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## CM Bugti calls for transforming universities into centers of knowledge and innovation

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QUETTA: Chief Minister (CM) of Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, has emphasized that universities must not be reduced to mere recruitment factories but should serve as genuine centers of knowledge, research, and innovation.

He made these remarks while chairing a high-level meeting at the Chief Minister's Secretariat to review the performance, challenges, and future plans of the University of Makran's Panjur campus. The meeting discussed administrative and academic affairs, as well as strategies for institutional improvement.

A special committee comprising the Secretary of Finance and the Secretary of Higher Education was formed to assess the university's actual needs and present practical recommendations regarding staff recruitment, resource allocation, and overall institutional development.

The CM directed the committee to avoid unnecessary appointments and focus on promoting quality education.

Sarfraz Bugti stressed the importance of integrating modern technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, into higher

education. He instructed that effective chatbots and digital solutions be developed in local languages to align students with contemporary academic requirements. He further directed that university resources be linked to student enrollment and institutional performance to encourage competition and improvement.

Highlighting the need for merit, transparency, and accountability, Sarfraz Bugti said these principles must be strictly enforced in educational institutions. He also called for upgrading infrastructure and digital facilities at the Panjur campus to meet modern educational standards.

The CM underscored that providing quality higher education to local students is a top government priority, and all available resources will be utilized to achieve this goal.

He emphasized connecting academic research with industry and the local economy to ensure that its benefits directly contribute to economic development.

The meeting also agreed to introduce special programs for faculty training and capacity building to enhance teaching standards.



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at Aiwan-e-Sadr, in the Federal Capital.

## Trump says US-Iran talks could resume over the next two days, 'we're more inclined' to go to Pakistan

MONITORING DESK

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that talks between Washington and Tehran could resume over the next two days and that "we're more inclined to go" to Pakistan, reported New York Post.

"You should stay there, really, because something could be happening over the next two days, and we're more inclined to go there."

"It's more likely, you know why? Because the Field Marshal is doing a great job. He's fantastic, and therefore it's more likely that we go back there," he was quoted as saying. "Why should we go to some country that has nothing to do with it?"

Trump's statement follows reports that negotiating teams from the US and Iran could return to Islamabad later this week, after engaging in dia-

logue in Pakistan's capital over the weekend.

Pakistan hosted direct Iran-US talks in Islamabad on Saturday and Sunday, marking the highest engagement between the two sides since 1979.

Both delegations departed the capital on Sunday after the talks ended without an agreement, but also without a breakdown.

Earlier, two Pakistani sources with knowledge of the talks told

Reuters that Islamabad was communicating with the two sides about the timing of the next round and the meeting would likely take place on the weekend.

"We have reached out to Iran and we got a positive response that they

will be open to a second round of talks," a senior Pakistani government official was quoted as saying by Reuters.

## Govt says no one to be provided with rented accommodation without valid identity card

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Quetta: Balochistan government on Tuesday has made it mandatory for tenants to register their properties in order to improve law and order, and has made it clear that no one would be provided with rented accommodation without a valid identity card.

According to officials, under the Balochistan Restriction of Rented Buildings (Security) Act, all landlords are required to check the national identity cards of their renters and register them at the nearest police station.

In addition, it has been made necessary to inform the relevant police station in advance about guests staying for more than 24 hours.

In addition, the managers of hostels, hotels and other rented accommodation will be required to maintain complete records so that any suspicious activity can be identified immediately. The government has warned that strict legal action would be taken in case of violation of these orders, under which a case could be registered, both the owner and the tenant to be arrested, and the relevant property could also be sealed. Officials said that unregistered individuals could be involved in crimes, so the public should demonstrate their responsibility by ensuring the registration of every tenant and reporting guests in a timely manner so that their homes, area, and province could be made safe.

## Naqvi calls on businessmen to bring back '20-30pc' of wealth to Pakistan

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday called on the business community to bring back "20-30 per cent" of their wealth to Pakistan ahead of the upcoming budget.

Speaking at a ceremony at the Federation House in Karachi, he said that the government would facilitate the business community but "at least give this one gesture over the next three months, before the budget and then see what happens". "It is not tedious. You have to go online and use an app," he said, adding that Pakistan offered strong returns on investment. He said that if the business community took this one step, it would compel the government to take more measures in their interests.

"So, before the budget, bring back \$10 billion ... This is easily possible," he said.

In his address, he also said that a proposal for a separate passport for businessmen

would be shared with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif soon.

"We have almost prepared a proposal ... which will be taken to the prime minister soon," he said. He said that "genuine businessmen" face visa issues, highlighting China, the United States, Europe and the United Kingdom as their priority destinations.

He said that everyone inadvertently suffered when certain people tried to acquire visas through illegal means.

"We thought a lot about what to do about this ... Let's see what the cabinet approves and what feedback the prime minister gives. But we are taking this proposal for which we have taken all these countries on board for issuing a separate visa for businessmen," he said.

"The passport will be [used] for a limited extent with the authorities having knowledge of tax return, the extent of business [and] related information," he said, adding that it may have between 100 to 150 requirements as well as a fee.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar met with Musa Kulaklikaya, Deputy Foreign Minister of Türkiye; Ambassador Nazih El Naggari, Assistant Foreign Minister of Egypt; and Prince Dr. Abdullah bin Khalid bin Saud Al-Kabeer ALSaud, Director General of the MFA of Saudi Arabia, in the Federal Capital.

## Sanullah, Wapda Chairman discuss water, energy projects

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination Rana Sanullah met with Wapda Chairman LT. Gen (R) Muhammad Saeed on Monday to review key issues related to water and energy development.

The meeting focused on water resource management, the progress of ongoing Wapda projects, and strengthening Inter-Provincial Coordination, said a statement issued here.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanullah stressed the need to build consensus among all provinces for development projects of national importance.

He said that national interest demands unified action on critical infrastructure initiatives.

Both sides reviewed measures to enhance the country's water storage capacity and assessed the status of projects currently underway.

The minister underscored the importance of the timely completion of energy and water projects, calling for concrete steps to remove bottlenecks.

Sanullah reiterated that the initiation and completion of development projects must proceed with provincial consensus to ensure transparency, equity, and long-term sustainability.

## President Zardari, Khalid Magsi discuss country's political situation

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Science and Technology Khalid Magsi and senior politician from Balochistan Sardar Yar Mohammad Rind called on President Asif Ali Zardari in Islamabad today.

The meeting focused on the national political situation, with particular attention to development-related issues concerning Balochistan.

Matters relating to the province's development needs and broader political context were discussed during the meeting.

## Three killed, two injured in armed attack on vehicle in Quetta

NEWS DESK

QUETTA: Three people were killed and two others seriously injured on Tuesday when unidentified armed men opened fire on a vehicle on Sariab Road in Quetta, police said. "The attackers targeted a vehicle near Sariab Road in the Faizabad area, a busy part of the city, before fleeing the scene."

They added that they cordoned off the area shortly after the incident and shifted the bodies and the injured to the hospital, while a search operation was launched to apprehend the suspects.

The deceased were identified as Haroon Mengal, son of Jamil Mengal; Ghafoor, son of Waheed Bakhsh; and Naseebullah,

son of unknown parentage. The injured were identified as Jamil Mengal and Abdul Hafeez.

Quetta Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Imran Shaukat, evidence had been collected from the crime scene and a formal investigation had been initiated. He said CCTV footage of the incident had also been obtained and was being used to help identify the attackers.

## Govt announces more than 2 hours of daily loadshedding amid fuel constraints

NEWS DSEK

ISLAMABAD: Amid fuel constraints, the government on Tuesday formally announced more than two hours of daily loadshedding "during peak hours" to prevent a sharp increase in electricity tariffs.

"The government has decided to suspend the electricity supply for about 2.25 hours daily between 5:00pm and 1:00am," the Power Division said in a statement.

"This step is aimed at reducing the use of costly fuels and preventing a sharp rise in tariffs," it added.

This stems from the suspension of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports following the force majeure declared by Qatar due to attacks on its gas field amid the US-Israel war on Iran. Qatar is the main LNG supplier to Pakistan under two long-term contracts envisaging up to 1,000 million cubic feet per day (mmcf).



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## Health, educational welfare of families of retired police employees, like serving officers our top priority: IGP

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Quetta: Inspector General Police (IGP) Balochistan Muhammad Tahir on Tuesday said that the health and educational welfare of the families of retired police employees, like the serving officers, is our top priority.

He expressed these views while addressing at a farewell ceremony held in honor of the retiring officers at the Central Police Office.

The IGP said that dutiful and capable officers and officials are a valuable asset of the police department who dedicate their lives to the administration of law even after retirement, they have shown practical proof of their professional abilities by performing the duties assigned by the department well during their service.

He said that Police officers and officials have retired after performing their duties in the police department with utmost honesty, the retiring officers and officials have performed their duties with responsibility and dedication.

The IG Balochistan said that the expe-

riences and capabilities of retired police officers should be utilized and the pension, GP fund and all other matters of retired officers should be completed within the said period. He said that the retired police personnel should benefit from the suggestions on professional technical and investigative matters, which could prove to be very beneficial for policing. The ceremony was attended by Additional IG Admin Javed Ali Mehar, DIG Headquarters Hassan Asad Ali, DIG Finance Sohail Ahmed Sultan, DIG Tele Shad Bin Masih, DIG Accountability Bureau Sohail Ahmed, AIG Operations Naveed Alam, AIG General Abid Khan, AIG Development Ahmed Sultan, AIG Complaint Muhammad Hashim, DSP Legal Muhammad Abbas and other officers. The IG Police Balochistan presented commemorative shields and gifts to the officers who retired after fulfilling their professional responsibilities. The IG Police Balochistan appreciated the services of the officers for the police department and said that the Balochistan Police would always remember their services.

## Balochistan's long coastline to become trilateral economic hub connecting central Asia, South Asia & Middle East: Governor

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Quetta: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhel on Tuesday said that Balochistan's long coastline could become a trilateral economic hub connecting Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.

He said that Pakistan has an unparalleled potential to lead the entire region in terms of blue economy, therefore, it is important that taking advantage of these economic and trade opportunities, Pak Navy and Public Sector University would now jointly develop a comprehensive strategy based on modern research that could help and guide us in utilizing all marine resources, with the development of blue economy, we could easily overcome unemployment and poverty.

He expressed these views while talking to the officers under training of Pakistan Navy War College Lahore during their study tour to Quetta.

Commandant Pakistan Navy War College Lahore Rear

Admiral Sohail Ahmed Azmi and officers under training from several countries were also present on the occasion.

During the interaction, the officers under training asked various questions, which the Governor Balochistan answered in detail.

On this occasion, Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhel said that Pakistan stands as a pillar of peace and harmony in this entire region, we believe that sustainable peace is desperately needed everywhere in the world.

He said that moreover, after the devastating 40-day recent war, Pakistan's wise and successful diplomacy achieved what many considered impossible, saying that for the first time in half a century, it brought the United States and Iran to the table for direct negotiations, this is proof that words, when guided by wisdom and diplomacy could easily overcome deadly weapons and tensions.

The Governor of Balochistan said that steps are being taken to bring our youth into the mainstream and utilize their hidden

talents through various economic activities and employment opportunities.

He hoped that this study tour of officers under training at the Pakistan Navy War College would become a memorable part of your memory, remember that you have come to Quetta as a guest but you would leave as a good friend.

The Governor said that Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan in terms of area and its geography makes it the gateway to the entire region. Pakistan's economic future is linked to Balochistan.

He said that our population is small but spread over remote areas, due to which it becomes very difficult to provide all the basic facilities to the people at their doorsteps.

Expressing his best wishes, the Governor said that your stay in Quetta is safe and pleasant.

In the end, commemorative shields were exchanged between the distinguished guests.

### Gwadar urged to unlock trade potentia for deeper China-linked regional connectivity

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QUETTA: The Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) urged immediate policy measures to fully harness the growing strategic and commercial significance of Gwadar Port, amid increasing interest from regional and international markets, particularly those linked with China-connected trade routes, Gwadar Pro reported on Tuesday.

Speaking at a business consultation held via video link in Islamabad, QCCI President Haji Muhammad Ayub Miryani highlighted that Gwadar's importance has increased significantly due to recent regional developments and expanding trade prospects across the Gulf, Central Asia, and neighbouring markets.

He stressed that Pakistan must move quickly to capitalize on emerging opportunities in Balochistan by improving logistics infrastructure, expanding trade facilitation mechanisms, and enhancing operational efficiency at key commercial corridors.

Among key proposals, he called for the

immediate launch of a ferry service from Gwadar to strengthen maritime connectivity and stimulate both domestic and international trade flows.

He also recommended extending operational hours of the N-250 Ramdan-Gwadar business corridor from 18 to 24 hours to ensure uninterrupted commercial activity.

The QCCI president advocated for granting Gwadar membership in the TIR international transport system to streamline cross-border logistics, alongside expanded facilitation for Afghan transit trade and transshipment opportunities for regional investors, including those from Iran.

He noted growing commercial interest from Gulf and Central Asian markets, with several companies already engaging with local business stakeholders regarding potential investments and trade routes through Gwadar, reinforcing its emerging role as a regional trade hub.

The meeting was presided over by Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal.



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan reviewing NHA projects.

### Punjab CM announces Rs3,500 per maund wheat procurement, free gunny bags for farmers

By Maqsood Khalid

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has announced the immediate commencement of wheat procurement at Rs3,500 per maund and the provision of free gunny bags worth Rs6 billion for farmers across the province. Registered farmers will be provided 10 bags of gunny sacks per acre from the purchase centers.

Chairing a special meeting to review wheat procurement, gunny bags distribution and the Green Tractor Scheme, the chief minister directed that procurement from farmers be started without delay. It was decided in principle that wheat would be purchased on a priority

basis from farmers holding Kissan Cards.

She further ordered that payments to farmers must be ensured within 72 hours of procurement at the fixed rate of Rs3,500 per maund. Strategic management committees will be established at provincial and divisional levels to monitor the procurement process.

The meeting was informed that 88 per cent of farmers have expressed confidence in the provincial government's agricultural initiatives. The CM also announced the launch of the "Work with Punjab Government" programme, under

which agriculture graduates and others will be offered internship opportunities.

Officials briefed the meeting that a record Rs100 billion in loans has been disbursed

through the Kissan Card, with a recovery rate of 99pc, while nine lakh farmers have been registered under the scheme.

### CTD arrests 16 terrorists during intelligence-based operations across Punjab

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LAHORE: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has arrested 16 terrorists, including a suicide bomber, during a series of intelligence-based operations across Punjab.

According to a CTD spokesperson, a total of 113 intelligence-based operations (IBOs) were conducted in multiple cities, including Khushab, Mianwali, Rawalpindi, Jhang, Bhakkar, Lahore, Faisalabad, Chakwal, Toba Tek Singh, Hafizabad, and Gujranwala.

During an operation in Jhang, a suicide bomber identified as Ghazi Marjan, linked to Fitna al Khawarij, was arrested along with a suicide jacket and explosive materials. In a separate operation in Sargodha, another suspect, Maley Khan, allegedly involved in attacks on sensitive installations, was also taken into custody.

CTD officials stated that the arrested suspects had finalized plans to target police check posts, but timely action by authorities successfully foiled their plans.

Authorities recovered explosive materials, suicide vests, 14 detonators, 25 feet of safety fuse wire, banned stickers, extremist literature, and cash from the suspects.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Ghazi Marjan, Moeen Khan, Aseel Din.

### Professor Dr Asif Bashir PINS Signs Landmark MoU with Wuhan University to Boost Neurosurgery Collaboration

By Maqsood Khalid

LAHORE: Executive Director of the Punjab Institute of Neurosciences (PINS), Professor Asif Bashir, recently visited China to participate in the "Belt and Road Pakistan-China Neurosurgery International Symposium," where leading experts from both countries discussed collaboration, research, and advancements in neurosurgical care.

During the visit, Professor Bashir signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Wuhan University aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of neuroscience. The agreement focuses on promoting knowledge exchange, joint research initiatives, and advanced clinical training.

Under this partnership, young Pakistani neurosurgeons will gain access to specialized training programs in China, enabling them to acquire cutting-edge skills and expertise. This initiative is expected to significantly enhance the quality of neurosurgical services in Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Asif Bashir stated that the agreement would open new avenues for medical collaboration

between Pakistan and China, ultimately improving patient care through innovation, research, and professional development.

The initiative aligns with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, who aims to ensure the provision of modern and high-quality healthcare services across the province.

### Gilani felicitates Hindu, Sikh communities in Pakistan, around world on Baisakhi

INP

ISLAMABAD: Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Tuesday extended his heartfelt felicitations to the Hindu and Sikh communities in Pakistan and around the world on the joyous occasion of Baisakhi.

In his message, the Chairman of the Senate said that Baisakhi is a vibrant celebration symbolising happiness, hope, and brotherhood.

He emphasised that such occasions inspire the values of mutual respect, tolerance, and harmony among diverse communities. He further remarked that Pakistan is a pluralistic and multicultural society where individuals belonging to all religions are guaranteed the freedom to practice their faiths in accordance with their beliefs. He highlighted that the Parliament of Pakistan has enacted effective legislation aimed at safeguarding the rights.

### Iran, US trusted Pakistan and arrived in Islamabad for talks: Sindh CM

INP

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah said that Iran and the United States trusted Pakistan and arrived in Islamabad for talks.

Speaking to the media, Murad Ali Shah said that forces which were not ready to engage in dialogue were brought to the negotiation table.

He added that this was made possible through the efforts of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim

Munir.

He further stated that the government took the Pakistan

Peoples Party into confidence regarding the Iran-US negotiations.

Murad Ali Shah said that President Asif Ali Zardari held a meeting at the Presidency and played a role in keeping the nation united during difficult times.

He added that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, despite holding no official position, remained active in facilitating the Iran-US negotiations.



QUETTA: Resident woman of Quetta addressing a press congerence about her husband illness.



### Wisden laments India's 'Orwellian' control of world cricket

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Wisden has criticised Indian political interference in global cricket administration, labelling the current situation "increasingly Orwellian".

The UK-based Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, which dates back to 1864, is an annual record of all major cricket worldwide and is regarded as the sport's "Bible".

In its 163rd annual edition, to be published on Thursday, editor Lawrence Booth highlighted what he sees as an unhealthy and politicised Indian dominance of the global game.

The International Cricket Council has an Indian chief executive, Sanjog Gupta, and an Indian chairman, Jay Shah, who is the son of Amit Shah, India's minister of home affairs and a longstanding ally of the prime minister, Narendra Modi.

Wisden describes the Board of Control for Cricket in India, which Shah led before taking over at the International Cricket Council (ICC), as "the sporting adjunct of India's ruling BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party)".

Booth also highlighted how politics intruded upon the 2025 Asia Cup, which took place against a backdrop of a brief military conflict between India and Pakistan, leading to the players refusing to shake hands when the rivals played each other.

"Was there a clearer indictment of the game's governance in 2025 than Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Mohsin Naqvi's assertion that 'politics and sport can't go together'?" Booth wrote. "Presumably, he had forgotten he was also his country's interior minister."

Booth added: "It was obvious long before this latest grandstanding that the BCCI were the sporting adjunct of India's ruling BJP."

"Indian exceptionalism"

"But the relationship became explicit when India captain Suryakumar Yadav dedicated the first of India's Asia Cup wins over Pakistan to the armed forces.

"And the idea that cricket was now a legitimate proxy for more lethal activity was hammered home on X by India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, after his country beat Pakistan in the final: 'Operation Sindoor on the games field'."

Booth also cited the case of Bangladesh fast bowler Mustafizur Rahman, who was released from a \$1 million deal with Indian Premier League franchise Kolkata Knight Riders — amid rising tensions between the two nations following the killing of Hindu men in Bangladesh.

Mustafizur's exit from the IPL sparked a chain of events that led to Bangladesh's removal from this year's men's T20 World Cup, after their government refused to let them travel to India. "The sport's governance grows ever more Orwellian, pretending that Indian exceptionalism comes without consequence, and blaming those lower down the food chain for lashing out.

"Predictably, almost no prominent voices in the Indian game addressed the root cause of the carnage: the politicisation of a sport that, whatever Naqvi may say, has never been untouched by the real world, yet never more poisoned by it either."



INTER Milan's Denzel Dumfries (second R) scores past Como goalkeeper Jean Butez during their Serie A match at the Giuseppe Sinigaglia Stadium

### Inter close in on Serie A title after comeback triumph at Como

SPORTS DESK

MILAN: Inter Milan put one hand on the Serie A title on Sunday after coming back from two goals down to win 4-3 in a thrilling match at Como and move nine points clear of Napoli.

Trailing by two in the dying moments of the first half due to goals from Alex Valle and youthful virtuoso Nico Paz, Inter looked set to give champions Napoli hope their Scudetto defence might still be alive.

But Marcus Thuram brilliantly poked home Nicolo Barella's cross in stoppage time at the end of the opening half before the France forward pounced on a mix-up between Como goalkeeper Jean Butez and defender Marc-Oliver Kempf to loop home the leveller moments after the break.

Denzel Dumfries bulleted home Hakan Calhanoglu's perfectly-delivered free-kick in the 58th minute and then completed the turnaround at the Stadio Giuseppe Sinigaglia by coolly guiding home Manuel Akanji's knock-down 14 minutes later.

With six matches remaining in the season Inter now have a near-unassailable lead at the top of the table, while Como's first defeat in two months left them outside the Champions League positions.

Pressed by DAZN into declaring that the title was already sewn up, Inter midfielder Barella simply said "let's wait a little while", and Dumfries was equally evasive. "Today was a great win but every match counts and we have to stay focussed," said Dumfries, who has

missed a huge chunk of this season with injuries.

Como battled to the end with Lucas Da Cunha's late penalty, for a soft foul on Paz by Ange-Yoan Bonny, nearly being followed up by a last-gasp leveller when Alberto Moreno smashed the crossbar from close range.

"Today my team showed me that we're capable of and played with desire and courage," said Como coach Cesc Fabregas. "Yes we made mistakes. We're a young team, and when you do, these teams will punish you. That's the way it is."

Juventus have taken Como's place in the top four of Italy's top flight, a disappointment after a superb first half in which Paz was the star of the show with a brilliant 11th goal of the season and the saved shot which led to Valle's opener.

Inter are scheduled to face Cagliari at home on Friday. They will then host Como next Tuesday for the second leg of their Coppa Italia semi-final after their first meeting ended in a goalless draw.

Despite the setback Como, who have never played European football, remain in contention for a Champions League qualifying berth. Fabregas said he remains focused on performance rather than the immediate standings.

"I don't know what position we are in the table, because I haven't checked since the start of the season and I'm not going to now," Fabregas said. "I just say that it was a good performance and we don't stop now. There are six rounds to play plus the Coppa Italia, and well see where we end up."

### Zimbabwe pacer Blessing Muzarabani banned for 2 PSL editions over 'failure to honour commitments'

By Maqsood Khalid

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Tuesday barred Zimbabwe pacer Blessing Muzarabani from participating in the next two editions of the Pakistan Super League (PSL). In a statement, the cricket board said that after a thorough disciplinary review, Muzarabani was declared ineligible to participate in the next two editions of the tournament, effective immediately.

"This decision stems from a fundamental failure to honour agreed-upon commitments, an action that undermines the professional framework of the league," it said.

Although the press release did not make specific mention of the agreement, ESPNcricinfo reported last month that Muzarabani, who was slated to play for Islamabad United, would not be doing so after securing a deal in the Indian Premier League with the Kolkata Knight Riders.

"The PCB maintains that professional cricket operates on the bedrock of trust and the certainty of agreements. In this instance, despite a clear offer and an unequivocal acceptance of essential terms, the player chose to disregard these obligations in favour of a conflicting arrangement," the cricket board said.

It went on to say that "once essential terms — including remuneration and structure — are agreed upon through written correspondence, a binding obligation is formed".

It maintained that an attempt to "move away from such commitments without valid cause is a violation of contractual obligations and principles of good faith that govern global professional sports".

The PCB said that the PSL's integrity was dependent on the "consistent and ethical behaviour of all participants".

"The statement noted that the two-year ban was "a necessary measure to safeguard the professional environment of the PSL".

"The PSL remains dedicated to ensuring that the league remains a platform where contractual certainty is respected and where the actions of all players and agents reflect the prestige of the tournament," the statement read.

The cricket board further stated that while it took into account the "complexities of modern cricket schedules, it will not compromise on the ethical framework that ensures fairness to the franchisees and the integrity of the league's recruitment processes".



Zimbabwe pacer Blessing Muzarabani.

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## Blow hot, blow cold

**PEACEMAKING** becomes increasingly difficult when belligerents continue to resort to threats, bullying and insults. Where the US-Iran peace process is concerned, President Donald Trump's routinely irrational public comments serve to complicate matters, and may even scuttle behind-the-scenes efforts to arrive at an agreement.

After the American and Iranian delegations left Islamabad on Sunday without a deal — the probability of agreeing on a solution to a complicated dispute in a short span of time was always remote — Mr Trump took to social media to unleash a barrage of bellicosity. He once again threatened Iran, saying his forces were “locked and loaded”, while announcing that a US blockade of the Strait of Hormuz would take effect, restricting the passage of vessels using Iranian ports, or those that pay toll to Tehran.

Mr Trump has not even spared the pope. After the pontiff strongly criticised war, the US leader said he was “not a big fan” of Pope Leo XIV. The holy father remained unrepentant, saying he would continue to denounce war.

Mr Trump's frequent rants aside, there is a very real threat of hostilities restarting if American and Iranian forces come face to face in the Strait of Hormuz. While the maritime passage is essential to global commerce, attempts to reopen it by force, or stop Iranian ships from crossing the strait, will only exacerbate matters and harden Tehran's posture. The key to opening the strait, and ending hostilities across the region, continues to lie in a peaceful resolution to the conflict. Suffice it to say, Mr Trump's belligerent social media missives are hardly creating conditions conducive to diplomacy.

As per reports, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has said that both sides were “inches away” from an “Islamabad MoU”, yet an agreement could not be reached because the US ‘shifted the goalposts’. If this is the case, then a second round of talks becomes imperative. The Americans say that Iran is not willing to give up its pursuit of nuclear weapons. Yet the facts state otherwise as before the American attack in February, Tehran was willing to make significant concessions to its nuclear programme — short of abandoning enrichment — in the Omani-facilitated dialogue process. The fact is that if Iran is approached with respect, and serious diplomats from the US engage with their Iranian counterparts, facilitated by committed interlocutors such as Pakistan and others, a peaceful resolution is very much possible. For such a process to deliver, the US must resolve to end its aggression against Iran, and prevent its proxy Israel from causing chaos across the region. Equally important, the US president must refrain from issuing bombastic threats on social media, and leave the Iran file to seasoned diplomats in his administration, who are actually capable of reaching a workable agreement.

By Barrister Usman Ali, Ph.D.

## The Constitution Above All: Justice Qazi Faez Isa's Legacy

**A** recurring tragedy of Pakistan's judicial history is that, at critical moments, the courts have often appeared to bend before power rather than stand as guardians of the Constitution. Doctrines such as the “doctrine of necessity” not only legitimized unconstitutional actions but also eroded the moral authority of the judiciary. In such an environment, when a judge stands firmly by the Constitution as the ultimate authority, he ceases to be just an individual, he becomes a benchmark. Among the few names in Pakistan's superior judiciary who meet this standard, former Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa stands out prominently.

If one were to distill Justice Isa's judicial philosophy into a few words, it would be this: constitutional supremacy, institutional balance, and an unwavering commitment to fundamental rights. What distinguishes his judgments is that he does not treat the law as a mere collection of words, but as a living framework designed to ensure a fair and just relationship between the state and its citizens.

At the core of his philosophy lies a simple yet powerful principle: all institutions of the state are subject to the Constitution, not the other way around. Furthermore, in his view, no individual, no matter how powerful or celebrated, enjoys any special status before the Constitution; all are equal and accountable under it. This clarity shaped his approach in cases where the actions of powerful institutions or influential figures were tested against constitutional standards. He consistently reinforced the idea that placing any individual or institution above the law is, in effect, a negation of the constitutional order.

Another defining aspect of his judicial thought is his firm belief in the separation of powers. He emphasized that the judiciary, legislature, and executive must operate within their respective constitutional domains. Where courts were expected to step into policy-making or fill administrative gaps, he made it clear that the role of the judiciary is to interpret the law, not to legislate. If gaps exist, it is Parliament's responsibility to address them. This approach strengthened institutional balance and rejected the notion that courts

could reshape the Constitution to serve particular interests.

Transparency and accountability also occupy a central place in his thinking. His judgments do not merely resolve disputes; they clarify the responsibilities of state institutions and highlight their failures. On several occasions, he underscored that the failure to safeguard citizens' rights is not just administrative inefficiency, it is a breach of constitutional duty, one that cannot be justified under any circumstances.

His decisions also reflect a deep commitment to fundamental rights. Freedom of expression, the right to a fair trial, and equality before the law are treated not as abstract ideals but as enforceable guarantees. In his view, the legitimacy of the state depends on its willingness to protect these rights, not restrict them. This is why, even in cases where an ordinary citizen stood against the state, he upheld the principle that the law must treat all equally. Another notable feature of Justice Isa's work is his clarity of writing. His judgments are logical, accessible, and free from unnecessary complexity. He has made a conscious effort to present legal reasoning in a manner that is understandable not only to lawyers but also to the general public, an important step toward making the law more transparent and meaningful.

His refusal to conform to entrenched practices, and his willingness to move beyond the doctrine of necessity, invited sustained criticism. Organized campaigns were launched against him in both traditional and social media. Yet much of this criticism came from individuals who neither understood constitutional law nor had seriously engaged with his judgments. Instead, it often reflected political loyalties and disappointment that he did not extend the kind of extra-constitutional concessions that had, at times, been granted in the past.

That pattern, to some extent, continues even today. In contrast, serious legal observers regard his work as a reflection of principled and independent judicial



thinking. Justice Qazi Faez Isa's career is not merely a record of decisions, it is a story of principled resistance. The presidential reference filed against him, along with the accompanying campaigns and baseless propaganda, underscores the pressures faced by a judge committed to independence.

The inclusion of his spouse in these proceedings and attempts at personal vilification only highlighted the intensity of that pressure. Yet he did not retreat from his principles. His steadfastness stands as evidence of both personal integrity and moral courage.

He never allowed his judicial responsibilities to be shaped by popularity or public pressure. His decisions reflect a consistent refusal to appease any group or yield to powerful interests. For him, the duty of a judge is to decide according to the law, not according to convenience.

For students of law, his body of work represents a complete school of thought. His judgments not only clarify constitutional principles but also demonstrate the ethical and intellectual standards required of a judge. They draw a clear distinction between judicial independence and compromise.

In light of all this, it is fair to say that Justice Qazi Faez Isa has set a defining example within Pakistan's judiciary, one in which the Constitution is not merely a document, but a living commitment. He has shown that justice can prevail when anchored in principle,

even under pressure, and that truth can be upheld despite opposition.

And that is ultimately the standard by which justice in any society must be judged, whether decisions are made in accordance with the Constitution or under the weight of pressure. Because justice is not merely delivered;

it requires the courage to stand by the Constitution, no matter where the pressure comes from.

By Dr Niaz Murtaza

## Back to an abyss?

**THEY** came, they talked, they went away without a deal. The impasse on even the two most burning issues — a longer ceasefire and opening the Strait of Hormuz — is truly bad news for all. The impasse may still break. But even uncertainty is bad for the global economy, moving back from one abyss only to inch towards another. US obduracy, as always, was the key cause. A lesser one was the large agenda, with both foes coming with big teams to discuss all issues in one go. An initial focus on these two burning issues, among others, and a plan for future talks may have been more apt. Given especially the many past failures, lower-ranking officials on both sides and the mediators perhaps misread how much they must shrink gaps via prior backchannel talks before inviting big guns like J.D. Vance.

Will President Donald Trump resume war, as he keeps threatening? Despite rising global multipolarity, there is yet no global check on the US when it comes to its endless, senseless wars. But its internal multipolarity — the mismatch between its war aims and political and economic constraints at home are reflected in falling market indices and Trump's ratings — may stop even an impulsive Trump stung by his failure to defeat Iran despite weeks of inhuman bombing. But it's naive to think that vicious ‘USraeli’ hawks will give up their evil designs forever. They may wait to let the global economy recover and find a way to blunt the two aces Iran used in the war to trump Trump — closing Hormuz and hitting US regional allies hard —

before attacking it. But open war may not happen for a while despite failed talks.

That leaves the issue of reopening the strait. Trump, in a typical early morning impulsive rant, says he will impose a naval blockade on Iran until it opens it. But that is like us sealing Islamabad totally when agitators threaten to do so partially. It may yet dawn on him that this illegal step will hit his home constraints hard. China, the EU and regional states may now scramble to get Iran to open the strait via carrot and stick. So, as I said earlier, realpolitik rather than talks may shape future events.

If these two issues get resolved thus, the pressure on Iran and the US to have talks on deeper issues may even fall. Some naively hope they may just have a rethink and resume talks. But serious results may only accrue if their incentive structures change. Talks on key issues failed mainly due to mistrust as their sequential resolution over time involves many stages where one foe takes a step alone before the other reciprocates. Rich states like Europe, China, Russia, Japan and the Gulf countries can help resolve mistrust by using carrots and sticks to give guarantees at each stage requiring a leap of faith by one enemy alone. Game-theory security experts can help map mutually acceptable guarantees for each such step which has an action-reaction time gap.

‘USraeli’ hawks are not likely to give up their evil designs.

International relations gurus say that only states with clout can strategically shape mediation while states with only trust, good ties and access can

just relay messages. This is why rich states must enter the fray as mediators as the role of Pakistan, Egypt and Turkiye in relaying messages faithfully is insufficient in this huge crisis.

We must also review our role and constraints, given our own problems that may arise if talks fail again and we get more deeply sucked into Gulf politics or if our rulers lose their domestic focus due to a prolonged mediation role. Oman, Qatar, Turkiye and Switzerland have all facilitated talks between the two earlier. So, it's wrong to think we are the best or the only state able to play the limited role of re-laying messages given the recently struck personal ties between our senior state officials and Trump. But personal ties can't substitute for state clout. A globally critical role for us may also harm our human rights, democracy and civilian sway situation and cement our habit of chasing geostrategic rents instead of adopting sound economic progress as under some past regimes.

Finally, Iran has won global applause for bravely staring down two vicious, evil states. Its resolve remains unbent, but the human, leadership, economic and military cost was still high and it will take time for it to recoup its losses. It survived the onslaught largely due to the strong support ordinary Iranians gave the state.

Its rulers know its foes will work overtime to blunt its two aces and that they will continue to need unflinching public support. Giving all Iranians their democratic rights will bolster their own ability to deal with future intrigues by not letting foes exploit internal fissures.

# DAILY MIRROR

## Ceasefire holds despite Strait of Hormuz blockade: Masood Khan

INP

ISLAMABAD: Former ambassador to the United States, China and the United Nations, and former president of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Masood Khan said on Tuesday that Pakistan's diplomatic efforts are helping sustain fragile peace, as a temporary US-Iran ceasefire holds despite rising tensions after a naval blockade was announced in the Strait of Hormuz.

The development marks a critical juncture in ongoing efforts to avert a wider regional conflict and restore stability, he said while talking with media.

He underscored that while the blockade introduces serious risks, the continuation of the ceasefire signals that diplomatic channels remain open. He noted that negotiations, though temporarily paused, have not collapsed and may resume, potentially again in Islamabad, reflecting confidence in

Pakistan's role as a credible mediator.

Khan highlighted that recent talks were conducted in a constructive atmosphere, with both sides demonstrating flexibility on key issues, particularly regarding nuclear arrangements. However, critical sticking points persist, including access to enriched uranium stockpiles and broader regional concerns linked to maritime security and Lebanon. Despite these hurdles, both Washington and Tehran issued positive statements, indicating proximity to a potential understanding.

The blockade of the Strait of Hormuz has introduced new geopolitical complexities. As one of the world's most vital transit routes, any disruption carries global economic implications.

Masood Khan warned that enforcement measures, including interception or diversion of vessels, could escalate tensions, particularly with China, which relies heavily on Iranian oil supplies. The risk of direct confrontation between major powers, he cautioned, must be avoided.

Pakistan, meanwhile, continues intensive diplomatic outreach, engaging regional stakeholders including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Egypt, alongside global actors, to sustain dialogue and prevent miscalculation. Officials emphasize that even amid heightened military posturing, communication channels remain active.

Khan stressed that any exchange of fire could immediately collapse the ceasefire, underscoring the delicacy of the current moment. He also pointed to legal complexities surrounding maritime passage under international law, noting that unilateral restrictions could face global resistance.

Describing the situation as a "war of calculations," he observed that both sides believe they are negotiating from positions of strength. Yet, he emphasized that prolonged conflict risks triggering a broader crisis reminiscent of historic global confrontations.



WASHINGTON DC : Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, held a meeting with Mr. Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Spring Meetings 2026.

### Govt to ensure public welfare, economic development: PM

APP

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said the government is utilizing all available resources to ensure public welfare and economic development of the country.

He was talking to his Advisor on Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah and Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan and President Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chapter of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Amir Muqam, who called on him in Islamabad today.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the agenda of public service should be pursued at a greater pace and that resolving public issues must remain the top priority. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the country's overall political situation, government affairs, and political strategy.

Both leaders appreciated the Prime Minister's efforts for the resolution of the Gulf crisis and paid tribute to his role in promoting regional stability.

### ECP releases initial list of new delimitation for Quetta district

APP

QUETTA: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has published the preliminary list of new delimitations for local councils in Quetta District. The announcement was made by the District Election Commissioner Quetta, who also serves as the convener of the delimitation committee.

According to the notification, objections to the proposed delimitations may be filed between April 15 and April 29, 2026, with the Delimitation Authority, which is the Regional Election Commissioner for Quetta Division. The authority will review and decide on all objections by May 14, 2026.

The ECP has urged the public to carefully review the proposed delimitations and submit any objections within the stipulated timeframe. The final list of delimitations is scheduled to be published on May 21, 2026.

This step marks an important phase in preparations for upcoming local council elections, ensuring transparency and public participation in the electoral process.

### Renowned lawyer Barrister Sanobar Naz and her husband, immigration consultant Khalil Mir, hosted an Eid-ul-Adha party in Mississauga

PRESS RELEASE

Canada: Renowned lawyer Barrister Sanobar Naz and her husband, immigration consultant Khalil Mir, hosted an Eid-ul-Adha party at a local restaurant in Mississauga. Member of Parliament Sheriff Sabaway attended as the special guest.

The participation of Chairman Amal Foundation Canada Asjad Hussain,

Saleem Chaudhry, Nasir Butt, Khuram Aftab, Murtaza Joyia, Asjad Hussain, Sami Chughtai, Irfan Baba, Zahid Butt and Mrs. Butt, Hasnain Hameed, Kamran Rashid, Ali Sheikh, Ahsan Syed, Waqas Chaudhry, Talha, Asim Chughtai, Shahid Hassan made the event a grand success. A sumptuous meal was arranged for the distinguished guests. During the Eid Milan party, Barrister Sanobar Naz's

birthday cake was also cut and gifts were exchanged.

Barrister Sanobar Naz said that if anyone needs legal guidance in any matter, their doors are always open. We are striving to serve the Pakistani community in Canada.

Chairman Amal Foundation Canada Asjad Hussain also expressed his views and stressed on promoting service to humanity. He said that everyone does

business but only a few do business with Allah Almighty. Therefore, come forward for the welfare of humanity and actively participate in good deeds.

### Pakistan slams Israeli 'aggression' in Lebanon, urges de-escalation & humanitarian access

APP

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan Monday strongly condemned the deadly Israeli strikes across Lebanon, especially in the southern part of the country, that have left behind a catastrophic humanitarian situation.

Speaking at an OIC Ambassadorial-level meeting held to discuss the current humanitarian situation in Lebanon, Ambassador Usman Jadoon, Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN, said the situation was deteriorating by the day for tens of thousands of uprooted civilians.

According to the UN, intensified Israeli bombardment in Lebanon has killed more than 2,000 people AND over 6,500 others wounded, with over 1.2 million people reported displaced and the health system on the brink of collapse.

In his remarks, Ambassador Jadoon reiterated Pakistan's full support for the sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of Lebanon, condemning "in the strongest

terms" Israel's continued military aggression. "The large-scale destruction of civilian infrastructure and the blatant disregard for international humanitarian law must cease immediately," he demanded.

The Pakistani envoy also welcomed the efforts of the Government of Lebanon to restore stability and strengthen state authority, including its recent cabinet decision to reinforce national security structures, noting Beirut's de-escalation initiatives, including a four-point plan advanced by its leadership to restore calm and stability.

Pakistan, he said, strongly condemns attacks on UN peacekeepers serving with UNIFIL, the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon, who have been injured in Israeli strikes. Te Pakistani envoy called for humanitarian access across all affected area to provide relief to the suffering people. He said that at this critical juncture, de-escalation, restraint, and renewed diplomatic engagement were urgently required to prevent further deterioration of the regional security environment.

### PM visits Abdul Rehman Kanju, offers condolences on his mother's death

APP

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday visited Minister of State Abdul Rehman Kanju at his residence to offer condolences over the demise of his mother. On the occasion, the prime minister offered Fateha and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul. He also prayed to Allah Almighty to grant the bereaved family courage to bear the loss with patience.

### Pakistan forces ready to respond decisively across all domains, says Naval Chief

NEWS DESK

RISALPUR: A prestigious graduation parade for GDP-152 and allied courses was held at PAF Academy Risalpur, attended by senior military leadership.

The ceremony's chief guest was Admiral Naveed Ashraf, while Air Chief Marshal Zabeer Ahmed Baber Sidhu also graced the occasion.

The chief guest reviewed the parade and awarded honors to cadets who demonstrated outstanding performance. The graduating cadets also took their oath during the ceremony.

In his address, Admiral Naveed Ashraf congratulated the cadets and praised the Air Force for its outstanding performance during recent operations, highlighting the long-standing legacy of excellence of graduates from the academy.

He emphasized that the Pakistan Air Force has demonstrated its capabilities not only in conventional operations but also in cyber and electronic warfare.

Admiral Ashraf further stated that the Pakistan Navy continues to play a crucial role in defending the country's maritime frontiers and remains fully prepared to respond effectively to any aggression.

Referring to global developments, he noted that tensions between Iran and United States, along with disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, have impacted global oil supplies.

He added that with the support of the nation, Pakistan's armed forces are successfully combating terrorism. He also credited the country's political and military leadership for contributing .

### Govt committed to providing quality & timely medical facilities to people: Health Minister

APP

Quetta: Balochistan Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar on Tuesday said that the Balochistan government is committed to providing quality and timely medical facilities to the people and activating the New Trauma Center on modern lines is part of this vision.

He expressed these views while chairing a review meeting regarding the New Trauma Center Quetta.

The meeting reviewed the functioning of the New Trauma Center, administrative matters, availability of modern medical equipment and service delivery system in detail.

On this occasion, Secretary Health Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, former Secretary Health Punjab Ali Jan, Director General Health Amin Mandokhel, Additional Secretary Health Saqib Kakar, CEO Trauma Center Arbab Kamran, Provincial Coordinator of Balochistan Health Management and Information Systems Ababgar Baloch, and other senior doctors and relevant officials attend-

ed. The meeting was given a detailed briefing by Director Operation New Trauma Center Dr. Sher Afgan Rahisani, in which the ongoing steps were informed to make the New Trauma Center fully functional.

During this, various aspects of the start of services were discussed in detail.

The Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar directed that all administrative and medical matters be finalized as soon as possible so that the Trauma Center could be immediately activated for the public and the best medical facilities can be provided in case of emergency.

He said that the Balochistan government is committed to providing quality and timely medical facilities to the people and activating the New Trauma Center on modern lines is part of this vision. At the end of the meeting, the commitment was reiterated that the New Trauma Center would be fully activated as soon as possible and presented for the service of the public.



Quetta: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhel He expressed these views while talking to the officers under training of Pakistan Navy War College Lahore during their study tour to Quetta.

### BFA seals two factories, fines 27 centers on substandard & unhealthy food in Balochistan

APP

Quetta: Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) sealed two factories were sealed and fined 27 centers including baking units, spice shops, general stores, hotels and restaurants and meat shops on substandard and unhealthy food in respective areas of Balochistan.

In addition, 36 units were issued corrective notices for minor defects during crackdown.

BFA spokesman on Tuesday said that the Balochistan Food Authority (BFA) launched crackdown against substandard and unhealthy food in respective areas of Balochistan.

He said that during the recent operations, food safety teams inspected various centers in Quetta, Qila Saifullah, Khuzdar, Gwadar and Kuchlak, during the overall operations, 2 factories were

sealed, while 27 centers were fined and 36 units were issued corrective notices for minor defects.

During the inspection, a large quantity of expired and banned items were seized and destroyed. An ice cream and ice kulfi manufacturing unit located on CPEC Road, Quetta was sealed for serious violations. He said that serious issues such as poor cleaning arrangements in the unit, unsafe storage of raw materials, no temperature maintenance system in chillers, unavailability of temperature records, lack of BFA license and product registration were revealed.

Furthermore, deficiencies were also found in the labeling of the products, including the absence of the manufacturer's address and batch number, while the lack of cleanliness, sanitation and safety protocols was also evident, he mentioned.

### 25pc IESCO consumers shifted to smart metering as govt pushes power sector digitization: Leghari

By Zahid Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awaiz Ahmed Khan Leghari on Tuesday said that nearly 25 percent of IESCO consumers have been equipped with AMI meters, which amounts to around 1.1 to 1.2 million meters installations. He described this as a key step towards modernizing the power sector.

Speaking during his visit to the IESCO AMI Control Center, the minister said that AMI meters are helping control the issue of overbilling. He added that the removal of human intervention will further improve transparency in the system, said a press release.

He noted that the meters have a built-in net metering facility and do not require replacement. Consumers can also access their electricity usage through a mobile application and pay their bills easily through One Link.

He said that effective monitoring of around 1.1 to 1.2 million meters from the AMI Control Center reflects the government's commitment to a technology-driven and transparent system. He added that this approach is in line with the vision of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to provide better service-

es to consumers. The minister further said that in the coming months, particularly after June, consumers will be able to clearly know their electricity bills and understand the system status. He noted that billing-related issues within this consumer base are already being addressed.

He said the government is committed to expanding this modern system across Pakistan in phases. A program for the installation of over 10 million AMI meters will be launched soon. He emphasized that single-phase meters will be digitized as a priority to improve consumer convenience.

Chairman IESCO Dr Tahir Masood, CEO IESCO Chaudhary Khalid Mehmood, Chief Engineer Kamran Aftab, and Project Director AMI Mohsin Raza Gilani received the federal minister on his arrival. He was given a detailed briefing on the installation and working of AMI meters under the project.

Officials informed that the system helps control electricity theft through alarms and event detection. It can reduce the cost of disconnection and reconnection significantly. The system also supports better decision-making based on data, while improving overall transparency.



QUETTA: Activates of ANP holds protest on Adalat road.