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Six soldiers martyred, 12 terrorists killed in K-P during two separate operations: ISPR

APP

RAWALPINDI: Security forces neutralised 12 terrorists of Fitna al Khawarj (previously known to be TTP) in North and South Waziristan, while six soldiers were martyred during clashes on September 19 and 20, the military announced on Friday.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), on September 19, security forces intercepted a group of seven militants of Fitna al Khawarj, attempting to cross the Pakistan-Afghanistan border near the Spinwam area in North Waziristan.

In the ensuing exchange of heavy fire, all seven militants were killed. The forces recovered a large cache of weapons, ammunition, and explosives from the group.

A second clash occurred in the Ladha area of South Waziristan, where militants attacked a security post. The attack was thwarted by the forces, who eliminated five militants.

However, six soldiers were martyred during the intense gunfire.

Clearance operations are currently ongoing in the region to ensure the elimination of any remaining militants.

Pakistani security forces remain committed to eradicating terrorism and safeguarding the nation, with the sacrifices of their soldiers further strengthening this resolve.

Earlier this month, a remote-controlled bomb blast in South Waziristan injured 10 people, including six police officers, on Tuesday. The police vehicle, which was transporting officers to duty, was targeted in the attack.

According to rescue officials, the explosion occurred as the police officers were being transported in a private vehicle to the Krikot Road in Wana Rustam Bazar area of South Waziristan.

The powerful blast was heard across a large distance.

The injured included police officers Aurangzeb, Muhammad Tahir, Kamran, and Attaullah, along with civilians Syed Akhtar, Amanullah, Abid, Habib Jan, Noor Khatam, and Noor Salam.



Maulana Fazlur Rehman, the chief of his own faction of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F), while speaking to the media in Multan.

Fazl says rejected draft amendments due to concerns over expanded military role

Military's involvement in polls and its efforts to bring a govt of its choice have weakened country: JUI-F chief

ONLINE

MULTAN: Maulana Fazlur Rehman, the chief of his own faction of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F), has said he rejected the government's proposed constitutional amendments, criticising the draft for limiting fundamental rights and expanding the military's role.

The JUI-F leader made the statement while speaking to the media in Multan on Friday, highlighting his concerns over the draft received from the government.

Fazlur Rehman revealed that the government's proposal sought to establish a Federal Constitutional Court and had initially included provisions for extending judges' tenure and increasing the number of judges. However, the government later withdrew these suggestions but retained the idea of creating the new court.

"We told the government that this is merely a

headline; show us the actual draft first, and then we will discuss," he said.

The JUI-F chief disclosed that the government was initially reluctant to share the draft with his party, even though a copy had been provided to the Pakistan People's Party (PPP). "Eventually, they gave us a copy, but I cannot say for sure whether both copies are identical. We do not know if there have been additions or subtractions in the new version," he remarked.

After legal experts reviewed the draft, Fazlur Rehman expressed disappointment, stating that while the Constitution protects every citizen's rights, the proposed amendments grant exemptions to the military and restrict the scope of fundamental rights.

He noted that the draft includes provisions that could significantly impact the judiciary, allowing the government to transfer judges or reassign cases if a decision is unfavourable.

Ordinance promulgated to boost judicial transparency: Attaullah

APP

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has said the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Amendment Ordinance 2024 has been promulgated by the President to serve the public interest and enhance the transparency of the judicial process.

In his televised remarks on Friday, he said the ordinance was earlier approved by the cabinet.

Sharing details of the ordinance, the Information Minister said that the first case to land in the court will be heard first.

He stated that the right of appeal has also been granted for any judgment to be passed by the apex court in a case under Article 184(3).

The Information Minister stated that a transcript of the proceedings for each case

will also be prepared and it will be available to the public. This, he said, will bring more transparency in the judicial process.

Attaullah Tarar said a Chinese Group Ruyi has signed an agreement with Pakistan for the establishment of textile parks in Sindh and Punjab provinces.

He said the Group's Chairman also held a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif today.

The Information Minister said the Chinese group will invite more than one hundred Chinese companies to establish their textile units in these parks. He said this is an investment of seven billion dollars.

Describing this MOU as a big success, he said this will help bolster Pakistan's exports and provide employment opportunities for three hundred to five hundred thousand people. He was confident that this will make Pakistan a textile hub.

PTI's parliamentary presence ends after update in National Assembly party positions

APP

ISLAMABAD: Party positions in Pakistan's National Assembly have shifted following a letter from Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq to the Election Commission of Pakistan.

The reshuffle, announced by the National Assembly Secretariat, sees 80 members of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) - previously under the category of 'Independent' candidates - are now listed under the Sunni Ittehad Council. The new party positions, released on September 18, also outline the distribution of seats for other parties.

The government benches include 110 members of the Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N), 69 members of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), and 22 members of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM-P).

Smaller parties like PML-Q and Muslim League-Zia hold five and one seats, respectively, with the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) and National Party each having one seat. The opposition benches now comprise 80 members of the Sunni Ittehad Council, eight members of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F), and eight independent members supported by PTI.

Additional representation comes from Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP), Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M), and Majlis Wahdat-e-Muslimeen (MWM), each with one seat.

The National Assembly currently has 213 members on the government benches, excluding 20 reserved seats, while the opposition has 80 members from Sunni Ittehad Council in addition to one-member each from other smaller parties.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of RUYI Group led by Chairman Qiu Yafu calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, in the Federal Capital.

Justice Aminuddin replaces Justice Munib Akhtar on SC Practice and Procedure Committee

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Implementing the Practice and Procedure Ordinance 2024, the chief justice of Pakistan changed the construction of the judges' committee with Justice Aminuddin as part of it and expulsion of Justice Munib Akhtar.

The registrar Supreme Court issued the notification in this regard.

More to read: Cabinet approves Practice and Procedure Amendment Ordinance It is said that Justice Aminuddin Khan stands in the fifth position on the seniority list. The three judges committee constitute benches that hear different cases. The reshuffle comes in the wake of the Practice and Procedure Ordinance 2024, which was signed into law by President Asif Ali Zardari. According to the Supreme Court's Registrar, the newly constituted committee, apart from the Chief Justice, includes the senior-most judge, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, alongside Justice Aminuddin Khan. Sources revealed that the first meeting of the restructured committee is likely to be convened on Monday.

Decision taken to allow PTI hold rally in Lahore today

NEWS DESK

LAHORE: The Lahore deputy commissioner has decided to grant permission to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to hold its much-hyped rally tomorrow (Saturday) in the provincial capital, while complying with the standard operating procedures (SOPs) in line with the directives of the high court, a spokesperson for the local administration said.

However, the district administration officials are deliberating on the PTI's request to organise its rally at Minar-e-Pakistan, the spokesperson added.

That the embattled former ruling party is likely to be given per-

mission to hold its rally at Cattle Market Kahna.

Additionally, a security plan was being devised, they added.

Earlier today, the LHC had directed the PTI to submit a request to the city's deputy commissioner (DC) for holding the rally in the provincial capital while ordering the latter to decide on it by 5pm today.

The directives came during a hearing on the plea seeking permission for holding a PTI rally at Lahore's Minar-e-Pakistan monument. Justice Muhammad Tariq Nadeem and Justice Farooq Haider heard the plea filed by PTI leaders Aliya Hamza and Sheikh Imtiaz Mehmood.

Pakistan to work with China for shared prosperity, global peace: President

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to working together with China for shared prosperity, and promoting peace and stability in the world.

Highlighting the importance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the President said that high quality development of CPEC would "help unlock greater benefits for our people, besides enhancing connectivity and prosperity of the region". He emphasized the importance of advancing the high-quality development of CPEC to unlock greater benefits for the people of two countries. President Zardari was speaking at the "China's National Day

Reception", hosted by the Chinese Embassy.

The event marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, was attended by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, federal ministers, dignitaries, diplomats, and senior civil and military officers.

President Zardari, extending the warmest felicitations to Chinese brothers and sisters on the auspicious occasion, stated that the first October marked the rebirth of a strong, united China, achieved through the heroic struggle of the Chinese people under the visionary leadership of the Communist Party. He reflected on the invaluable contributions made by the successive generations in transforming the Pakistan-China friendship into an All-Weather Strategic Cooperative

Barrister Gohar asks ECP to notify 38 lawmakers

INP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Barrister Gohar Ali Khan on Friday asked the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to notify 38 lawmakers.

Expressing his thoughts, Khan said: "The Supreme Court (SC) had removed all the doubts pertaining to the lawmakers on September 14. Now it is up to the electoral watchdog to implement the SC's verdict. The ECP now needs to ensure the implementation of the ruling."

"The ECP needs to notify our MNAs right now. There exist no legal and constitutional reasons for the ECP to halt the notification," said Khan.

The PTI chairman maintained: "The situation right now is quite different from April 25, as now the court has issued a fresh order."

Barrister Gohar vowed that his party will take on board Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) supreme Maulana Fazlur Rehman at the National Assembly and Senate.

Speaking to media, Khan said: "We had a good meeting with Maulana Fazlur Rehman, as his mood was pleasant."

"In terms of legislation, we will join hands together," he maintained.

Khan said: "We will form the strategy after reviewing the draft."

Will turn Lahore rally into a protest if government refuses permission: Imran Khan

INP

RAWALPINDI: Incarcerated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founding chairman Imran Khan has said if the government refused permission, the party's rally in Lahore then "we will turn the rally into a protest."

Imran, during an informal conversation with journalists at Adiala jail earlier today said, "If the rally is stopped, the entire nation will protest at Minar Pakistan."

"For a year and a half, rallies have not been allowed in Lahore. Destroying democracy means ending freedom, and having a rally is our constitutional right," the PTI chairperson noted.

The PTI founder alleged the PTI's rally at Minar-e-Pakistan is "aimed at protecting democracy and freedom", and is endorsed by the Supreme Court, but is being blocked once again.

"Despite the guarantee, containers were placed and obstacles set up at the Islamabad rally."

"Has anyone in the world ever given time to end a rally? We were deceived regarding the Islamabad rally," the PTI leader questioned.

"If the Deputy Commissioner of Lahore does not permit the rally, we will protest at Minar Pakistan," he stated.

The PTI founder alleged that even during Musharraf's martial law era, the media and political rallies were not banned from expression.

"Musharraf's election was free and fair compared to theirs, and he also did not impose bans on the media and rallies."

Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri Calls On Deputy Chairman Senate

APP

ISLAMABAD: Senior leader Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) and Member National Assembly Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri called on Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan here Friday.

Matters of mutual interest, Balochistan province and overall political situation of the country came under discussion in the meeting, said a press release.

The Deputy Chairman said that we have to move forward by setting aside political difference due to prevailing economic and financial situation in the country.

"It is the need of the hour to forge unity in our ranks to face economic problems, internal and external threats," he said.

He said PML-N leadership under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif were making all out efforts to address problems being faced by the country.

Political situation in Balochistan was also discussed in the meeting.

Syedaal said all political parties are united to face internal and external threats to the country.

He paid rich tribute to armed forces for their supreme sacrifices for the defence of the motherland.

The blood of those who sacrificed their lives for the protection of the motherland will not go in vain, he added.

FBR's digitisation, transformative plan 'need of the hour': PM

PM orders taking "good taxpayers" on board in the consultation process

APP

ISLAMABAD: A meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad on Friday gave in-principle approval to FBR's Home Grown Transformation Plan regarding tax collection management.

This plan has been prepared by the FBR on the instructions of the Prime Minister in collaboration with other economic and technological experts of the country after a detailed analysis of the tax collection of the last twenty five years.

This will enable more tax to be collected in a better manner without hindering the journey of economic development and will provide more convenience to the people paying full tax.

The meeting was given a detailed briefing on the FBR's transformation plan. It was informed that the plan includes a comprehensive strategy for the effective use of information technology, incentivizing officers and staff who demonstrate integrity and performance in improving tax collection and enhancing the enforcement of tax laws.

According to the proposals, strict measures can be taken against those who do not pay full tax on time and are involved in fraud in order to prevent tax evasion in the society.

It was informed that these measures will be implemented after extensive consultation with good taxpayers.

Under the transformation plan, auditing capacity of FBR will be enhanced.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister was appreciative of FBR's transformation plan and directed further consultation on it with all relevant stakeholders. He said good taxpayers should be invited and consulted on the transformation plan.

The Prime Minister Shehbaz directed the formulation of a comprehensive strategy to further enhance the effectiveness of the FBR's enforcement system, describing it a pressing need of the time.

The Prime Minister noted that FBR is the backbone of the country's economy and its digitization is an important milestone in government's economic reforms.

Shehbaz Sharif said improvement in revenues will enhance the provision of services to the public and lead to betterment in the social sector.

The Prime Minister also directed third party audit of all FBR projects.

Shehbaz Sharif said promotion of the private sector is

among the government's priorities, emphasizing an active and prosperous private sector is very important for the country's economy.

The Prime Minister also directed to accelerate efforts against smuggling. It was also decided to set up new check posts to prevent smuggling.

Meanwhile, the prime minister appreciated the FBR's transformation plan, adding that "enhanced tax receipts would upgrade service delivery and the social sector".

He also called the taxing authority "the backbone of the national economy".

Regardless, the premier directed the FBR to consult prominent taxpayers regarding the plan and seek approval of the amendments in coordination with the government departments for their effective implementation.

He also directed third-party audits of FBR's projects and expedited efforts to curb smuggling.

The meeting participants were told that to curb custom duties theft, an appraisal and enforcement mechanism had been devised to assign the task to appraisers and inspectors without their prior knowledge, who would be monitored through cameras, the statement said.

NAB operates strictly in accordance with laws. The focus is on high profile corruption cases and preventive measures for eradication of corruption from roots: Director General NAB



Press Release

Quetta, September 20, 2024 - A group of students and faculty members from University Law College Quetta visited the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan office on 20th September 2024. The team was warmly welcomed by Addl. Director (A&P), ensuring a seamless and informative experience. The students group visited different wings of the bureau where they were provided insightful overviews of NAB operations. Later, a comprehensive interactive session was conducted by Mr. Imran Majeed, Additional Director. He delved into NAB's working by adopting three-pronged strategy i.e. awareness, prevention and enforcement, and briefed about key sections of the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999

and its amendments. Director General NAB Balochistan made a special appearance, addressing questions from the law students and faculty. He emphasized NAB's role as an apex anti-corruption agency, operating strictly under the laws. The DG highlighted the vision of Honourable Chairman NAB to shift the focus towards mega cases and preventive measures to eradicate corruption. The event concluded with the presentation of a shield to the senior faculty member and a group photo. Both hosts and guests expressed gratitude for the enriching experience. This visit underscores NAB's commitment for promoting awareness against corruption and its prevention at grossroot level, through collaborative efforts with esteemed institutions like University Law College. By engaging with future legal professionals, it is aimed to cultivate a culture of integrity and transparency, ultimately strengthening Pakistan's fight against corruption.



Metropolitan Corporation Deputy Director Health, Dr. Nosheen Khan along with others inspecting the food items during their visit to different restaurants and hotels located on Airport road in Quetta

No compromise can be made on liberties of citizens: SHC

ONLINE

KARACHI: Sindh High Court (SHC) has said no compromise can be made on the liberties of citizens and constitution has given guarantee for it.

The petitions for recovery of 6 citizens who had gone missing from different areas came up for hearing Friday.

The court expressed dissatisfaction and annoyance over the reports of investigating agencies.

Justice Nemat Ullah Phulpoto remarked you cannot satisfy the court by preparing traditional reports.

The investigating officer said in the court several meetings of JIT and task force have been held. All steps are being taken. Letters have been written to jails all over the country and other institutions.

The state counsel said financial assistance has been approved for the affected family.

The family members got annoyed over an offer of financial assistance.

The family members said we want Muhammad Tahir, We pay tax more than what financial assistance is given by the government.

According to petitioner Muhammad Tahir is missing from the area of New Town Karachi since 2018.

Action against encroachments of gov't land being continued in Quetta

APP

Quetta: On special directive of Deputy Commissioner Quetta Lt (R) Saad Bin Asad, actions against property and encroachments of government land were being continued in provincial capital city. In this regard, district administration Quetta along with Metropolitan Corporation took action against Sariab road cutting and drain encroachment in satellite town. On this occasion, Assistant Commissioner Sariab Maria Shamoon and Magistrate Sariab along with Quetta Development Project SDO demolished the market with heavy machinery in connection with Sariab road paving. According to press release that several notices were issued to the market owners, along with this, Assistant Commissioner Sariab along with the Municipal Corporation team has removed the encroachments from the occupied drain in Satellite Town Achakzai Market and cleared the drain.

Barrister Saif warns gov't against creating hindrances ahead of Lahore rally

INP

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Adviser Barrister Saif on Friday warned the Punjab government against impeding Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) public gathering in Lahore scheduled to be held on Sept 21. In a statement, Saif said caravan from KP was ready to head towards Lahore from Swabi Interchange under the leadership of KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, adding that all preparations had been completed. "A sea of people will hit Lahore tomorrow. People will throng Lahore as it will be a way bigger gathering than the one in Islamabad. The fake government will be befuddled even after seeing caravan from KP," he claimed.



Balochistan Private Schools Association Alliance Leader, Jaffar Khan Kakar along with others addressing a press conference, at Quetta press club

PML-N lead Gov't came into power through backdoor channels: Shibli

INP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and Senator Shibli Faraz stated that the current government, which came into power through backdoor channels, is struggling to function.

Addressing a press conference, alongside PTI leaders Rauf Hassan and Abu Zar Salman Niazi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Shibli Faraz, expressed his concerns over the prevailing lawlessness in the country. "The rule of law has been replaced by the law of the jungle. Those who try to do good for the country are made examples of," he remarked.

Faraz criticized Bilawal Bhutto, saying, "Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto gave this nation political awareness and the 1973 Constitution. Today, his grandson is tearing apart the same constitution with his actions."

Referring to PTI's founder, Faraz highlighted his contributions to Pakistan. "The man who made the country invincible in defense, brought global respect, gave us the 1992 World Cup, and founded Al-Qadir University is being mistreated. Everyone is witnessing how he is being treated now."

Faraz condemned the government for the treatment of PTI's founder, stating that he is being kept in a

death cell, facing hurdles in meeting visitors, and is not even allowed to speak with his children. "Despite advocating for the rule of law, the founder of PTI is being persecuted," he added.

He further criticized the government's disregard for court rulings, saying, "Judicial decisions are being ignored, and the state is failing in its duty to protect the life and dignity of its citizens. Even in wars, there are laws protecting the vulnerable, but here, people's rights are being trampled." Speaking on the baseless cases against the PTI leader and his wife, Faraz defended Bushra Bibi as an entirely non-political figure who is being unjustly targeted.

9 shopkeepers held on violation of price control in Quetta

APP

Quetta: District administration arrested 9 shopkeepers on violation of price control price list and fined Rs. 35000 to hotel owners on poor cleansing during operation in Quetta on Friday.

On Special directive of Chairman District Price Control Committee, Deputy Commissioner Quetta Lt. (R) Saad Bin Asad, action against violation of Price Control Committee are ongoing in Quetta city.

In this regard, 76 shops and hotels of the city were inspected on which 9 shopkeepers were arrested, 13 shopkeepers and hotel owners were fined Rs. 35000.

According to details, operations were carried out against hotels and wholesalers in different areas of Quetta city under the supervision of district administration Quetta.

Assistant Commissioner Sariab Maria Shamoon and Director Metropolitan Corporation inspected various hotels and restaurants located at Airport Road.



Vendor sells coconuts to earn his livelihood for support his family, at a roadside in Quetta.



ICC delegation satisfied with preparations for Champions Trophy 2025

SPORTS DESK

An International Cricket Council (ICC) delegation on Friday expressed satisfaction with preparations for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 to be held in Pakistan next February, the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported.

According to the draft schedule of the Champions Trophy, India are slated to play all their matches in Lahore. Political tensions between India and Pakistan have kept their cricket teams from playing bilateral series against each other since they last met for three One-day Internationals on the former's home soil in 2012.

In July, a massive fund worth Rs12.80 billion was approved to upgrade the Gaddafi Stadium, the National Stadium, and the Pindi Cricket Stadium.

The approval for purchasing a 5.8-kanal plot near the Gaddafi Stadium was completed to build a hotel in the near future for the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to accommodate international and domestic teams during their professional activities.



Centurion Ashwin lifts India to 339-6 against Bangladesh

Babar hits ton as Stallions seal Champions One-Day Cup playoff spot

SPORTS DESK

FAISALABAD: Pakistan T20 captain Babar Azam hit his 30th List-A century to inspire Stallions to a 174-run victory over Dolphins in the Champions One-Day Cup match here at the Iqbal Stadium on Thursday.

The right-hander became the first batter from the country to reach the milestone, as he helped Stallions post 271 before Dolphins were bundled out for just 97 in response.

The win ensured Stallions a place in the playoff stage while Dolphins rued their third consecutive defeat. Apart from Stallions, Markhors and Panthers have sealed their spot in the playoffs.

The takers of the fourth playoff place will be decided when Dolphins take on Lions on Sunday.

Babar hit an unbeaten 104 off 100 balls clubbing seven fours and three sixes including a boundary on penultimate ball of the innings to bring up his record century.

Yasir Khan (46 off 58, five fours)..

TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer (Road), CWPP&H Department District Sibi, invites sealed percentage rates tenders based on CSR-2023 Government of Balochistan from eligible bidders who can prove their eligibility and qualification as mentioned in the Bidding Documents for the work mentioned below. **Earnest Money 2%, Completion Time Period 18 Months, Tender fee Rs. 1000/-, for each work.**

S.No.	Name of Scheme	Estimate
1	REHABILITATION OF B/T ROAD FROM MAIN LEHRI BAKHTAIRABD ROAD TO KATBAR SHREEF TEHSIL LEHRI DISTRICT SIBI. (PSDP No.1712 Z2023.0449) TSE-242509552973	76.248 M
2	B/T ROAD FROM GOTH GAFFAR SILACHI TO RAFIQ SILACHI DISTRICT SIBI. (PSDP No.1318 Z2023.0555) TSE-242509553003	95.248 M

Bidding process of aforementioned work will be carried out in accordance with the relevant rules of Balochistan Public Procurement Authorities 2014 & Pakistan Engineering Council By-Laws. **PRELIMINARY / BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** mentioned in the bidding documents. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. **BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS ISSUANCE:** The bidder(s) can obtain the bidding documents through BPPRA Website (www.bppra.gov.pk) under TSE No. given above, on production of green challan form for an amount of Rs. 1000/- (NON REFUNDABLE) deposited in the head of account C-02716 through Government Treasury / National Bank of Pakistan from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till the last date of submission i.e. 07/10/2024. **DEAD LINE OF SUBMISSION:** 07/10/2024 till 11:00 AM. **OPENING OF BID(S):** Tender will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System. **BID VALIDITY:** Ninety (90) days. **OFFICE ADDRESS / INFO:** Office of the Executive Engineer Road CWPP&H Department Balochistan at Sibi, Mobile No.0333-5815344. Email address: Engr.civilian@gmail.com **TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Terms & Conditions are mentioned (incorporated) in detail in Bidding Documents. The bidders providing unsubstantiated and / or incorrect information will be liable to disqualification and / or legal action.

Executive Engineer (Road)
CWPP&H Department District Sibi
PRQ No.1121/20-9-2024

TENDER NOTICE

TSE-242509553273 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The DG Fisheries @yahoo.com invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates **Tender Fee Rs.5000/- and Bid Security 2%**

S.No	Name of Work/s	Estimate
1	Construction of Model Fish Farms at Various Districts of Balochistan	45,000,000

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 31,500,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million) In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE10(iv) (Soil Investigation and Stabilization), CE11(i) (General engineering Works only). **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents:** The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 5,000 PKR **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to 07 October, 2024 during office hours on working days **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 07 October, 2024 till 09:00 AM. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 10:00 AM Address: Quetta Phone no: 0819211773 Email: DGFisheries@yahoo.com

DIRECTOR INLAND FISHERIES D.M. JAMALI
PRQ No.1126/20-9-2024

TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Officer District Council Zhob invites sealed bids from eligible bidders who can prove their eligibility and qualification as mentioned in the bidding documents for the work mentioned below. The work estimated cost and other information of works as under tender based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2023 Govt. of Balochistan as required from interested contractors / firms for the work listed below under BPPRA Rule. **Bid Security 2% Tender Fee Rs.1000/- for each work.**

S.No.	Description	Amount
1	PROVIDING & FIXING HOME SOLAR SYSTEM AT VARIOUS U/C DISTRICT ZHOB TSE-242509553323	21.788 M
2	PRECISION OF LAND LEVELLING AT VARIOUS U/C DISTRICT ZHOB TSE-242509553313	9.890 M
3	CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD PROTECTION WALL AT VARIOUS U/C DISTRICT ZHOB. TSE-242509553293	9.901 M

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules- 2014. **BASIC ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** Single stage - Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. **BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS:** The Bidding document can be downloaded from www.bppra.pk and the same can also be obtained from the office of the under signed upon payment of prescribed tender fee deposited in the head of account 4092531645 NBP Bank **DEAD LINE OF SUBMISSION:** Technical and financial proposals from intending contractors / firms sealed in one envelope clearly marked with the work title & type of proposal must be delivered by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 07, Oct, 2024 at 11:30 Hrs. **Opening:** The envelope containing "Technical Bids" will be opened on the same day i.e. 07, Oct, 2024, at 12:00 Hrs before procurement committee in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend with authority letter. Address: The Chief Officer District Council Zhob

CHIEF OFFICER DISTRICT COUNCIL DISTRICT ZHOB
AB No.319/20-9-2024

TENDER NOTICE

The Project Director, Improvement & Development of Infrastructure of Buleda Town (Phase-I&II) P&D Department, invites bids from Eligible Bidders for invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items: **Tender Fee Rs.1000/-**

S.#	Name of Work	Bid Security
1	PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR THE OFFICE OF PMU BULEDA TOWN PROJECT (PHASE-I&II) TSE-242509552901	2%

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What now?

THE Election Commission of Pakistan appears to be in no mood to obey the Supreme Court, and, continuing a pattern observed over the last year, the federal government seems eager to provide it political cover.

It emerged on Wednesday that the ECP would, instead of implementing the Supreme Court's verdict in the reserved seats case, seek further opinion from 'legal experts' on the matter. This, despite being warned by the court not to delay any further.

As it turns out, it did not need legal counsel: on Thursday, the National Assembly Speaker himself came to the ECP's rescue, informing the Commission that since a new law — bulldozed last month through parliament to prevent the reserved seats from being given to the PTI — had come into effect, it need not heed the Supreme Court's order. Unexpected though the move was, it was not the first time that the ruling set-up had come to the ECP's aid against the courts.

Last year, the ECP had similarly refused to obey the apex court when it made it clear it would not hold elections to the Punjab Assembly despite what the court ordered. The then-PDM government had endorsed the ECP's stance, even though it had been in clear violation of the timeline for polls provided in the Constitution. Emboldened, the ECP has continued to thwart the courts since, be it in the matter of election tribunals or, as recently seen, in the case pertaining to the PTI's reserved seats.

It may be recalled that the Commission's last attempt to delay implementation of the Supreme Court's verdict in the reserved seats matter was officially condemned as "dilatatory tactics, adopted to delay, defeat and obstruct implementation of the decision of the court". The ECP was also warned that continuing on this path "may expose the Commission" to legal action in terms of the Constitution and the law. It had zero effect.

Now, the government's actions could turn this into a major clash between institutions. It is a risky and unfortunate escalation. Any confrontation on this issue is a direct challenge to the separation of powers as envisioned in the Constitution. The incident underlines that, despite its repeated claims to institutional 'supremacy' derived from democratic ideals, this government seems to have little interest in, or understanding of, democracy's core principles.

The fact that it is relying on tailor-made legislation, moved after a court verdict, to thwart its implementation will be seen as defiance against the judiciary. The situation is made worse by the Speaker of the National Assembly stepping in and endorsing the Commission's position.

The separation of powers must be respected and no institution should overstep its bounds. At this critical juncture, all state institutions must remain within their mandates to prevent further erosion of democratic values.

By Khawaja Farooq

Pakistan's Diplomat Munir Akram Faces Allegations of Lobbying for RAW: A Detriment to Kashmir's Cause at the United Nations



In a shocking turn of events, Munir Akram, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, has come under fire for allegedly acting as a lobbyist for India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) on the crucial Kashmir issue. While the official role of any diplomat is to safeguard the national interests of their country, Akram's actions appear to be doing just the opposite, causing significant harm to Pakistan's stance on Kashmir, a core issue for the nation. His questionable behavior is also reportedly being defended by officials in Pakistan's Information Ministry, particularly Amanat Ali, who has shielded Akram from accountability.

Lobbying for RAW: Several sources within diplomatic circles have raised concerns that Akram's recent conduct suggests he is covertly working to serve India's interests in weakening Pakistan's diplomatic efforts on the Kashmir dispute. RAW, India's external intelligence agency, has been linked to various attempts to manipulate international narratives, particularly when it comes to the sensitive issue of Kashmir. Munir Akram, by many accounts, has been feeding into this strategy by taking actions that undermine Pakistan's diplomatic efforts at the United Nations. This development is particularly alarming given that Akram is entrusted with defending Pakistan's interests on a global stage.

The Pakistani diplomat's inexplicable behavior has left many questioning his true motives. His failure to push Pakistan's narrative at key UN forums has allowed India to gain diplomatic ground on the Kashmir dispute. Instead of presenting Pakistan's case with vigor, Akram's lazy and non-timely actions have left many within Pakistan and its diaspora disappointed. His ineffective diplomacy has allowed India to project a stronger position on the Kashmir issue, much to the detriment of Pakistan.

Divide and Rule Strategy Among Journalists: One of the most concerning aspects of Akram's actions is his alleged attempt to create divisions within the Pakistani journalist community in New York. By fostering internal conflicts, Akram has reportedly been able to divert attention from his own questionable actions and avoid facing tough questions from the media. This strategy has created a rift among journalists, weakening their collective ability to hold Akram accountable for his failures in defending Pakistan's stance on Kashmir.

Journalists who dare to question Akram's actions or criticize his performance have faced his wrath. It is reported that he specifically avoids inviting any Kashmiri journalists to his press conferences, a

move that many see as deliberate. This exclusion of Kashmiri voices is particularly concerning, given the fact that Kashmiris are directly affected by the ongoing dispute and should have a platform to engage in the conversation. Akram's refusal to allow Kashmiri journalists into the dialogue is seen as a direct affront to the cause he is supposed to represent.

Personal Vendetta Against Critical Journalists: Akram has also shown a pattern of holding personal grudges against journalists who have published reports exposing his illicit actions and activities. Instead of engaging with the media to clarify his position, Akram has chosen to retaliate by excluding these critical voices from important press briefings. This behavior raises serious questions about his commitment to transparency and his ability to represent Pakistan's interests in an impartial manner.

The Role of Amanat Ali and the Information Ministry: Adding to the complexity of the situation is the role of Amanat Ali, a key figure in Pakistan's Information Ministry, who has consistently defended Munir Akram despite the mounting evidence against him. Ali has reportedly shielded Akram from any formal scrutiny, dismissing concerns about his performance and conduct. This has only deepened the sense of frustration among those who believe Akram is doing more harm than good to Pakistan's diplomatic efforts at the United Nations.

Damage to Pakistan's Kashmir Stance at the UN: Akram's failures have been particularly damaging to Pakistan's efforts to keep the Kashmir issue on the global agenda. As a platform of international justice, the United Nations is crucial in the ongoing battle for Kashmir's self-determination. However, Akram's lethargic approach and his apparent disinterest in the cause have weakened Pakistan's position. His inability to mobilize international support for the Kashmir issue has allowed India to consolidate its hold, both diplomatically and on the ground. Damage to Pakistan's Kashmir Stance at the UN: Akram's failures have been particularly damaging to Pakistan's efforts to keep the Kashmir issue on the global agenda. As a platform of international justice, the United Nations is crucial in the ongoing battle for Kashmir's self-determination. However, Akram's lethargic approach and his apparent disinterest in the cause have weakened Pakistan's position. His inability to mobilize international support for the Kashmir issue has allowed India to consolidate its hold, both diplomatically and on the ground. The allegations against Munir Akram represent a significant blow to Pakistan's credibility at the United Nations. If left unchecked, these actions could have long-lasting consequences for Pakistan's diplomatic standing and its efforts to support the people of Kashmir in their struggle for self-determination.



By Khurram Husain

Shaky stability

RARELY have I seen a situation like this one. The economy is finding an uneasy and shaky stability; as inflation peaks, the exchange rate looks like it might well stick, the backlog of unpaid dividends is being cleared, interest rates are on a downward trajectory from here on, the current account has returned to surplus, reserves are stable and so on. The list can get as long as one wants.

But the problems are growing. Rarely have we seen a situation where the economy stabilises while the government gets shaky. Usually, political and economic stability go together in our history. And mind you, I'm talking about economic stability, not growth. Paradoxically, periods of booming economic growth are also periods when politics becomes shaky.

Nawaz Sharif found himself facing disqualification right when his economic growth rates were hitting their peak and the first of the large mega projects his government had commissioned were getting ready for start of commercial operations. Likewise, Imran Khan found himself facing a vote of no-confidence precisely when the economy was hitting its peak growth rate of seven per cent.

But I cannot recall a government going wobbly when the stabilisation phase of the economy is peaking. That is where we are today. The economy has not fixed itself, nor is growth about to return. All that has happened is the worst effects of the bitter medicine one has to take to stabilise an out-of-control economy are now beginning to wear off. That's all.

Usually this is the sweet spot. This is usually the time when the government of the day can start crowing about its achievement in having stabilised runaway fiscal deficits and falling foreign exchange reserves. Once interest rates start coming down — with IMF approval, as evidenced by the fact that an Executive Board meeting has been scheduled in the midst of the rate cuts — it usually means the worst is over.

They use bailouts and loans to fuel the country's economy and repression to stifle the people's will.

But this is the first time we are seeing a government struggle politically while having largely survived the worst of the economic pain. And as its political moorings start loosening, its capacity to stay on the path of stabilisation as required will weaken.

We are drowning in ironies today, but one to marvel at is how one of the strongest governments we have had in a long time in terms of its numbers in parliament is proving unequal to the task before it.

Despite its numbers in parliament and the strong backing of the establishment, this government is struggling to get things done that those with fewer numbers and less powerful backers in the past managed to do. This only means one thing: despite all its apparent strength in terms of its parliamentary arithmetic and powerful backing, this is probably the weakest government we have had in at least a quarter of a century.

How does that happen? How can a government be so strong by one standard, and yet so weak by another? This can only happen if the system of rule upon which the government stands itself is losing traction. Systems are not built with force alone. They require buy-in from the population over whose affairs they preside. The current system of rule has taken a mortal hit on its ability to command its own population's loyalties after more than two and a half years of the most ferocious inflationary fire the country has ever seen.

Nothing kills people's faith in their system, their own lives and their future, like inflation. And the kind of inflation we have seen since May 2021 is literally unprecedented. The fire still burns, even if it has stopped spreading. It will be many years before people's incomes potentially catch up with the loss their purchasing power has suffered over these years.

To compensate for the people's loss of faith, the rulers of our time have resorted to gimmicks to deprive them of a voice in choosing their elected representatives.

When people protest this denial of fundamental rights, the rulers reply with repression, arrests, abuse. When attention is drawn to the violation of people's rights, they respond with measures to silence the media, throttle the internet, police social media, and more repression. When the judiciary refuses to play ball with this escalating cycle of repression, along comes a constitutional amendment to bifurcate the apex court and make its crucial functions — constitutional interpretation — subordinate to the government of the day.

Thus kicks off a vicious cycle that eats away at the system's legitimacy and weakens its foundations. Riding the whole wave is a group of leaders using the oldest of the old playbooks that has always been used in Pakistan.

They use bailouts and loans to fuel the country's economy and repression to stifle the people's will. Historically this has worked, but only partially. Military rulers in the past managed to get large, concessional inflows with which to fuel the economy while engineering the local political landscape to their liking.

DAILY MIRROR

Senate Body reviews overbilling, electricity theft, data variation in power sector

By Zahid Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Power on Friday reviewed the overbilling, electricity theft and discrepancies in data of the power sector.

Meeting of the Senate Body held under the chair of Senator Mohsin Aziz in Parliament House was attended by Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan, Senator Kazim Ali Shah, Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro, Senator Hidayatullah Khan, the Minister for Energy (Power Division), The Secretary of Power Division, Special Secretary (Power Division), and senior officials from concerned departments.

The Committee discussed a point of public importance raised by Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan regarding the overbilling of electricity bills and the indifference of officers/officials to the plight of consumers, as referred by the House for a report during its sitting on 30-08-2024. Senator Palwasha expressed concern over incorrect meter readings, stating that her family had to visit the office 28 times in three months, where they were met with misbehavior.

Senator Palwasha condemned this conduct, labeling it as part of a mafia, and

called for strict action. She suggested referring the matter to the FIA to dismantle this group and set an example. She emphasized that if such treatment could happen to her family, the hardships faced by the common public would be unimaginable.

The Committee Chairman, acknowledging her concerns, agreed that the issue was of public importance and noted that the scale of suffering is likely far greater. A senior official from the Power Division, while concurring with the members, informed the Committee that actions had already been taken. The individual responsible has been transferred, and the faulty meter reading has been canceled. He further stated that action has been taken against miscreants.

The Minister of Power Division added that what the Senator mentioned falls under customer care, which is not directly part of electricity distribution. He also noted that there is a complaint system, 118, and all calls made to this number are forwarded to the distribution companies. They are working on implementing a computerized system at the subdivision level and revamping it to ensure complaints are resolved with equal importance. He emphasized that simply transferring people is not the solution; they are striving to make real changes.

Emphasizing the need to address electricity theft and overbilling, Chairman of the Committee Senator Mohsin Aziz also directed the Power Division to provide clarity in their reports, noting inconsistencies in their responses regarding the number of Bagasse-based IPPs operating in the country and their tariff determination. He questioned how Bagasse was priced at \$53, stating that this was where the exploitation begins, as the price of Bagasse cannot be easily determined. He suggested that the Ministry cross-check Bagasse pricing and explain why this issue arose in 2013 and 2015. He further added that linking the price to the dollar and imported coal has created a depreciation advantage for local operators. He recommended that the Ministry review the Bagasse pricing and submit a report accordingly.

Subsequently, a detailed report on load-shedding and feeder-wise electricity distribution was presented by PESCO and SEPCO. MNA Asif Khan (NA-32) raised concerns regarding his constituency, addressing issues of mistreatment, overbilling, and electricity theft. Similarly, Senator Mohsin Aziz pointed out the insertion of two feeders in one area, which has caused significant data discrepancies and requires cross-verification. He also highlighted discrepancies in feeder rates in the data provided by SEPCO, noting that line losses from one area seem to have been attributed to another.



ISLAMABAD: Senior leader Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) and Member National Assembly Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri called on Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan.

PPP not against creation of new provinces: Kaira

INP

MULTAN: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) senior leader Qamar Zaman Kaira stated that his party is not against creation of new provinces in the country.

This he stated while talking to a private TV channel. Qamar Zaman Kaira said that no political party was able to get a clear majority in February 8, 2024 elections.

Qamar Zaman Kaira said that the formation of new provinces was not an issue of Punjab and Sindh. He said that the PPP is of the view that new province should not be created in Sindh as the people of the Sindh are not demanding a new province whereas the people of South Punjab are demanding a separate province.

Qamar Zaman Kaira said that political parties do not transfer powers to the lower level after coming into power. He said that empowering local governments will strengthen the democracy in Pakistan.

Pakistani women peacekeepers recognised for their professionalism

NEWS DESK

RAWALPINDI: Two Pakistani women peacekeepers - Maj Sania Safdar (served in UN Peacekeeping Mission Cyprus) and Maj Komal Masood (served in Central African Republic) - have been recognised for their outstanding performance and commitment in promoting the ideals of the United Nations and awarded Gender Advocacy Award by Under Secretary General, Department of Peace Operations, UNHQ, New York. While serving in international environment, both officers demonstrated exceptional professionalism, dedication and made significant contribution to the Mission's peace and stability efforts especially with regards to advancing women's meaningful participation in peacekeeping operations.

"Their profound role in peacekeeping has been acknowledged by respective Mission Force Commanders," an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

"This recognition is a testament to Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the UN peacekeeping mandate, professionalism and diligent efforts by the Pakistani peacekeepers to make positive impact in peacekeeping efforts," it added.

Chinese enterprise to set up textile parks in Pakistan

APP

ISLAMABAD: The RUYI Group of China will establish Textile Parks of international standard in Pakistan.

To this effect, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Board of Investment and RUYI Shandong Group in Islamabad on Friday. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif witnessed the signing of the MoU, after having a meeting with the nine-member delegation of the RUYI group led by its Chairman Qui Yafu.

The RUYI Group briefed the Prime Minister that it will establish Textile Parks of international standard in Sindh and Punjab and around 100 large textile industries from China will be invited for investment in these parks.

It was told that the objective of these textile parks is to enhance Pakistan's textile exports and to make the country textile and garments hub of the world.

It was further briefed that solar energy will be used in these textile parks and they will operate on zero carbon and advanced automated technology.

In the first phase, these parks are expected to generate exports worth two billion dollars, while in the second phase, exports are likely to reach five billion dollars. These textile parks will provide employment opportunities to around half million locals.

The foundation stone of these textile parks will be laid by the end of this year, and they will be completed within three years. The RUYI Group will also set up wholesale commodity centers in Karachi and Lahore.

During the meeting, it was decided to establish working groups in Islamabad and Beijing to advance matters between Pakistan and the RUYI Group.

The Prime Minister, on the occasion, directed the formation of a special committee headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in this regard. The committee will comprise federal ministers for commerce, investment and privatization, industry and production, the foreign secretary, a representative of the Special Investment Facilitation Council, and Zafaruddin Mahmood.

US polls: Donald Trump says Jews will be partly to blame if he loses election

By Khawaja Farooq

WASHINGTON: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Thursday that Jewish-American voters would be partly to blame if he lost the November 5 election to Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic candidate.

During comments to the Israeli-American Council National Summit in Washington, the former president lamented that he was trailing Harris among American Jews.

Israel would likely cease to exist within two years should Harris win the election, and Jews would be partly to blame for that outcome because they tend to vote for Democrats, Trump argued.

"If I don't win this election — and the Jewish people would really have a lot to do with that if that happens because if 40 per cent, I mean, 60pc of the people are voting for the enemy — Israel, in my opinion, will cease to exist within two years," Trump told the crowd.



Trump was citing a poll that he said showed Harris polling at 60pc among American Jews. He also lamented winning less than 30pc of the vote among American Jews in the 2016 election, which he won, and the 2020 election, which he lost to Democratic President Joe Biden.

It was not clear what poll the former president was citing, but a recent Pew Research Survey found American Jews favour Harris over Trump, 65pc to 34pc. Trump made similar comments at a separate summit earlier in the evening, also in Washington, which was dedicated to fighting antisemitism in America.

Egypt's stability, progress vital for peace in Middle-East: Asif

INP

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif has stated that Egypt's stability and progress is vital for peace and prosperity in the Middle Eastern region.

He said this during a meeting with Ambassador of Egypt, Dr Ihab Abdelhamid Hassan who called on him in Islamabad.

During the meeting Defence Minister highlighted that the relations between Egypt and Pakistan have a great potential to grow in all fields, including defence production.

The Defence Minister reiterated that Pakistan strongly condemns the Israeli aggression on Gaza and expresses full solidarity with people of in Palestine.

ECC approves export of 40,000MT of sugar to Tajikistan

APP

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee has approved export of 40,000 metric tons of sugar to Tajikistan.

The ECC, which met in Islamabad on Friday with Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb in the chair also approved export of 0.100 million metric tons of surplus sugar. Besides, the committee approved Technical Supplementary Grant worth 456.600 million rupees for construction of eight women facilities in tribal districts.

At the outset, the Finance Minister shared an update on the current economic situation and macroeconomic stability achieved across all sectors of the economy. He said the currency is now in stable position with foreign exchanges at a 26-month high at the back of "very resilient and strong remittances flows".

He said the IT exports have also stabilized at about 300 million monthly figure which is a great news for our export sector. He called the reduction in inflation to a single digit as a big story, hoping that inflation would further come down when the September data is released. The Finance Minister described the situation with Current Account as very encouraging and noted the surplus of 75 million dollars achieved in August. He hoped the current account situation would continue to be in a good position. Muhammad Aurangzeb also referred to the IMF Board meeting scheduled on 25th, saying that with the prayers of the nation and efforts made by the Prime Minister in association with bilateral.

CJP grills Rector Islamic University, asks Govt to decide her fate

CJP orders security to remove Samina Malik's lawyer from rostrum over insulting remarks, Qazi Issa says easy to abuse courts instead of giving reply

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faiz Issa has said that it was the easiest job to abuse the chief justice, instead of giving reply, adding that it has become a fashion to abuse courts by hiring three or four paid journalists.

A three-member bench headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Issa was hearing a petition regarding the appointment of permanent vice-chancellors in public sector universities.

On the orders of the CJP, Rector Islamic University Samina Malik appeared in the court on a wheelchair.

During the hearing, harsh comments were exchanged between the Chief Justice and the lawyer Rector Islamic University Rihanuddin Golra. Rihanuddin addressing the CJP said, "you alleged that the medical certificate is fake, look at Dr. Samina's condition, how is the medical certificate fake?"

Justice Issa replied that "if the names in the medical certificate and other documents were different, then doubt will arise. The lawyer said that Samina Malik attend only one meeting and she attended others meetings online".

The Chief Justice said whether the HEC office is in any other city that she took part in the meetings online? CJP directed her to answer how many vacancies are there in the university?

Her counsel told the CJP that "you had asked this question in the university board meeting as a member, and she had answered there too, and today I am giving the same answer in the court". The Chief Justice got annoyed over the remarks of the counsel and said that we are silent so it does not mean that you should misbehave. The CJP directed security to remove Rehan Golra from rostrum. On the CJP's order the police officers removed the lawyer Rehan Golra from the rostrum. The Chief Justice questioned what Dr. Samina was doing near the media, call her here? The CJP questioned why you don't attend the meetings?

Samina Malik told the court, "I am under the influence of medicine, give me some time and I will answer the questions". The Chief Justice got angry at this reply and said that "if you want to play drama then leave here. The Chief Justice directed Samina Malik to leave the courtroom". After Samina Malik exit, journalists also leave the court.

Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Issa said that now three or four hired journalists will go and start abusing CJP. Justice Issa said that he has taken one suo motu on the advice of other judges, should we take notice of contempt of court and start sending them to jail? Chief Justice Faiz Issa remarked that according to HEC Samina uses illness as an excuse and fails to attend board meetings.



Federal Minister for Privatisation, Abdul Aleem Khan presided over high level meeting of NHA, in Islamabad

Musadik invites Chinese firms to invest in Pakistan's energy sector

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik has invited Chinese enterprises, especially those from Shaanxi province, to invest in Pakistan's energy and petroleum sectors.

He was addressing the China (Shaanxi)-Pakistan Conference for Economic and Trade Cooperation on the sidelines of 8th Silk Road International Expo at Xi'an, Shaanxi Province in China on Friday. The Minister thanked the Shaanxi Government for inviting Pakistan as the Guest Country of Honor and for the facilitation in setting up the Pakistan Pavilion at the expo.

Musadik Malik said Pakistan's participation in expo was a tangible follow-up

of the visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to Xi'an earlier this year. He underscored that top companies from Pakistan specializing in upstream, mid-stream and downstream petroleum and coal companies are looking to work with Shaanxi Companies to collaborate through investment, joint ventures and technology transfer. Dr Musadik Malik underscored on efforts to deepen provincial-level cooperation, with a focus on enhancing Business to Business linkages across sectors such as mining, petroleum and energy, and technology.

He reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to working together to create shared growth, sustainable development, and enduring friendship, based on win-win cooperation.

Aleem Khan directs NHA to roll out online system

'NHA should prepare its dashboards and update data on regular basis': Aleem Khan

APP

ISLAMABAD: Privatisation Minister Abdul Aleem Khan on Friday asked the National Highway Authority (NHA) to roll out the online system and ensure tracking systems in all the main highways.

According to details, Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) President Aleem Khan chaired a meeting of the NHA. On this occasion, Aleem Khan asked the NHA to follow the developed countries in terms of using the high-tech system.

Aleem Khan directed the NHA to ensure the monitoring of the vehicles at the motorways and GT roads at any cost.

"The NHA should prepare its dashboards and upload data on a daily basis. For this purpose, there is a need to establish the state-of-the-art monitoring room on the patterns of the Safe City."

"The vehicles without balance in mt-g should also be given the messages of fines. The NHA needs to increase its revenue without violating the discipline of the motorways," said Aleem Khan.

Aleem Khan considered to uplift the

performance of the Pakistan Post.

According to details, Aleem Khan chaired a meeting, during which he assigned the authorities with the new task to lead the Pakistan Post to progression. "The loss of Pakistan Post is not acceptable. There is a need to implement the business model."

"There is a need to work hard and put up all-out efforts to take the Pakistan Post out of the doldrums."

Aleem Khan had stressed the need for joining hands with the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) and other concerned institutions to generate revenue. "The Pakistan Post needs to increase its economic resources through the commercial use of its buildings," he said.

Emphasising the need for bringing the reforms in the Pakistan Post through the current requirements, Aleem Khan said: "The Pakistan Post should slash its expenses and increase the resources."

"The elements of self-reliance can be brought through clear intentions and hard work," the Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) president added.



Members of Tehreek-e-Jawan-e-Pakistan are holding rally in favor of Pakistan Armed Forces, at Quetta press club.