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ISTANBUL, Pakistan's Consul General in Istanbul, Khawaja Khurram Naeem, welcomes Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan upon his arrival at Istanbul Airport to attend the 42nd COMCEC Session.

PM Shehbaz reaffirms 'all-weather' friendship as Chinese Communist Party minister visits Islamabad

■ Trade, investment and technology cooperation feature in high-level discussions

STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has stressed the need for sustained political engagement and regular party-to-party exchanges to further strengthen relations between Pakistan and China, describing their longstanding friendship as a partnership built on mutual trust and shared interests.

The prime minister made these remarks during a meeting with Liu Haixing, Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC), who called on him along with a delegation in Islamabad on Monday, November 2.

Welcoming the visiting minister and his delegation, PM Shehbaz reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to its iron-clad, time-tested and All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership with China. He said the relationship was rooted in mutual trust, respect and deep-rooted bonds between the peoples of the two countries.

The prime minister emphasised that continued political contact and institutional cooperation were essential to maintaining the momentum of bilateral relations and taking the partnership to new heights.

PM Shehbaz appreciated the important role played by the IDCPC in strengthening institutional linkages and facilitating cooperation between the political leadership of Pakistan and China.

He highlighted the significance of regular interactions between the ruling parties of both countries, saying such exchanges could further reinforce their longstanding relationship and promote closer understanding between their political institutions.

Reaffirming Islamabad's resolve to work closely with Beijing, the prime minister also welcomed the shared commitment to expanding cooperation across several key sectors, including trade, investment, regional connectivity, infrastructure development, information technology and the modernisation of agriculture.

Bilawal Bhutto vows PPP will keep fighting for press freedom

■ PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari says silence on crimes against journalists silences truth, and vows to keep fighting for press freedom and journalists' protection.

Staff Reporter
KARACHI



Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that staying silent over crimes against journalists amounts to suppressing the voice of truth and justice.

In his message on the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, Bilawal said that protecting journalists from serious crimes such as threats, violence, harassment and murder is the shared responsibility of the state and society. He said that allowing those involved in such crimes to escape punishment is tantamount to silencing the public's right to information.

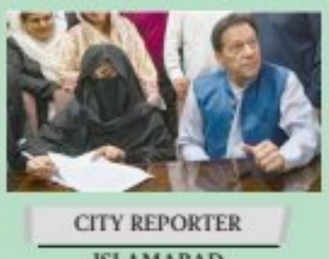
He said journalists play a fundamental role in bringing facts to the public, holding the corridors of power accountable and raising awareness in society. The escape of those involved in crimes against journalists from the grip of the law, he added, poses a grave threat to press freedom, democracy and the rule of law.

The PPP chairman said the unanimous 1973 Constitution guarantees every citizen the fundamental right to freedom of expression, and protecting this right is the constitutional and moral responsibility of a democratic state.

Referring to the government of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, Bilawal said she abolished the draconian laws of the Ziaul Haq dictatorship that were used to stifle press freedom and silence its voice. He said this historic step by Benazir Bhutto reflected the importance of dissent and a free press in a democracy.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said the PPP will continue its struggle for press freedom, freedom of expression and the protection of journalists. Without a free press, he said, democracy cannot grow stronger, nor can the people become informed and empowered..

PTI's Barrister Salman Safdar meets Imran, Bushra Bibi in Adiala jail



CITY REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawyer Barrister Salman Safdar on Monday met the party's founder, Imran Khan, and his wife, Bushra Bibi, at Adiala jail after months of restricted access, with prison authorities facilitating a 40-minute meeting following repeated requests.

In a statement posted on X, Safdar said the meeting took place at 4:30pm, marking his first meeting with the former prime minister in seven months and with Bushra Bibi in 11 months.

"After repeated applications and requests, I was able to meet the PTI founder after seven months and Bushra Bibi after 11 months," the lawyer said.

Safdar said the meeting's duration was insufficient to discuss all pending cases and legal matters in detail. However, both Imran and Bushra briefed him on their health and living conditions inside the prison and provided fresh instructions concerning certain ongoing cases and legal proceedings.

The meeting comes amid repeated complaints from the PTI and Imran's family over restrictions on access to the incarcerated leader, with the party demanding regular meetings with his lawyers and relatives.



Iran says considering two-day plan to reopen Hormuz

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

Iran's foreign ministry on Monday said it was considering a two-day plan to reopen the Strait of Hormuz if the US agrees to its conditions, having previously proposed a one-week timeline.

"The possibility of implementing this plan in two days is another indication of Iran's good-faith approach. We have stated that, if Iran's demands are met, it would be possible to restore security to the Strait of Hormuz and resume the negotiating process within a short period," said foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei, adding that the "exchange of messages is still ongoing" via mediators.



PTI's social media operates from abroad, says Salman Akram

Staff Reporter
ISLAMABAD

PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja has said that the party's social media is based outside the country and that PTI has no control over it.

Speaking to the media at the Lahore High Court, Raja said that Aleema Khan's poor driver is languishing in jail without having committed any crime.

He said they had come to court once again to seek justice, but were compelled to say that these buildings and these laws are a 'deception'.

He said the Constitution guarantees fundamental rights, but wondered where those rights are today.

He said they come to the courts to keep jolting the nation awake, adding that all freedoms have been ended under the 26th Constitutional Amendment.



Pakistan-China ties in focus as Chinese minister calls on CDF Munir at GHQ

■ Field Marshal Asim Munir meets Chinese minister Liu Haixing in Rawalpindi, reaffirming Pakistan-China ties and commitment to stronger strategic cooperation.

Staff Reporter
RAWALPINDI

Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir met a senior Chinese Communist Party official at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi on Monday, with discussions focusing on bilateral relations, regional security and strengthening strategic cooperation between the two countries.

Liu Haixing, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee (IDCPC), called on Field Marshal Asim Munir during his visit to GHQ. During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on matters of mutual interest, evolving regional and international security dynamics and the longstanding relationship between Pakistan and China.

They reaffirmed their shared commitment to further strengthening the all-weather strategic cooperative partnership, underscoring the importance of continued collaboration amid changing regional and global security challenges.

Field Marshal Asim Munir highlighted the historic and time-tested friendship between Pakistan and China, describing the relationship as one built on longstanding mutual trust and strategic understanding.

New mechanism allowed govt to keep petrol price Rs15 cheaper: minister

■ Ali Pervaiz says refineries absorbed increase as fuel import premiums surged

STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik said on Monday that the government's revised pricing mechanism and cooperation from local refineries enabled it to keep petrol around Rs15 per litre cheaper than international market rates amid the US-Iran war.

Speaking about the recent changes to the petrol pricing mechanism, Malik said the regional conflict had sharply increased costs associated with fuel imports, including freight, insurance and other logistics expenses.He said the premium on petrol stood at around $5 per barrel before the war but subsequently surged to $20 per barrel.

The minister said subsequent PSO tenders showed premiums climbing further to around $25-$30 per barrel and even higher as regional conditions deteriorated.

Malik said the government worked with local refineries to deal with the situation and contain the impact on consumers without disrupting the availability of imported petrol.

Around 70% of the country's petrol requirement comes from the international market while locally produced petrol accounts for about 30%, according to the minister.

He said the government had to ensure that any intervention did not make imported petrol commercially unviable and consequently lead to supply shortages.

"I am grateful that they listened to our appeal and absorbed roughly a Rs15 increase that was coming due for petrol on Friday, helping the government maintain prices," Malik said, referring to local refineries.

He said the arrangement had allowed petrol to be kept around Rs15 per litre cheaper than international market rates, adding that refineries were absorbing a burden of roughly Rs15 billion per month.

Malik said international market prices were now declining, expressing hope that the trend would lead to further improvement for consumers.How revised petrol pricing works The federal cabinet approved changes to the petrol pricing mechanism on October 30 amid volatility caused by the US-Iran war.Under the revised formula, the import price of petrol is determined on the basis of the actual import cost of the relevant PSO cargo.

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Bahria University, Pakistan Marine Academy to deepen research cooperation



SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry visited Bahria University for the 5th International Maritime Symposium (IMS-2026), highlighting the importance of maritime development, academic engagement, and technological advancement,

During his visit, the Federal Minister met with the Rector, Vice Admiral Abid Hameed, to discuss matters of mutual interest and the role of higher education institutions in advancing research, innovation, and national development. He also visited the AI Center of Excellence at Bahria University, where he explored the university's initiatives in artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, and research-driven innovation, reflecting Bahria University's commitment to advancing technological capabilities and contributing to Pakistan's progress. He said promoting maritime education is essential to developing the blue economy.

The maritime economy contributes 0.4 percent to Pakistan's GDP, says Junaid Anwar Chaudhry.



Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan in a meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Korea, Mr. Justice JO Hee-de

Taliban govt voices 'serious concern' over US Afghan deportation plans

- Advocacy groups have warned that the removal of former allies and their families could endanger their lives.

SPECIAL REPORTER
QUETTA

Afghanistan's Taliban authorities voiced concern on Monday over reported plans by Washington to deport scores of Afghan immigrants to Pakistan with the aim of their eventual return to their home country.

More than 150 Afghans in the United States would be deported via Pakistan to Afghanistan, including relatives of those who assisted US forces before their 2021 withdrawal, according to US media reports and an advocacy group.

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan expresses its serious concern over reports that the United States intends to deport some Afghan refugees to Pakistan who have not yet been able to obtain legal residency documents in that country," foreign ministry



spokesman Abdul Qahar Balkhi said in a statement.

Advocacy groups have warned that the removal of former allies and their families could endanger their lives.

After regaining power, Taliban authorities announced a general amnesty for Afghans who worked with Western-backed forces and governments and have repeated promises this year that their former foes could safely return home.

However, the United Nations has recorded reports of extrajudicial killings, detentions and abuses.

President Donald Trump's administration last year issued travel bans for a number of countries, including Afghanistan, as part of a broad immigration crackdown.

His administration sort to sought to end deportation protections for Afghans, some of whom were granted special immigrant visas following the 2021 takeover by Taliban authorities.

Among those expected to be deported are relatives of Afghans who assisted the US military in the country prior to the fall of Kabul, according to AfghanEvac, a group seeking to help former Afghan allies.

While the United States cannot arrange deportations directly to Afghanistan, anonymous US officials told The New York Times that Pakistan will oversee their expulsion to Afghanistan.

In recent years, Germany and Turkey have deported Afghan nationals directly to Afghanistan, despite concerns from human rights groups over the risks facing returnees.

Tikka-seller shot dead over parking row in Rawalpindi

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



A tikka (barbeque) seller lost his life after a rickshaw driver opened fire on him for not allowing him to park his rickshaw at his desired place in Rawalpindi,

As per the first information report (FIR), the incident took place near a plaza located in the Rehmatabad area of Rawalpindi.

Later, the residents of the area got hold of the accused, who was identified as Shahid Nazir by the police.

In a separate incident, a man was found shot dead in his house in the Naseerabad area.

Usman, the brother-in-law of the deceased, lodged a complaint with the police, saying that he was sleeping in his room when he was awakened by the sound of a gunshot.

He said he rushed to his brother-in-law Mohammad Adnan's room and saw an armed man running away. He said his brother-in-law was shot in the face.

The police shifted the body to the District Headquarters Hospital after collecting evidence from the crime scene.

Meanwhile, a man was robbed of cash and a mobile phone by two unidentified robbers in the Dhamial area in the early hours of Sunday.

Mohammad Furqan, a resident of Shaban Colony, complained to the police that he was going on Link Lakhan Road when two persons came on a motorcycle and snatched Rs15,000 and a mobile phone from him and escaped. The bullets hit the chest of the deceased.

FCC says it is not bound by Supreme Court rulings

- The FCC ruled it is not bound by Supreme Court judgments, set strict conditions for review petitions and rejected Balochistan Trading Company's plea, ordering security forfeiture.

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



The Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) has ruled that it can seek guidance from Supreme Court judgments but is not bound by their decisions, clarifying the legal status of judicial precedents and setting out strict conditions for filing review petitions.

In its ruling, the Federal Constitutional Court stated that Supreme Court judgments hold only persuasive value for the FCC. However, the constitutional court may adopt a legal precedent established by the Supreme Court if it is consistent with the law and the Constitution.

The court also clarified that the scope of review jurisdiction is extremely limited and applies only to specific circumstances.

According to the ruling, a review petition can only be entertained in cases involving an error apparent on the record or an omission that results in a miscarriage of justice. A review petition cannot be used as an opportunity to reopen arguments or seek a fresh hearing of a case.

The court explained that during review proceedings, it does not rehear the entire case but examines whether an apparent error exists in the original record.

The FCC also discouraged the routine filing of review petitions, directing litigants and lawyers to approach the court for review only when genuine and legally valid grounds exist.

It warned that frivolous or malicious review petitions could attract costs of at least Rs25,000.

The ruling further stated that disciplinary action could also be initiated against an Advocate-on-Record involved in filing frivolous or malicious review petitions.

Before filing a review petition, the Advocate-on-Record or the concerned party will be required to provide a certificate explaining the grounds for seeking a review.

The court also made it mandatory to deposit Rs50,000 as security for the hearing of a review petition.

According to the Federal Constitutional Court, the deposited security may be forfeited if a review petition is dismissed or declared frivolous or malicious.

The ruling further stated that, in appropriate cases, review petitions could be decided through circulation without an oral hearing.

FCC Clarifies Scope of Leave to Appeal

Health Dept daily wagers made permanent workmen on LHC order

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



The Lahore High Court (LHC) has confirmed dozens of daily wagers as permanent workmen of District Health Authorities,

LHC's Justice Khalid Ishaq while entertaining 25 writ petitions submitted by daily wagers including data entry operators, on Monday rejected all claims of the health authorities and observed that "pick-and-choose policy" was flagrant violation of Article 25 and Chief Executive Officer was bound to follow District Health Authority Rules 2016.

The judge maintained that no daily wage employee could be sacked by verbal order.

He said paying salaries to daily wage employees would be announced after listening to the District Health Authorities.

However, he remarked that salaries would have to pay on proving the work while the principle of "No Work No Pay" would be implemented in case of no work.

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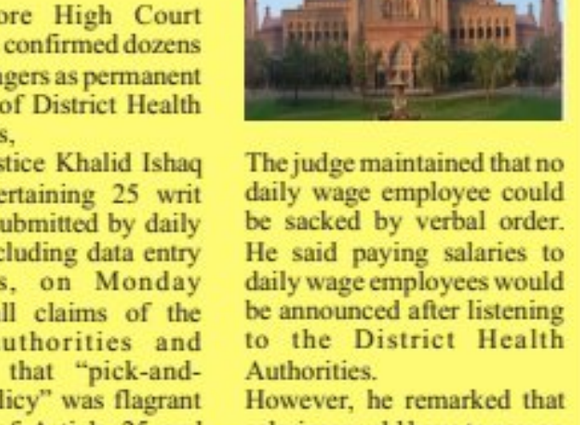
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PAA conducts mock exercise at Islamabad Airport

- The exercise was aimed at testing the operational readiness of PCAA's Crisis and Emergency Response Plan (CERP),

SPECIAL REPORTER
ISLAMABAD



Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) has conducted a mock full-scale airport emergency exercise at Islamabad International Airport to tackle any emergency at night-time,

The exercise was aimed at testing the operational readiness of PCAA's Crisis and Emergency Response Plan (CERP), with a specific focus on evaluating and strengthening the coordinated response efforts of both PCAA's internal departments and external emergency services.

The primary objective of this exercise was to enhance coordination among the participating departments, ensuring they are fully prepared to conduct rescue and firefighting operations in the event of an aircraft accident at the airport.

A diverse group of participants including PCAA's own emergency teams, external fire and rescue services, medical personnel from hospitals, ambulance services, and various security agencies.

To simulate a real-life emergency, an aircraft was used during the drill. The exercise involved boarding mock passengers, carrying out firefighting and rescue operations, and managing the transportation and care of dummy casualty passengers.

The PCAA said that no flight schedule or operations were affected by this exercise.

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In a Divided World, Pakistan's Quiet Diplomacy May Be the Only Path to U.S – Iran Peace



By: NOORUL AMIN

At a time when global diplomacy is increasingly defined by confrontation rather than compromise, the ongoing talks between the United States and Iran offer a rare but fragile opportunity for de-escalation. Yet, what makes this moment truly significant is not just the possibility of an agreement but it is the emergence of Pakistan as a credible and necessary mediator in a deeply poarized geopolitical landscape.

This is not merely diplomacy. It is a test of whether the international system still has room for dialogue over destruction.

For decades, relations between Washington and Tehran have been defined by mistrust, sanctions, and brinkmanship. The legacy of the Iranian Revolution continues to shape hostility, while disputes over nuclear ambitions and regional influence have brought both nations dangerously close to open conflict.

What is striking today is how little the traditional tools of power, military threats, economic pressure, and isolation have achieved. If anything, they have hardened positions.

The current moment exposes a hard truth: global superpowers are often ill equipped to resolve the very crises they escalate.

This is where Pakistan's role becomes not only relevant, but essential.



Unlike many global actors who approach diplomacy through ideological lenses or strategic dominance, Pakistan's engagement has been rooted in pragmatism. It maintains working relationships with both Washington and Tehran an increasingly rare diplomatic advantage.

More importantly, Pakistan is not seeking headlines. Its approach has been quiet, persistent, and focused on one objective: keeping both sides talking.

The choice of Islamabad as a venue for talks is not accidental it is symbolic.

It represents a shift away from traditional Western centric diplomacy toward a more multipolar reality, where middle powers can facilitate outcomes that major powers cannot achieve alone.

If successful, these talks could redefine how global conflicts are managed not through dominance, but through mediation. Critics will argue that Pakistan's influence is limited, that the core disagreements between the U.S. and Iran are too deep, and that any progress is likely to be temporary.

They are not wrong. But they are also missing the point. Peace processes do not begin with breakthroughs they begin with conversations. And right now, Pakistan is ensuring those conversations do not collapse.

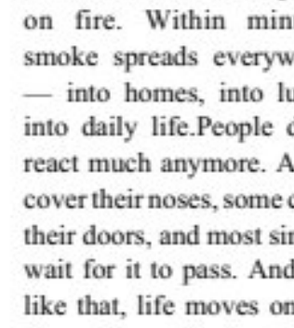


By; Syed Mujtaba Rizwan

Youth: The Nation's Most Valuable Asset

Youth are the true strength of any nation and the bright side of its destiny upon which the entire structure of the future is built. History bears witness to the fact that nations which guided their youth in the right direction and provided them with education, health, and opportunities became capable of leading the world. In contrast, societies that neglected their youth witnessed decline, unrest, and chaos.Pakistan is also a country where the youth population exists as a major strength, and this is why there is increasing emphasis at the national level on treating youth as a valuable asset and guiding them properly. Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan's statement that youth are the nation's most valuable asset and that engaging them in healthy activities is a top priority of the government reflects a vision that can lay the foundation for a brighter future for Pakistan.If we examine Pakistan's population, it becomes clear that the proportion of youth is significantly high. Experts refer to this as a "youth bulge," which is both a golden opportunity for development and a major challenge. If this young population is provided with education, skills, and healthcare facilities, it can strengthen the country economically. However, if neglected, it can also become a cause of unemployment, crime, and social unrest. Therefore, it is essential to channel this energy in a positive direction and provide youth with opportunities to fully utilize their potential.Education plays the most fundamental role in shaping the personality of youth, but Pakistan's education system still faces several challenges. Outdated curricula, lack of practical training, and failure to meet modern requirements are issues that limit the capabilities of young people. If the education system is modernized and aligned with contemporary needs, incorporating research, creativity, and skill development, youth can not only become better citizens but also establish their identity at the global level.It is also important that equal attention be given to health along with education. A healthy body forms the foundation of a strong mind, and if young people are physically weak, they cannot fully utilize their abilities. The lack of healthcare facilities in Pakistan is a major issue, especially in rural areas where even basic medical services are unavailable. In such a situation, it is the government's responsibility to invest in the health sector, introduce fitness programs for youth, and encourage them to adopt healthy lifestyles.The importance of sports further increases in this context. Sports not only improve physical health but also play a significant role in mental development. Through sports, youth develop discipline, teamwork, patience, and a spirit of competition. These qualities help them succeed in other areas of life as well. Developed countries have promoted sports not just as entertainment but as a full industry where youth not only showcase their talents but also contribute to the national economy. If Pakistan also seriously promotes sports, it will benefit youth and improve the country's global image.In the modern era, technology plays a crucial role in the lives of young people. The internet, social media, and digital platforms have created new opportunities for youth, but they have also increased challenges. If youth are taught to use technology positively, provided with digital skills, and trained to work responsibly in the online world, they can improve their lives and contribute significantly to the national economy.Mental health of youth is an issue that is now receiving global attention. Academic pressure, economic difficulties, and social expectations affect young people mentally. If they are not provided proper guidance and facilities, these problems can become more serious. Therefore, it is necessary to establish counseling centers in educational institutions, provide youth with opportunities to express themselves, and teach them ways to cope with mental stress.It is also essential that youth are not limited to urban areas only, but equal opportunities are provided in rural regions as well. It is often observed that there are many talented young people in villages, but due to lack of resources, they are unable to showcase their abilities. If the government establishes educational institutions, sports grounds, and skill development centers in these areas, these youth can also play a vital role in national development.Character building is another important aspect that cannot be ignored. Traits such as honesty, hard work, and responsibility are not only essential for individual success but also for building a strong society. If these qualities are instilled in youth, they will not only succeed in life but also prove beneficial for society.Youth development should not be seen merely as a social or welfare issue; it is directly linked to national security, economic stability, and social harmony.A country whose youth are strong, educated, and healthy is not only internally stable but also capable of establishing its position globally. In this context, Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan's emphasis on encouraging youth towards healthy activities reflects a vision that requires a long-term national strategy.If we look globally, many countries have developed by effectively utilizing their youth population. East Asian countries strengthened their economies by investing in education and skills, while European countries provided youth with opportunities in sports, research, and technology. These examples clearly show that with proper policy and serious implementation, youth can take any country to great heights.Pakistan also has a golden opportunity to transform its youth population into a positive force. For this, it is essential to properly identify the challenges faced by young people, including unemployment, weaknesses in the education system, lack of healthcare, and limited opportunities for positive activities. If a comprehensive strategy is developed to address these issues, not only can youth lives improve, but overall national development can also be achieved.Sports development in Pakistan has vast potential, but unfortunately, this potential has not been fully utilized. Pakistani youth have always proven their talent in cricket, hockey, football, and other sports, but individual achievements need to be transformed into a structured system. If local competitions are promoted, talented athletes are trained, and they are given international exposure, Pakistan can achieve a strong position in sports.

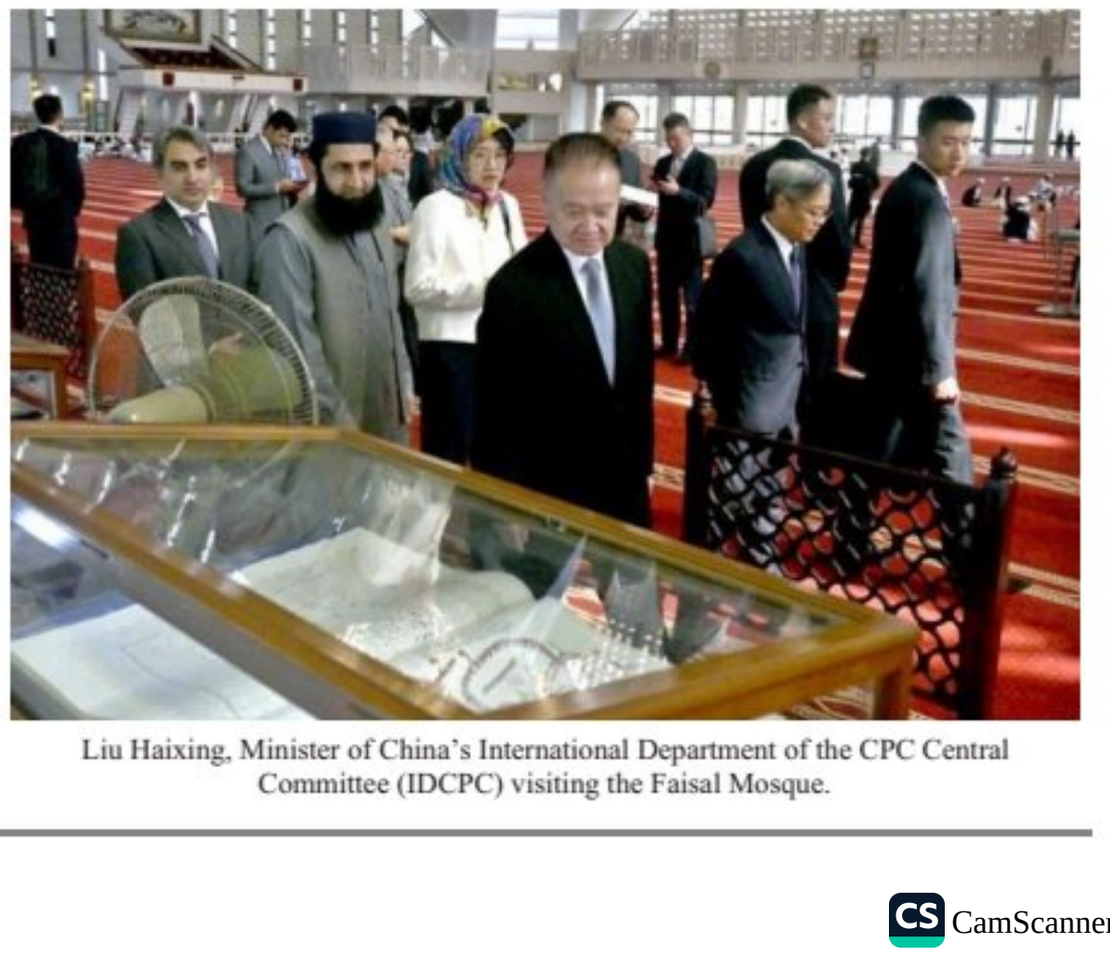
It is also important that sports are not limited to big cities only, but equal facilities are provided in rural areas as well. Talented youth from small towns and villages often remain deprived of opportunities due to lack of resources. If the government provides sports infrastructure and launches talent hunting programs, these youth can also represent the country at national and international levels.Youth health requires a comprehensive strategy. Health issues such as obesity, diabetes, and heart diseases are increasing rapidly in Pakistan, largely due to unhealthy lifestyles and lack of physical activity. If youth are encouraged to adopt healthy habits, engage in sports and exercise, and are provided awareness about health, these problems can be controlled.Mental health also requires serious attention. The demands of modern life have placed enormous pressure on young people, leading to psychological issues. Ignoring this issue can have serious consequences. Therefore, counseling centers should be established in educational institutions, and awareness about mental health should be promoted.Economically empowering youth is also extremely important. If young people are financially stable, they can not only improve their own lives but also contribute positively to the national economy. For this, skill development programs, easy loans for starting businesses, and job creation initiatives are necessary. When youth are given the opportunity to stand on their own feet, they will move forward with confidence.Educational reforms aligned with modern requirements are essential.



By: Aasi Islamabad

Burning Trash Is a Crime So Why Is the Nation Still Unaware?

Walk through almost any street in Pakistan and you'll notice something strangely normal… almost routine. A pile of garbage lying at a corner, and after some time, someone lights it on fire. Within minutes, smoke spreads everywhere — into homes, into lungs, into daily life.People don't react much anymore. A few cover their noses, some close their doors, and most simply wait for it to pass. And just like that, life moves on.But the real question is: should it?Because what looks like a small "everyday act" is actually something much more serious — both legally and socially.A Crime That Feels NormalUnder Pakistan's environmental laws, this is not a harmless habit. It is a violation.The Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997 clearly treats environmental pollution as an offence. Burning waste openly falls directly into that category.And yet, most people do it without hesitation — not always out of carelessness, but often out of ignorance. They simply don't know it is illegal.That ignorance is where the problem begins.Smoke That Looks Small but Acts BigAt first glance, it's just dry leaves, household waste, or a small pile of rubbish. But in reality, what burns is far more dangerous than what meets the eye.Plastic, rubber, synthetic materials, and mixed waste release toxic fumes when burned. These fumes don't just disappear — they stay in the air we breathe.And the impact is not immediate noise or drama. It is slow and silent:children developing breathing issueselders struggling with chest problemsincreasing asthma caseslong-term damage to lungs and heartThis is not inconvenience. This is health erosion happening in plain sight.The Law Exists — But Awareness Doesn'tAuthorities like the Environmental Protection Agency Punjab have clearly banned open burning of waste, especially during smog seasons when air quality drops dangerously.Yet enforcement alone is not enough.Because laws don't work in silence. They need awareness, understanding, and public cooperation.And right now, that's missing.Why Do People Stay Silent?This is the part no one talks about honestly.People don't complain because:they don't want conflict with neighborsthey think it's "not their matter"they believe nothing will changethey don't even know where to report itSo the cycle continues — quietly, daily, repeatedly.And slowly, silence becomes acceptance.The Real Problem Is Not One PersonYes, the person burning waste is responsible. But the deeper issue is collective.A society where everyone sees something wrong but no one speaks is a society that slowly normalizes the wrong.That is how small habits turn into big environmental damage — not overnight, but over years of tolerance.What Can Actually Be Done?The important thing is: this is not helplessness. There are systems in place.In Punjab, environmental complaints can be made at 1373In Islamabad, Capital Development Authority can be contacted at 051-111-000-248Emergency reporting is available through Rescue 1122 at 1122Across Pakistan, citizens can use the Pakistan Citizen Portal to report violationsThe issue is not lack of tools. The issue is that we rarely use them.A Habit That Needs to EndOpen burning is often justified as convenience — "waste is less", "it gets rid of smell", or "it's just leaves".But convenience cannot come at the cost of collective health.No society can claim to be progressing while its air is becoming unbreathable.Where We Stand TodayIn many parts of the world, even a small act like burning waste triggers immediate fines and public reporting. Not because people fear punishment, but because they understand responsibility.That is the difference.We are not short of laws.We are short of awareness.A Simple Question We Keep AvoidingNext time you see garbage burning near your street, ask yourself one honest question:Do I ignore it… or do I act?Because in the end, this is not just about garbage.It is about the air we all share. The health we all depend on. And the future we are all quietly shaping.And silence, unfortunately, has its own cost.



Liu Haixing, Minister of China's International Department of the CPC Central Committee (IDCPC) visiting the Faisal Mosque.

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Pakistan assumes chairmanship of SCO Interbank Consortium

■ The development coincides with Pakistan's chairmanship of the SCO for the same period.



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Pakistan on Monday assumed the chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Interbank Consortium (SCO-IBC) for 2026-27, with Sultan Ali Allana taking over as chairman of the consortium,

The development coincides with Pakistan's chairmanship of the SCO for the same period.

The Ministry of Finance congratulated Sultan Ali Allana on assuming the responsibility and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to strengthening economic partnerships among SCO member states, facilitating cross-border trade and investment, and advancing regional integration.

The SCO-IBC is a key platform for financial collaboration among SCO member states. It aims to promote sustainable development through cooperation with multilateral institutions, enhance regional trade and investment, and explore new mechanisms for developing transnational mega projects.

The nomination coincides with Pakistan's assumption of the chairmanship of the SCO Council of Heads of State in September 2026.



Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal addressing the 29th Sustainable Development Conference and 4th Sustainability Investment Expo, organized by SDPI at Allama Iqbal Open University.

Pakistan must focus on fiscal discipline, export growth and private investment: FinMin Aurangzeb

■ Finance Minister Aurangzeb says Pakistan is moving towards sustainable growth, highlighting digital asset regulation, financial innovation, rising exports and remittances.

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Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has said Pakistan is continuing its journey from economic stability towards sustainable growth, stressing that fiscal discipline, increased exports and promotion of private investment are essential to achieving long-term economic progress.

Addressing a Pakistan Banks Association event virtually, the finance minister said Pakistan needed financial innovation that could reduce the cost of doing business and bring more people into the formal economy.

He said digital assets should be integrated into the financial system based on their actual economic benefits and their ability to facilitate business activities.

Aurangzeb said Pakistan's transition from economic stability to sustainable growth required fiscal discipline, export expansion and greater private-sector investment. He added that digital innovation should help extend financial services to more people and improve the efficiency of business operations.

The finance minister cited the use of deposit tokens for institutional customers on blockchain networks as a practical example of digital financial innovation.

He said Project Agorá of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) was examining tokenised bank deposits, while the central bank was exploring possibilities for cross-border payments through deposits.

Muhammad Aurangzeb emphasised that banks had an important role in protecting funds and managing risks associated with digital technologies. He said banks were also fundamental to ensuring the effective delivery of services to consumers.

He stressed that the regulatory framework must separately consider different types of digital assets and the economic activities associated with them.

The finance minister said a legal framework had been established in Pakistan under the Virtual Assets Act 2026, while the Pakistan Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority (PVARA) was responsible for licensing and supervising virtual asset service providers.

He said Pakistan had made progress towards establishing a legal and supervised system for virtual assets.

Aurangzeb highlighted the important roles of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) in developing the regulatory framework for digital assets.

Dollar rangebound ahead of US midterms; bitcoin reels from crypto heist

● The dollar and major currencies remained steady ahead of US midterm elections and key economic data, while Bitcoin and Ether faced pressure following a $6.3 billion Binance hack.

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he dollar and other major currencies were in a holding pattern on Monday as investors turned their attention to this week's US midterm elections, which could shift the balance of power in Congress and control over the federal purse strings.

In cryptocurrencies, bitcoin and ether were nursing losses following last week's record $6.3 billion heist at Binance, the world's largest crypto exchange.

Traders were bracing for a packed week dominated by the US midterm elections, October US jobs data and ?central bank rate decisions in the UK, Australia, Norway and Sweden.

Ahead of the week's events, the euro languished near a ?17-month low at $1.1159 in early Asian trade, weighed down by Fitch's revision of France's outlook to "negative" from "stable" after Friday's close.

Sterling was little changed at $1.3387, while the dollar steadied at 101.94 against a basket of currencies.

Americans head to the ?polls on Tuesday to determine whether Democrats can wrest control of Congress away from US President Donald Trump's Republican Party. Democrats are widely predicted ?to win the House of Representatives, but the Senate is more in doubt.

"The challenge we face in analysing election outcomes is that polling suggests strong anti-incumbent sentiment, but that does not always translate into actual election outcomes - as we have seen in Brazil and now in Israel," said Eric Robertsen, global head of research and chief strategist at Standard Chartered.

In the event of a Democratic sweep of Congress, Robertsen said capex ?plans for data centres and AI infrastructure could face increasing obstacles at the state level, while the next debate on raising the US debt ceiling would be among the most contentious in recent history.

Meanwhile, Andreja Cobeljic, head of derivatives trading at AMINA Bank, said hedge funds had suffered "significant losses" in October, leaving markets with "little capacity" to absorb any surprises from the midterm elections.

In other currencies, the yen eased 0.15% to 157.78 per dollar. The Australian dollar was flat at $0.7033 ahead of Tuesday's policy decision, where the Reserve Bank of Australia is widely expected to raise its cash rate to a near two-decade ?high of 4.85%.

Regional cooperation vital to address climate-induced displacement in South Asia: Iftikhar Malik

■ SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik on Sunday stressed the need for timely regional cooperation to address the growing threat of climate-induced displacement in South Asia.

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik on Sunday stressed the need for timely regional cooperation to address the growing threat of climate-induced displacement in South Asia. According to a spokesperson, he said the threat was particularly serious in South Asia, where weak regional cooperation could hamper coordinated efforts to deal with the consequences of climate change.

He warned that climate-induced displacement could become another source of regional instability unless countries prepared for the challenge collectively.

He said cooperation in climate forecasting, disaster management and population displacement could help countries anticipate common challenges and develop effective responses. The real challenge was to ensure that people forced to leave their homes due to climate change could rebuild their lives with dignity and access to essential services.

Iftikhar Ali Malik said Pakistan must make climate mobility a permanent consideration in its development planning. Provincial and local governments needed reliable information about areas likely to be affected and the services required to support displaced populations. He emphasized that land-use policies, affordable housing, vocational training, education and healthcare facilities must be planned in line with changing population patterns.

Referring to the growing climate crisis, he said sinking coastlines in Bangladesh and drought-hit districts in Pakistan reflected the mounting pressure on livelihoods across South Asia.

Quoting the International Organization for Migration (IOM), he said around 40.5 million people could face displacement by 2050 due to climate-related changes, warning that several parts of South Asia could become increasingly difficult to inhabit.

Oil slips more than 1pc as talks continue on ending Iran war

■ Oil prices fell over 1% as Iran-Qatar talks raised hopes of diplomatic progress, easing immediate supply concerns despite Strait of Hormuz attacks and fears of renewed escalation.



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Oil prices slipped more than 1% on Monday after Iranian and Qatari officials held a third straight day of talks aimed at pushing for a deal to end the US-Israeli war on Iran.

Brent crude futures fell $1.59, or 1.40%, to $111.84 a barrel by 0011 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at $102.56 a barrel, down $1.56, or 1.50%.

Brent ended October at its highest level in six months amid concerns that the US-Iran conflict could escalate again after Tuesday's US midterm elections.

"Oil is seeing a technical pullback this morning after last week's strong gains," said Tim Waterer, chief market analyst at KCM Trade.

"Lingering hopes of some form of diplomatic progress, combined with the absence of any meaningful military escalation over the weekend, have taken some of the immediate heat out of prices ?for now."

However, the market remained alert to the possibility that rhetoric around Iran could be ratcheted higher and push Brent toward $120 after the midterm elections, Waterer said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said on Sunday that the purpose of the "ongoing and progressing" talks was to continue consultations with the Qatari mediators, adding Tehran is prepared for "both defence and diplomacy".

The talks come amid attacks on oil tankers transiting the Strait of Hormuz that are driving up global energy and shipping costs. In ?October, Saudi Arabia increased crude exports versus September despite attacks by the Iran-aligned Yemeni Houthis on its energy infrastructure, two of three ship-tracking companies said.

Canada's Carney hails 'good conversation' on trade with Trump

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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said he had a "good conversation" with US President Donald Trump on the two countries' fraying trade ties, after Washington imposed wide-ranging tariffs on its northern neighbor.

Carney said on social media that the latest talks built on "recent constructive discussions on the outlines of a mutually beneficial trade deal."

"Our teams will now be working in the coming weeks to deliver that outcome," he said.

In his second term, Trump has upended global trade by imposing tariffs on friends and foes alike, with Canada -- one of the United States' biggest trading partners -- often in his crosshairs.

High-level trade talks between the two countries broke down in August, prompting Trump to impose a host of new levies -- some of which he has lifted ahead of crucial US midterm elections.

Affordability is a key issue for voters, and Trump's tariffs have fuelled inflation across the country.

The tariffs -- enforced after the August talks broke down -- impacted around $20 billion worth of goods, ranging from hockey sticks to cement.

In response, Canada imposed levies on an equivalent amount of American products, leading Trump to retaliate with another round of tariffs of as much as 50 percent on certain goods.

Trump last week said he expected a

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Oleshky ceasefire expires, Ukraine evacuates civilians from parts of Kherson region

- Ukraine evacuates 167 civilians from southern Kherson as a six-day humanitarian ceasefire expires, raising concerns over renewed fighting near Russian-held areas.



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.Ukraine's military said it evacuated 167 people from threatened areas of southern Kherson region as a temporary local ceasefire expired — two days after buses carried residents out of the Russian-held town of Oleshky.

A six-day local ceasefire in Oleshky and the surrounding area was reached after mediation efforts by US first lady Melania Trump and with the involvement of Pope Leo.

The ceasefire expired at midnight Moscow time (2100 GMT). There was no immediate indication of any resumption of hostilities on either side.

It was the longest local pause in fighting since Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022.

Ukraine's Ombudsman for Human Rights Dmytro Lubinets, writing on Telegram, said both sides had "upheld the obligations they undertook throughout the duration of this period."

Lubinets said he and Yana Lantratova, Russia's commissioner for human rights, were "exploring possibilities to continue similar humanitarian efforts. It is important to maintain this interaction mechanism so that we can keep helping people ?and saving lives."

Earlier, Ukraine's General Staff issued a statement saying that its units, in cooperation with local authorities, "evacuated 167 civilians to safer points in ?the Kherson region."

It said the evacuees included 22 children and 21 people with limited mobility requiring special assistance.

The governor of Kherson region, Oleksandr Prokudin, urged residents to be vigilant as the expiry of the ceasefire neared.

"I also strongly urge you not to visit the so-called 'red zones' – areas and settlements near the Dnipro," Prokudin wrote on ?Telegram. "The intensity of Russian strikes there remains high, and the threat to life is extremely high."

In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, quoted by Russian news agencies, said Russia had a positive view of how the operation was conducted in Oleshky, as well as of the coordination between the two countries' human ?rights commissioners.The pope said he hoped cooperation between Russia and Ukraine in implementing a ceasefire in Oleshky would pave the way for broader peace efforts.

Crew from NASA's simulated Mars mission emerges after 378 days in isolation



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HOUSTON

The four members of a crew who took part in a simulated mission to Mars have emerged after 378 days in isolation at the US space agency's Johnson Space Center in Houston, an endeavor designed to help prepare for a possible future excursion by NASA astronauts to Earth's planetary neighbor.

"It's been a hell of a year — analog astronauts living in captivity of our own free will," Ellen Ellis, the medical officer on the Crew Health and Performance Exploration Analog, or CHAPEA, mission, said in remarks at Johnson Space Center after emerging with her three crewmates on Saturday.

The four entered the 1,700-square-foot (158-square-meter) 3D-printed habitat on October 19, 2025, and performed tasks such as growing crops in simulated Martian soil and interfacing with NASA officials with delays recreating those inherent in interplanetary communications.

NASA, which has explored Mars with robotic rovers and orbiting spacecraft, has ambitions for a human mission ?to Mars as early as the 2030s, with plans before that to return astronauts to the moon for the first time since 1972.

"We have a narrowing window of opportunity to maintain US preeminence in space," Ellis said.

Ellis mentioned the service academy for space-related operations pursued by President Donald Trump's administration and plans for a lunar base.

"Let's seize the initiative, lead with science that will benefit our economy and ensure our legacy in space for our children's children," Ellis said.

The other crew members were mission commander Ross Elder, science officer Matthew Montgomery and flight engineer James Spicer.

"For Mars, the risks are great," Elder said in remarks after emerging from isolation. "But through seeking understanding, strong vision and leadership, creativity, fortitude, hard work and incredible foundation, the goal of putting humans on Mars is not only achievable, but rather inevitable."



At least 8 Palestinians killed in new Israeli violations of Gaza ceasefire

- Eight Palestinians, including a child and five police officers, killed in Israeli attacks across Gaza as ceasefire violations continue and casualties rise.

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Eight Palestinians, including a child and five police officers, were killed and several others injured in Israeli attacks across the Gaza Strip , according to medical sources, as violations of the October 2025 ceasefire continued.

A medical source at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, southern Gaza, told Anadolu Agency that five Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting the al-Mawasi area west of the city.

Local sources reported that the strike occurred near schools attended by children, triggering panic among students.

Gaza's Interior Ministry confirmed that five police officers were among those killed. According to the ministry, Israeli forces targeted the officers while they were performing their regular duties in al-Mawasi.

The ministry added that at least 75 Palestinian police officers have been killed by Israeli fire since the ceasefire came into effect on October 10, 2025.

Father and Four-Year-Old Son Among Additional Victims

In a separate Israeli airstrike, three Palestinians, including a father and his four-year-old son, were killed on al-Thawra Street in Gaza City, according to a medical source at al-Shifa Hospital.

The attack also injured six other people, including a woman and her child, with injuries ranging in severity.

Local sources said an Israeli drone targeted a gathering of civilians in the area.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces shot a Palestinian in the thigh in central Khan Younis, according to medical officials.

A two-year-old girl was also shot in the head by Israeli forces in the city. Her condition was described as moderate.

In northern Gaza, several Palestinians were wounded by Israeli gunfire at Halawa camp, which shelters displaced families east of Jabalia refugee camp. Among the injured was a woman who arrived at the hospital in critical condition.

Iran warns new war could last longer after Trump threatens strikes

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Iran warned that any renewed war with the United States could last longer than the previous round of fighting, after President Donald Trump said he still had to "take care" of more targets.

Diplomatic efforts to end the Middle East war have been punctuated by repeated threats from the US and Israel to resume bombardments as they hold crucial elections.

"A potential future war could last longer than previous conflict, and the American president would not be in a position to dictate the timing or the conditions of its conclusion," said army spokesman Mohammad Akraminia, according to Iranian state television.

In the most intense phase of the war, which began on Feb 28 with US-Israeli strikes on Iran, Tehran retaliated with missile and drone attacks across the region. Armed groups joined the fighting in Lebanon and Yemen.

Akraminia's remarks followed Trump's suggestion that the US could swiftly strike its remaining targets in Iran.

Nine people dead in Learjet crash in south Florida, officials say

- A Learjet crashed in a residential area of Florida, killing all nine people on board, as authorities launched an investigation into the cause of the accident.

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A Learjet crashed afternoon in a residential area in Palm Beach County, Florida, ?killing all nine people on board, US transportation officials said.

The private jet had taken off from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in Texas and was headed to North Eleuthera Airport in the Bahamas, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement.

Videos on social ?media showed the jet slamming into the ground next to a road and exploding.

"It was a ?big-time tragedy that happened," Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said at a press conference near ?the crash site in Lake Worth Beach. "When you see that video, it's a jarring thing. It was like ?a missile coming down, and a massive explosion, debris going everywhere."

The National Transportation Safety Board said it had ?launched an investigation into the crash, which Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy called a "horrific tragedy." FAA records list the Bombardier-made (BBDb.TO) Learjet 60's owner as a Delaware corporation. Canada-based Bombardier said it would fully support the investigation and cooperate as needed.



The crash left a "massive crater" ?by the road near the entrance to a mobile home park, Palm Beach County Commissioner Joel Flores ?said at the news conference. About 600 people were being evacuated from the area and relocated to two shelters in the county, ?Flores said.

Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms were occurring in the area at the time, forecaster AccuWeather said in a statement.

An audio recording from a Miami air traffic control center posted on LiveATC, a site that broadcasts air traffic control communications, captured the plane's final moments before the crash in unusual detail.

At first, someone in the plane's cockpit reported to an ?air traffic controller that ?they were "managing the ice" but faced "moderate" turbulence and were seeking "better rides".

Less than a minute later, the person said "Mayday, mayday," reporting that the plane was suddenly descending at a rate of 10,000 feet per minute.

North Korea tests cluster-bomb warheads: KCNA

- It came against the backdrop of growing tensions over a landmine explosion along the heavily fortified border between the two Koreas



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North Korea test-fired cluster-bomb warheads, its state media reported on Sunday, the latest in a slew of weapons drills aimed at training its military units on using them.

The test, conducted on Saturday, came after the nuclear-armed North recently trialled a range of weaponry including attack drones, a new precision-guided torpedo system and an intermediate-range hypersonic missile.

It also came against the backdrop of growing tensions over a landmine explosion along the heavily fortified border between the two Koreas that saw three South Korean soldiers wounded.

The North has denied responsibility and vowed to further fortify its border areas and resume its loudspeaker campaign.

Saturday's test was conducted to "assess adaptation to combat and power of a cluster-bomb warhead to be tipped on tactical ballistic missiles", the official Korean Central News Agency reported on Sunday.

Officials said it confirmed the weapon "is capable of turning into ashes a target area of 12 to 13 hectares with its highest-density power".

"Within this year we will enable units to select and use all those types according to operational aims and specific features of targets," said the general director of the North's Missile Administration.

Photos released by KCNA showed a projectile firing from a mobile launcher, with an orange exhaust plume. Another image showed multiple cluster-bomb impacts on an island target.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was not present on Saturday, although he had overseen a test-launch of cluster-bomb warheads mounted on a ballistic missile in April, accompanied by his daughter Ju Ae.

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Mahira Khan Trolls ChatGPT Over Chemistry Questions

■ Actress Mahira Khan Turns ChatGPT Test Into Comedy Session

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Pakistani superstar Mahira Khan recently entertained fans with a humorous series of Instagram Stories, where she playfully tested ChatGPT with basic chemistry questions. What began as a simple fact-check quickly turned into a lighthearted exchange, as the actress pointed out inconsistencies in the AI's responses.

In one instance, she asked about food preservatives, and according to her shared screenshots, the chatbot initially gave an incorrect answer before correcting itself and identifying sulphur dioxide as the right one. The follow-up explanation, however, appeared overly detailed and somewhat confusing, prompting Mahira to jokingly question its reliability.

She humorously warned her followers not to rely entirely on ChatGPT for answers, pairing her comments with expressive reactions that highlighted her disbelief.

Continuing the fun, she tested the chatbot again—this time with a question about carbon monoxide. Once more, the AI revised its answer after being challenged, repeatedly apologizing and acknowledging her corrections. Mahira playfully highlighted these responses, turning the interaction into a witty "quiz session."

Admitting that her "inner nerd" couldn't resist, she carried on the exchange, much to the amusement of her followers. The posts quickly gained attention online, with fans enjoying her candid and relatable humor.

Known for iconic projects such as Humsafar, Bin Roye, and The Legend of Maula Jatt, Mahira Khan continues to engage audiences not only through her work but also through her lively presence on social media.



Herbtioic's Collagen Powders Are Changing Skincare Routines in Pakistan

■ The beauty of Collagen Supplements is that they work from the inside out. The regular consumption of Collagen Powder stimulates the body's natural collagen production.

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In the last few years, the beauty and wellness industry in Pakistan has seen a major change. Consumers are moving past topical solutions to a more holistic approach to skincare. The increasing popularity of Collagen Powder and Collagen Supplements is at the heart of this transition. These products are changing the way people think about beauty to focus on nourishing the skin from within rather than just putting things on the outside.

The Rise of Ingestible Beauty in Pakistan In Pakistan, the skincare routine was all about creams, serums and natural remedies. "While these still have their place, there is a shift towards recognising that true skin health starts from within. Collagen Powder and Collagen Supplements.

Collagen is a protein in the body that provides structure and helps keep skin elastic, hydrated and firm. But as you get older, your body makes less collagen. Environmental stressors such as pollution, sun exposure, and poor diet accelerate this process even further. This has created a huge demand for Collagen Supplements to help replace lost collagen and bring back youthful skin.Collagen Powder is very popular among Pakistani consumers because of its convenience and effectiveness. This is an easy addition to daily routines, mixing into water, juice or a smoothie with ease.

Why Collagen Powder Is Gaining Popularity

Its versatility is one of the prime reasons Collagen Powder is gaining traction. Compared to pills and capsules, powder collagen supplements are easy to consume. Users of Collagen Powder can add it to their morning beverages or post workout shakes without any disruption to their lifestyle.

Additionally, Collagen Supplements are growing in popularity because of their multi-functional benefits. Skincare is still the main focus but Collagen Powder also helps with joint health, hair strength and nail growth. Such versatility makes Collagen Supplements an investment worth making for overall wellness.

Another element is the increasing power of social media and beauty influencers.

Areeka Haq Gets Emotional After Debut Drama Wrap

■ Actress Areeka Haq Reflects On Journey As Kafeel Shooting Ends

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Digital star-turned-actress Areeka Haq became emotional as she wrapped up filming for her debut drama Kafeel, sharing a heartfelt farewell message with fans on Instagram. Reflecting on her journey, she described the set not just as a workplace, but as a second home filled with warmth, laughter, and lasting memories.

Areeka expressed how the experience went beyond acting, highlighting the friendships she formed and the meaningful moments created during long shooting days. She said the environment made the hard work feel lighter, turning every corner of the set into something she would cherish for years.

She also extended special gratitude to director Meesam Nazar, calling him more than just a filmmaker. She credited him as a mentor who believed in her abilities and helped her grow, even when she doubted herself.

Praising her co-stars and crew, she referred to them as her "dream team," appreciating both the chaos and comfort of working together. She noted that their support made the entire journey more meaningful and enjoyable.

The actress also thanked viewers for embracing her character Daneen, saying their appreciation gave the role life beyond the screen. Her farewell post included behind-the-scenes moments showcasing her in various looks, from traditional outfits to school uniforms, reflecting the diversity of her role.

Fans responded warmly, sharing emotional messages and applauding her transition from social media fame to television. Areeka, who first gained popularity through short-form videos, continues to prove her ability to evolve into mainstream entertainment.



Kinza Hashmi Teases Fans With Leader Behind-The-Scenes Glimpses

■ Actress Kinza Hashmi Excites Fans With Leader Drama BTS Photos

SHOWBIZ DESK

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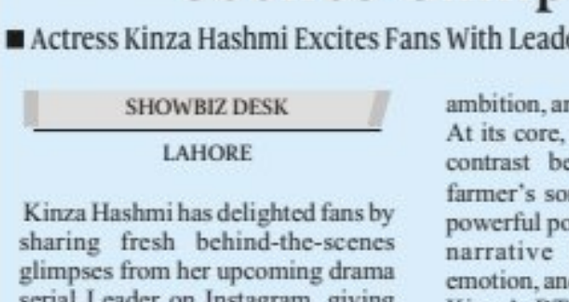
Kinza Hashmi has delighted fans by sharing fresh behind-the-scenes glimpses from her upcoming drama serial Leader on Instagram, giving audiences an inside look at the project's atmosphere, styling, and on-set chemistry.

The actress plays the character Rubab in the drama, which also stars rising actor Ali Raza as Mansoor. The series, which premiered on March 28, 2026, explores themes of student politics, class divisions, ambition, and romance.

At its core, the story highlights the contrast between a hardworking farmer's son and the daughter of a powerful political family, creating a narrative driven by conflict, emotion, and love.

Kinza's BTS post featured a mix of promotional and filming moments. Some images showed her and Ali Raza in a professional studio setup with lighting equipment and a clean backdrop, while others added a sense of mystery, capturing only shadows and footwear of the lead pair.

Vafaei Stuns Judd Trump In Crucible Thriller



WEB DESK

KARACHI

Iran's Hossein Vafaei produced a stunning upset by defeating world number one Judd Trump 13-12 to reach the quarter-finals of the World Snooker Championship for the first time. The gripping contest took place at the iconic Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

The 31-year-old, ranked 32nd in the world and Iran's first professional snooker player, held his composure in a tense decider, sealing victory with a brilliant 91 break. He had earlier forced the final frame with a superb century break of 106.

Trump, the 2019 world champion, initially looked in control, extending his lead to 10-7 and later moving within one frame of victory at 12-11. However, Vafaei mounted an impressive comeback, compiling crucial breaks of 53, 55, and 77 to level the match and push it to a dramatic finish.

Coffee may boost your mood and brainpower, even without caffeine

■ To find out if caffeine is a necessary part of the equation, researchers had all 31 coffee drinkers abstain from their daily cups of joe for two weeks.

WEB DESK

ISLAMABAD



Drinking coffee may lift your mood and boost your cognitive performance, even without the added buzz of caffeine. A new study has compared caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee and found that they both have potential perks for the gut, mood, and behavior. Researchers at University College Cork in Ireland led a study that compared some health markers and the perceived well-being of 31 coffee drinkers, who drank three to five cups a day, with 31 participants who did not drink coffee.

At the start of the study, there were no differences between the two groups in terms of body mass index, blood pressure, stress, anxiety, depression, gastrointestinal symptoms, sleep quality, or physical activity. Coffee drinkers, however, showed distinct changes to some immune markers in their blood as well as some microbe strains in their gut. To find out if caffeine is a necessary part of the equation, researchers had all 31 coffee drinkers abstain from their daily cups of joe for two weeks. After the withdrawal period, the intervention phase began. Participants reintroduced coffee to their diet, with 16 individuals drinking caffeinated coffee and 15 individuals drinking decaffeinated coffee for three weeks.

Participants did not know which coffee they were drinking.

After resuming coffee, the gut microbiome patterns of all participants showed coffee-linked shifts, including strain-level changes seen with both caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee. This suggests that some gut microbe strains are sensitive to the presence of coffee, with or without caffeine.

"Both types [of coffee] lowered stress, depression, impulsivity, and inflammation, while also boosting mood and cognitive performance," the authors write.

But only caffeinated coffee was linked to reduced anxiety, psychological distress, blood pressure, improved attention, and stress coping. At baseline and after caffeine resumption, coffee drinkers also showed higher impulsivity and emotional reactivity than non-coffee drinkers.

Decaffeinated coffee, meanwhile, led to enhanced sleep, physical activity, and memory. The findings suggest that caffeine may have specific effects on mood and cognition, but that even caffeine-free coffee may still be linked to the gut-brain connection.



Students of the South Valley Academy of Performing Arts (SOVAPA) showcase their dancing skills in a presentation choreographed by Tina Zubovic during the World Culture Festival at the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi

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Pishin Warriors, Turbat Strikers Register Thrilling Victories in Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

QUETTA



Exciting cricket action continued in the Grand Balochistan T20 Cricket League as Pishin Warriors and Turbat Strikers emerged victorious in the seventeenth and eighteenth league matches played on November 2, 2026. Both encounters witnessed competitive performances, with the winning teams securing narrow two-wicket victories over their respective opponents.The ongoing tournament is being organised in collaboration with FC Balochistan (North), providing cricketing opportunities to teams from across Balochistan and bringing players together in a competitive sporting environment.In the seventeenth league match, Pishin Warriors faced Chaman Champions in an exciting contest.

23rd Asian Team Squash Championship 2026 to Begin in Islamabad Tomorrow

■ Five-day continental event to feature 11 men's and women's teams, 44 players and international officials; championship to conclude on November 7

SPORTS REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

The 23rd Asian Team Squash Championship-2026 will commence on 03 November, 2026 at Mushaf Squash Complex, Islamabad, under the auspices of Pakistan Squash Federation. The prestigious continental championship will feature men's and women's team events, bringing together leading squash players from across Asia. The championship will feature six men's teams comprising 24 players and five women's teams comprising 20 players. The event will also witness the participation of 36 foreign players, 12 foreign officials and 10 technical delegates and referees, reflecting the international significance and competitive stature of the championship.Pakistan Air Force has remained at the forefront of promoting Squash in the country, playing a pivotal role in nurturing talent, developing world-class sporting infrastructure and sustaining Pakistan's rich legacy of excellence in the sport. Under the patronage of Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, concerted efforts are being undertaken to revive Pakistan's glorious standing in international Squash. The Air Chief's unwavering commitment towards the promotion of squash, particularly through grassroots development, talent identification and provision of international exposure to emerging players, continues to provide renewed impetus to the sport.Senior officials of Pakistan Squash Federation, representatives of participating countries, players, coaches, officials and sports enthusiasts are also expected to attend the prestigious sporting event. The championship will provide an important platform for Asian Squash players to showcase their talent and compete at the continental level. Hosting of this prestigious championship under the patronage of Pakistan Air Force reflects the nation's resolve to reclaim its historic prominence in Squash, while reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to promoting international sporting cooperation and providing aspiring athletes with opportunities to excel at the highest level.

The championship will conclude on 07 November 2026, with the final matches scheduled for the concluding day.



Mohammad Yousuf gives Babar Azam key advice to improve his declining form

Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD

Former captain Mohammad Yousuf has advised star batter Babar Azam to seek specialist coaching in England or Australia, given his recent form and technical flaws. The recently concluded ODI tri-series, featuring Pakistan, England and Sri Lanka, was disappointing for Babar. Across five matches, he scored just 118 runs at an average of 23.60 and a strike rate of 74.21, without making a single half-century.His individual scores in the tournament were 45, 34, 10 and 29, while in the final against Sri Lanka he was dismissed for a duck.

Writing on X, Yousuf said Babar should not play first-class cricket until he has fixed his technical problems through specialist coaching. He said that struggling in domestic cricket could further damage Babar's confidence and career. He urged that Babar be sent to an academy in England or Australia, adding that he is still Pakistan's best player and, with proper guidance and a little effort, can return to his best form.

South Africa boost WTC final hopes with Australia series win

■ Proteas need five wins from seven remaining tests to reach second straight WTC final

SPORTS DESK

CAPETOWN

South Africa's series victory over Australia has put them top of the world rankings and greatly enhanced their chances of returning to the World Test Championship final but they must still navigate a home series against England at the end of the year.

The top two teams in ?the WTC points table for the 2025-27 cycle, which ends in March, advance to the final in London in June and South Africa are well placed after completing a come-from-behind 2-1 home series win over Australia at the weekend.

They are on a points percentage of 71.43, narrowly behind New Zealand (72.22), but have overtaken Australia who, after their 176-run loss at Newlands, dropped to 69.23.



South Africa need five ?wins from seven remaining tests in the 2025-27 cycle -- two at home to Bangladesh later this month, a three-test tour by England over Christmas and New Year and two away in Sri Lanka in February -- to qualify for a second successive final and a chance to retain their title.

They will be wary of the threat England pose as they begin a new era with ?Stephen Fleming as coach and Joe Root back as captain. England have won three of ?their last four series in South Africa, drawing the other.

Even if South Africa lose points, their closest rivals will effectively be cancelling each other out, starting later this month when India (51.52) play two tests in Wellington and Christchurch against New Zealand, who then go to Australia in December for a four-test series, after which the Australians hit the road and go to India in January at the start of a five-test series. A win is worth 12 points, a tie six points each and a draw four points and there can be points deducted for ?a slow over rate. But key is that the final ranking is based on the percentage of total points won out of total points contested. ?Teams generally need a win percentage above 60% to qualify.

South Africa's place in the last WTC final, where they beat Australia by five wickets at Lord's in another dramatic rescue act, was controversial given that they played only 12 tests against moderate opposition while England played 22 tests and Australia and India 19 each over the same qualifying period. South Africa will again play fewer tests in this cycle than Australia, England and India but their credentials are greatly enhanced by beating India 2-0 away late last year and now securing the home success over Australia.

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"I think to go from 10 months of no test cricket to something like that, I think that will be remembered as one of the iconic test series, at least in this century," said South Africa captain Temba Bavuma. "I'd like to believe two quality sides came up against each other and really forced each other to play their best cricket." Next year's final has been confirmed for The Oval from June 9-13.



KP wheelchair tennis team leaves for national championship in Lahore

SPORTS REPORTER

PESHAWAR

A three-member Khyber Pakhtunkhwa wheelchair tennis team has departed for Lahore to participate in the National Wheelchair Tennis Championship being organised by the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) at Model Town.The provincial team comprises Ehsan Danish, Zakir and Taj Meena, while coach Jawad Khan is accompanying the players.

International tennis player and KP Wheelchair Tennis Coordinator Ijaz Ahmed Khan contributed Rs20,000 to support the team's participation and meet some of its expenses.

The KP Tennis Association also acknowledged the support of Khalid Rehaqi, Rashid Malik and Ehsanul Haq Qureshi for their contributions to promoting wheelchair tennis in the province.

Pakistan fined 5pc of match fee for slow over-rate in Sri Lanka Tri-Series final



Sports Desk

LAHORE

The Pakistan cricket team has been fined 5% of its match fees for maintaining a slow over-rate during the final of the ODI Tri-Series against Sri Lanka.

According to the International Cricket Council (ICC), Pakistan were found to be one over short of the required target within the stipulated time during Saturday's final played in Lahore. Following the violation, match referee Jeff Crowe ruled that Pakistan had failed to maintain the required over-rate.

The ICC imposed the penalty under Article 2.22 of its Code of Conduct, which deals with minimum over-rate offences. Under the relevant provision, players are fined 5% of their match fees for every over their team falls short of the required rate within the allotted time.

Pakistan captain Shaheen Shah Afridi admitted the offence of maintaining a slow over-rate and accepted the proposed sanction.

It is worth mentioning that Pakistan won the tri-series after successfully chasing Sri Lanka's target of 326 runs in the final, reaching the total for the loss of seven wickets with nine balls to spare.

Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman delivered an outstanding batting performance in the final, scoring 127 runs off 99 balls, including 11 fours and six sixes. The century was the 12th of his One Day International career. Sri Lanka suffered a three-wicket defeat in the final as Pakistan clinched the ODI Tri-Series title.

Australia name white-ball squads for England series

News Desk

SYDNEY

Australia named a host of fresh faces in new-look white-ball squads Monday to face England with exciting young quick Mahli Beardman and allrounders Jack Edwards and Liam Scott among those getting call-ups.

Batting prospects Ollie Peake and Jake Fraser-McGurk were also included, as were wicketkeepers Lachlan Shaw and Sam Harper with Mitchell Marsh captaining both the one-day and Twenty20 sides."These ODI and T20 matches provide several players, many of whom have had opportunities on recent tours, with a great chance to further demonstrate their ability against very strong opposition," said chairman of selectors George Bailey.Beardman, Peake, Edwards, Scott, Nikhil Chaudhary, and Joel Davies made their white-ball debuts in recent times. Harper and Shaw are the two uncapped players.

"They are good examples of players who have had an opportunity at the international level and have continued working on their game from what they learnt from those experiences," added Bailey.



Australia play three home ODIs against England between November 13-18 followed by five T20s.

They will provide an opportunity for Australia's next generation to stake their claims ahead of the 2027 World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.

PFF eyes global ambitions through youth development, building a distinct football identity

News Desk

Lahore

The Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) has reaffirmed its commitment to building a distinct football identity for the country, with youth development, mastery of the fundamentals and stronger domestic structures identified as key priorities following Pakistan's historic participation in the FIFA U-15 World Cup & Festival 2026 in Azerbaijan.

Speaking at a press conference held here on Sunday following the team's return, Head Coach Ahsanullah Khan said the campaign was approached primarily as a development opportunity, with the objective of exposing young players to international competition.

Mbappe strikes after China controversy as Real Madrid beat Santander

■ Kylian Mbappe moved on from a tumultuous week by scoring a penalty to help Real Madrid win 3-0 at Racing Santander

SPORTS DESK

ISLAMABDA

Kylian Mbappe moved on from a tumultuous week by scoring a penalty to help Real Madrid win 3-0 at Racing Santander.

The French forward narrowly lost out on the Ballon d'Or to Bayern Munich's Harry Kane on Monday and then had to apologise after a social media storm following a video in which he joked about former Chinese leader Mao Zedong.

Real Madrid's match, along with other Spanish fixtures this weekend, was not broadcast by Chinese state television because of the fallout.

Jude Bellingham and Yan Diomande were also on target to keep third-place Madrid within three points of leaders Barcelona, who thrashed Alaves 6-1 on Jose Mourinho's side have won six straight games across all competitions and are a point behind city rivals Atletico Madrid, who beat Levante 2-0.



Mbappe won a soft penalty as he went down under little pressure from Matteo Prati, smashing it home to put Madrid ahead at the Sardinero stadium in the 11th minute. Madrid had control of the game and a fine pass from Arda Guler sent Bellingham through on goal for the second. The England international knocked the ball past the goalkeeper and rolled home for his 50th goal since joining Madrid in 2023.

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Iran warns new war could last longer after Trump threatens strikes

WEB DESK

TEHRAN

Iran warned that any renewed war with the United States could last longer than the previous round of fighting, after President Donald Trump said he still had to "take care" of more targets.

Diplomatic efforts to end the Middle East war have been punctuated by repeated threats from the United States and Israel to resume bombardments as they hold crucial elections.

"A potential future war could last longer than previous conflict, and the American president would not be in a position to dictate the timing or the conditions of its conclusion," said army spokesman Mohammad Akraminia, according to Iranian state television.

In the most intense phase of the war, which began on February 28 with US-Israeli strikes on Iran, Tehran retaliated with missile and drone attacks across the region. Iran-aligned armed groups joined the fighting in Lebanon and Yemen.

Lahore gasps for breath as pollution reaches alarming levels

● More than 35,000 patients with flu, COVID-19 and influenza-like symptoms visited six major Lahore hospitals in a week amid rising smog and viral infections.

NEWS REPORTER

LAHORE



Air pollution has reached alarming levels in the provincial capital, with Lahore's overall Air Quality Index (AQI) surpassing 500, posing serious health risks to residents.

According to the Meteorological Department, Lahore has emerged as the world's most polluted city, topping the list of cities with the worst air quality.

Allama Iqbal Town remained the worst-affected area in terms of air pollution, recording an AQI of 912. The index was recorded at 698 on Burki Road, 619 in Gulberg, 569 in DHA Phase 5 and 471 in Model Town.

The alarming air quality situation has exposed residents to serious health risks, raising concerns about the impact of hazardous pollution levels on public health.

Experts have advised citizens to avoid unnecessary outdoor activities and wear protective masks whenever they need to step outside.

They have also urged residents to take special care of children, elderly people and individuals suffering from respiratory illnesses, as these groups are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of air pollution.

More than 35,000 patients with flu, COVID-19 and influenza-like symptoms have been reported at six major government hospitals in Lahore over the past seven days, as worsening smog and the spread of viral infections add to health concerns among residents.

According to sources, citizens are increasingly reporting symptoms including fever, cough, cold, sore throat and body aches amid the spread of different COVID-19 variants and influenza viruses.

More than 11,000 patients with flu, COVID-19 and influenza-like symptoms visited Mayo Hospital during the past week, while over 9,800 patients were reported at Services Hospital and more than 1,000 at Jinnah Hospital.

Thousands of other patients with similar flu-like symptoms also sought medical treatment at General Hospital, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Children's Hospital during the same period.

Sources further revealed that rapid testing had also detected COVID-19 positive cases, adding to concerns over the city's worsening health situation.

The Head of the ENT Department at Services Hospital said different COVID-19 variants might be less severe than those reported previously, but their symptoms should not be ignored. He advised citizens to consult qualified doctors if they developed flu-like symptoms instead of relying on self-diagnosis and treatment.

Professor Shahbaz Ghauri said COVID-19, influenza and smog could produce similar symptoms associated with respiratory illnesses, making it important for citizens to take precautionary measures and seek timely medical examinations.

In view of increasing air pollution and the spread of viral infections across the city, residents have been advised to avoid unnecessary outdoor activities, wear face masks and pay particular attention to personal hygiene.

Governor Kundi invites Chinese investors to explore KP's vast investment potential

● KP Governor Faisal Karim Kundi invites Chinese investors to explore opportunities in hydropower, minerals, agriculture, tourism and industry to boost economic ties.

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD



Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi has called for transforming the longstanding Pakistan-China friendship into stronger economic partnership, investment and shared prosperity, saying province offered immense opportunities for Chinese investors in hydropower, minerals, agriculture, tourism and industry.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony of the Pakistan-China Research Centre for Party and State Governance, the Governor said Pakistan-China relations were built on mutual trust, respect and shared interests. He appreciated the role of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) in promoting political and people-to-people ties between the two countries.

He welcomed the establishment of the Pakistan-China Research Centre, expressing confidence that it would serve as an important platform for research, policy dialogue and institutional cooperation.

Kundi said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa possessed the potential to generate more than 30,000 megawatts of hydropower, besides abundant mineral resources, rich agricultural production and significant tourism opportunities, making the province an attractive destination for Chinese investment.

He said the province's Gandhara civilization and historic sites, including Takht Bhai, also offered immense potential for promoting religious and cultural tourism.

Highlighting the province's demographic strength, the Governor said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had a population of over 40.8 million, including more than 10 million young people who represented its greatest asset. He said Chinese expertise and technology could help create new opportunities for technical training, employment and industrial growth for the youth.



IHC to hear plea seeking meeting with Imran Khan In Adiala Jail

■ Islamabad High Court fixes for November 5 a National Dialogue Committee plea seeking permission to meet the PTI founder and Bushra Bibi in Adiala Jail.

SPECIAL REPORTER

ISLAMABAD

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has fixed for hearing on November 5 a petition by members of the National Dialogue Committee seeking permission to meet the PTI founder in jail.

Justice Umair Majeed Malik will hear the petition on Thursday. The petition has been listed for hearing along with objections raised by the Registrar's Office.

The National Dialogue Committee filed the petition through senior lawyer Faisal Farid Chaudhry. The petitioners include former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry, former governor Imran Ismail, Mahmood Moulvi and Barrister Saif. The Secretary Interior, the Home Secretary Punjab and the Superintendent of Adiala Jail have been named as respondents.

The petitioners state that, as friends of the PTI founder, they are deeply concerned about his health and well-being. The petition also raises concerns over the alleged inappropriate behaviour and mistreatment by jail authorities, and expresses grave concern over the continuously deteriorating health and well-being of the PTI founder and Bushra Bibi.

According to the petition, the PTI founder's family members, friends and close relatives have not been allowed to meet him for several months. The ban on meetings, it says, is fuelling rumours and speculation on social media, while the lack of access is also increasing public unease and concern.

The petitioners said they approached the court for the sake of political stability, the supremacy of the Constitution and national reconciliation. They argued that the ban on meetings with the PTI founder violates Articles 9 and 14 of the Constitution as well as jail rules, and that denying him visitors is also contrary to the United Nations' Nelson Mandela Rules.

The petition requests that a jail meeting and interview with the PTI founder be allowed under the Pakistan Prison Rules 1978. It asks the court to direct the Superintendent of Adiala Jail to arrange a meeting of the National Dialogue Committee delegation with the PTI founder and Bushra Bibi, and to fix a suitable time for this purpose so that their health, welfare and legal protection can be assessed.

LHC suspends Azma Bokhari's appearance order, halts arrest warrants in fake video case

■ Lahore High Court suspends order requiring Azma Bokhari's personal appearance in fake video case and halts execution of her arrest warrants.

Staff Reporter

LAHORE



The Lahore High Court (LHC) has suspended an order directing Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari to appear in person for cross-examination on her statement in the fake video case and halted the execution of her arrest warrants.

The court also directed the trial court to continue proceedings against other witnesses in the case.

Justice Abher Gul Khan of the Lahore High Court heard a petition filed by Azma Bokhari. The petitioner's counsel, Ali Zaid Bokhari and Barrister Musa, presented arguments before the court, stating that the fake video case involving the provincial information minister was currently under trial.

The lawyers argued that Azma Bokhari faced security concerns because of her position as a senior government official, making her personal appearance before the trial court difficult.

They informed the court that the trial court had summoned Azma Bokhari for cross-examination on her statement. However, despite the matter being pending before the Lahore High Court, arrest warrants were issued against her over her failure to appear.

The petitioner's lawyers maintained that the issuance of arrest warrants was unlawful and requested the high court to set aside the order requiring her personal appearance.

They also sought permission for Azma Bokhari's cross-examination to be conducted through a video link instead of requiring her to appear physically before the trial court.

After hearing the arguments, the Lahore High Court suspended the order directing Azma Bokhari to appear in person for cross-examination and restrained the authorities from executing her arrest warrants.

Arrested foreign nationals will no longer be deported, says NCCIA

■ IHC judge seeks report in FIA, NCCIA employees' regularization case

WEB DESK

ISLAMABAD

The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) has declared that foreign nationals arrested by its teams during raids on illegal call centres will no longer be deported, According to the NCCIA's major decision, the arrested foreigners will first be tried in courts in accordance with Pakistani laws and after serving their sentences in Pakistani prisons, they will be sent to their home countries, NCCIA officials said.

Earlier, foreigners arrested from illegal call centres were deported as "undesirables". Sources said the largest number of foreigners deported were Chinese. Along with the Chinese, citizens of Indonesia and Vietnam were also involved in running illegal call centres in Pakistan.

According to the sources, the NCCIA teams had carried out operations against seven illegal call centres last month and had arrested more than 600 people. The NCCIA challaned all the arrested people and sent them to jail, not deported this tie, the sources said.

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has sought a comprehensive report from relevant directors in the case regarding regularization of FIA and NCCIA employees. During proceedings, the court remarked that the process started for the permanent status of the employees should be completed and the interviews should be conducted, and their results should be submitted in the court.

IHC's Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir on Monday issued the written order regarding hearing of Tauqir Jadoon's plea. According to the written order, the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) had submitted a clause-wise response and report on the petition in the court.



Minister of State and Chairman Pakistan Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority, Bilal Bin Saqib in a group photograph along with the distinguished participants and leadership at the Dialogue on Digital Assets and the Future of Banking, on November 2, 2026, organised by the Pakistan Banks' Association in collaboration with LUMS

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