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None would be harassed for taxes: Finance Minister Aurangzeb

BUREAU REPORT

WASHINGTON: Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb made it clear on Sunday that none would be harassed for filing income tax returns.

During a press conference here, the finance minister said that "non-filers would not be able to buy cars and properties."

"We need a legal cover for non-filers, we are erasing the term non-filer itself," added Aurangzeb.

"We will raise the tax-to-GDP ratio from nine to 13 percent," reaffirmed the finance minister.

He said the meetings with the major stakeholders in the US, Saudi finance minister, representatives of IMF and World bank were successful.

They expressed the confidence that the

economy was on the right path and would grow.

"All global rating agencies have upgraded Pakistan's ratings which is an indication that the economy is going in right direction. We have to take harsh decisions for the betterment of economy," said the finance minister.

He expressed the hope that the current IMF programme would be the last programme.

"Our foreign reserves have increased to \$11 billion. We have reduced reliance on foreign loans. All banks are ready to cooperate with the government," he concluded.

Aurangzeb reiterated that Pakistan has reduced its dependence on foreign loans and stated that all banks are willing to collaborate with the country for economic progress.



Lahore : A delegation of Pakistan People's Party led by Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif .

PPP chairman Bilawal and PM Shehbaz discuss historic passage of 26th Amendment

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari notes that the 26th Constitutional Amendment will be 'effective in curbing undemocratic forces'

ONLINE

LAHORE: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has described the passage of the 26th Constitutional Amendment as historic during a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was accompanied by former Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider while Prime Minister's advisor Rana Sanaulah and National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq were also reported to have attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Bilawal emphasised the need to work together for the strengthening of democracy and parliament, stating that the 26th Constitutional Amendment will be effective in curbing undemocratic forces.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif credited the

approval of the 26th Amendment to all coalition parties, reaffirming their commitment to public service. He noted that positive economic indicators are leading to a noticeable decrease in inflation.

It is important to note that just a few days ago, the government secured the passage of the 26th Constitutional Amendment in both the National Assembly and Senate, although opposition parties, including Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), expressed reservations regarding the amendment.

Earlier this week, President Asif Ali Zardari, has officially approved the 26th constitutional amendment, with the gazette notification issued shortly after.

The notification, released by the National Assembly, confirms that the 26th Amendment is now an Act of Parliament and has officially become law.

Balochistan

Cycling Association Organizes "Kashmir Black Day Cycle Rally"

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QUETTA: Balochistan Cycling Association has organized "Kashmir Black Day Cycle Rally" on Sunday to show solidarity with the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

The cycle rally starting from Assembly Chowk and concluding at Alhamd Islamic University Air Port Road, aimed to highlight the 77-year mark of Indian military presence in Kashmir since Oct 27, 1948.

The cycle rally aimed to strongly condemn the worst atrocities perpetrated on innocent Kashmiris by the Indian forces in illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Participants in the rally were adorned their bicycles with the national green and white flags and wore black armband to mark the day in support of the victims of violence of Indian troops in occupied valley.

In solidarity with their Kashmiri brothers on Kashmir Black Day, students in Quetta, organized a bicycle rally.

The rally passed through various roads in Quetta city and concluded at Alhamd Islamic University on Airport Road, Quetta.

Mahmood Khan Achakzai Criticizes Law and Order, Calls for Public Jirga

NEWS DESK

Quetta: Mahmood Khan Achakzai, leader of Pashtun Khawa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP), has voiced grave concerns over the deteriorating law and order in Balochistan, following recent violent incidents in Musakhail, Dukki, and Harnai.

Declaring the situation "deeply disturbing," Achakzai announced plans to address these issues through public engagement and a series of Jirgas.

The first Jirga will take place in Loralai Division on November 9-10, followed by others in Quetta and other divisions. According to

Achakzai, these assemblies will gather public opinion, after which the party intends to adopt a "strict plan of action."

Achakzai further criticized the role of the Frontier Corps (FC) and other security forces, alleging they "impose taxes on resources but fail to provide security." He also claimed that civilians are burdened with taxes from both security forces and the outlawed Baloch Liberation Army (BLA). Expressing disappointment, Achakzai remarked, "All this is happening under the government's watch," and voiced his frustration with the current state of democracy in Pakistan.

Four TTP terrorists killed in separate KP operations: ISPR

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RAWALPINDI: Security forces killed four militants of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) - referred to as Khawarij - in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa over the past two days, as reported by the military's media wing on Sunday.

According to a statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), an intelligence-based operation in North Waziristan on October 26 resulted in the death of two Khawarij during a fierce exchange of fire.

One of the deceased was identified as Insafullah, known to be involved in various terrorist activities.

In a subsequent operation on October 27 in Khyber district, security forces effectively

engaged a Khawarij hideout, leading to the killing of two more militants and injuring three others. A significant quantity of arms and ammunition was recovered from the slain militants.

The ISPR noted that the killed terrorists had been implicated in numerous terrorist activities targeting law enforcement agencies and innocent civilians.

The area is currently undergoing clearance operations to locate and eliminate any remaining militants.

A spokesperson for the Pakistan Army reiterated the commitment of security forces to eradicate the

menace of terrorism from the country, emphasizing their determination to ensure the safety and security of all citizens.

Lasting peace in S. Asia hinges upon just, peaceful resolution of Kashmir dispute: Ishaq Dar

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ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said that lasting peace in the region could not be realized without a just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in line with the UNSC resolutions and the aspirations of Kashmiri people.

The deputy prime minister/foreign minister on the observance of Kashmir Black Day said, "Pakistan stands in unwavering solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their struggle and will continue to provide its full political, moral and diplomatic support to the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination."

He said October 27 marked a somber turning point in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. On this day, seventy-seven years

ago, the Indian forces landed in Srinagar, marking the beginning of a prolonged and painful chapter for the region, he lamented.

Over the past seven decades, India has employed various strategies to strengthen its control over Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), he added.

However, since 5th August 2019, they had witnessed an accelerated effort to undermine the internationally recognized disputed status of IIOJK and to marginalize the rights and voices of the Kashmiri people.

"The actions taken by Indian authorities, including attempts to alter the demographic and political landscape of the territory, stand in direct violation of the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the Fourth Geneva Convention. Despite these measures, the resolve of the Kashmiri people remains undeterred," he said.

Governor Balochistan Urges Business Community to take Advantage of Investment Opportunities in Balochistan

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QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has urged the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) to take advantage of lucrative investment opportunities in Balochistan and it can create a sustainable growing economy that benefits all provinces. In a meeting with the representatives of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Governor House Quetta, he said that attention should be paid for boosting of border trade, establishment of border markets, ensuring affordable power supply and taking guidance from economic experts to enhance economic activities in the country.

Jaffar Khan said the incumbent government is committed to provide full protection to all local and international investors and create

ease to industrialists, said a news release. On this occasion,

Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail said that Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) is the largest business forum of the country and hailed the coming of leading businessmen and industrialists from across the country to the provincial capital Quetta which would yield constructive and positive results.

He said the country's economy will be strengthened by the establishment of industrial zones in different divisions of Balochistan. He urged the business community to help and guide the Balochistan government in creating vast opportunities for economic development in Balochistan, eliminating unemployment and making possible access to the economic and trade markets of Central Asia including neighboring countries.



Pashtunkhwa Mili Awami Party (PKMAP) Chairman, Mahmood Khan Achakzai addresses to media persons during press conference, at PKMAP Central Secretariat Office in Quetta.

President, PM reaffirm Pakistan's support for Kashmiri people

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ISLAMABAD: In their messages on the occasion of "Kashmir Black Day" today, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have said that Pakistan will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with its Kashmiri brothers and sisters until they achieve their inalienable right to self-determination.

The President urged the international community to pressurize India to halt its human rights' abuses in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, alleviate the suffering of Kashmiris and implement UN Security Council resolutions.

He strongly condemned India's ongoing atrocities in IIOJK and reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering moral, diplomatic, and political support for the Kashmiri people's just cause.

In his separate message, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said the people of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir had suffered countless hardships during the last seventy-seven years.

He said India had been taking successive steps to tighten its grip over IIOJK since August 05, 2019. India's nefarious designs are aimed at undermining the disputed status of IIOJK and denying the Kashmiri people their democratic right to decide their own future.

In his message on Black Day today, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said this day marks the beginning of a prolonged and painful chapter for the region.

He said over the past seven decades, India has employed various strate-

gies to strengthen its control over Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir but since 5th August 2019, an accelerated effort to undermine the internationally recognized disputed status of territory has been witnessed.

Ishaq Dar said actions taken by Indian authorities, including attempts to alter the demographic and political landscape of the territory, are in direct violation of the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the Geneva Convention.

He said the occupied territory is witnessing an intensification of repression with thousands of political leaders and activists behind bars, draconian emergency and counterterrorism laws granting Indian forces sweeping powers to arrest or eliminate any individual.

He said despite all this, the spirit and determination of the Kashmiri people endure, as they continue their peaceful struggle for justice and self-determination.

Referring to the recent elections for the Legislative Assembly of IIOJK, the Deputy Prime Minister said any such exercise amidst an overwhelming military presence, cannot be considered a substitute for the legitimate right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people.

He said Pakistan remains committed to promoting peace in South Asia and seeks constructive relations with all neighbors.

He however categorically stated that lasting peace in the region cannot be realized without a just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in line with the UN Security Council Resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON

Engineer Amir Muqam has reaffirmed Pakistan's resolve to continue extending political, diplomatic and moral support to Kashmiris.

In his message on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day today, he said India is committing worst human rights violations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and trying to stop the struggle of Kashmiris through military atrocities.

The Minister said entire Pakistani nation pays tribute to the brave and courageous Kashmiris who are continuing their struggle despite India's brutal actions.

In his message, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has called upon the international community to play its role for peaceful resolution of Jammu and Kashmir dispute and stop India from violating human rights in the territory.

He said despite Indian atrocities, the Kashmiri people are fighting bravely for their freedom and they will never accept India's usurpation of their homeland.

The Minister said Pakistan is a staunch advocate of Kashmiris' right to self-determination and has never backed down from advocating their legitimate cause in the world.

He said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's bold stand on the Kashmir dispute is a strong expression of

Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the Kashmir cause and its desire for a just and peaceful resolution of the dispute.

Attaullah Tarar said Pakistan has always stood with the Kashmiri people and will continue to support their right to self-determination.

Kashmiris observe Black Day to reject India's illegal occupation of IIOJK

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ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and world over today observed Black Day to send a powerful message to India and the international community that they vehemently reject New Delhi's illegal occupation of their homeland.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the call for the observance of Black Day and the shutdown has been given by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference and is supported by various other organizations.

Posters displayed by the APHC and other pro-freedom groups, characterize October 27, 1947, as the darkest chapter in the history of Jammu and Kashmir.

The messages have also been widely shared on social media platforms, including X, Facebook, and WhatsApp, amplifying calls for solidarity and resistance. It was on this day in 1947 that Indian troops invaded Jammu and Kashmir in blatant violation of the Partition Plan and occupied the region against the will of the Kashmiri people.

October 27 Blackest Day in Kashmir's history: Ahsan Iqbal

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal said here on Sunday that October 27, 1947 was the darkest day in the history of occupied Kashmir when India illegally occupied the region.

In a message on Kashmir Black Day, the federal minister said, the decades-long oppression and brutality against Kashmiris was unbearable. He said, freedom was the fundamental right of Kashmiris, and Pakistan stands with them in their struggle.

He said, India has blatantly violated United Nations resolutions, denying Kashmiris their right to self-determination. "We will continue to provide moral, political, and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people," he said and appealed the international community to play its role in ensuring peace and security in the region."

Jam Kamal reaffirms unwavering support for Kashmiris' rights

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan on Sunday reiterated Pakistan's steadfast commitment to the Kashmiris' cause, emphasizing the nation's dedication to advocating for the freedom, dignity, and justice of the Kashmiri people. As the country stands united with the people of Kashmir, honoring their sacrifices and supporting their rightful pursuit of peace, said a news release.

"We observe Black Day, marking the beginning of a decades-long struggle faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir since 27th October 1947", the minister said. This solemn day serves as a reminder of the injustices endured by the Kashmiri people and their unwavering determination to secure their right to self-determination, a right recognized by international law and United Nations resolutions.

The "hub master plan" will change the destiny of the hub: Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

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HUB: Senior Central Leader of Pakistan People's Party, President of HUB District and Spokesperson for Balochistan Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Advisor for Industry and Crafts Balochistan Mir Ali Hassan Zehri congratulated the people of HUB for the approval of "HUB Master Plan".

He said that with the "HUB Master Plan" four decades of deprivation of the HUB will end and the HUB will emerge as an ideal district.

He said that President Asif Ali Zardari had promised to beautify the HUB during his visit to the HUB President fulfilled his promise and Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ali Bugti has approved the "HUB Master Plan" in the provincial cabinet meeting, which is a good omen for the people of HUB and inshallah HUB Master will be completed very soon and the positive results of the plan will be revealed.

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri further said that the "HUB Master Plan" will have far-reaching results which will promote development and business activities. He said

that for the past forty years, the HUB has instead of providing resources to the people of the HUB, the imposed self-interested group only focused on their loot, which the people have now completely rejected. If the self-interested and anti-people elements had paid even a little attention to HUB in the last four decades, HUB would have gone a long way today, but it is a pity that the anti-people Bhutani brothers and their followers have pushed HUB into ruins and all their attention is illegal and illegitimate. He said that the entire infrastructure of the city was destroyed and devastated, which we are repairing with a fresh and regular planning. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that the dark era imposed on HUB has ended and a bright era has begun.

InshaALLAH, we will make HUB District the best and model district not only of Balochistan but also of Pakistan. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that prosperity of people is our motto and under the wise and ambitious leadership of President Asif Ali Zardari and young Bilawal Bhutto Zardari we will change the map of HUB very soon.



QUETTA: Group Photo Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail and Muslim League N Balochistan Advocate Wing.

Pakistani Diplomats Divisive Policies Undermine Kashmir Cause as Indian Lobby Gains Ground in New York

By Khawaja Farooq

New York: Growing frustration over perceived diplomatic incompetence among Pakistani officials in the United States is raising concerns within the Pakistani and Kashmiri communities, who believe the Kashmir cause is being compromised.

A divisive approach led by Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Munir Akram, and New York Consul General Aamir Atozai has reportedly contributed to the dilution of the once-unifying slogan "Kashmir will become Pakistan," which is now being replaced by calls for an independent Kashmir. The shift, attributed in part to the influence of the Indian lobby, has spurred unease, with frequent protests highlighting the changing narrative.

Sources close to the community report that the division within the diaspora is deepening, further distancing genuine advocates for the Kashmir cause. Allegations are mounting that Pakistani diplomats, instead of uniting the community, have chosen to sideline voices critical of their approach, often favoring select groups or individuals. The reported

failure to invite genuine journalists and community representatives to official events aimed at discussing Kashmir has stirred resentment among activists. In a recent press conference, Munir Akram reportedly invited only a select few, creating an impression of exclusivity and disregard for transparency.

According to insiders, the event was marked by fine dining for a few favorites, while genuine voices on Kashmir were left out entirely. The discontent over diplomatic conduct was compounded by the decision to ignore Black Day, observed annually on October 27 to protest the Indian military occupation of Kashmir.

Senior journalists and community leaders are questioning why the decision to remove Munir Akram from his post following the United Nations General Assembly session has not been executed, claiming his policies at the UN harm Pakistan's reputation. The apparent failure to replace



Aamir Atozai, Munir Akram, Amanat Ali Chaudhry

Akram, who was previously removed from a similar position, has raised concerns about his reappointment, especially as his approach is perceived as dual and inconsistent.

Frustration extends to Consul General Aamir Atozai and Press Counselor Amanat Ali, whose handling of Kashmir-related policies has reportedly further alienated the community.

Prominent Pakistani journalists, community leaders, and Kashmiri advocates are now calling for immediate action to replace these diplomats with individuals who genuinely prioritize the Pakistan-Kashmir cause.

Without decisive action, there is concern that India's lobbying efforts will continue to erode Pakistan's influence over the Kashmir issue.

Staten Island's Dr. Mohammad Khalid Returns to the Commissioner Civilian Complaint Review Board NYC with Vision and Dedication

By Khawaja Farooq

NEW YORK: Staten Island, NY - Dr. Mohammad Khalid, a widely respected civic leader and dentist, has been nominated to serve once again on New York City's Commissioner Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB). This prestigious appointment not only highlights his longstanding commitment to the community but also marks his return to a role he held under Mayor Michael Bloomberg for nine impactful years.

Dr. Khalid's extensive background in community service and public advocacy makes him exceptionally well-suited for the CCRB, an independent oversight board responsible for investigating allegations of police misconduct. His past work on the board demonstrated a steadfast dedication to justice, fairness, and transparency - qualities his peers and community continue to admire.

Beyond his contributions to the CCRB, Dr. Khalid's public service record is distinguished. His roles on the New York Minority Health Council and the NYC Charter Revision Commission underscore his commitment to addressing vital issues affecting Staten Island and the broader New York community.

Known for his accessibility and understanding of community needs, Dr. Khalid has been a voice for those who often feel overlooked, helping foster trust between New Yorkers and city institutions.

City Council members from Staten Island played a pivotal role in supporting Dr. Khalid's recent nomination, voicing their confidence in his leadership and commitment.

His reappointment comes at a crucial time for New York, with the CCRB working on strengthening police-community relations, and his experience will undoubtedly be a valuable asset in furthering this mission.



Cylinder blast claims two lives in Karachi

INP

KARACHI: Two persons were burnt alive during a cylinder blast that occurred in a liquid petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder shop located in Sagheer Centre Federal B Area, Karachi.

Police sources said that the blast occurred due to leakage of gas from a cylinder. Eyewitnesses said that the shop was established six months ago. Residents of the area filed many petitions against the owners of this cylinder shop. They further said that they were aware that the owner of this shop established this shop without any attested documents. They revealed that after a low noise, a fire spread in the area. Rescue teams brought the fire under control after three hours of cooling operations. Four Fire Brigade vehicles were used in this operation. Citizens who were living in two flats located in Sagheer Centre were injured.

October 27 darkest day in history of South Asia: Tessori

INP

KARACHI: Governor of Sindh Mohammed Kamran Khan Tessori on Sunday said that October 27, 1947, was one of the darkest days in the history of South Asia.

In his message on Occupied Kashmir's Black Day, he said that India entered her forces into Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on this day

in 1947.

Tessori said that India's brutal tactics had not weakened the resolve of IIOJK people to date. The Kashmiri people had been patiently fighting the oppression of the Indian forces for decades, the Governor of Sindh said adding that thousands of sacrifices were strengthening their resolve for freedom. He said that Indian oppression had failed to stop the struggle for self-determination.



QUETTA: A shopkeeper sprinkle water on vegetables to keep them fresh at Vegetables market.



Muhammad Yousuf and Mona Khan, Pakistan's First Female Anchorperson, Tackle Back-to-Back Marathons!



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Karachi: In an impressive feat for Pakistan, I, Muhammad Yousuf, along with Mona Khan, the country's first female anchorperson and athlete, successfully completed the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon. Together, we secured the A-category medal, making us proud representatives of Pakistan on the international stage. Completing back-to-back marathons is no easy task, and our determination to excel in both the Toronto and upcoming Italy marathons showcases our unwavering commitment to our sport. Last year, we made headlines as the first Pakistanis to represent the nation in the Athens Marathon, further proving our dedication to promoting Pakistan's athletic talent globally. As we prepare for our next challenge in Italy, both Mona and I continue to inspire others with our resilience and passion for running, uplifting the Pakistani community in sports.

Hussain says Pakistan have found 'kryptonite to Bazball'

SPORTS DESK

LONDON: Nasser Hussain said Pakistan had found the "kryptonite to Bazball" after wrapping up a 2-1 series win over England with an emphatic nine-wicket victory in Rawalpindi on Saturday.

England were beaten inside three days after suffering a dramatic collapse where they lost their last seven wickets for 46 runs. All 20 England wickets fell to spinners for the second match in a row as Pakistan, thrashed by an innings and 47 runs in first Test, completed an impressive recovery.

Hussain, a former England captain, said Pakistan had "exposed England when the ball spins" and demonstrated that "when it spins and when it's gripping, England don't play spin as

well or bowl spin as well as Pakistan".

England, under coach Brendon McCullum and captain Ben Stokes, have become known for their aggressive 'Bazball' style in Test cricket, particularly when batting, as they showed while compiling a mammoth 823-7 on a flat surface in the series opener in Multan.

But it was a very different story as spinners Noman Ali and Sajid Khan, who did not feature in the first Test, took 39 of the 40 England wickets that fell in the next two matches.

"They (Pakistan) made a real, drastic change, new selectors, different pitches completely - as in they used the Multan pitch again, complete turn, came here [Rawalpindi], made it turn -- and they found the kryptonite to Bazball," said Hussain.



Pakistan captain Mohammad Rizwan and Vice Captain Agha Salman alongside the PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi and selection committee member Aqib Javed and Azhar Ali.

PCB announces Mohammad Rizwan as captain for white-ball cricket

SPORTS DESK

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Sunday announced wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan as captain and batting all-rounder Agha Salman as the vice-captain of the cricket team for the white-ball format.

The decision came after former captain Babar Azam announced on X platform on October 2 that he was stepping down as Pakistan's One-day International and T20 skipper, saying he wanted to focus on his playing role.

The national selection committee was tasked with finding the next white-ball captain following Azam's resignation from the position.

While speaking to the media in Lahore, PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi announced Rizwan and Salman as the captain and vice-captain of the cricket team for the one-day international and T20 international, respectively.

Earlier in the day, the cricket board had announced the squad for the upcoming matches against Australia and Zimbabwe.

According to Pakistan's squad, the skipper Rizwan was not included in the T20 line-up against Zimbabwe.

"Our selection committee has worked hard," Naqvi said. "They went through every case and a final list has been issued today."

The chairman added that the committee met on Saturday night to finalise the squads for upcoming tours of Australia and Zimbabwe.

Naqvi then spoke about Azam, calling him an "asset" for Pakistan.

"Players like this only emerge after a long time," the chairman said. "He reached out to me about stepping down as captain, but nobody from the PCB contacted him."

"He took advice from his coaches and then told me that he did want to continue as captain," Naqvi said. "He

wants to focus on his game and we all want him to regain his form."

The chairman added that after Azam relinquished his captaincy, the PCB started internal consultations with the five selection committee members and five mentors.

"There was a nearly unanimous opinion that Rizwan should be the captain after Babar and Salman should be vice-captain," he said. "They were already in talks with selectors and after that, I met Rizwan yesterday as well."

"I wish them the best and pray for their success," Naqvi said, adding that the board needs to "promote young talent and respect domestic cricket". He appreciated the work of the selection committee during the test series against England, stating they "worked non-stop for two days at a time".

"No doubt the team performed but this selection committee is also behind these victories, it's important to appreciate them," Naqvi said, adding that the committee, captain and coach will "make a good combination and play these upcoming series".

Selection committee member Aqib Javed said, "There is no such formula (for winning) ... we should use our home advantage. He said that the team plays "different cricket" whether at home or away, or playing red-ball or white-ball. "I see a good future for white-ball cricket as well," he added.

Rizwan said that during the recent Champions Cup, there was an observable difference between senior and young players.

"Currently as I have gotten in, the selectors, team management and mentors are all on one page to work towards developing our young talent and that's the best thing."

"It is our biggest priority to bring our young talent to the international level," the newly appointed skipper said.

Haaland fires City to top of Premier League, Villa held

SPORTS DESK

LONDON: Erling Haaland fired Manchester City to the top of the Premier League as the striker sealed a 1-0 win against Southampton, while third-placed Aston Villa were frustrated by Bournemouth's last-gasp leveller on Saturday.

Haaland had gone three league games without a goal but he ended that mini-drought in the first half at the Etihad Stadium.

That was enough to lift Pep Guardiola's side into first place, two points ahead of second-placed Liverpool, who can regain pole position if they win Sunday's blockbuster clash with title rivals Arsenal.

City have not lost a league game at the Etihad for two years, a run encompassing 35 games, and bottom of the table Southampton, who have only one point from nine games this season, were never likely to shatter that impressive streak.

With Jack Grealish and Jeremy Doku ruled out, Guardiola made four changes to the team that thrashed Sparta Prague in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Haaland had scored an audacious goal against Sparta and while his effort to kill off Southampton was more prosaic, it was arguably far more valuable given the context of a tense title race.

Mathews Nunes's cross reached Haaland in the fifth minute and the Norwegian showed strength and desire to get to the ball ahead his marker for a close-range strike.

City spurned several chances to increase their lead but Haaland's 14th goal in all competitions this season gave the unbeaten champions seven wins from nine league matches as they chase a fifth successive title.

Villa's hopes of pushing for the title suffered a setback as Bournemouth snatched a 1-1 draw at Villa Park.

Villa are unbeaten in the Champions League, sitting top of the table after seeing off Young Boys, Bayern Munich and Bologna. But they couldn't follow their latest European success with a domestic victory despite taking the lead in the 76th minute.

Ian Maatsen crossed and Leon Bailey teed up Ross Barkley to hook in his first goal for the club.



MANCHESTER: Erling Haaland (second L) of Manchester City falls backward as he shoots to score during the English Premier League match against Southampton at the Etihad Stadium.

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Region on edge

THE latest exchange between Israel and Iran — a shadow war that came into the open after the Oct 7 events last year — came early on Saturday, when Tel Aviv's forces hit Iranian military facilities in Tehran, as well as the provinces of Ilam and Khuzestan, which border Iraq.

Iran has downplayed Israel's aggression, saying it caused "limited damage", with reportedly four Iranian troops killed. It appears that the warmongers in Tel Aviv have listened to American calls to avoid hitting Iranian oil and nuclear facilities; an attack on such installations would have had horrific consequences for the entire region.

Yet this does not take away from the fact that Israel indulged in a highly condemnable act of violating another country's sovereignty — sadly, it has been displaying such behaviour for decades. The attack, unlike previous ones, has been acknowledged by Israel, and was meant as retribution for Iran's missile barrage targeting the Zionist state on Oct 2. That Iranian action had been triggered by the killings of Ismail Haniyeh and Hassan Nasrallah, as well as the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The Israeli aggression has been followed by global calls for de-escalation. The US and UK have sanctimoniously lectured Iran not to target Israel further. Iran's Arab neighbours have condemned the attacks, as has Pakistan, with the Foreign Office saying "Israel bears full responsibility for the current cycle of escalation". The Pentagon has also reaffirmed America's "iron-clad" commitment to Israel's security.

Yet Iran feels that it cannot leave its allies in the 'Axis of Resistance' alone at a time when they are confronting Israel. Moreover, it should be remembered that Israel has been killing Iranian generals and scientists long before the Hamas operations last year. And the Iranian missile strikes targeting Israel in mid-April — the first time Tehran directly hit Israel — were prompted by the devastating bombing of an Iranian diplomatic facility in Damascus, widely believed to be the handiwork of Israel.

The next phase of this geopolitical tussle will depend on the Iranian reaction to the Israeli provocation. Tehran's foreign ministry has issued an ambiguous statement, observing that while the Islamic Republic wanted "regional peace", the country was "entitled ... to defend itself". Israel's Western friends, primarily the US and UK, have justified their ally's atrocities by saying that Israel has a right to self-defence. By that logic, Iran, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen also have a right to defend themselves from Israeli aggression. Most importantly, the Palestinian people have a right not to be slaughtered by Israel.

If the global community is serious about de-escalation in the region, it must call for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire in Gaza, and an end to Israel's aggression in Lebanon. Without this, the regional war underway will only intensify.

By Khawaja Farooq

Donald Trump's expected return to White House and its positive impacts



As the US presidential elections approach, surveys indicate Donald Trump is poised for victory. This article examines potential benefits of his presidency.

Economic Growth:
The previous tenure of Donald Trump as President United States showed the following achievements on the economic front:
•Record-low unemployment (3.5% in 2019)
•Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (2017)
•Deregulation and business-friendly policies
•Potential continued growth
Keeping in view his track record, the people belonging to all walks of

society are confident that Donald Trump when elected again, will not only resume his economic policies but will enforce those policies with full thrust. He is being considered as the ray of hope in the current uncertain situation of economy with special reference to unemployment and price hike.
Internal Security and Defense
The previous tenure of Donald Trump had the following key features of with regard to internal security and defense of the country:
•Military modernization and strengthening
•Border protection and immigration reform
•Homeland security enhancements

•Counter-terrorism efforts

Like his previous measures for the internal security and defense, Donald Trump is expected to further strengthen the country against all internal and external threats for the peace and harmony of the United States.

Global Stability
In his last tenure in White House, Donald Trump had taken the following bold steps for the international peace.

•Military withdrawal from regional conflicts (Iraq, Afghanistan)
•Conflict resolution focus
•Reduced US involvement in Middle East conflicts
•Potential prevention of another world war

Keeping in view his straight forward personality, people are expecting Donald Trump to make immediate and key decisions to bring and end to the expanding war in the Middle East, Ukraine and other parts of the world. Muslim voters are eagerly waiting for Donald Trump



to sort out the long outstanding issue of Palestine Israel conflict towards a permanent solution. Muslim Voters and Pakistani Community Support

Trump's stance resonates with some Muslim voters. Pakistani community hopes for support in addressing Imran Khan's political victimization as during his last tenure Donald Trump had declared Imran Khan as his friend and US-Pakistan relations potentially improved.

Conclusion
While opinions vary, Trump's potential presidency offers promising outcomes. Economic growth, enhanced security, global stability, and strategic partnerships make a compelling case for support.

By Ahmed Bilal Mehboob

Unpacking the amendment

SUCCESSIVE governments and parliaments in Pakistan have appeared obsessed with constitutional amendments related to the judiciary, especially the superior judiciary. Our parliament has so far passed 23 constitutional amendments.

Formally these are counted as 26 despite the fact that three (the ninth constitutional amendment of 1985, the 11th of 1989 and the 15th of 1998) were introduced but never passed. Out of these 23 amendments, a majority of 13 or 56 per cent have to do entirely or partly with the judiciary. Eight amendments almost exclusively deal with the judiciary, while the remaining five are a mixed bag with a number of subjects including the judiciary. In stark contrast, India's parliament has passed 106 constitutional amendments so far and only 11 or a little over 10pc deal with the judiciary.

These amendments passed in Pakistan can be viewed in the context of the ever-present power tussle between the executive and the judiciary. Since the executive is a subset of parliament in a parliamentary democracy practised in Pakistan, and a majority of parliamentarians are associated with the executive, parliament and its committees do not exercise any real oversight of the executive. The majority ruling party or parties expect their parliamentarians to go soft on their government during the proceedings of the plenary and standing committees; almost always, the members seem to oblige. In such a scenario, the only other institution which can and should independently hold the federal and provincial governments to account is the judiciary, especially the high courts and the Supreme Court. Most governments are, therefore, keen on finding a way to blunt the judicial weapon of accountability — hence, such a large percentage of judiciary-related constitutional amendments in Pakistan.

To be fair, however, it has not always been the judiciary on the receiving end; there are times when the judiciary also apparently 'encroaches' on the turfs of parliament and the executive. This description was used by Asif Saeed Khosa, a former chief justice of

Pakistan, who repeatedly pleaded for a 'grand dialogue' to check encroachment by the judiciary, parliament, the executive, the military and intelligence agencies in each other's domain.

It was the Supreme Court which endorsed the death sentence of former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1979. It was also the same apex court, of course comprising different judges, which declared in 2024 that Mr Bhutto was not given a fair trial by the Lahore High Court and the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court also sacked two elected prime ministers of Pakistan; Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani in 2011 and Nawaz Sharif in 2017 on grounds largely believed to be less than legitimate. Chief justice Saqib Nisar's Supreme Court went on to disqualify Nawaz Sharif for life and to hold him ineligible to head his party the PML-N, although there was no such provision in the Constitution. Justice Umar Ata Bandial's Supreme Court grossly misinterpreted the constitutional provision of Article 63-A about the defection of parliamentarians. All such judgments had to be later reversed. The Supreme Court is also criticised for upholding four grossly unconstitutional acts of dismissal of elected governments and military takeover.

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This is the background against which the 26th Amendment was proposed and eventually passed by parliament. The bill was first introduced in the Senate on Sunday, Oct 20, and the hectic process of going through the first, second and third readings continued till a little before midnight. The process concluded in the National Assembly in the early hours of Monday, Oct 21. The president assented to the law and the Act of Parliament was notified in the Gazette of Pakistan the same day.

The bill could be partly categorised as 'reactive' to the real or perceived 'encroachment' by the judiciary and partly 'preventive' to forestall possible future acts of the judiciary, which may threaten the existence of the current government and National Assembly, with some ministers saying on media

that they expected such action by a section of the judiciary after the retirement of chief justice Qazi Faez Isa on Oct 25, 2024. This explains the indecent haste with which the package of constitutional amendments was rushed through the two houses of parliament.

The 26th Amendment has either amended, substituted, or added 25 articles and one schedule of the Constitution out of which only nine articles deal with subjects other than the judiciary. Three of the amended articles deal with religious provisions and may be categorised as 'riders' using the American slang for amendments incorporated to win the support of more legislators and political parties for the package. These three amendments were proposed by Maulana Fazalur Rehman's JUI-F.

The most important changes introduced in the Constitution through the amendment include the appointment of the Supreme Court chief justice through a 12-member parliamentary committee, instead of the senior-most judge of the court automatically becoming the top judge; the retirement of the chief justice at the age of 65 or on completing a three-year term, whichever occurs first; the introduction of constitutional benches in the apex

court to be constituted by the Judicial Commission from time to time and in the high courts, subject to the approval of the respective provincial assemblies; reconstitution of the 13-member Judicial Commission after merging the erstwhile parliamentary committee in it; an annual performance evaluation of high court judges by the Judicial Commission; provision for a secretariat headed by a secretary for the commission; and lowering the minimum age to qualify for becoming a high court judge from 45 to 40 years.

These amendments, no doubt, increase the influence of the legislature and the executive in key aspects of the judiciary. Will the legislative and executive branches use the newly acquired powers maturely and strictly on the basis of merit, or allow personal and political considerations to colour their judgments? The jury is out on this question.

DAILY MIRROR

Backdoor to power shut after constitutional tweaks: Rana Sanaullah

"After the constitutional amendment, Pakistan will not be harmed by these sneaky ways," says PM adviser

NEWS DESK

LAHORE: Rana Sanaullah, the prime minister's adviser on political affairs, has said that the recently passed constitutional amendment has shut the backdoor to power.

"After the [26th] constitutional amendment, Pakistan will not be harmed by these sneaky ways," he said, while addressing a presser in Lahore after a meeting of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), on Sunday.

Praising the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the politician said that the country had dodged an economic crisis due to the premier's tireless efforts.

The Shehbaz Sharif-led government, with the assistance of allies including the PPP, passed the contentious legislation in both the lower and upper houses of parliament, which changed the procedure for the appointment of the chief

justice of Pakistan (CJP), fixed the post's tenure, and formed constitutional benches.

Following the legal reforms, the seniority rule for the CJP appointment was also removed from the Constitution. After the 26th Amendment, the selection of the next chief justice will no longer be based solely on seniority, and instead, the choice will be made among the three most senior judges of the Supreme Court.

A 12-member special parliamentary committee will decide on the chief justice's nomination with a two-thirds majority. The committee will then forward the selected name to the prime minister, who will send the nomination to the president for final approval.

The legislation was strongly opposed by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) which announced challenging its passage in the SC, calling it an "attack" on the country's judicial system.

Reacting to the announcement earlier this week, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar asserted that an amendment, carried out by parliament with a two-thirds majority, cannot be challenged in any court.

The federal minister added that Article 239 of the Constitution of Pakistan empowers the parliament to amend the Constitution or carry out legislation with a two-thirds majority.

"Its clause 5 clearly states that the amendments to the Constitution of Pakistan cannot be challenged in any court," Tarar said.

Clause 5 of Article 239 states, "No amendment of the Constitution shall be called in question in any court on any ground whatsoever."

He also cited clause 6 which states, "For the removal of doubt, it is hereby declared that there is no limitation whatever on the power of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) to amend any of the provisions of the Constitution."



Activists of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) are holding rally to express solidarity with Kashmiri people and condemn brutality of Indian Army in Kashmir on the occasion of Black Day of Kashmir, in Quetta

Kashmir will be liberated through jihad, not slogans and advertisements: Hafiz Naem

NEWS DESK

LAHORE: Hafiz Naem-ur-Rehman, Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, has stated that Kashmir will not be freed through slogans and advertisements but through jihad.

Addressing a gathering at Mansoorah, Lahore, Hafiz Naem urged the audience to dedicate their wealth and lives in the path of Allah, aiming to bring about revolution through every possible effort.

He highlighted that many have sacrificed their lives for the Palestinian and Kashmiri causes.

Referring to Syed Ali Gilani, he noted that half of Gilani's life was spent in prison, and his sacrifices were aimed at fulfilling Pakistan's independence.

He also mentioned the assassination of Yahya Sinwar, stating that Israel and America fear such sacrifices. Despite turning Gaza into rubble, Israel could not break the spirit and strength of Gaza and Hamas, with Palestinians standing firm. While Palestine has yet to gain freedom, Hafiz Naem expressed hope for a new dawn with the bloodshed endured by Ismail Haniyeh's family.

Hafiz Naem, asserted that a mere advertisement on October 27 cannot absolve the government of its responsibility towards Kashmir.

"Rights cannot be granted to Kashmiris through phone messages; Kashmir will only be freed through jihad. If dialogue were the solution, the issue would have been resolved long ago," he stated.

He called on both the government and military to clarify their stance on Kashmir, urging for action rather than slogans.

He further criticised powerful nations, noting that they support occupying forces, and accused American and Indian authorities of deceiving the global community. "Those who fight for freedom are labelled as terrorists," he said, highlighting the double standards of international powers. Hafiz Naem, voiced strong opposition to those advocating friendship with Indian Prime Minister Modi, calling on the nation to hold such figures accountable. Referring to Nawaz Sharif, he questioned, "Why speak of strengthening ties with India without Kashmiri freedom? Why not focus on fostering relations with Afghanistan instead?"

NDMA dispatches relief consignments for Gaza, Lebanon

ONLINE

Islamabad: On the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, National Disaster Management Authority has scaled up humanitarian aid to the war-affected people of Gaza and Lebanon.

NDMA dispatched 15th and 16th humanitarian relief assistance consignments carrying 100 tons each of winterized tents and blankets from Islamabad to Amman for people of Gaza and to Beirut for people of Lebanon.

The send-off ceremony held at Islamabad International Airport was attended by Members of Parliament, Palestinian Ambassador to Pakistan Zuhair M. H. Darzaid, Lebanese Ambassador to Pakistan Ghassan Khatib and representatives from NDMA, Foreign Office and Armed Forces.

On the occasion, the Parliamentarians reaffirmed the government's commitment to support their Lebanese and Palestinian brethren in distress.

In total 1,598 tons of relief items have been dispatched so far to war affected people of Gaza and Lebanon.

Ambassadors of Palestine and Lebanon extended profound gratitude to

the Government and people of Pakistan for their unwavering humanitarian assistance during our times of need. The Palestinian Ambassador remarked that the generosity and compassion demonstrated by Pakistan serves as a beacon of hope and a testament to our shared commitment to peace and justice for people of Gaza.

The Lebanese Ambassador highlighted that the humanitarian assistance from Pakistan has been instrumental in providing much-needed relief items among war affected people.

Earlier, the NDMA dispatched 14th consignment of aid from Karachi for the war-affected people of Gaza and Lebanon.

The shipment comprised approximately 17 tons of supplies, including tents, food tins, dry milk, clothes and hygiene kits.

Minister for Maritimes Affairs Qaisar Ahmed Sheikh who was present on the occasion, emphasized the urgent need to provide relief to the war-affected populations of Palestine and Lebanon.

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Muaqam leads rally on Kashmir Black Day, urges UN to fulfill promise

INP

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Engineer Amir Muaqam, on Sunday led a rally in the Federal capital on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day to express solidarity with the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Addressing to rally participants here, he reminded the people of October 27, 1947, when Indian forces entered Jammu and Kashmir illegally, stating, "No Pakistani can forget this day."

He honored the courage of Kashmiris who, after 77 years, continued their struggle for self-determination.

He highlighted the sacrifices made, with over 97,000 martyrs, countless widows, and orphaned children.

The minister expressed disappointment with international human rights organizations, calling on the United Nations to address what he termed as genocide in Kashmir. Engineer Amir Muaqam urged the UN to fulfill its commitment to

resolve the Kashmir issue per its own resolutions, allowing Kashmiris their right to self-determination.

He said Pakistan has always been a staunch advocate of this indigenous right of Kashmiris living in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and has always supported them in this just struggle.

He stated that recent elections in occupied Kashmir revealed the reality of India's narrative and urged India to consider this election as a referendum against its rule. Commending Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif for raising the Kashmir and Palestine issues at the UN General Assembly in September 2024, Amir Muaqam reassured that Pakistan will continue to support Kashmir's political, diplomatic, and moral cause until Kashmiris achieve their right to self-determination.

He also praised Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for their efforts in organizing and highlighting this important day.

Qureshi urges UN to ensure implementation of SC resolutions on Kashmir

INP

LONDON: Nazir Ahmed Qureshi, patron of Kashmir Campaign Global and founder of World Kashmir Freedom Movement, termed India's occupation of Jammu and Kashmir on October 27, 1947, as a "dark stain" on India's forehead.

According to Kashmir Media Service, in a statement issued in London, Qureshi called October 27, 1947, the "blackest day" in human history, when Indian forces began their reign of terror, massacre, and illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir, perpetuating a cycle of violence that continues today.

Qureshi emphasized that India's actions defied the principles of the Partition of the Subcontinent and disregarded Kashmiri aspirations. However, Kashmiris remain resolute in their resistance, seeking international recognition.

The Kashmir issue, Qureshi stressed, poses a significant threat to regional and global peace, being an atomic flash-point. He urged the United Nations to intervene, ensuring Kashmiris' right to self-determination.

Black Day of Kashmir Observed in Hub District, Rally Held

APP

QUETTA: Like other parts of the country, October 27 was observed as a black day in solidarity with the Kashmiri brothers in Balochistan and in this connection a rally was organized on the direction of District Administration Hub.

The participants of the rally holding banners and placards chanted slogans against Indian atrocity in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), said a news release.

The participants of the rally strongly condemned the cruelty and violence against the Kashmiri people and reiterate their determination to continue supporting their right to self-determination.

They said that October 27, 1947 is a dark day in the history as 77 years ago, India deployed forces in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and started atrocities on the Kashmiri people. Chairman Balochistan Fishermen Cooperative Society Mir Ali Akbar Zehri said that India is committing genocide of the oppressed Kashmiri people and more than 50,000 Kashmiris have sacrificed their lives in the struggle for freedom and the right to self-determination.

IPP resolves to uplift country at any cost: Aleem Khan

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) resolved on Sunday to uplift the country at any cost.

According to details, the privatisation minister had presided over the meeting of the IPP in Lahore. On this occasion, Aleem Khan said: "It is already a big success that four members in the NA and four in the provincial assembly are representing the IPP."

"We [IPP] will continue to play a role in terms of fulfilling our national duty," he said.

Acknowledging that the "ups and downs" are part of the politics, Aleem Khan said: "The politics is not like a T20 format in cricket. But rather a Test match, where one needs to play long innings."

"IPP will continue to play its role in the country's political landscape in a positive way," he stated.

He urged the IPP leadership to ensure the mobilization of the party in every district at the level of the union council.

"Where the organizational structure is

complete, I will visit there at the district headquarter," he stated.

Earlier on Saturday, Aleem Khan acknowledged on Saturday his party's role in approving the 26th constitutional amendment in the parliament.

According to details, the privatisation minister had presided over the central executive committee meeting of the IPP. On this occasion, Aleem Khan said: "The IPP had played a substantial role in the National Assembly pertaining to the constitutional amendment."

He vowed to play his role for strengthening his party and leading the country towards stability.

Stressing the need for stability in the country, Aleem Khan said: "There is a dire need to ensure the stability in the country."

"The IPP will also mobilize in Punjab in the same way it is in the center," he said.

It was also decided during the meeting that the IPP will take part in the local body elections from every city.

Aleem Khan vowed to address the masses' problems.



United Business Group (UBG) Patron-in-Chief, S. M. Tanveer along with Ghulam Farooq Khilji, leading entrepreneur of Pakistan addressing a press conference, at Aria Hospital in Quetta.

India has long history of oppression in Held Kashmir: Azam Nazeer Tarar

APP

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar has said that the Black Day served as a solemn reminder of the tragic events of 1947, when Indian forces unlawfully invaded Srinagar, marking the beginning of a long history of oppression, detentions and tyranny against the innocent people of the region.

Since then, India has consistently violated the human rights of the Kashmiri people in the occupied territory, he said in a message on the Kashmir Black Day on Sunday.

Today, the minister said Pakistan observes Black Day to protest India's

illegal occupation and to urge the international community to honor its commitments under the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, which affirm the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

The federal minister further highlighted that India continued to commit severe human rights

abuses and imposes oppressive laws to tighten its grip over Kashmir's land and resources.

Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar called on the global community to press India to end these egregious violations and stressed the urgent need for the implementation of UN resolutions to peacefully resolve the Kashmir issue.

October 27 is the day of renewal of pledge to Kashmiri people: Samina Zehri

APP

QUETTA: The people of Occupied Kashmir are resisting every conspiracy of India. The day of October 27 holds a very important place in the history of Kashmir.

These views were expressed by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee Senate on Human Rights, Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri in a statement regarding the Black Day against the Indian illegal possession of Kashmir. She said that we will continue to struggle until the achievement.

Indian conspiracies and tactics to crush the struggle for self-determination of Kashmiris have failed. The cases of extra-judicial killings in Occupied Kashmir have increased to an alarming extent. Martyring in competitions, India is plotting to change the demography of Occupied Kashmir.

Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri said that the people of Occupied Kashmir are struggling to gain independence from India and are resisting every conspiracy of India.

She has said that Pakistan has always exposed all the brutal actions of India and will continue to expose Indian atrocities against Kashmiris to the world and the struggle will continue until the right to self-determination is achieved.

Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri further said that Pakistan has raised the voice of Kashmiris in every forum of the world. She said that the support of the movement of the oppressed Kashmiris for the right to self-determination will be voiced in every forum. Pakistan has presented the dossier related to Indian brutal actions in Occupied Kashmir to the world.

Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri said the world should take immediate notice of the alarming situation of human rights in Occupied Kashmir.

The international community should ensure the implementation of the Security Council resolutions related to the right to self-determination. We will continue to support Kashmiris in every forum of the world for the freedom of Kashmir.

She said that we hope that the government of Pakistan will bring the struggle for self-determination of Kashmiris to the world even more strongly and vigorously. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri appealed to the United Nations and other human rights organizations to play a positive and strong role in liberating the Kashmiris from India's oppression so the Kashmiri people can exercise their right to self-determination.



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar Visit Sheikh Zayed Hospital.