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## Saudi Arabia is our closest ally; any propaganda against them is treachery: PM Shehbaz

Premier warns propaganda against Saudi Arabia harms national interest, urging strong opposition to such actions

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif commended Saudi Arabia for its unwavering financial, economic, and diplomatic support to Pakistan over the years, noting that the Kingdom has never sought anything in return.

Speaking at the restoration ceremony of the Kachhi Canal in Taunsa on Friday, he stressed that recent statements made against Saudi Arabia are deeply antagonistic and detrimental to Pakistan.

Expressing gratitude to Saudi Arabia, he reiterated, "Saudi Arabia is a brotherly country whose support for Pakistan deserves the highest praise. The Kingdom has stood by Pakistan unconditionally through every government."

PM Shehbaz warned against the recent wave of propaganda targeting Saudi Arabia, stating that such actions are against the national interest.

He urged the nation to counter these efforts, saying,

"Our people will not tolerate any propaganda that compromises the integrity of our ties with Saudi Arabia."

He concluded by reaffirming that Saudi

Arabia's relationship with Pakistan remains essential, underscoring the historical alliance and Saudi Arabia's steadfast support for Pakistan through all administrations.

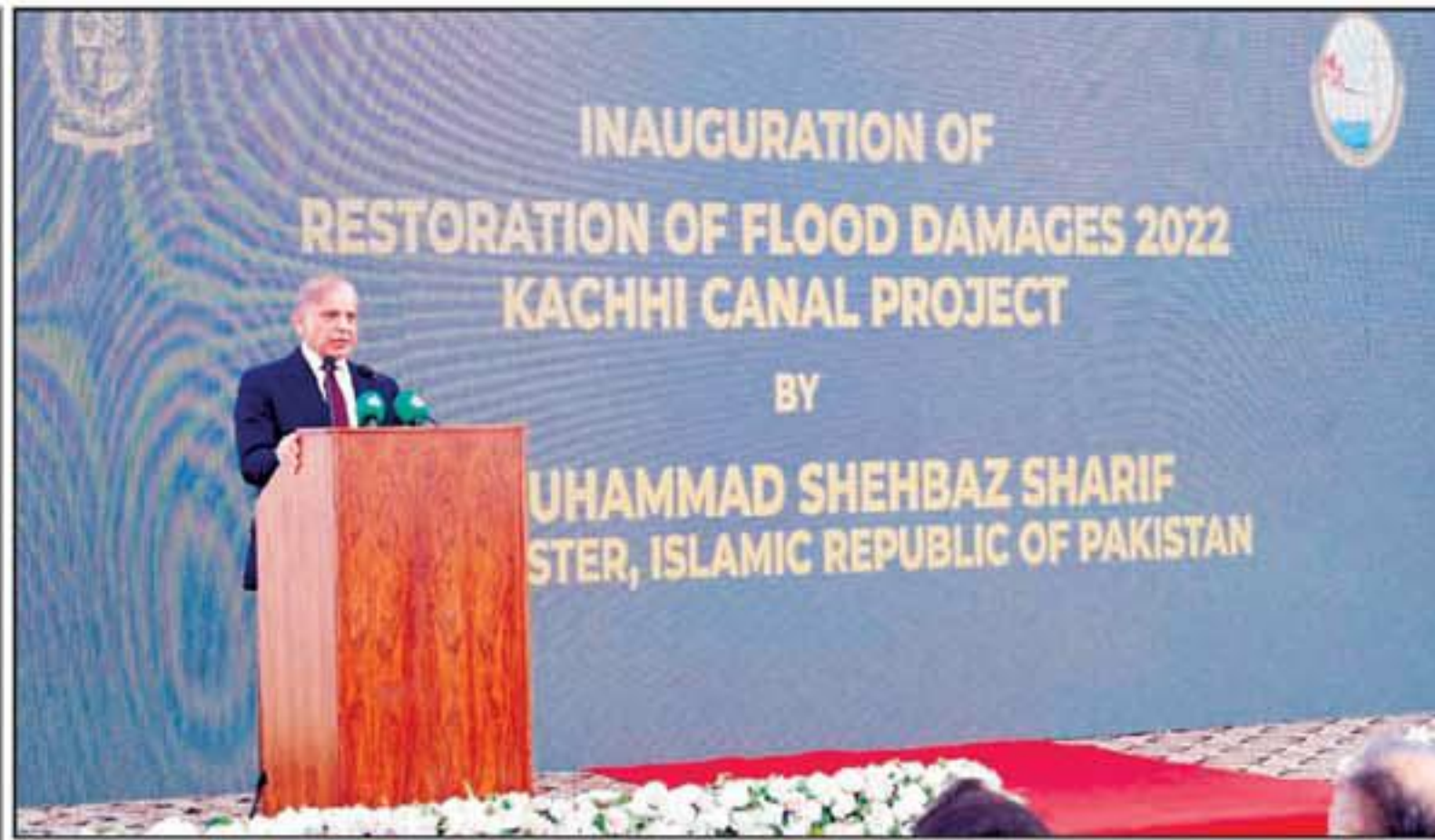
Meanwhile, PM Shehbaz criticised the handling of the Kachhi Canal project during General (retd) Pervez Musharraf's regime, claiming it was poorly executed and handed over to contractors without a transparent tender process.

"Everyone is witness to how ruthlessly national resources were squandered. When the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) returned to power, we ensured the canal's completion in 2018," he stated.

However, he mentioned that the devastating floods of 2022 caused significant damage to the canal,

making it essential to restore and complete the project again. Credit for the latest reconstruction, he said, goes to the WAPDA chairman and Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, who have overseen the canal's rehabilitation.

The PM described the completion of the second phase of the Kachhi Canal project as a "challenge," stressing its importance in irrigating parched and barren lands in Dera Bugti and other arid areas.



Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz addresses the inaugural ceremony of restoration of Kachhi Canal.

## Army's top priority to thwart evil intentions of hostile actors: COAS

COAS Munir visits Peshawar Corps, reviews security and counter-terrorism efforts

APP

PESHAWAR: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir visited Peshawar Corps in line with the decisions made by the Apex Committee, according to a statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

During the visit, General Munir was given a comprehensive briefing on the regional security situation and ongoing counter-terrorism operations.

The meeting was attended by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister and senior field commanders, reflecting a collaborative approach to addressing security challenges.

The Army Chief paid tribute to the martyrs and ghazis (veterans), highlighting their sacrifices as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the

armed forces and law enforcement agencies. "These sacrifices are the cornerstone of our resolve to defend the motherland and ensure peace," he said.

General Munir appreciated the high morale and readiness of the troops to address threats, reaffirming the Pakistan Army's determination to root out terrorism and eliminate elements harming national security. "The coordinated operations with law enforcement agencies will continue until long-term stability and security are ensured," he added.

The COAS emphasized the importance of collective national efforts in combating terrorism, reiterating that thwarting the plans of hostile elements remains a top priority.

Upon his arrival in Peshawar, General Munir was welcomed by the Corps Commander.

## Seven Khawarijs killed in Bannu, Balochistan IBOs

INP

RAWALPINDI: In a successful intelligence-based operation in Bannu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, on November 22, security forces neutralized three terrorists and injured two others.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the operation targeted a terrorist hideout following credible information about their presence.

The weapons, ammunition and explosives were recovered from the slain terrorists, who were involved in numerous attacks against security forces and innocent civilians.

The ISPR stated that clearance operations are ongoing to eliminate any remaining threats in the area.

In Awaran district, an intelligence-based operation led to the killing of two high-value terrorists identified as Niaz alias Ghuman and Zarif alias Shah Jahan during an intense exchange of fire.

In a separate operation in Dera Bugti district, another terrorist was eliminated. The security forces also killed another terrorist during a similar operation in Kech district.

The ISPR confirmed that the neutralized terrorists were involved in numerous attacks on security forces and the killing of innocent civilians.

## President, PM Pay Tribute to Security Forces for IBOs in Balochistan

APP

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday paid tribute to the security forces for successful intelligence-based anti-terrorist operations in Awaran, Dera Bugti and Kech areas of Balochistan.

The president and prime minister, in their separately issued statements, appreciated the bravery of the security forces who killed four terrorists in the operations including three most-wanted terrorists.

"We will not allow the terrorists to disrupt the peace and development process in Balochistan. We will not let them succeed in their evil designs," the president said and reiterated the nation's resolve for continuous anti-terror operations.

The prime minister, reiterating his government's undeterred resolve to wipe out terrorism, said, "The entire nation feels proud of its security forces. We will continue to thwart the nefarious designs of the enemies of humanity."

## Ziarat to be Introduced International Tourist Destination of Country: CM Bugti

APP

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Friday said that in the next two years, Ziarat would be introduced as a unique, international and national tourist destination of the country.

He shared these views while chairing a review meeting on Ziarat Development Authority (ZDA) at the Chief Minister Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Provincial Minister for food Noor Muhammad Dummer, Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Imran Zarkoon, Additional Chief Secretary Development and Planning Hafiz Abdul Basit, Secretary Finance Babar Khan, Secretary Forest Noor Ahmed Pirani, Additional Secretary Chief Minister Secretariat Muhammad Faridoo, Project Director Ziarat Development Authority and other relevant officials.

The meeting was briefed on the performance of Ziarat Development Authority and proposed projects.

The meeting decided in principle to invite proposals from international and national firms to formulate a feasible plan to make Ziarat an eco-friendly tourist destination of Pakistan.

The meeting also decided to use the additional government rest houses and buildings in Ziarat under public-private partnership (PPP) so that the buildings reserved for dignitaries can be utilized to increase government resources

which can be made effective under the PPP mode.

Addressing at the meeting, CM Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that the Ziarat Development Authority would be made an active institution free from political influence, no political figure could interfere in it, nor would any government official be allowed to take commission.

All political figures voluntarily reiterated that there will be no interference in the Ziarat Development Authority for any work against merit and the Ziarat Development Authority will work as a self-governing institution, he said.

The Chief Minister said that in the next two years, Ziarat would be introduced as a unique tourist destination of the country.

The Ziarat Development Authority should ensure merit and transparency at all levels and provide all the required resources, he said.

The CM directed the Forest Department to prepare comprehensive recommendations related to the protection of forests and wildlife and align them with the planned development projects of Ziarat.

"Along with this, alternative energy sources should be provided to the residents of Ziarat to ensure the protection of valuable pine forests", he maintained.

The CM directed that necessary amendments should be proposed in the Act to empower and organize the Ziarat Development Authority that it should be vetted by the Law Department and presented to the Cabinet for approval.

## One policeman injured in Quetta's Police van attack

INP

QUETTA: In a tragic turn of events, one police officer was injured in an explosion near a police mobile in Balochistan's capital, Quetta.

A police van was attacked with a grenade in west by-pass brewery chowk in Quetta, according to Police.

Rescue and Police teams reached the explosion site after getting information of the incident.

As per Rescue sources, the injured police officer was shifted to hospital for medical aid.

Security forces and bomb disposal squad are present at the incident spot and collecting evidences from the explosion site.

## Non-bailable arrest warrants for Bushra Bibi issued

INP

ISLAMABAD: An accountability court in Islamabad has issued non-bailable arrest warrants for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi in 190 million pounds reference.

The court on Friday issued the arrest warrants for Bushra Bibi for non-appearance in the court during hearing of the case at Adiala Jail.

Meanwhile, Special Judge Central Sharukh Arjumand has issued Robkar for the release of Imran Khan in Toshakhana-II case after he was granted bail.

The PTI founder submitted the Rs1 million surety bond on Friday after which the judge issued the Robkar.

## Planning Minister directs to timely complete PSDP projects

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has directed to develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure the timely completion of all ongoing PSDP projects.

Chairing a meeting to assess the progress of Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) projects for 2024-25, in Islamabad today, he emphasized that PSDP projects are not only have importance for national development but also essential for public welfare.

The Minister said the government is committed to prioritizing development initiatives in Balochistan. These include N-25 dualization of the Khuzdar-Kuchlak section of National Highway, the dualization and rehabilitation of the Karachi-Quetta-Chaman road from Karachi- Karoro & Wadh- Khuzdar, and the dualization of Karoro- Wadh Section and Kuchlak-Chaman Section at a total cost of 224 billion rupees.

Other projects of M-8 include the construction of the Hoshab-Awaran-Khuzdar Section-II and Hoshab-Awaran-Kiwzer Package-I, Construction of the Gwadar-Ratodero road project and construction of Wangu Hills Tunnel at a total cost of 96 billion rupees. He highlighted the importance of prioritizing projects nearing completion. He directed that projects with eighty percent completion status be expedited with the necessary funding. Externally funded projects should also be completed promptly to create place for new projects in the next PSDP. Ahsan Iqbal said the upcoming PSDP for the next fiscal year will be aligned with the "5Es" framework and the objectives of the five-year development plan.

## Gen (retd) Bajwa calls Bushra's allegations against Saudi Arabia 'baseless'

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Former army chief General (retired) Qamar Javed Bajwa on Friday termed the allegations of Bushra Bibi, the wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, against Saudi Arabia as "baseless".

"National interests should not be harmed to gain political mileage by making baseless allegations," the former army chief said while speaking to Geo News.

A day earlier, Bushra Bibi issued a rare video message ahead of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) "do-or-die" protest, accusing Saudi Arabia of being involved in ousting her husband's government. She alleged that when the former prime minister went to Madina "barefoot", the then-army chief Gen (retd) started receiving "their calls", implying.

## Nobody will be allowed to stage sit-in or gathering in Islamabad: Naqvi

INP

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi has categorically stated that nobody will be allowed to stage a sit-in or gathering in Islamabad according to the high court's orders.

Talking to the media in the Federal Capital today, he said the Islamabad High Court, in its orders, has very clearly stated that there is no permission to hold a gathering, rally, march, or sit-in.

Mohsin Naqvi said the government is duty-bound to implement the orders of the

Islamabad High Court in letter and spirit.

Responding to a question, the Interior Minister said no application seeking permission for the protest demonstration on Sunday has so far been received. He said action will be taken against the violators of the law and Section 144.

Answering another question, he said those who violate the Islamabad High Court's orders will be responsible for the consequences.

It is to be noted that incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan has given a call for countrywide protests on November 24.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti while chairing a review meeting on Ziarat Development Authority (ZDA) at the Chief Minister Secretariat.

## 'Govt has no contact with PTI, nor are any negotiations ongoing': Khawaja Asif

"There is a rift between PTI members, with some wanting Imran Khan to remain in jail," Defence Minister claims

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Defence Minister, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, has said that the government is not in contact with the opposition party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), and that no negotiations are ongoing with them.

Speaking at a press conference in Islamabad, Khawaja Asif added that certain members within PTI do not want the party's founder, Imran Khan, to be released from prison.

"There is no communication between the government and PTI, nor are there any negotiations taking place," Asif stated, highlighting internal divisions within the party. "There is a rift between PTI members, with some wanting Imran Khan to remain in jail," he added.

Khawaja Asif also criticised PTI for what he termed "hypocrisy," particularly in reference to a controversial incident involving the wife of Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi.

Khawaja Asif accused her of selling a gift that had been

given by Saudi Arabia, calling the act "disgraceful" while also pointing out that Pakistan has significant religious, cultural, and economic ties with the kingdom.

"The statement made by Bushra Bibi about Saudi Arabia was unfortunate," Khawaja Asif said.

"She sold the watch given by the same country that Pakistan shares strong historical ties with, including a large number of workers in Saudi Arabia and remittances sent from there."

The minister also mentioned that PTI is embroiled in a "family feud," with several party members, including three women, at odds with Bushra Bibi.

Khawaja Asif further said, "An audio of Peerni Sahiba is also available, in which she is scolding the staff regarding the movement of goods. The reality is that she took a gift, misquoted its value, and deposited a small amount into the national treasury. Those who make false claims about religion and faith have children raised by Zionists. The same people

who criticise the Bhutto and Sharif families for political dynasties are themselves engaging in hereditary politics and fighting among the heirs. Never before has Pakistani politics sunk to such a low."

Khawaja Asif remarked that PTI's leadership has shown a lack of moral and political integrity, and accused them of using divisive tactics to salvage their dwindling political standing.

Asif further criticised PTI for its approach to politics, accusing the party of hypocrisy on issues like corruption, and alleging that the party's leadership has fallen into a "moral bankruptcy."

On the security front, Khawaja Asif condemned the ongoing violence in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, calling for the provincial government to tackle terrorism. He remarked on the provincial leadership's tendency to target the federal government while ignoring its responsibilities towards local security.

## Sindh Governor invites Investors of Oman to Explore Investment Opportunities in Sindh

APP

KARACHI: The Governor of Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori hosted a meeting at Governor House with the Consul General of Oman, Eng Sami Abdullah Al Khanjari, accompanied by a six-member delegation of investors.

The discussion revolved around enhancing Pakistan-Oman bilateral relations, boosting investment and trade including the IDEAS 2024 exhibition.

The Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori extended an invitation to Omani investors to explore investment opportunities in Sindh,

emphasizing the province's attractive sectors. He highlighted Sindh's well-educated, experienced, and hardworking youth workforce as a significant

asset for prospective investments.

He further expressed Pakistan's keen interest in strengthening trade ties with Oman.

Omani Consul General Eng Sami Abdullah Al Khanjari conveyed the delegation's interest in investing across various sectors in Sindh. He acknowledged Oman's longstanding priority to support Pakistan's economic strength and defense.

He also praised IDEAS 2024 as a testament to Pakistan's capabilities and potential.

Following the meeting, Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori, alongside the Omani Consul General and the investment delegation, visited Quaid-e-Azam's Mausoleum to pay their respects.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhel in a meeting with Chief Executive Officer QESCO Balochistan Engie. Shafqat Ali.

## Govt will not tolerate any extra-constitutional measures from PTI: Ali

INP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) Prominent leader Ali Gohar Khan Baloch Friday issued a scathing ultimatum to PTI, stating that all dialogue was off the table until they offered a formal apology for their role in past violent clashes, particularly the May 9 riots.

Ali Gohar, in an interview with pvt news, sternly warned PTI that they must apologize for the May 9 unrest or face severe consequences.

"The government will not tolerate any extra-constitutional measures from PTI, and any attempt to disrupt

the rule of law will be met with firm action," Ali Gohar further reiterated.

"The relevant authorities will not hesitate to take stern measures against those who try to undermine the constitutional framework of the country," he emphasized.

"The government's top priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens while also safeguarding the dignity and sovereignty of the state," he underscored.

"PTI's confrontational approach is creating a volatile situation that could lead to further violence and instability," he warned.

Ali Gohar highlighted PTI's growing discomfort with the govern-

ment's efforts to stabilize Pakistan's economy, adding that PTI was struggling to come to terms with the government's successes in addressing the country's financial woes.

Responding to a query, Ali Gohar categorically denied any negotiations, emphasizing that PTI must apologize for its past actions and engage in talks focused on public issues.

He made it clear that there would be no National Reconciliation Ordinance

(NRO) for Imran Khan, indicating that the government would not offer any concessions or amnesty to the PTI leader.

## Gandapur declared proclaimed offender by Anti-Terrorism court

INP

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) has declared Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur a proclaimed offender.

The decision pertains to a case registered against him at Islamabad's I-9 Police Station under anti-terrorism laws.

In a written order issued by ATC Judge Tahir Abbas Supra, the court stated that the case against Gandapur has been separated from the cases against other accused. Non-bailable arrest warrants were issued for co-accused Raja Rashid Hafeez, Wasif Qayyum, Raja Khurm Nawaz, Faisal Javed, and Umar Tanvir. The lawyers for these absconding accusedó Sardar Masroof, Murtaza Tori, and Zahid Bashir Daróhad filed applications for exemption from attendance, which were rejected by the court. Their bail bonds were also cancelled. The court adjourned the hearing until November 28th. The case against PTI leader Ali Amin Gandapur, Faisal Javed, Raja Khurm, and Wasif Qayyum was registered at the I-9 police station under anti-terrorism provisions. This development follows remarks made three days prior by the Islamabad District and Sessions Courts in a separate case involving alcohol and weapons.

## Speaker NA Commends Security Forces for Successful Operation against Terrorists in Balochistan

APP

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Friday commended security forces for successful operations against terrorists in Balochistan.

Ayaz Sadiq praised the bravery and courage of security forces for their successful operations against terrorists in Awaran, Dera Bugti and Kech, said a news release.

He appreciated the security personnel for eliminating highly wanted terrorist elements and bringing them to justice.

The Speaker emphasized that the entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the security forces in the war against terrorism.

"The nation is proud of the bravery and sacrifices of our security forces," he said.



Metropolitan Corporation Deputy Director Health, Dr. Nosheen exchanging views with Roshan Khursheed Bharucha, Former Federal Minister during meeting held in Quetta.

## PPP alliance with PML-N is of compulsion, not of love: Governor Punjab

ONLINE

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Salim Haider Khan has said PPP alliance with PML-N is of compulsion rather than of love.

"If PPP becomes minus then the premiership can sustain no more. Governor is a constitutional post and in principle chief minister has to come to governor but despite it I myself went to meet Chief Minister (CM). We want things are done on merit and PPP be consulted being ally. 6 months have passed but CM neither telephoned nor she made any consultation, he said this while addressing participants of National Security Workshop under National Defence University Islamabad Friday.

I tried to make contact with CM by telephone several time but zero response came every time. Deadlock took place.

## Mohsin Naqvi announces Rs500m grant for National Police Academy

INP

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Friday said that police personnel are bound to redressal of poor man's grievances and they should adopt a positive behaviour while dealing with general public.

Mohsin expressed these views while addressing the passing-out parade of Assistant Superintendents of Police (ASIs) at National Police Academy in Islamabad.

The interior minister vowed to change National Police Academy as per the standard of Pakistan Military Academy (PMA)

Kakul.

On this occasion Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi announced a grant of Rs500 million for the National Police Academy. Mohsin Naqvi said it is the responsibility of the police to serve the people and treat them with dignity. He emphasized the importance of the police addressing the problems of the public.

The Interior Minister also expressed his commitment to transforming the National Police Academy into a world-class institution, equipped with the latest facilities. He mentioned that a task force has also been established for this purpose.



QUETTA: A police personal standing on attack site. A police officer was injured in a bomb blast near a police vehicle on the Western Bypass in Quetta on Friday.



## Bumrah leads India fightback as Australia crumble in first Test

SPORTS DESK

India roared back into the first Test against Australia on Friday after being skittled for 150, taking seven wickets in the final session to put themselves in the box seat after a riveting opening day in Perth.

At the close the hosts were in disarray on 67-7 after stand-in captain Jasprit Bumrah demolished the Australian top order in a devastating spell to end the day with 4-17.

Alex Carey was unbeaten on 19 and Mitchell Starc not-out six.

After opting to bat the visitors were blown away in their innings, no match for the hosts' lethal pace attack with Josh Hazlewood taking 4-29.

Impressive debutant Nitish Kumar Reddy (41) and flamboyant Rishabh Pant (37) showed some spirit but once again superstar Virat Kohli flopped, out for five.

"We have the advantage now and I'm hoping we can bat better in the second innings and put them under pressure," said Reddy.

## Sri Lanka 'A' duo hit tons in draw against Shaheens



SPORTS DESK

RAWALPINDI: Sri Lanka batters 'A' Sonal Dinusha and Pavan Rathnayake hit sparkling centuries as their second and final four-day against Pakistan Shaheens ended in a draw here at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

Dinusha returned unbeaten on 116 and Rathnayake remained 100 not out as the visitors, resuming their second innings at 157-4, declared at 260-4 to set Shaheens a target of 284. When the match ended, the hosts were 156-3. Dinusha, who had scored an unbeaten 85 in the first innings, had started the day at 51 and added another 65 runs on the final day. His fourth first-class century in his 41st match came off 141 balls and included nine fours. Overall, he faced 184 balls and hit 10 fours. Rathnayake had started the day at 64 before registering his seventh first-class century in 38 matches. He faced 198 balls and hit eight fours.

The two batters had come together when Sri Lanka 'A'

were tottering at 46-4. Their 214 runs unbeaten fifth-wicket stand came off 369 balls and not only steered the team to safety but also allowed them to set the home team a stiff target. When the match was called off, Shaheens had recovered from 67-3 as Mohammad Suleman hit 66 not out off 121 (three fours and a six), while Haider Ali scored 43 not out as the two batters put on 89 runs for the unfinished fourth-wicket partnership. Ali Zaryab contributed 31. The two sides will also feature in a three-match one-day series to be played at the same venue on Nov 25, 27 and 29. Scores in brief: SRI LANKA 'A' 310 in 79 overs (Sonal Dinusha 85 not out, Wanjua Sahan 63; Khurram Shahzad 6-30, Ahmed Safi Abdullah 2-100) and 260-4 (decl.) in 76 overs (Sonal Dinusha 116 not out, Pavan Rathnayake 100 not out; Ahmed Bashir 2-65); PAKISTAN SHAHEENS 287 in 98 overs (Abdul Faseeh 59, Mohammad Suleman 40, Ahmed Safi Abdullah 39; Wanjua Sahan 5-74) and 156-3 in 45 overs (Mohammad Suleman 66 not out.

## PSB seeks to assert influence over federations once again

SPORTS DESK

LAHORE: The Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) is once again on a collision course with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), as it seeks to assert its influence over the country's national sports federations. This move, which directly contravenes the IOC Charter, risks triggering international sanctions against Pakistan's sporting bodies. In 2014, similar interference by the government nearly resulted in the suspension of Pakistan's membership in the IOC. However, the crisis was averted at the eleventh hour when the government backtracked, assuring the IOC that it would refrain from meddling in the affairs of the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA). The latest episode stems from a letter sent by the PSB to all national sports federations, outlining plans to take a prominent role in the election process for sports bodies. A meeting has been convened for November 28 in Islamabad, where the PSB is expected to push for approval of several key proposals.

These include empowering the PSB to oversee the re-election of office-bearers for all national federations, appointing adjudicators to resolve disputes arising from these elections, and establishing ad-hoc committees at the discretion of the PSB.

### LAND ACQUISITION

The Project Director, Improvement & Development of Infrastructure of Buleda Town (Phase-II) vide letter No. BT/2047-50 dated 10-06-2024 informed that request for the acquiring land of 25 acres in Sorap-e-Dan Buleda Kech for construction of shaheed Ayoub Buledi Model High Secondary School at Sub-Tehsil Buleda has been initiated and requested for acquisition of affected land for the mentioned above purpose.

The Naib Tehsildar, Buleda vide letter No. 115 dated 12-09-2024 respectively reported that survey has been carried out as per points earmarked by the Engineer, of the Project as per the report land measuring 25 Acres in Sorap-e-Dan Buleda required for the construction of Shaheed Ayoub Buledi Model High Secondary School at Sub-Tehsil Buleda.

Whereas, it appears to the Deputy Commissioner/Collector Kech District that land measuring 25 Acre (detail in given in scheduled appended below) in above mentioned area to be acquired by The Project Director, Improvement & Development of Infrastructure of Buleda Town (Phase-II) for construction of Shaheed Ayoub Buledi Model High Secondary School at Sub-Tehsil Buleda.

It is hereby notified that the land in the locality prescribed below is likely to be acquired for the aforesaid purpose.

S. No.	Name of required area	Khasra No.	Area to be acquired in sft	Name of land
1	Bibi Naz Bibi W/o (Late) Ghulam Farooq Buledai	Un-Settled	25 Acres	Sorap-e-Dan Buleda

This declaration is made under section 4 of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (1 of 1894), to whom it may concern.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the said section, the Deputy Commissioner/Collector, District Kech is pleased to authorize the officers, their servants and workman for the time being engaged in undertaking work on the subject land to enter upon and survey the land in the locality and do all other acts, required or permitted by the said Section.

Any person having interest in the land who has any objection to the acquisition of the above-mentioned land may, as given under 5 (A) of the said Act, file objections in writing before Deputy Commissioner/Collector District Kech, within Thirty Days (30) of the publication of this notification.

PRQ No.2045/22-11-2024 Deputy Commissioner/Collector Kech

### TENDER NOTICE

TSE-242511594023 Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. 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 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-(BUILDING) DISTRICT DERA BUGTI invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.2000/- and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	Rehab: of DC House, ACs House and Re-Construction of MS RHC Baiker, District Dera Bugti PSDP No.4397, Z2024.1789 (2024-2025)	168,361,360

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 1 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 100,000,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm 2% of the Estimated Cost Rs.2000 in account of C-02716 Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One 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 NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gov.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gov.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 10 December, 2024 till 12:00 PM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 01:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Main Road, Dera Bugti Phone no: 0835410162 Fax no: 0835410562 Email: Ajjazhussainxanbuilding@gmail.com

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## Kurram atrocities

**WITH the situation in KP's Kurram tribal district already volatile for the past several months, the murderous violence witnessed on Thursday has not come as a surprise.**

At least 38 people were killed when a convoy of vehicles was attacked in an act of terrorism in Lower Kurram, in what is one of the biggest single mass-casualty attacks this year. The convoys consisted mostly of members of the Shia community. In this part of KP, militancy, tribal disputes and sectarianism, which has claimed both Shia and Sunni lives, have created a powder keg. Sadly, the state has ignored the situation for years, or made only half-hearted efforts to address it. This year, a land dispute between two tribes metastasised into something uglier, with over 80 people killed since July, many of them while travelling by road. The people of Kurram took to the streets two weeks ago, demanding peace and safety on the roads. As yesterday's atrocity showed, the state was unable to provide these.

Unfortunately, the centre and KP government are both so embroiled in politicking that the security situation of Kurram and other parts of the province fails to attract their attention. Statements are issued, promises are made, but the people of KP are left to fend for themselves as bloodthirsty terrorists ravage the province. Security institutions have also failed to flush out militants threatening peace in KP.

Kurram is particularly sensitive, due mainly to its sectarian dynamics and proximity to Afghanistan, in addition to the presence of militant groups and heavy arms. Yet the state has been unable to deweaponise the area, or judiciously resolve the tribal disputes that can spiral into communal bloodletting.

It would be a monumental mistake for the state to continue ignoring the violence in Kurram. Instability can easily spread to the adjoining districts if not contained, and vested interests can exploit sectarian differences in the region to create communal discord across Pakistan. The first duty of the state is to track down and punish the elements responsible for the latest attack. It cannot be business as usual after this brutal episode, and all state institutions must come up with solid plans to protect Kurram's people, and other vulnerable populations in KP.

A multiparty conference to discuss law and order in KP has been scheduled for next month. Considering the latest outrage, this conclave should be held earlier. Moreover, along with state functionaries, the ulema and tribal elders must also work to defuse the situation and ensure a retaliatory spiral of violence does not ensue.

The state has dithered over Kurram's security long enough. It is time to provide justice to the victims of violence, while terrorists and their facilitators must be tracked down and made to answer before the law.

By Misbah Khan

## Gaza bombardment worsens superbug outbreaks

**There is a growing and dire public health crisis taking place in Gaza. Israeli blockades and hospital bombings are fuelling a superbug emergency, with civilians who survive starvation and injury later facing untreatable, life-threatening infections.**

Doctors on the ground told the Bureau of Investigative Journalism (TBIJ) they were treating wounds infested with maggots and using vinegar to fight infections.

"Wounds are left open much longer [and the] injured are delayed in receiving proper care or not able to get care at all, which increases the risk of infections and emergence of antimicrobial resistance [AMR]," says Krystel Moussally, an epidemiologist monitoring the situation for Doctors without Borders (MSF).

The infections are so severe that they don't respond to many of the antibiotics that are designed to treat them. Badly infected wounds can lead to limb amputations and, in some cases, death.

Medical organisations, including MSF and Medical Aid Palestine, say that targeted bombings of hospitals and humanitarian aid blockades are restricting access to healthcare in Gaza, exacerbating infections that don't respond to essential medicines.

In some cases, doctors have run tests to discover that infections can be fought with certain antibiotics – but have not been able to get their hands on the life-saving drugs.

"I've never seen these types of cases before"

As explosions sound in the background, Dr Alaa Alshurafa tries to relay her day-to-day experience treating superbug infections in Gaza city. Over a WhatsApp call that keeps cutting out, she conveys the damage these drug-resistant infections are inflicting in the war zone.

Dr Alaa, 30, was forced to flee her home in northern Gaza with her family after the war began. Despite this, she is serving as a doctor at one of the medical points set up by The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Gaza city.

Every morning, before she leaves for work, she checks that no one on her route has reported a warning from the Israeli Defense Force of a potential airstrike. The clinic is a 15-minute walk from where she lives. She has to do the journey on foot, leaving her exposed to a potential attack by drone, air or sniper.

Once she does arrive at the clinic, the medical point is flooded with more than a hundred patients a day.

When she spoke to TBIJ, she was facing an outbreak of impetigo, a highly contagious bacterial skin infection most common in children. It causes blisters and itchy sores and is usually treated with an antibiotic cream.

"I've never seen these types of cases before," Dr Alaa said. "It's a very severe form of impetigo, an extensive form which includes faces and the whole body. We don't have sufficient antibiotics."

What little medicine is available is extremely expensive and while it does work sometimes, it is not always effective. "I've seen many cases that come again and again because of failure of treatment," she said. "The rate of reinfection [could be] because of overcrowding and maybe misuse of antibiotics or nonadherence to the antibiotic regime plays a role."

The most common type of bacteria that leads to impetigo is *Staphylococcus aureus*. A drug-resistant variant of this bacteria is behind the MRSA superbug. 70% of *Staphylococcus aureus* infections in wounded patients in Gaza are the MRSA superbug strain.

MRSA infections are resistant to many common antibiotics, making them severe and even potentially fatal.

Moussally, the MSF epidemiologist, said: "It might be that this type of infection is difficult to treat not only because of [lack of] access to oral antibiotics, but more so because of a high resistance of the *Staphylococcus* bacteria causing it."

Without adequate laboratory testing it is hard to say if the bacteria has developed stronger resistance.

Moussally's work tracking drug-resistant bacteria in Gaza dates back to before 7 October and the start of the war. Then, MSF could monitor infections through labs at Nasser and Al-Awda Hospitals in Gaza. But over the course of the war, both hospitals have been besieged and attacked, making lab tests extremely challenging.

However, data collected by MSF at the hospitals from 2019 to 2023 showed that more than 70% of *Staphylococcus aureus* in wounded patients was the MRSA superbug strain. Even before the war, superbugs were already a problem in Gaza; TBIJ reported

on the issue as far back as 2018.

In Gaza's remaining hospitals, surgeons are overwhelmed by critical cases. Patients with open, but not initially deadly, wounds that need reconstructive surgery are lower priority, and often forced to wait or seek help at Red Cross and Red Crescent medical points.

Any length of time a person spends with their flesh or, in many cases, bone exposed raises the risk of superbugs and – as multiple doctors report – maggots.

"It is not uncommon to see explosive injury patients with limb injuries and open fractures to develop infections either from the wound itself or from... operations," says Dr Abdulwhhab Abu Alamrain, who currently works in the orthopaedic department of a government hospital.

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is another highly drug-resistant bacteria. It can infect wound dressings, causing bandages to turn green and smell like mown grass. Doctors in Dr Abdulwhhab's orthopaedic department have seen cases; tests, available at a few private labs still operating in Gaza and seen by TBIJ, show some *Pseudomonas* infections don't respond to any antibiotics at all.

Dr Abdulwhhab said: "This results in two options, either amputation or refusal [of an amputation] and face death. Unfortunately, we have seen many cases that have died either because of refusal or because they accept [the amputation] at the last moment [and die] waiting for surgery or on the operation table."

Lessons from history

This is not the first time war has worsened a superbug crisis. During the war in Iraq, a lethal strain of the drug-resistant bacteria *Acinetobacter baumannii* infected American soldiers. Media at the time called it 'Iraqibacter'.

The superbug infections weren't confined to the borders of Iraq. Injured soldiers lost limbs, suffered sepsis, and some died back home in US hospitals after their wounds became infected with the bacteria.

The emergence of this strain of *Acinetobacter baumannii* was detected after its spread in the US hospitals. But due to the lack of testing capacity in Iraq, the extent to which it affected Iraqi civilians at the time is unknown.

"Iraq is a lesson about what war has done and why we have an ongoing crisis of AMR in a place like Iraq. We need to learn these lessons," said Dr Omar Dewachi, an Iraqi medical anthropologist who narrates the touring exhibit *The Pathogen of War*.

*Acinetobacter baumannii* infections have also been reported in Gaza.

Using vinegar as medicine

With so many patients and so few drugs, some doctors report resorting to using vinegar to disinfect and treat wounds.

Moussally said: "Partially functioning hospitals are overcrowded with a huge caseload of injuries, lack of basic supplies needed to treat infections and do proper wound care management and are functioning with sub-standard infection prevention and control measures being the best they can do under the conditions they face. All of this drives AMR."

Dr Khaled al Shawwa came home to Gaza city from Jerusalem to visit his family for the weekend on 5 October 2023 – two days before the Hamas attacks. He has been in Gaza ever since. He was previously a GP and had just completed his surgical qualification in Jerusalem.

He now works in the outpatient department at a clinic set up by MSF. There he deals with 80-130 patients a day. He told TBIJ: "We see *Pseudomonas* very frequently and sometimes we use vinegar, we apply it on the wounds. Nurses have a bottle of vinegar on the wound-dressing shelf."

The World Health Organization has repeatedly raised concerns about drug-resistant strains of *Pseudomonas*.

The best practice to prevent bacteria gaining resistance to even more antibiotics is to treat infections carefully with specific drugs, preferably after lab testing to make sure the medicine will work. In Gaza, however, doctors have to work with what they have.

"Drugs are not always available. We are guided by the availability of the drugs and availability of the tests. Where I work, the drugs come in shipments and donations. In some shipments you have one or two types of antibiotics. You don't have many options... It's not your decision," Dr Khaled said.

Despite the limited resources, he and his colleagues at the local pharmacies have concocted a mixture of available antibiotics and steroids to try to treat difficult infections. "You have to do anything. You can't just leave the patients alone."

# DAILY MIRROR

## Governor increases admission quota of cadet colleges from 70 to 100

APP

Quetta: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail announced to increase annual admission quota of every cadet college from 70 percent to 100 percent for students in the province.

He said that along with this, 10 special seats would be reserved for the students of the said district where the cadet college is located, The Governor Balochistan said that we would have to mobilize all available resources to achieve the objectives for which the cadet colleges have been created.

He expressed these views while presiding over the 18th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cadet Colleges of Balochistan.

Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Adviser to the Chief Minister Rubaba Buledi, Principal Secretary to Governor Balochistan Hashim Khan Ghilzai, Provincial Education Secretary Hafeez Tahir, Secretary S&GAD Habib-ur-Rehman, Secretary Law Kaleemullah Kakar, Additional Secretary Syed Naseer Shah, PFM Finance Department

Bashir Kakar, Principals of all Cadet Colleges including Chief Economist of P&D Department Aminullah Kasi and Aftab Naimat Buzdar were also present in the meeting of the Board of Governors of Cadet Colleges.

A briefing was given in the meeting regarding eleven Cadet Colleges of Balochistan (Mastung, Killa Saifullah, Pishin, Jafarabad, Kolu, Panjgur, Noshki, Awaran, Kharan including two female Cadet Colleges Quetta and Turbat). On this occasion, Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhel approved their laws to empower the Cadet Colleges and also delegated the powers of hire and fire to the concerned Principals.

It should be noted that after the approval of the Boards of Governors and the increase in the powers of the principals, the cadet colleges will run under their own rules, he said.

He assured of providing assistance in expanding their infrastructure and especially in building more classrooms in view of the increasing number of students.

He said that these important steps would undoubtedly increase the over-

all quality of education in cadet colleges and the facilities provided by the institution.

The aim of the steps we have taken is to create more educational environments and

opportunities for the students of cadet colleges to benefit from the quality education and training provided by these institutions, he said.

He said that the meeting of the relevant Boards of Governors helps in utilizing collective wisdom.

creative solutions to the problems faced become possible and wise decisions are taken to take our educational institutions forward. Of course, we will take forward the progress of today's Boards of Governors and ensure that the long-term development of all cadet colleges of Balochistan continues, he said.

He said that it is in the context of this leadership style that we advance our educational institutions which reduce fears and open up bright possibilities.



Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu exchanging views with General Tan Sri Dato Sri Mohd Asghar Khan Bin Goriman Khan, Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force during meeting held at Air Headquarters in Islamabad.

### NAHE launches National Outreach Program at SBKWU Quetta

APP

Quetta: National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE) launched a four-week National Outreach Program for Higher Education Faculty (for Lecturers/Assistant Professors) at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University (SBKWU) Quetta on Friday. The event was inaugurated by Vice chancellor Dr. Rubina Mushtaq, Director NAHE Mr. Sulaiman Ahmed Focal person NAHE Mr. Sohail Raza Mangi, Registrar SBKWU registrar Dr. Rahila Manzoor and Coordinator Dr. Tahira Mengal, said press release issued here. The program is intended for early career faculty of Public Sector universities. It is a four-week learning program to accelerate the transfer of essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes in three dimensions of a successful career as a faculty member: (1) Teaching & Learning (2) Applied Research and (3) Professional Practice. As per the press release, it is an initiative under the National Outreach Program for Higher Education Faculty in collaboration with HEC. Dynamic modules presented by NAHE on technology integration in higher education and we as educators will learn how to navigate the emerging digital landscape and post-learning environment.

The press release said that students would acquire the skills to design innovative teaching methods, explore using

various tools to enhance teaching and learning in a mobile world, while the Communication Skills module enables faculty to develop effective narratives for their presentations and teaching sessions.

The program is designed to enable the integration and implementation of effective speaking strategies. Vice chancellor Dr. Rubina Mushtaq welcomed to the guests and participants and discussed the role of teacher and higher education in society. Director NAHE Mr. Sulaiman Ahmed gave the introduction of the National Outreach Program for Higher Education Faculty. At the end of the event, shields were distributed to the guests by Registrar SBK women's University.

### Pakistan's IT exports could exceed \$25b through better utilization of resources: PM

APP

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that Pakistan's IT exports could exceed twenty-five billion dollars through better utilization of resources and provision of training and education to the workforce.

Chairing a review meeting regarding reforms in IT sector in Islamabad, he directed Higher Education Commission to develop a roadmap for provision of international standard education, training and skills to the youth.

He pointed out there is a demand for Pakistani IT experts in Gulf countries and proposals related to this should be implemented soon.

Appreciating the proposed strategy for IT sector reforms, he said he would personally oversee its implementation.

The Prime Minister directed to set clear targets for increasing IT exports and to establish specific timeframes for each action.

Shehbaz Sharif directed the formation of a committee to implement reforms in the IT sector and promote collaboration among various institutions.

The meeting was informed that the target for the next five years is to achieve fifteen billion dollars in IT sector exports, one billion dollars from telecom exports, and ten billion dollars from digitization.

The meeting was informed that Pakistan global ranking in e-governance has improved by fourteen spots, 2,500 new IT companies have been registered and Pakistan's IT ranking has improved from seventy nine to forty.

The meeting was also informed about the proposed plan to facilitate remittances for young people associated with the IT sector, especially freelancers. The Prime Minister praised this initiative regarding international payment gateways and issued instructions for its swift implementation.

The meeting was also briefed on reforms related to the telecom sector.

### Bushra Bibi's statements don't represent party policy: Barrister Saif

INP

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's Adviser on Information Barrister Saif on Friday made it clear that Bushra Bibi's recent statements about Saudi Arabia's alleged role in Imran Khan's ouster were her personal opinion and didn't represent the party policy.

"She (Bushra Bibi) does not hold any party position therefore her statements don't represent party stance. The party policy can only be defined by the chairman, secretary general or spokesperson," Saif emphasised.

At the same time, Saif also claimed that the statements of Imran Khan's spouse had been taken out of context. He said she had not levelled any allegation against Saudi Arabia or Saudi Crown Prince.

There was no fissure between Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman and Imran Khan, instead they had an exemplary relationship but the government was trying to create a rift between them, according to Saif.

The fake government, he said, was

making cowardly attempts by misinterpreting Bushra Bibi's claims to divert attention from the PTI protest scheduled for Nov 24.

Saif said PTI's protest was getting on government's nerves.

Bushra Bibi claimed on Thursday that after Imran Khan returned barefoot from Medina, "calls began pouring in for retired Gen Bajwa, questioning the choice of bringing him into leadership."

In a video message posted on X, Bushra Bibi said former army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa was told, "Who have you brought? We don't want such individuals. We are working to end Shariah, and you have brought someone advocating for it."

She added that since then, baseless propaganda was launched against them, including accusations against her and labelling Imran Khan a "Jewish agent".

She said Imran Khan would not seek revenge from anyone

after coming into power and the slogans of jihad were not launched by Imran Khan but it's the voice of people against the corrupt regime.

### US condemns devastating attack in Kurram

INP

ISLAMABAD: The United States has strongly condemned the devastating attack in Kurram, which claimed the lives of dozens of innocent Pakistanis and left many others critically injured.

The tragic assault, has shaken the nation and prompted widespread condemnation from both domestic and international leaders.

In a statement issued by the U.S. government on Friday, the officials extended their deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the attack. They also conveyed their hopes for a swift and full recovery for the victims who remain in critical condition following the violence.

"We stand with the Government of Pakistan and the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in this heart-breaking moment," the U.S. statement read. "The Pakistani people deserve to live free from harm, danger and threat, and to feel protected and secure in their daily lives. The United States will remain a steadfast partner as Pakistan works to ensure the safety and security of all its citizens."

The Kurram attack, which targeted civilians in the region, highlights the ongoing challenges faced by Pakistan in combating violence and extremism. Pakistan's leadership has also condemned the attack, pledging to bring the perpetrators to justice and enhance security measures across the country.

### Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti Expresses Satisfaction on Successful Operation Against Militants

APP

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti on Friday expressed his satisfaction over the successful operations of the security forces in the province.

He said that successful operations were carried out against militants in Dera Bugti, Awaran and Ketch yesterday, which reflected the strong writ of the state.

In his a statement, the Balochistan Chief Minister said that

the security forces and the people would defeat terrorism together for restoring complete peace in Balochistan.

The protection of the common man and the rule of law would be ensured in the province, besides maintaining durable peace and putting the province on track of development.

### Air Chief reaffirms commitment to strengthening Pak-Malaysia Air Force partnership

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu has reaffirmed his commitment to enhancing military partnership between the Air Forces of Pakistan and Malaysia through joint training initiatives, particularly within the realm of air power.

He was talking to Royal Malaysian Air Force Chief General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Mohd Asghar Khan bin Goriman Khan, who called on him in Islamabad on Friday.

These initiatives will encompass provisioning of both basic and tactical level training for personnel of the Malaysian Air Force.

The PAF Chief highlighted the robust bilateral defence ties between Pakistan and Malaysia.

He conveyed his warm wishes to Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force on his maiden visit to Pakistan and highlighted the importance of collaboration in training, joint exercises and technology sharing.

The Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force lauded Pakistan Air Force's achievements through indigenization and technological advancements.

The visiting dignitary expressed his keen desire to further consolidate the

existing bilateral ties through enhanced collaboration in training, maintenance and operational excellence.

General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Mohd Asghar Khan bin Goriman Khan expressed his deep admiration for the state of the art technological ecosystem witnessed by him during his visit to National Aerospace Science and Technology Park Silicon. He also appreciated the innovative projects, cutting-edge technologies and indigenously developed systems displayed at PAF NASTP pavilion during the ongoing International Defence Exhibition IDEAS-2024.

Later, the dignity visited various installations and technological infrastructure established at Air Headquarters, Islamabad including National ISR and Integrated Air Operations Centre and PAF Cyber Command, where he was briefed about the operational capabilities of Pakistan Air Force.

Besides, the meeting signifies a resolute commitment to reinforce military partnership, fostering collaboration and promoting robust relations between the two countries. It focused on matters of mutual interest, military cooperation, joint training and collaboration in the industrial domain.



QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Abdul Khaliq Achakzai in a meeting with Provincial Revenue Minister Mir Asim Kurd Gello.

### Imran Khan will not make any deal or go abroad: Babar Awan

INP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and senior lawyer, Babar Awan asserted that PTI founder Imran Khan would not make any deal or go abroad as they had won with the public vote.

Talking to media outside Islamabad High Court (IHC), he stressed that the November 24 protest call was the final protest and every citizen had the due right to take to the streets for their demands.

Awan agitated the government employees for halting the PTI party from entering Islamabad; he suggested them to mind their own business. The PTI leader lamented that the crime rate had

been rising but no one paid attention to it.

Babar Awan disclosed the PTI demands for the protest, Imran Khan's release, return of stolen mandate and resistance against the 26th amendment in the constitution. He urged PTI members and workers to not surrender before anyone for their right

Senior lawyer berated the government for not taking control of the law and order situation across the country. It is pertinent to note that the PTI had called for a protest rally in the federal capital Islamabad on November 24.

PTI founder and his spouse Bushra Bibi had decided to allot a party ticket in the next election on the basis of performance of party leaders in the protest.

### Meeting decides to take strict action cultivation of drugs landowners in Quetta Division

APP

Quetta: The meeting decided to take strict action against cultivation of drugs (cannabis or poppy) and landowners in the province on Friday. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafiqat regarding the prevention and action against drugs in Quetta Division.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner Quetta Division Agha Samiullah, Secretary Excise and Sector Commander ANF, as well as all Deputy Commissioners and other officials. In the meeting, strict decisions were taken regarding the prevention of drugs and cultivation on lands in Quetta Division.

The landowner who is found involved in the cultivation of drugs (cannabis or poppy) in his lands would be arrested and the land to be confiscated by the government.

The meeting made decision in addition, the national identity card, bank account and local certificate of the landowner would also be blocked. In

this regard, the landowners have been asked to refrain from cultivating drugs (cannabis or poppy), in case of violation, strict legal action will be taken, for which the entire responsibility will be on the landowners. Commission Quetta Division said that several operations were carried out against the scourge of drugs in all districts of Quetta Division, especially Pishin and Killa Abdullah. In which thousands of tons of drugs have been seized and destroyed, drug factories have also been demolished on this occasion, he said.

He said that all possible steps are being taken to prevent drugs saying that a joint operation is being carried out against those who cultivate, smuggle and buy and sell drugs. He said that those landowners involved in cultivation of drugs whose Identity cards and bank accounts would be blocked, he also warned that they should be avoided from cultivation of drugs. The Commissioner said that action against drugs would be taken under the provincial task force headed by the Additional Chief Secretary Home,



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail in a meeting with Federal Secretary Law and Order Raja Naeem Akbar.