Pakistan is expected to use the international platform to highlight the challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those bearing the consequences of climate change despite contributing relatively little to global emissions.

According to the Foreign Office, PM Shehbaz will highlight Pakistan's progress towards rapid solarisation and expanding renewable energy capacity as part of the country's transition to a cleaner and more resilient economy.He is also expected to draw attention to efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness and early-warning systems, while calling for predictable, adequate and accessible climate financing to help developing nations improve their resilience and pursue sustainable development.

No decision yet on running movement alongside JUI-F, says Gohar



CITY REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan has said that it is too early to discuss launching a joint political movement with Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, adding that the political situation will become clearer as developments unfold.

Speaking to the media on Adiala Road, Barrister Gohar said PTI would fully participate in the upcoming local government elections and was not considering a boycott. He said the party remained in contact with the government and interior minister, describing the engagement as a necessity because all other avenues of communication were closed.

The PTI chairman observed that there was currently silence on all fronts, including behind-the-scenes channels, and confirmed that no negotiations were taking place.

"No matter which side I play for, I play for the founder of PTI," he said.

Commenting on criticism and speculation following his meeting with former Army Chief General (retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa, Barrister Gohar rejected the propaganda, clarifying that the interaction involved nothing more than an exchange of greetings.

Separate judiciary from executive or it will become slave to powerful, says Jamal Mandokhel

■ Outgoing SC judge says only autonomous judiciary can hold all institutions accountable

STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhel, who retired as a Supreme Court (SC) judge, said that the judiciary must be separate from the executive or else it will become a slave to the powerful,

Addressing a farewell reference held in his honour, he shared his views on judicial independence, the supremacy of the Constitution, parliament's constitutional powers and the role of the executive.

Mandokhel said that the judiciary must be completely separate from the executive; otherwise, it would become subservient to the wishes and interests of the powerful class of the time.

He said only a completely independent and autonomous judiciary could fearlessly hold all state institutions accountable and compel them to operate within the bounds of the Constitution and law.



He said the supremacy of the Constitution and restoration of moral values were essential for the country's genuine development and stability. Only an independent and autonomous judiciary could ensure the protection of the fundamental and constitutional rights of all citizens.

"If the judiciary fails to provide timely justice, citizens could adopt illegal means to seek justice, resulting in anarchy, disorder and severe unrest in society," he noted.

Speaking about parliament's role in judicial independence, he said that parliament, as the highest lawmaking institution, fully represented the people, while the constitution granted it complete authority to make amendments.

Parliament could introduce amendments, but this was possible and acceptable only if the Constitution's basic features—particularly judicial independence—were preserved.

He asserted that the parliament must keep in mind that its amendments must not harm judicial independence in any way.

The judge said that the preservation of judicial independence was not solely the responsibility of judges. "The parliament, judiciary and the executive share an equal and collective responsibility to safeguard it." He said a judge's task was not easy but an extremely sensitive and weighty responsibility.

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Shaukat Yousafzai says PTI supports creation of new provinces

He urged the government and political leadership to put an end to confrontation and pursue the path of reconciliation



SPECIAL REPORTER
PESHAWAR

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Shaukat Yousafzai has described the establishment of smaller provinces as a national necessity, saying the move could help address the basic problems faced by the people.

In a statement, Yousafzai said the creation of new provinces was part of PTI's manifesto and that the party, in principle, supported the proposal, provided all constitutional requirements were fulfilled.

He said the government had not yet contacted PTI regarding the establishment of new provinces. He urged the government and political leadership to put an end to confrontation and pursue the path of reconciliation.

Yousafzai further stressed that confrontation with state institutions would serve no purpose, adding that all national issues should be resolved through Parliament.

He said parliamentary dialogue and constitutional measures were the appropriate way forward for addressing political and administrative challenges.



A vendor arranging and displaying seasonal water chestnuts (singhara) on a handcart to attract customers

Rangers, police arrest four suspected extortion gang members in joint operation

Rangers and Karachi Police arrested four suspected extortion gang members in Paposh Nagar, while three suspects sustained injuries during an exchange of fire.

SPECIAL REPORTER
KARACHI

Pakistan Rangers Sindh and the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Karachi Police have arrested four suspected members of an extortion network during a joint operation in the Paposh Nagar area. Three suspects were injured in an exchange of fire, while another was arrested without resistance.

According to a spokesperson for Pakistan Rangers Sindh, the operation targeted members of the Samad Kathiawari and Jameel Chhanga gangs. Three wanted suspects were arrested in an injured condition, while the fourth was taken into custody without any resistance.

The injured suspects were identified as Zameer alias Prince, Muhammad Shakir and Barkat Ali alias Braha. The fourth suspect was



identified as Muhammad Zaheem. Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from their possession.

Suspects linked to extortion and firing incidents

The Rangers spokesperson said this was the fourth major joint operation conducted by Rangers and SIU Police against extortion networks in Karachi since October 24, 2026.

The arrested suspects allegedly supplied business-related information to the Samad Kathiawari and Jameel Chhanga gangs and were involved in several shooting incidents aimed at intimidating traders and business owners who refused to pay extortion money.

According to Rangers, Barkat Ali alias Braha is a habitual offender who has previously been arrested and jailed in multiple cases involving drug trafficking and police encounters.

He has reportedly been associated with the Jameel Chhanga gang since 2016 and is considered one of its key operatives. During interrogation, he allegedly disclosed that he had opened fire on under-construction buildings in Tharoline and Naseem Cloth Market in Lasbela on Jameel Chhanga's instructions.

He also allegedly admitted to involvement in targeted killings of rival groups during previous gang clashes. Further investigations into these disclosures are underway.

Arrested Suspects' Alleged Links to Criminal Networks

Rangers said Zameer alias Prince and Muhammad Shakir were key operatives of Samad Kathiawari and Owais Dada.

Zameer had previously been arrested and imprisoned in robbery and illegal weapons cases. According to investigators, he met Owais Dada, an associate of Samad Kathiawari, while in prison. Following their meeting, he allegedly recruited his accomplice Shakir into extortion activities.

The spokesperson added that Owais Dada allegedly supplied pistols used in the criminal operations.

Lahore tops global pollution rankings as AQI reaches 451

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Lahore has once again topped the global ranking of the most polluted major cities, with air quality reaching hazardous levels and raising serious concerns about public health.

According to an international environmental monitoring website, the provincial capital recorded an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 451, placing it at the top of the list. India's capital, New Delhi, ranked second with an AQI of 224.

Several areas of Lahore reported exceptionally high pollution levels. Gulberg recorded an AQI of 758, followed by Allama Iqbal Town at 752 and Syed Maratib Ali Road at 613, according to the reported figures.

The air pollution situation remains alarming in other major cities across Punjab as well. Multan recorded an AQI of 902, while Gujranwala reported 726 and Faisalabad registered 389.

Despite ongoing anti-smog measures, hazardous air quality continues to affect several parts of Lahore, exposing residents to serious health risks.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department has forecast a possibility of rainfall over the next two days. The expected showers may help reduce the intensity of smog across the region.

However, the rainfall is also likely to bring colder weather to Lahore, with temperatures expected to drop.

FBR chief urges administrative reforms for better urban development in Pakistan

FBR Chairman Rashid Langrial calls for modern urban governance as Pakistan's urban population grows 60% and major cities expand beyond existing administrative boundaries.

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Chairman Rashid Langrial has called for a revamped administrative system to manage Pakistan's rapidly expanding cities, saying urban governance must reflect changing demographic and geographical realities.

In a post on social media platform X, Langrial said Pakistan's urban land area had increased by approximately 25 percent over the past 14 years, while the country's urban population had grown by nearly 60 per cent between 2012 and 2026.

He highlighted significant urban



expansion in several major cities, noting that the urban footprints of Faisalabad, Multan and Sialkot had doubled during the period.

Islamabad and Rawalpindi recorded a 1.8-fold expansion, while Lahore's urban area grew 1.5 times. Karachi witnessed a 40 per cent increase in its urban footprint, whereas Peshawar recorded 20 per cent growth.

The FBR chairman also pointed out that urban expansion had connected several neighbouring cities and towns.

He said Lahore, Gujranwala and Kasur have increasingly merged through urban development, while Sheikhupura, Muridke and Kamoke have also become part of Lahore's wider urban expansion.

He said a large urban corridor was emerging along the Grand Trunk (GT) Road.

Langrial noted that Lahore's urban footprint now extends across four districts, yet there is no single unified administrative authority responsible for managing the entire urban region.

He also highlighted Karachi's fragmented administrative structure, saying its management was divided among around a dozen different land-owning agencies.

The FBR chairman further observed that the administration of Punjab's cities had remained under appointed administrators for nearly a decade.

He stressed that while Pakistan's cities were expanding rapidly, the government's administrative structures continued to operate according to outdated geographical boundaries..

Terrorist attack on police checkpost foiled in KP's Karak district

SPECIAL REPORTER
KARAK



Police foiled a major terrorist attack on the Changhos Police Checkpost in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Karak district after heavily armed militants launched an assault late at night. According to District Police Officer (DPO) Karak Fazal Wahid, armed terrorists targeted the checkpost under the cover of darkness and opened intense fire using heavy weapons. However, police personnel deployed at the post responded immediately and effectively, successfully repelling the attack.

He said an exchange of fire between police personnel and the attackers began late at night and continued until morning.

According to the DPO, the use of heavy weapons by the attackers partially damaged the checkpost building. However, police put up strong resistance and forced all the attackers to retreat and flee from the area.

Police teams are pursuing the fleeing terrorists to ensure their arrest.

Police officials said the area had been cordoned off and a large-scale search operation was launched to track down those involved in the attack and bring them to justice.



Motorcyclists and a heavily loaded rickshaw cross railway tracks near New Multan Railway Station amid dense smog and poor visibility, increasing the risk of accidents

Rabia Ahsan murder probe: No evidence of marital dispute found in initial phone analysis

SPECIAL REPORTER
RAWALPINDI

Investigations into the murder of female anchorperson Rabia Ahsan have made significant progress, with police completing the initial analysis of her two mobile phones, while no evidence of a dispute between her and her husband has emerged so far.

According to investigative sources, both mobile phones belonging to the deceased had no passwords or lock codes, allowing police to access their data without difficulty.

Sources said police also examined conversations exchanged between Rabia Ahsan and her husband. However, the initial analysis did not reveal any evidence of a dispute or differences between the couple.

Police sources further confirmed that the



preliminary examination of the mobile phones had not identified any evidence supporting the possibility of a marital dispute.

According to investigative sources, the forensic examination of both mobile phones belonging to Rabia Ahsan, along with her husband's mobile phone, is yet to be completed.

The relevant forensic report will be made part of the police investigation report (challan) once the examination process is complete.

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Govt seeks $1.7b despite breaches

Pakistan plans to draw the full $1.7 billion multi-tranche World Bank loan to widen the tax base and align expenditure with the Constitution, even though the lender has twice rated implementation on the approved $600 million tranche as moderately satisfactory and the government has itself breached one of the package's conditions twice.



One condition of the package is implementation of the National Tariff Policy. Ironically, the government breached it in June when it raised taxes on imports, and again last month when the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved additional customs duty to extend protection to a tyre manufacturing company.

The $1.7 billion is being taken in the name of Public Resource for Inclusive Development under the Multiphase Programmatic Approach, with $700 million approved last year.

Beneficiaries of the tranches will be the federal and all four provincial governments, according to World Bank documents. The loans have been taken once again to ensure equity in taxes, cut expenditure and bring it in line with the constitutional scheme, and withdraw electricity and agriculture subsidies.

Government officials said there were no plans to abandon the package despite slow implementation on the first phase of the $700 million loan. Of that amount, $600 million was taken by the federal government in December last year.The World Bank's last two implementation status reports on the $600 million loan declared the programme moderately satisfactory. In April this year, it described the federal component as moderately satisfactory on the grounds that "the operation was approved by the World Bank Board on December 19, 2025, but was not yet effective".In the second report, released last month, the bank retained the rating while noting some improvements. It said the $600 million operation became effective on May 14, 2026, and an advance disbursement of $164.5 million was made on June 29, 2026. The next $200 million tranche is being approved for the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government.

The bank said the roughly $1.7 billion package will have four overlapping phases. The first, of $700 million, included two operations under the federal government and the Sindh government "to provide enhanced support for complex activities and procurements and enhanced project oversight".

Under the $600 million loan, the federal government is committed to implementing the National Fiscal Pact to end federal funding for projects and subjects of a provincial nature. However, the government is constantly violating the pact, and in June this year approved Rs87 billion for a Sindh project.

The Sindh government has taken a $100 million loan in the first phase to "demonstrate proof-of-concept for supporting provincial reforms under the national fiscal pact including reforms to mobilize agricultural and property taxation".

Under the third and fourth phases, the Balochistan and Punjab governments would receive loans.

World Bank documents state that accelerated progress on reforms, including trade liberalisation, a new National Finance Commission Award, power sector restructuring, private participation in state-owned enterprises and strengthened social service delivery, remains essential to support higher growth, create sufficient jobs for a fast-growing working-age population and reverse the recent trend of increasing poverty.

The bank said the fiscal pact aims to rebalance federal-provincial fiscal arrangements by reducing federal spending in areas devolved under the 18th Amendment and strengthening provincial revenue handles such as agricultural and property taxation.

The World Bank has set three main objectives for the $1.7 billion debt package: raising tax revenues; improving the efficiency and prioritisation of public expenditure; and strengthening the fiscal and service delivery data ecosystem.

The bank will support improvements in tax policy, including assessing the equity, efficiency and revenue impacts of proposed reforms.

Activities include mobilising key underused provincial revenue sources, implementing and operationalising effective taxation of agricultural income through the establishment of data systems, strengthening property taxation through digitalisation of land records and standardisation of valuation approaches and records, and supporting continued strengthening of General Sales Tax on Services collections through digital data integration.

Under the second objective of strengthened allocation, efficiency and accountability in expenditure, the bank will fund a programme of expenditure reviews to streamline government processes and administrative structure and reduce federal spending on constitutionally devolved functions. It will also support reforms to the electricity subsidy policy, including the design and implementation of a welfare-based subsidy system for residential consumers.

Iqbal's Spiritual Legacy and the Unity of the Muslim Ummah



By: Muhammad Mohsin Iqbal

The history of humanity is, in essence, a continuous journey in search of divine guidance. From the creation of mankind, when Allah Almighty bestowed His guidance upon Prophet Adam (peace be upon him), this sacred mission continued through a succession of prophets until it reached its ultimate perfection with the advent of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), the Seal of the Prophets. With his departure from this world, the institution of prophethood came to its completion, but the light of divine guidance did not diminish. It continued to illuminate human hearts through the teachings of the Holy Quran, the Sunnah and the lives of those chosen servants of Allah who devoted themselves to spiritual enlightenment, moral excellence

and the awakening of humanity. Among such distinguished personalities, Allama Muhammad Iqbal occupies an exceptional place.Iqbal was not merely a poet whose verses appealed to the imagination; he was a visionary who sought to restore the spiritual consciousness, intellectual confidence and collective dignity of the Muslim Ummah. His poetry was a call to awaken a nation that had gradually lost faith in its own potential and had become accustomed to political subjugation, intellectual stagnation and spiritual indifference. His message transcended geographical boundaries, reaching Muslims from the shores of the Nile to the valleys of Kashgar, reminding them that their strength lay not in territorial possessions or political arrangements alone, but in their common faith, historical identity and spiritual bond.The idea of Pakistan was deeply rooted in Iqbal's political and philosophical vision. His Allahabad Address of 1930 provided a significant intellectual foundation for the political aspirations of the Muslims of the subcontinent. He envisaged a political and social order in which Muslims could organise their

collective existence in accordance with their religious, cultural and civilisational identity. Although he did not live to witness the emergence of Pakistan, his intellectual contribution helped shape the aspirations that ultimately culminated in the establishment of an independent homeland in 1947. In this sense, Pakistan represents not merely a geographical achievement but also an enduring expression of a vision that sought dignity, identity and freedom for the Muslims of the subcontinent.Through his remarkable poetic collections, Iqbal attempted to revive the relationship between man and his Creator. His celebrated compositions, Shikwa and Jawab-e-Shikwa, hold particular significance in this regard. In Shikwa, he gives eloquent expression to the anguish of a Muslim community questioning its declining fortunes, while Jawab-e-Shikwa offers a profound spiritual response, reminding Muslims that the restoration of their former glory requires faith, unity, sacrifice, discipline and action. These works were not simply poetic exchanges; they were an intellectual and spiritual dialogue intended to awaken a dormant nation and make it conscious of its responsibilities.Perhaps one of Iqbal's most enduring contributions

was his insistence that the Muslim world must rise above geographical, linguistic, racial and political divisions. His memorable verse, "United by the guardianship of the Sacred Sanctuary, Muslims—from the shores of the Nile to the lands of Kashgar—are one," conveys a timeless message of fraternity. The unity he advocated was neither an artificial political arrangement nor a demand for uniformity among Muslim societies. Rather, it was a call for shared purpose, mutual respect, collective responsibility and solidarity founded upon the common spiritual heritage of Islam.Regrettably, the contemporary Muslim world presents a picture that would have deeply troubled Iqbal. Despite possessing enormous human resources, strategic locations, natural wealth and considerable economic potential, Muslim countries remain divided by political rivalries, regional conflicts and competing strategic interests. Tensions in the Gulf, instability in the Middle East and the continuing suffering of innocent people in different parts of the Muslim world demonstrate how far the Ummah remains from the collective strength that Iqbal envisioned. The tragedy is not merely that Muslim nations disagree; it is that their disagreements frequently prevent them from responding collectively to challenges that threaten their common interests and shared future.In these circumstances, Pakistan carries a particular responsibility. Established through a movement inspired by the intellectual and political aspirations of Muslim identity, it must continue to serve as a voice for reconciliation, cooperation and solidarity within the Muslim world. Its diplomatic engagement, efforts to reduce regional tensions and initiatives for dialogue among Muslim countries should be viewed in the light of Iqbal's philosophy. The Pakistani leadership's efforts to promote understanding between Saudi Arabia and Iran, strengthen relations among Muslim nations and encourage peaceful solutions to regional disputes reflect an important dimension of this vision. Such endeavours require consistency, wisdom and collective support, for lasting peace cannot be achieved through declarations alone; it demands sincerity, confidence-building and a willingness to place the greater interests of the Ummah above narrow political considerations.Iqbal's message also places a responsibility upon the intellectuals, scholars, political leaders and younger generations of the Muslim world. Unity cannot be secured merely through emotional expressions or ceremonial gatherings. It must be cultivated through education, scientific advancement, economic cooperation, institutional strength, social justice and the promotion of tolerance. A community that neglects knowledge, abandons moral discipline and

allows internal divisions to weaken its foundations cannot reclaim its rightful place in the world simply by recalling its glorious past.The spiritual legacy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal therefore remains as relevant today as it was during his lifetime. His poetry continues to awaken consciences, his philosophy continues to challenge intellectual complacency, and his vision continues to inspire those who believe that the Muslim Ummah can overcome its divisions and reclaim its dignity. His enduring message is that nations are not transformed by wishes alone; they rise when faith becomes conviction, conviction inspires action, and action is guided by wisdom and collective purpose.Iqbal's greatness lies not only in what he wrote or what he envisioned for Pakistan, but also in the spiritual confidence he sought to restore among Muslims. His legacy is a continuing invitation to rediscover the essence of Islam, strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and serve humanity with courage, compassion and wisdom. As long as the Muslim world continues to seek spiritual awakening and collective uplift, the light of Iqbal's thought will remain alive, reminding generations that the destiny of the Ummah lies in unity, knowledge, faith and purposeful action.

From Port to Plates



By: Shabana Mehmood

The dual challenge of rising fuel prices and supply chain disruptions has become the defining economic crisis of early 2026. For the common man whether in the bustling markets of Karachi or the industrial hubs of Europe these are not just abstract macroeconomic terms. They are the forces that dictate the price of a loaf of bread, the feasibility of a daily commute, and the overall stability of a household's future.

In Pakistan, where the economy is particularly sensitive to energy shocks, the recent volatility has fundamentally altered the

quality of life for millions?

In March 2026, Pakistan witnessed a historic surge in petroleum prices. Following intense regional tensions and a global supply crunch, petrol and diesel prices jumped by Rs. 55 per litter in a single notification on March 7. While Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recently rejected further hikes as of March 28 to provide temporary relief, the existing rates (Petrol at Rs. 321.17 and Diesel at Rs. 335.86) remain a heavy burden.For a motorcyclist or a small-car owner, daily travel expenses have increased by nearly 30%. This forces families to make difficult choices? cutting back on healthcare or education to keep a vehicle running for work. Fuel is the lifeblood of the supply chain. When diesel prices rise, the cost of transporting wheat from the farms of Punjab to the markets of Sindh rises with it. This is why a fuel hike today becomes a food price hike tomorrow. While fuel prices are often influenced by local policy, they are currently triggered by severe global supply chain choke points. In March 2026, the effective disruption of the Strait of Hormuz through which 20 million barrels of oil pass daily has sent global oil prices toward $160 per barrel the slowing of major shipping lanes means that goods take longer to arrive and cost significantly more to ship. In Pakistan, inland freight costs have climbed by 15–25%? From life-saving medicines to raw materials for local factories, delays lead to artificial scarcity. This allows for black-marketing and further price manipulation, leaving the common consumer at the mercy of middle-men.

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In Pakistan, the supply chain begins at the farm. Diesel is essential for tube wells and tractors. When fuel becomes expensive? Farmers reduce their crop area to save costs. Yields drop, leading to a shortage of staples like wheat and sugar. The common man pays the price at the grocery store, where food inflation in 2026 has remained a persistent threat to household security. The most devastating effect of these shifts is the erosion of purchasing power. In 2026, the gap between stagnant wages and rising costs has widened into a chasm.

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Impact of 2026 Economic are really Shocking Daily Wage Earners?Real income drops as transport consumes nearly 20% of daily earnings. Gig Workers?Delivery riders find it nearly impossible to maintain profit margins. Small Businesses? Higher operational costs and electricity bills lead to layoffs.



Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan and Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court, in a group photo with Mr. Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail on the eve of his laying down the robes of judicial office, at the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, on 11 November 2026.

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Farmers harvest cauliflower, a seasonal vegetable, for supply to local markets..

Pakistan Stock Exchange surges 5,448 points, reclaims 179,000 mark

■ Pakistan's benchmark KSE-100 Index surged 5,448 points on Tuesday, closing at 179,335 points and reclaiming the psychologically significant 179,000-point level.

Business Reporter

KARACHI

The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) staged a strong rally, with its benchmark KSE-100 Index reclaiming the 179,000-point level after gaining more than 5,000 points during the trading session.

The benchmark index opened on a positive note on the second trading day of the business week, rising by more than 5,000 points to reach 179,200 points.

The bullish momentum continued throughout the session, with the KSE-100 Index closing at 179,335 points, up 5,448 points from the previous close.

The market had closed at 173,886 points on the final trading day of the previous week.

The latest rally marks a significant recovery in investor sentiment, with the benchmark index regaining ground above the key 179,000-point threshold.

Saudi investors show Interest in Development Projects at Port Qasim

■ The Saudi investors also showed interest in the import and export auto zone and reviewed possible investment in the project.

Special Correspondent

ISLAMABAD

A Saudi business delegation led by Prince Mansour bin Mohammed Al Saud has visited Port Qasim to explore investment opportunities and development projects at the country's major port,

The delegation expressed keen interest in different projects, including a multipurpose cargo terminal and an integrated container terminal at Port Qasim.

During the visit, Port Qasim Authority



(PQA) Chairman Rear Admiral (retd) Syed Moazzam Ilyas briefed the Saudi guests on ongoing and planned development also showed interest in the import and export projects and investment opportunities at the port.The Saudi investors also showed interest in the import and export auto zone and reviewed possible investment in the project.Proposals were also discussed for setting up petroleum storage facilities and mineral refineries at Port Qasim.

Both sides agreed to increase business cooperation and strengthen trade and investment ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

The visit is expected to help bring new Saudi investment to Pakistan and create more opportunities for business growth.



Federal govt spends Rs103b on development projects in four months

Business Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The federal government spent Rs103 billion on development projects during the first four months of the current fiscal year against Rs412 billion released between July and October, according to official documents.

The documents showed that Rs23.8 billion was spent on development projects in provinces and special regions during the four-month period.

Expenditure on water resource projects stood at Rs18.72 billion, while Rs15.92 billion was spent on power sector projects.

According to the documents, the National Highway Authority (NHA) utilised Rs13.29 billion for its development projects between July and October.

The Federal Education and Professional Training Division recorded development expenditure of Rs6.87 billion during the period.

Pakistan launches Virtual Assets Alliance to protect crypto users

■ Pakistan has established the Virtual Assets Alliance to promote crypto investor protection, cybersecurity awareness, reliable market data and responsible development of the digital assets industry.

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has announced the establishment of the Virtual Assets Alliance of Pakistan (VAAP), a new industry platform aimed at protecting cryptocurrency users, promoting investor awareness and strengthening cybersecurity education.

The alliance has appointed Hunza Asif, founder of the Asia Web3 Alliance Japan, as its first chairperson, while HTX Country Manager Syed Ehtisham Hamdani will serve as senior vice-chairman.Announcing the initiative at a press conference in Islamabad on Tuesday, alliance representatives said the platform would bring cryptocurrency users, businesses and industry experts together to promote a more transparent and responsible digital assets market.

Hamdani said Pakistan ranked third globally in cryptocurrency adoption, but stressed that widely circulated estimates suggesting the country had around 20 million crypto users remained unverified.

He noted that independently verified figures on the number of cryptocurrency users in Pakistan were not currently available.



The alliance plans to develop reliable data on the country's cryptocurrency market through independent research and cooperation with local institutions.

Hamdani said the initiative would focus on investor education, cybersecurity awareness, responsible market practices and evidence-based policy discussions.

He added that industry experts and other key stakeholders had also joined the alliance to contribute to its objectives.

The VAAP leadership emphasised that the organisation does not possess regulatory powers and has not received government endorsement.

The alliance aims to help organise Pakistan's virtual assets industry by promoting international best practices, encouraging informed policy discussions and strengthening cooperation among market participants.



Gwadar Port receives Panama-flagged vessel in major transshipment development

■ Gwadar Port has begun unloading more than 26,321 metric tonnes of cargo from a Panama-flagged vessel, marking another development in its transshipment operations.

Staff Reporter

GWADAR

Gwadar Port has recorded another significant development in its transshipment operations with the successful berthing of a Panama-flagged vessel carrying more than 26,321 metric tonnes of cargo.

The vessel, MV Great Wen Tao, arrived at Gwadar from the United Arab Emirates' port of Fujairah. Unloading operations have commenced, with the cargo temporarily stored at Gwadar before being transferred to another vessel for onward transportation to Fujairah.

Gwadar Port Chairman Noor-ul-Haq Baloch said the continuation of transshipment activities reflected growing confidence among international shipping companies and commercial stakeholders in the port.

He said Gwadar Port had the potential to play an important role in regional and international maritime trade because of its strategic geographical location and operational facilities.

Baloch said the arrival of transshipment cargo would create new commercial opportunities in shipping, logistics and cargo handling.

Pakistan-Uzbekistan economic Partnership in focus at SIFC

Commerce Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) hosted H.E. Alisher Tukhtaev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan, to explore avenues for expanding bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation between the two countries.The engagement focused on identifying mutually beneficial opportunities in key sectors, including textiles, food processing, agriculture, real estate and Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

Discussions also covered enhanced regional connectivity, greater business-to-business collaboration and opportunities to facilitate cross-border investment and commercial partnerships, said a release issued here on Tuesday.SIFC highlighted its role as a central platform for investment facilitation, providing coordinated institutional support to international investors and fostering effective linkages among relevant stakeholders.

The interaction underscored the considerable potential for strengthening Pakistan-Uzbekistan economic relations through increased private-sector participation, improved business connectivity and collaboration in areas of shared economic interest.

PSDP 2026-27: Govt authorizes Rs412.294bn in four months

■ The federal government has authorized development funds amounting to Rs412.294 billion under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) during the first four months (July-October) of fiscal year 2026-27, against a total allocation of Rs1 trillion.

STAFF REPORTER

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According to the latest Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives data released on Tuesday, the PSDP 2026-27 allocation comprises Rs682.485 billion for federal ministries, Rs312.515 billion for corporations, Rs4 billion for project liabilities and Rs1 billion for new initiatives under CPEC 2.0.

Against the total allocation of Rs1 trillion, Rs412.294 billion was authorized while development expenditure stood at Rs103.876 billion during July-October 2026.

Among the federal ministries and divisions, the highest authorization was made for the Water Resources Division, amounting to Rs90.804 billion, against its allocation of Rs103.086 billion, while expenditure stood at Rs18.726 billion.

The Cabinet Division received an allocation of Rs64.080 billion, of which Rs60.378 billion was authorized and Rs59.99 million spent during the period.

The Provinces and Special Areas were allocated Rs233.386 billion, against which Rs59.796 billion was authorized and Rs23.808 billion spent.

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) was allocated Rs46 billion, of which Rs13.800 billion was authorized and Rs4.715 billion spent, while the Federal Education and Professional Training Division was allocated Rs36.312 billion, with Rs12.709 billion authorized and Rs6.877 billion spent.



The Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Division was allocated Rs22.626 billion, against which Rs6.788 billion was authorized and Rs2.152 billion spent.

The Railways Division received an allocation of Rs40.658 billion, with Rs14.230 billion authorized and Rs4.655 billion spent.

The Information Technology and Telecommunication Division was allocated Rs19.580 billion, including Rs9.801 billion in foreign assistance, against which Rs5.874 billion was authorized and Rs1.450 billion spent.

The Interior Division had an allocation of Rs21.825 billion, with Rs6.547 billion authorized and Rs714.21 million spent.

The National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Division was allocated Rs16.065 billion, of which Rs9.639 billion was authorized and Rs6.609 billion spent, while the Housing and Works Division had an allocation of Rs16.395 billion, with Rs1.918 billion authorized and Rs422.90 million spent.

Other notable allocations included Rs10.903 billion for the Defence Division, against which Rs2.816 billion was authorized and Rs462.10 million spent; Rs11.570 billion for the Revenue Division, with Rs3.471 billion authorized and Rs366.61 million spent; Rs6.658 billion for the Industries and Production Division, with Rs2.330 billion authorized and Rs649.03 million spent; Rs4.183 billion for the National Food Security and Research Division, with Rs1.352 billion authorized and Rs64.94 million spent; Rs3.567 billion for the Science and Technological Research Division, with Rs1.070 billion authorized and Rs154.89 million spent; Rs3.019 billion for the Information and Broadcasting Division, with Rs471.61 million authorized and Rs42.58 million spent; Rs2.478 billion for the Climate Change and Environmental Coordination.

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Saudi-led coalition says it intercepts two Houthi missiles fired towards Riyadh



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Riyadh

The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said on Tuesday it intercepted and destroyed two missiles launched by Yemen's Houthis towards Riyadh, amid weeks of escalating hostilities between the kingdom and the group.The coalition said its air defences destroyed a ballistic missile and a cruise missile fired at the Saudi capital.

Saudi Civil Defence ad earlier issued an early-warning alert for Riyadh before the coalition announced the interceptions, later saying the threat in the capital had passed.

In a separate statement, the coalition said that it had also intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile launched by the Houthis towards Saudi Arabia's southern region.

Saudi Civil Defence had previously issued warning alerts for the southwestern cities ?of Abha and Khamis Mushait, before later saying the danger had passed.

Southern Saudi Arabia, which borders Yemen, has repeatedly been hit by Houthi missile and drone attacks on military sites and energy infrastructure.

Fighting between the Houthis and the coalition backing Yemen's internationally recognised ?government has intensified ?after the Houthis advanced in September towards the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a strategic shipping chokepoint at the southern entrance to the Red Sea, across the Arabian Peninsula from the Strait of Hormuz.



A resident with a dog looks on at the site of private car garages hit by a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine

Israeli forces kill Palestinian teen, wound 3 others in occupied West Bank

■ AJ reports Israeli soldiers join occupier groups, attack Palestinians in West Bank while wearing civilian clothes

Web Desk

GAZA

Israeli forces killed a 14-year-old Palestinian boy and wounded three other people in Burqa, northwest of Nablus in the occupied West Bank.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the boy as Moataz Iyad Daghlas. It said the General Authority of Civil Affairs had notified it that he was killed by Israeli gunfire.

Local sources said Israeli troops entered Burqa and fired live ammunition at residents. They also blocked the village's main road, cutting off access in both directions.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society said Israeli forces prevented its ambulance crews from reaching a wounded person and detained three volunteer medics responding to clashes in the village.

Earlier that evening, Red Crescent crews transported a young man to the hospital after he sustained gunshot wounds to his abdomen and pelvis. The Palestinian Medical Relief Society, a nongovernmental organisation, said its crews took another young man to the hospital after he was shot in the hand.



Israeli soldiers in civilian clothes join attacks on Palestinians in West Bank: probe

Israeli soldiers have joined armed groups of Israeli occupiers attacking Palestinians in the West Bank while wearing civilian clothes, an Al Jazeera investigation broadcast Monday found.

The Qatar-based network The documented the killings of 14 Palestinians by Israeli occupiers who were found to be serving in the military or appeared in army uniform during attacks. The investigation showed soldiers taking part in assaults on Palestinian villages in civilian clothing, making them difficult to distinguish from armed Israeli occupiers.

It focused on the Israeli army's Hagmar regional defence units, which recruit Israeli occupiers as reservists. According to the investigation, their ranks have grown sixfold since 2023, while their role has shifted from guarding illegal settlements to directly supporting attacks on Palestinian communities. .

63 students hospitalised after fire at religious school in Bangladesh

■ Four children in critical condition as authorities suspect electrical short circuit as reason for blaze

Web Desk

DHAKA

At least 63 students were hospitalised after a fire broke out at an Islamic religious school in Bangladesh's central Narayanganj district early Tuesday, a fire official told Anadolu.

The blaze erupted on the second floor of a five-story building in Narayanganj, about 16 kilometres (10 miles) southeast of the capital Dhaka, said Abdullah Al Arefin, deputy assistant director of the Narayanganj Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Four firefighting units were dispatched and brought the blaze under control, he said, adding that most students escaped without burns, although several suffered from smoke inhalation.



The fire originated in the library and office rooms of Jamiatul Ashrafia Madrasa, which has about 1,300 students, most of them boarders.All 63 affected students were taken to the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka. Four were admitted to the intensive care unit in critical condition, including one placed on life support, resident surgeon Sultan Mahmud Sikdar told local newspaper The Daily Star.

Turkiye steel factory blast kills 16; probe launched

● Footage posted online showed a huge cloud of thick smoke pouring into the sky as flames appeared to engulf a tall structure within the HABAS Demir Celik plant in Aliaga

Web Desk

Turkiye

An explosion ripped through a steel plant in western Turkiye on Monday, killing 16 people and injuring 13, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, announcing investigations into the tragedy.

Eight workers were trapped at the HABAS steel factory about 60 kilometres north of the port city of Izmir, where the blast struck around midday (2pm PKT), governor Suleyman Elban said.

Footage posted online showed a huge cloud of thick smoke pouring into the sky as flames appeared to engulf a tall structure within the HABAS Demir Celik plant in Aliaga.

"The circumstances surrounding



this tragic incident, which has deeply saddened our nation, including how and why it happened, whether there was any negligence and who bears responsibility, will be established," Erdogan said on television, adding that two of the injured were in serious condition.

HABAS is a privately owned group and one of Turkiye's top steel producers.

Crane collapse

According to Izmir's governor, the blast was caused by an overhead crane that collapsed into a large industrial furnace used during the liquid steel casting process.

"While a boiler replacement operation was being carried out at the HABAS iron and steel factory, the overhead crane fell and landed in the arc furnace, causing an explosion in the steel mill behind it," Elban told reporters, referring to a large electric-powered steelmaking furnace.

An eyewitness, Deniz Ulker, said it felt like an "earthquake".

"When I looked at the factory across the street, thick black smoke was coming out. A fire broke out where the chimney was," Ulker told Anadolu news agency.

"It was like a bomb going off," said Turan Ilbay, who works as a truck driver at the factory and also spoke to Anadolu.

Izmir mayor Cemil Tugay said on X that rescue teams were "continuing their work to remove the collapsed platform" and that those affected were factory workers.

Workers' groups said there was a long record of safety issues at HABAS. Contacted by an AFP journalist, HABAS declined to answer questions.

Before Monday's explosion, the Evrensel daily said at least 11 workers had died over the past decade while working there.

Turkiye's Labour Party, a small Marxist faction, said on X it was the third time in three weeks that workers had lost their lives at HABAS.

Eleven dead, 50 injured in Bulgarian motorway pile-up

Web Desk

Bulgaria

Eleven people died in a traffic accident involving dozens of vehicles on both sides of a foggy stretch of highway in eastern Bulgaria on Tuesday, Prime Minister Rumen Radev said.

Police, firefighters and ambulance crews rushed to the scene on the A1 road that links the capital Sofia with the eastern city of Burgas. Images on local media showed cars and trucks piled up across six lanes of highway, many crushed, overturned, or veered off to the side.

50 injured people were transported to hospital, according to the interior ministry.

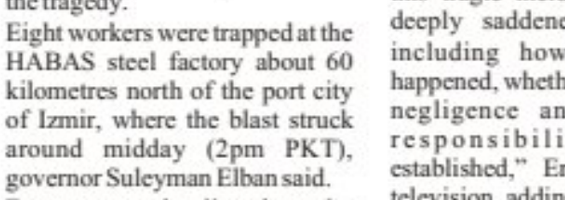
Radev described the accident as a "tragedy" in a statement during a



visit to Bulgaria by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. He said that he had deployed aircraft to evacuate the wounded and planned to visit the scene.

Von der Leyen said she would cut her visit short. "I would like to express my deepest condolences and I would like to pay respects to the rescue teams," von der Leyen said.

Qatar PM joins G7 talks on Iran after Trump meeting



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Qatar's premier on Tuesday joined talks on the G7 sidelines in the French capital with four European top diplomats and the Saudi foreign minister hours after meeting US President Donald Trump to discuss ending Washington's war with Iran, Paris said. "The ministers will discuss the situation in the Middle East -- with a particular focus on the Iran crisis and its security and economic repercussions -- both for the region and for the international community as a whole," the French foreign ministry said ahead of the talks.

Trump had said after meeting Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman AlThani -- a key mediator who is also Qatar's foreign minister -- that there was momentum toward ending the war with Iran, which erupted on February 28 with the killing of supreme leader Ali Khamenei.

Houthi rebels say at least 44 killed in airstrike near Yemeni capital, and other Mideast news

■ The Houthis, who have repeatedly targeted Saudi infrastructure and exchanged attacks with the kingdom in recent months, did not immediately comment.

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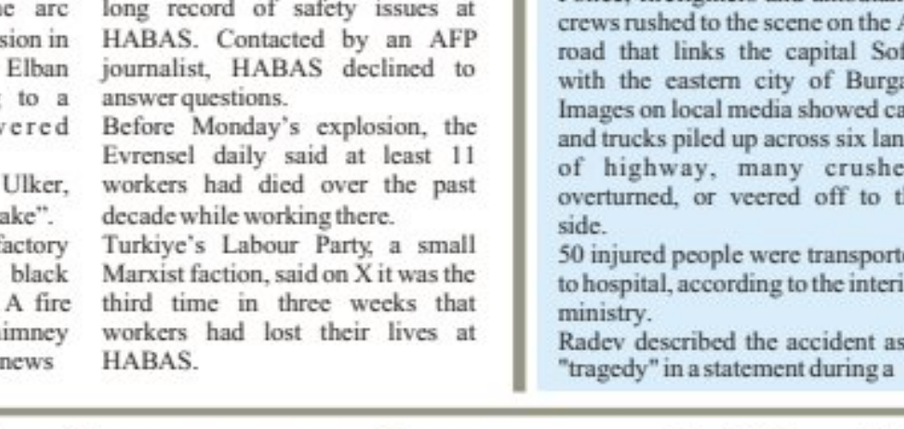
Yemen

The death toll from airstrikes near Yemen's capital has increased to 44, most of them women and children, health authorities from the Iran-backed Houthi rebels said overnight. Separately, Iran's foreign ministry on Monday dismissed comments by U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio that Iranian demands for ending the war have been "ridiculous."

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

Houthis say death toll from airstrikes increases to 44

The death toll from Saturday's airstrikes that hit homes near Yemen's capital, Sanaa, has increased to 44, most of them women and children, Houthi health authorities said late Sunday.



The strikes on the village of al-Shariya, east of Sanaa, wounded 40 others, including eight children and nine women, said Anees al-Asbahi, spokesperson for the Houthi-run Health Ministry. The dead included 21 children and 10 women, he said, making the l strikes one of the deadliest attacks in the latest bout of violence in Yemen's yearlong civil war.

Al-Asbahi said rescue teams were still searching the area for missing people, raising fears that the death toll could rise. He blamed Saudi Arabia for the strikes.

On Monday, the Saudi-led coalition said it destroyed three facilities belonging to the Houthis, including a factory for assembling ballistic missile components, a chemical plant producing solid rocket fuel and an electronics workshop assembling missile systems. It did not specify their locations or provide further details.

Saudi Arabia says east-west pipeline targeted in Medina region

Saudi Arabia's Energy Ministry said the attack Monday in the Medina region caused a "limited fire" that was quickly extinguished. Operations were not affected and there were no casualties, the ministry said. It did not identify who was behind the attack.

The Houthis, who have repeatedly targeted Saudi infrastructure and exchanged attacks with the kingdom in recent months, did not immediately comment.

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Farah Sadia Sparks Debate Over Childhood Trauma

■ Farah Sadia's Remarks on Childhood Trauma and Aging Parents Spark Debate

News Desk

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani actress and anchorperson Farah Sadia has sparked a heated discussion on social media after sharing her views on childhood trauma, parental mistakes and the treatment of elderly parents.

In a video shared on Instagram, Farah acknowledged that painful childhood experiences can leave lasting emotional scars. However, she argued that confronting such trauma should ultimately be about healing rather than allowing resentment to continue shaping family relationships.

Farah said an incident she witnessed while shooting for a drama recently left a deep impression on her. According to the actress, she saw an elderly woman allegedly abandoned by her son, who reportedly left her at a shelter after deciding to live with his wife.

The experience prompted Farah to question whether grievances from the past should become a reason for abandoning parents when they grow old.

She acknowledged that parents are not perfect and can make serious mistakes. She also recognized that some children genuinely suffer emotional or psychological harm during their formative years. However, she maintained that painful experiences should not automatically become a justification for deliberately mistreating parents later in life.

Farah stressed the importance of forgiveness, compassion and kindness, particularly when parents reach old age. She urged people not to view elderly parents as a burden and said family relationships should be approached with understanding.

Rajab Butt Sends Fresh Defamation Notice to Ex-Wife

■ Rajab Butt Issues Fresh Defamation Notice Against Ex-Wife Emaan Asad

Web desk

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani YouTuber Rajab Butt has reportedly issued another defamation notice to his former wife, Emaan Asad, accusing her of posting comments, reels and videos that allegedly harm his reputation.

According to Emaan Asad's lawyer, Rajab Butt's legal team has alleged that her social media activity was intended to damage the YouTuber's reputation. However, the lawyer claimed that the notice did not include specific links, videos or other supporting material identifying the content in question.



Emaan's legal team has asked Rajab Butt's representatives to provide the complete material on which the allegations are based. Her lawyer said the claims cannot be properly examined or answered in detail unless the allegedly defamatory content is clearly identified and shared.

The lawyer also characterized the latest notice as an attempt to harass his client. He said Emaan's legal team had already responded to the notice and requested concrete evidence supporting the allegations.

Amar Khan, Rajab Butt Film Wraps First Spell

He further maintained that if specific videos, reels or comments are being cited as defamatory, their links and relevant evidence should be provided. According to him, Emaan's lawyers will submit a detailed response after reviewing the material referred to in the notice.

The latest development comes amid an ongoing dispute between Rajab Butt and Emaan Asad, which has continued to attract considerable attention on social media. Their separation has remained a widely discussed subject among followers, with statements and developments involving the former couple continuing to generate reactions online.

Momina Iqbal Controversy Takes New Turn After MPA Interview

■ Saqib Chadhar Reveals His Side in Momina Iqbal Controversy

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ISLAMABAD

The controversy involving Pakistani actress Momina Iqbal and PML-N Punjab MPA Saqib Chadhar has taken a fresh turn after Chadhar discussed their alleged past relationship and the allegations surrounding their separation in an interview with journalist Irshad Bhatti.

Speaking during the interview, Chadhar claimed that his relationship with Momina began with the intention of marriage rather than as an affair. He said he first saw the actress at a friend's wedding and expressed his desire to marry her.According to Chadhar, they later met at a restaurant in DHA after being introduced by the same friend. He claimed that he subsequently sent a marriage proposal to Momina's family and that both families accepted it. He further alleged that their engagement took place at Momina's residence in January 2020 in the presence of family members.

Chadhar maintained that he had serious intentions from the beginning and did not view the relationship as an "extra affair."

The MPA also questioned Momina's reported



statements about being afraid of flying. He claimed that the actress had travelled with him on several flights during their relationship and presented flight booking records during the interview. The records, as discussed by Bhatti, included domestic travel between Karachi and Islamabad as well as international bookings involving Dubai.

Chadhar said he had arranged the tickets for their trips and argued that the records demonstrated that they had travelled together on multiple occasions.

The discussion also covered allegations involving gifts and other belongings exchanged during the relationship. Chadhar said his earlier comments were intended to present his version of events and denied that he had demanded Momina return items he had given her.

During the interview, Bhatti also questioned Chadhar about an alleged phone call involving his wife. According to the allegation discussed, Chadhar's wife had supposedly warned Momina to return belongings and threatened to create difficulties for her marriage. Chadhar rejected the allegation and said no such incident had occurred.

He nevertheless issued a strong warning about what could happen if his wife decided to publicly discuss the matter, suggesting that her account could create further controversy.

Chadhar also denied that his wife had attempted to prevent Momina from marrying someone else, claiming instead that she wanted the actress to move forward with her life. Chadhar further alleged that Momina had known from the outset that he was married and had children. He claimed that she had met members of his family and had also visited his village, where she allegedly met his siblings and their children.

When questioned about his marriages and the consequences of his actions, Chadhar acknowledged that he had made a mistake. He said he regretted his actions in retrospect and accepted that he should not have acted in that manner.



Parliamentary Secretary for Federal Education and Professional Training Ms. Farah Naz Akbar inaugurates the exhibition "Frames of Freedom," celebrating Pakistan's beauty, heritage, cultural diversity and national spirit, at the COMSATS Art Gallery.

LHC seeks response on Meesha Shafi's appeal against Rs5 million damages in Ali Zafar defamation case

■ Lahore High Court has sought a response within seven days on Meesha Shafi's application challenging a trial court order directing her to pay Rs5 million in damages.

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LAHORE

The Lahore High Court (LHC) has sought a response within seven days on singer Meesha Shafi's miscellaneous application challenging a trial court decision ordering her to pay Rs5 million in damages in a defamation case involving singer Ali Zafar.

A two-member bench headed by Justice Ahmad Nadeem Arshad heard Shafi's appeal against the lower court's decision.

In her appeal, Shafi argued that the trial court had not properly assessed the facts and law while deciding the defamation case.

She maintained that the defamation proceedings were decided without a determination on the merits of her sexual harassment allegations against Zafar.

Shafi informed the court that litigation concerning her sexual harassment allegations remained



pending before the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

According to her plea, an allegation that has not been proved cannot automatically be treated as false merely because it remains unsubstantiated.

Shafi has asked the LHC to set aside the trial court's order requiring her to pay Rs5 million in damages.The high court had previously suspended the trial court's decision to the extent of the damages. During the latest proceedings, the bench directed the relevant party to submit a response to Shafi's miscellaneous application within seven days.

The underlying dispute stems from sexual harassment allegations made by Shafi against Zafar.

'Pasoori' becomes first Pakistani music video to cross 1 billion YouTube views

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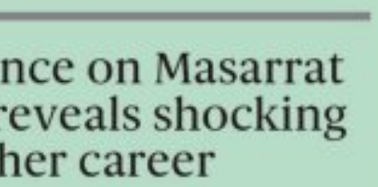
KARACHI

Four years after taking the world by storm, 'Pasoori' has reached another major milestone, becoming the first Pakistani-made music video to cross 1 billion views on YouTube.

Released by Coke Studio in February 2022, the Ali Sethi and Shae Gill collaboration quickly evolved from a local hit into a global phenomenon.

Coke Studio announced the milestone on Instagram, thanking listeners who had streamed, sung and shared the song over the years.

Produced by Xulfi and Abdullah Siddiqui, "Pasoori" has remained one of Pakistan's biggest musical exports.



The track was the country's most-streamed Pakistani song on Spotify in 2022 and continues to dominate the streaming platform, with the song approaching 405 million streams for Sethi and Gill combined.Its international reach has been particularly striking.

More than 90 per cent of its YouTube views have reportedly come from outside Pakistan, with the official video watched across more than 60 countries.

Jia Ali breaks silence on Masarrat Misbah scandal, reveals shocking impact on her career

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani model and actress Jia Ali has opened up about one of the biggest controversies of her early career, once again addressing the long-standing rumours that linked her to Masarrat Misbah's then-husband.

Jia discussed the issue during her appearance on The Blue Truth Digital podcast. She recalled starting her career at a very young age and working at Masarrat Misbah's salon before entering the modelling industry.

According to Jia, Masarrat Misbah was going through problems in her marriage at the time. She said Masarrat's then-husband, Aamir, was like a brother to her and that there was never any romantic relationship between them.



Jia explained that she was only 18 and did not understand the situation surrounding the troubled marriage. After Masarrat and her husband eventually divorced, rumours began circulating in the industry and Jia's name was linked to the former couple's personal problems.

Jia said the allegations were completely untrue and claimed that people spread false stories about her. She recalled how the controversy quickly became attached to her name even though, according to her, she had done nothing wrong.

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Centurions De Silva, Mendis foil Pakistan as Sri Lanka dig in

● De Silva scores unbeaten 167 while Mendis makes 117 as Sri Lanka reach 404-4



SPORTS REPORTER

Rawalpindi

Dhananjaya de Silva and Kusal Mendis showed great staying power as both posted centuries to lift Sri Lanka to 404-4 on day three of the first Test against Pakistan in Rawalpindi on Wednesday.De Silva was unbeaten on a polished 167 while Mendis was 117 not out as the pair frustrated Pakistan in an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 249, bringing Sri Lanka within 30 runs of the home team's total of 434-9 declared.

Mendis became the first Sri Lankan to score a century in his maiden Test as captain, after taking the reins from De Silva before this series.

Their stand is a record for Sri Lanka against Pakistan, improving upon the 207 by Thilan Samaraweera and Tillakaratne Dilshan in Lahore in 2009.

De Silva, lucky to be dropped on 38 by Saud Shakeel off pacer Razaullah, took full advantage of the reprieve and has so far struck 20 boundaries in his 241-ball knock.Mendis was more aggressive with four sixes and 10 boundaries as Sri Lanka added 290 in the day, before bad light ended play 15 minutes early.

De Silva cracked a boundary off spinner Arafat Minhas to complete his 14th Test hundred, fourth against Pakistan and second at the venue.

Mendis brought up his 11th century with a ramp boundary off Razaullah.

After a day of toil for Pakistan's bowlers, Mohammad Abbas has figures of 2-64 while debutant Saqib Khan is 2-105.

Sri Lanka lost just one wicket in the first session of the day's play as De Silva and Kamindu Mendis put on a 90 for the fourth wicket, ensuring Sri Lanka built up from an overnight total of 114-3.

Kamindu completed his eighth Test fifty before edging Abbas to wicketkeeper Ghazi Ghori to leave Sri Lanka 155-4.

Gauff upset at WTA Finals, Pegula back on track

Sports Desk

INDIAN WELLS

Wimbledon champion Linda Noskova upset Coco Gauff to storm into the last four of the WTAFinals at Indian Wells on Tuesday as Jessica Pegula reignited her challenge with victory over Ukraine's Marta Kostyuk.

Czech eighth seed Noskova took advantage of a shaky serving performance by Gauff to complete a 6-3, 6-3 victory in group one to book her place in the semi-finals.

Noskova broke Gauff's serve four times on her way to claiming the first set, and then grabbed the decisive break early in the second before sealing victory with her ninth ace of the match.

"I'm very happy, obviously every win counts in this competition," Noskova



said afterwards. "Coco is a big competitor so I had to be ready for everything that would come my way today.

"You have to play to the very last point with Coco because she can always help herself out with her serve and fighting spirit. I felt like I played great to put some pressure on her," added Noskova, who defeated Ukraine's Kostyuk in her opening group match on Sunday.

The defeat leaves Gauff and Pegula vying for the last remaining semi-final berth from group one.

Pegula, beaten by Gauff in her opener Sunday, overcame a topsy-turvy second set to defeat Kostyuk 6-2, 7-5. Kostyuk is eliminated following Tuesday's defeat.

"I feel like I'm playing well," Pegula said. "I felt my match against Coco was a super high-level match and that was a great match today.

"It's so tricky with her because you just don't know what's gonna come -- she will just step in and inject pace, she'll come and kamikaze the net, she goes for returns or her serve can get hot. That's what makes it difficult to play her."

The 32-year-old American had looked in complete control in the first set, breaking Kostyuk in the first and seventh games to take the opener 6-2.

A chaotic second set began with four consecutive service breaks before Kostyuk held for a 3-2 lead.

The Ukrainian then had a break point in the next game but was unable to take advantage as Pegula held for 3-3.

The next four games went with serve but Pegula finally grabbed the decisive break in the 11th game. She converted her fourth break point to take a 6-5 lead before holding for the match, sealing victory when Kostyuk smacked a forehand long.

Abdullah, Azeem and Imam score centuries on second day of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy Gold



SPORTS Desk

ISLAMABAD

Centuries by Imam-ul-Haq, Abdullah Shafique and Azeem Bari highlighted the second day's play of the second round of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy Gold at four venues on Tuesday.

At Diamond Cricket Ground, Multan resumed their first innings at the overnight score of 2-2 and were bowled out for 216 in 62.5 overs. Imam-ul-Haq remained unbeaten on 137, while Asad Umar bagged six wickets for 45 runs.

Karachi Blues, who scored 214 in their first innings were 72-1 when stumps were drawn.

At Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium, Abdullah Shafique scored 112 and Abdul Rehman contributed 53 as Sialkot Blues reached 316-9 in 71 overs in reply to Faisalabad's 222.

At Abbottabad Cricket Stadium, Islamabad extended their overnight score of 113-1 to 403-6 in 109 overs against Lahore Whites. Azeem Bari scored 105, while Raja Hamza Waheed (74), Sarmad Bhatti (70 not out) and Sudais Ulfat (67) made valuable contributions.

At National Ground, FATA resumed at 94-3 and were dismissed for 230, with Salman Khan Jnr scoring 71. Peshawar Blues were 150-4 in their second innings at stumps, leading by 140 runs. Shaheen Shah Afridi took three wickets for 36 runs.

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy Silver

Rawalpindi and Abbottabad registered convincing innings wins on the second day of the second round of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy Silver on Tuesday.

At KCCA Stadium, Rawalpindi defeated Larkana by an innings and 239 runs. Mohammad Nabeel returned figures of 4-30 in the second innings after Rawalpindi posted 437.

At Multan Cricket Stadium, Abbottabad beat DMJ by an innings and 304 runs. Mohammad Riazullah scored an unbeaten 178, while Israr Hussain took four wickets in each innings.

Scores in brief:

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy – Gold Day 2 of 4

Match 5 – Karachi Blues v Multan at Diamond Cricket Ground, Islamabad

Karachi Blues 214 all out, 62 overs (Haroon Arshad 48, Abdullah Fazal 40; Moheer Saeed 3-31) and 72-1, 17 overs (Abdul Basit 29)

Heat lean on Giannis Antetokounmpo to hold off Jazz

■ Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Miami Heat defeated the Utah Jazz 115-109, handing Utah its ninth consecutive defeat.



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Giannis Antetokounmpo recorded 30 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Miami Heat to a 115-109 victory over the Utah Jazz on Tuesday night in Salt Lake City.

Davion Mitchell amassed 19 points and eight assists to help the ?Heat close out a five-game road trip with back-to-back wins. Andrew Wiggins added 13 points off the bench. Bam Adebayo chipped in 11 points, eight boards and four assists and three steals.

Miami scored 25 points off 19 Jazz turnovers. Utah attacked the rim well, ?outscoring the Heat 50-32 in the paint.

Rookie guard Darryn Peterson led ?Utah with 25 points and four assists before fouling out with 4:35 remaining. ?Ace Bailey chipped in 23 points and seven rebounds. Isaiah Collier added 17 points ?for the Jazz, including 15 in the fourth quarter, and five assists.

Utah suffered a ninth straight loss and has not held an opponent under 110 points this season. Playing without three starters, the Jazz went up 12-8 on a steal and layup from Jaxson Hayes. The Heat ?then scored on six straight possessions to race ahead for good. Klay Thompson and Bobby Portis ?Jr. ?bookended the 14-2 run with 3-pointers to give Miami a 22-14 lead midway through the first quarter.

Miami used a 13-1 run capped by a 3-pointer from Pelle Larsson to extend its lead to 49-32 early in the second quarter. The Heat held ?Utah without a ?basket for three minutes while building a double-digit lead.

Utah briefly rallied after halftime, cutting the deficit to 67-60 on Bailey's driving floater.

The Heat allowed ?only three baskets over a 5½-minute stretch to pull away again. ?Starting with ?banking in a turnaround jumper, Antetokounmpo made four baskets to fuel a 22-6 run that put Miami up 89-66 late in the third quarter.

Collier drilled three straight 3-pointers ?to punctuate ?a 21-6 run that cut the Heat's lead ?to 101-93 with 6:42 left in the game. Antetokounmpo scored three baskets over a two-minute stretch to restore ?the double-digit lead and create enough cushion to weather a late comeback.



Pakistan-Sri Lanka second Test shifted from Lahore to Rawalpindi

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ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has shifted the second Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka from Lahore to Rawalpindi due to rising smog in Lahore,

The cricket board has confirmed the change of venue, saying the match will now be played at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

The second Test will take place from November 17 to 21 as originally planned.

A spokesperson for the PCB said the decision was taken in view of increasing smog levels in Lahore, prompting the relocation of the second Test to Rawalpindi, without any changes to the dates.

The decision aims to avoid weather-related difficulties and ensure better conditions for players and officials during the match.



Ngumoha targets Ballon d'Or after Kane inspiration

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ISLAMABAD

Liverpool winger Rio Ngumoha said Harry Kane's Ballon d'Or victory can inspire a new generation of English footballers, including himself, to follow in the Bayern Munich striker's footsteps and be recognised as the world's best.

Kane was awarded football's highest individual honour last month, becoming the first Englishman to win the award since Michael Owen in 2001.

Ngumoha, who was called ?up to the England squad for this week's Nations League games against Croatia and Spain, said Kane was an inspiration.

"Harry Kane winning the Ballon d'Or is definitely a big thing," the 18-year-old told British media.

"It's also helped English football now because everyone's seen one of us win the Ballon d'Or, it is definitely encouraging many more people to want to be known as the best player in the world.



Khawaja rejects 'witch hunt' claims over Sandpapergate

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Former Australia opening batsman Usman Khawaja denied trying to spark a "witch hunt" over Sandpapergate, as calls grow to reopen a probe into the ball-tampering scandal.

Khawaja said in his autobiography released on Tuesday that the 2018 plot had been common knowledge throughout the team and not limited to a small number of players.

The book has reignited the debate over the cheating controversy in which Australian players were caught using sandpaper to make the ball swing against South Africa.

In a testy appearance on national broadcaster ABC on Tuesday night, Khawaja refused to name who else had prior knowledge of ball tampering in the Test series. He said he was simply "sharing my version of the truth".

"I've told my story and I've told my truth," he said.

"I'm not calling for anything," he insisted. "All I've ever wanted for us is to take accountability as a team.""This has never been a witch hunt for me, it's only been those three guys who've had to cop this flak for a long time," he said, referencing

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Attached reissues arrest warrants for Sohail Afridi in May 9 case

STAFF REPORTER

PESHAWAR

An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Peshawar has reissued arrest warrants for Sohail Afridi and Amir Chamkani in connection with the May 9 attack on Radio Pakistan.

The case was heard by ATC Judge Wali Muhammad Khan, with the investigation officer also appearing before the court.

According to the case details, Sohail Afridi, Taimur Saleem Jhagra, Kamran Bangash, Irfan Saleem and Amir Chamkani have been nominated in the case.

Meanwhile, pre-arrest bail applications have been filed on behalf of Taimur Saleem Jhagra, Kamran Bangash and Irfan Saleem.

The court extended the interim pre-arrest bail of Kamran Bangash, Taimur Saleem Jhagra and Irfan Saleem until November 17.

The court adjourned further proceedings until the next hearing date.

Imran Khan meets lawyers at Adiala Jail after Islamabad High Court order

● Latif Khosa and Salman Safdar met ex-PM Imran Khan at Adiala Jail after an IHC order.

STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan met his lawyers, Sardar Latif Khosa and Barrister Salman Safdar, at Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi on Wednesday, following an Islamabad High Court (IHC) order allowing legal consultations with him and his wife, Bushra Bibi.

The two lawyers entered the prison in a vehicle after the court directed jail authorities to arrange one-hour meetings with their respective clients.

The permission came amid concerns raised before the court about the health and medical treatment of Bushra Bibi, who is also incarcerated at Adiala Jail.

Speaking to the media before entering the prison, Barrister Salman Safdar said the meeting with Imran Khan would be strictly limited to legal matters.

He said he intended to obtain instructions from the PTI founder regarding his ongoing cases and stressed that there would be no political discussion during the



meeting.

The meetings followed directions issued by a two-member IHC bench headed by Chief Justice Sarfraz Dogar during proceedings on appeals challenging convictions in the £190 million Al-Qadir Trust case.

During the hearing, the court allowed Sardar Latif Khosa, who represents Bushra Bibi, and Salman Safdar, Imran Khan's counsel, to meet their respective clients at Adiala Jail.

The bench directed prison authorities to facilitate one-hour consultations. It initially granted permission for Khosa to meet Bushra Bibi and Imran Khan before allowing Safdar to meet his client.

The chief justice told Safdar that the permission was being granted in accordance with the law. However, the bench cautioned him against subsequently seeking permission to add five more individuals to the list of visitors allowed to meet Imran Khan.

Chief Justice Sarfraz Dogar also questioned the need for another meeting, observing that Safdar had met Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi a few days earlier.

In response, the lawyer explained that the previous consultation had taken place but the time allocated was insufficient to discuss all the relevant matters, making another meeting necessary.

The hearing also focused on Bushra Bibi's medical condition and the treatment being provided to her in prison.

Earlier, Safdar informed the court that Bushra Bibi had told him during their previous meeting that prison authorities had taken her for surgery around six months earlier and that another operation was scheduled for November 15.He requested the formation of a medical board to examine her condition and assess her treatment requirements. The lawyer also told the court that prison authorities had acknowledged before the Supreme Court that Bushra Bibi was suffering from an eye condition.

Safdar clarified that he had not yet filed a bail application on medical grounds. He argued that courts traditionally adopt a considerate approach in cases involving women and maintained that Bushra Bibi was not receiving adequate medical treatment in prison.

JI announces Nov 29 rally at Minar-e-Pakistan over petroleum levy

● Jamaat-e-Islami announced a November 29 rally at Minar-e-Pakistan, demanding petroleum levy abolition and greater relief for ordinary consumers.

SPECIAL REPORTER

LAHORE

Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) has announced a major public rally at Minar-e-Pakistan on November 29 as part of its ongoing campaign against the petroleum levy and rising fuel costs.

JI Emir Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman announced the decision while addressing a press conference at the party's headquarters in Mansoorah, Lahore. He reaffirmed that the party would not withdraw its protest until the government abolished the petroleum levy.

He said protests and negotiations with the government would



continue simultaneously. The party will also hold a major public gathering in Quetta on November 22, followed by rallies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Karachi.

Hafiz Naeem claimed that Jamaat-e-Islami's campaign against rising petroleum prices had begun producing results, adding that the government's relief measures were the outcome of pressure exerted by the party.

However, he maintained that further steps were needed to provide meaningful relief to the public. Referring to the government's announcement that approximately 15 million people would receive financial relief, he demanded that the benefits also be extended to owners of vehicles with engine capacities of up to 1,300cc, in addition to those with 800cc vehicles.He also called for relief for farmers using tractors and operators of public transport.

JI Proposes Shifting Petroleum Levy to Larger Vehicles

The JI chief revealed that nine rounds of negotiations had taken place between the party and the government.

According to him, government representatives had described the petroleum levy as an issue linked to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

He said the party had submitted clear proposals seeking the abolition of the levy. JI has proposed increasing import duties on larger vehicles and shifting the petroleum levy burden to their owners instead of placing it on ordinary consumers.

Hafiz Naeem claimed that the government had previously indicated that petrol prices could reach Rs1,000 per litre, but prices had started declining following Jamaat-e-Islami's campaign.

He further argued that owners of vehicles with engine capacities exceeding 1,800cc largely belonged to influential circles and should bear a greater share of the tax burden.

SC disposes of Imaan Mazari, Hadi Ali Chattha's appeals in security breach case

■ The Supreme Court disposed of Imaan Mazari and Hadi Ali Chattha's appeals in the security breach case, leaving the Islamabad High Court to decide maintainability.

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

The Supreme Court on Wednesday closed the appeals filed by lawyer Imaan Mazari and her husband, Hadi Ali Chattha, in the security breach case.

The ruling comes only days after the couple approached the Islamabad High Court (IHC) to challenge their convictions by an anti-terrorism court (ATC). On October 29, the Rawalpindi ATC had sentenced both to 10 years in prison and fined each Rs100,000 under the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA), 1997.

The case was registered at the Aabpara police station. It alleges that the couple created a security risk by interfering in state matters



during an international cricket team's visit in October 2024.

A three-member bench led by Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar heard the couple's appeals against an IHC order relating to their trial proceedings. The bench disposed of the petitions, observing that the matter had become infructuous before the Supreme Court and that the IHC would decide whether the petitions were maintainable.

Background

The couple has been in custody since January 23 this year, when they were arrested in a case over a protest outside the IHC. The next day, a sessions court handed them 17-year sentences on several charges under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (Peca), in a case about controversial social media posts.

On September 17, after months of hearings, the Supreme Court suspended their sentences in the tweets case and granted bail against Rs200,000 surety bonds each, pending the final decision of the IHC. The relief did not last: within hours, Islamabad police rearrested them in another case and presented them before an ATC.

IHC direct Islamabad administration to issue domicile to Lakki Marwat citizen



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LAHORE

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed the Islamabad district administration to issue a domicile certificate to Hammadullah, a resident of Lakki Marwat, within five days.

The direction was issued during a hearing on the citizen's petition seeking an Islamabad domicile certificate.

The court also expressed strong displeasure over the district administration's decision to send a lower division clerk (LDC) to represent the deputy commissioner's office instead of a senior official.

During the proceedings, the clerk informed the court that a domicile certificate is issued one year after obtaining a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the applicant's previous district.

Chief Justice Sarfraz Dogar questioned the clerk about his designation and asked why a junior employee had been sent to represent the district administration.

Expressing his frustration, the chief justice observed that neither the deputy commissioner, the superintendent nor the assistant commissioner had appeared before the court.



Imran Khan taken to PIMS overnight for eye treatment ahead of court-ordered jail meeting

■ Imran Khan received an anti-VEGF eye injection during an overnight visit to PIMS, where doctors found his vital indicators normal and his overall condition stable.

SPECIAL REPORTER

RAWALPINDI

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder and former prime minister Imran Khan was taken from Adiala Jail to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) late at night for a medical examination and follow-up eye treatment, the hospital administration said on Wednesday.

According to an official statement, Imran was brought to the hospital during the night between November 10 and 11.

The hospital administration said the examination included follow-up treatment for his eyes.

On the recommendation of an eye specialist, an anti-VEGF injection was administered to the former prime minister by the ophthalmology department's team.

PIMS said all of Imran's vital medical indicators were within normal limits during the examination, adding that his overall physical condition was satisfactory and stable.

Sources said Imran was taken to the hospital under tight security, with similar arrangements maintained during his transfer back to Adiala Jail after the examination.

PTI chairman expresses concern over Imran Khan's health

The development came a day after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) directed that lawyers Latif Khosa and Salman Safdar be allowed to meet Imran and his wife, Bushra Bibi, at Adiala Jail.

During the hearing of appeals filed by the couple against their convictions in the £190 million case, Attorney General of Pakistan Mansoor Usman Awan told the court that meetings could be arranged if the lawyers assured it that arguments in the appeals would begin at the next hearing.

An IHC division bench comprising Chief Justice Sardar Muhammad Sarfraz Dogar and Justice Muhammad Asif issued the directives.

An accountability court in Islamabad had sentenced Imran to 14 years in prison and imposed a fine of Rs1 million, while Bushra Bibi was handed a seven-year prison sentence and fined Rs500,000 in the case.



Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan presents a degree to a position-holding student during the COTHM Annual Convocation 2026 at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA).

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