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QUETTA: A beautiful illuminated view of lighting at Government building on the eve of Independence Day celebrations coming ahead, in Quetta.

## PM address to nation: Govt steered country out of severe economic, political crises in 16 months

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ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said his government steered the country out of severe historic economic and political crises and external challenges and protected the interests of the people and the Pakistani state during the 16 months.

Addressing the nation, he said time and history would be witness that his government saved Pakistan from default and the subsequent economic disaster waiting to happen, safeguarded national interests, restored the trust of friendly countries and provided relief to people after the devastating floods.

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## Caretaker PM Kakar thanks political parties for welcoming his appointment

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar on Sunday thanked the political parties who welcomed his appointment and vowed to fulfil his responsibilities to the best of his ability.

The caretaker PM received a stream of congratulatory messages from political leaders on his appointment to the position.

Former Balochistan chief minister Jam Kamal, Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) leader Fawad Chaudhry, and Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) leader Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti were among those who met with interim PM at Punjab

House to offer their extolments.

Fawad Chaudhry said that Kakar's appointment as caretaker prime minister received collective appreciation. He expressed hope that the interim premier would fulfil the "heavy responsibility" that he had been entrusted with.

Kakar thanked all the parties who had welcomed his appointment and said that he was grateful to the people who had expressed their good wishes for him.

He said that he would strive to fulfil his duties to the best of his ability and that he would work for the betterment of the country.

## CM greets nation on 76th Independence Day: We have to work together remaining above every kind of prejudices, emphasizes Chief Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo greeted the entire nation on 76th Independence Day.

In a message issued here on the Independence Day, the Chief Minister said that this country came into being due to the great sacrifices of our forefathers, and now its protection, construction and development is our responsibility.

We have to work like a united nation forgetting aside our petty differences and remaining above all kinds of prejudices to fulfill that responsibility, adding he stressed.

Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo regretfully pointed out that the anti-state forces want to weaken and destabilize the country by creating lawlessness, however, we can foil the nefarious designs of the enemies by forging unity among our ranks, he added. He insisted that we can make Pakistan a great Islamic state by following the sayings of father of Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and thinking of Poet of the East, Allama Dr. Muhammad Iqbal.

He said that on the eve of Jashne Azadi, we should

also pay homage to our those martyrs who rendered sacrifice of their lives for defence of the country and its peace. The Chief Minister said that this day reminds us that how big blessing of the independence is. He said that the people of Balochistan stand by their Kashmiri brethren in their just struggle. He also strongly condemned the Indian state barbarism and cruelties against the Kashmiris in the Occupied Kashmir. He also said that we have to learn the lesson from the past and play role for development of the country.



QUETTA: Provincial Ameer of Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam and former Federal Minister Maulana Abdul Wasey meeting with nominated Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar.

## Balochistan CM contacts political leaders for name of Caretaker CM

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo on Sunday contacted political leaders to develop consensus on the name of the Caretaker Chief Minister.

In this regard, he also contacted with Balochistan opposition leader Malik Sikander Khan Advocate and discussed on the establishment of caretaker government.

Chief Minister talked with Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani and Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) Mir Khalid Khan Magsoo about setting up of caretaker regime in the province.

The Chief Minister also contacted the senior political leadership of the province saying that soon progress was expected in the name of caretaker Chief Minister in Balochistan by consultation of political leaders including opposition leader.

## Mengal expresses strong reservations over caretaker PM in a letter to Nawaz

LAHORE (INP): Sardar Akhtar Mengal, the seasoned Baloch nationalist leader, isn't happy with the appointment of Anwarul Haq Kakar as caretaker prime minister as he wrote a letter to Nawaz Sharif - the PML-N supremo - saying that force was being used to solve Balochistan's problems instead of finding a political solution.

Mengal, the chief of his own faction of Balochistan Awami Party (BNP), said his letter was a continuation of the one he had written on July 22, 2022 and, unfortunately, the issues mentioned back then were still persisting.

Expressing his dismay, the BNP-M head said notwithstanding the situation being faced in Balochistan, it was a surprise that they [Nawaz and others] had been unable learn from what

had they faced. A solution to the current problems was being found in consultation with the establishment, instead of politicians, he remarked. According to Mengal, they still remember the injustices of Gen Ayub Khan to Gen Pervez Musharraf, but his [Nawaz's] party has forgotten the conspiracies hatched and unconstitutional acts committed by Gen Musharraf and Gen Bajwa so quickly. Making the undemocratic forces more powerful by weakening the democratic institutions will prove to be the last nail in the coffin of democracy, Mengal warned.

He also told Nawaz that the legislations introduced against the human rights concept would ultimately be used against them [PML-N] in future as they had not considered,

## Dollar hits Rs302 in open market

KARACHI (INP): The US dollar hit 302 against the rupee in the open market, going beyond the boundaries marked by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to keep the difference in open and inter-bank exchange rates in the range of 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent, says media reports.

"The US dollar rates kept fluctuating during the day and reached as high as Rs302," said Zafar Paracha, general secretary of the Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan.

On Friday, the dollar traded at Rs296 in the open market.



SIALKOT: The Chief Executive of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party Jahangir Tareen, along with President Aleem Khan and Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan addressing to the media in Kobey Chak.

## ISPR says: Two terrorists killed amid swift response to attack on military convoy in Gwadar

RAWALPINDI (APP): The security forces on Sunday killed two terrorists in a swift response to the attack made on a military convoy in the morning in Gwadar district. The terrorists attacked a military convoy in Gwadar at 1000 hours, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) press release said. The terrorists used small arms and hand grenades during the activity, however, due to efficient

and swift response, two terrorists were sent to hell with no harm to any military or civil persons, it said.

The ISPR said, "Security Forces of Pakistan remain determined to thwart efforts of the enemies of peace and prosperity in the country." Meanwhile, Chinese Embassy in Pakistan on Sunday strongly condemned the terrorists attack on a Chinese Convoy in Gwadar and asked Pakistani authorities.

## We need to make pledge to stability of the country: Kakar

Independent Report QUETTA: Greeting the whole nation on the 76th Independence Day, the Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has emphasized that we need to make pledge to strive for stability and development of the country.

In a statement issued here on eve of the Independence Day being observed today, the Governor said that our political elders and forefathers had struggled to get freedom, and as such it is our collective obligation to make pledge to ensure independence and make conscious efforts for its survival and stability.

## CM Bizenjo calls Kakar; greets him on nomination as caretaker PM

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo has congratulated Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar on his nomination as the caretaker Prime Minister.

The Chief Minister telephoned Anwarul Haq Kakar and expressed best wishes for his success in future.

While speaking to Anwarul Haq Kakar, the Chief Minister expressed the belief that the caretaker Prime Minister would ensure holding of the free and fair elections according to

his constitutional mandate.

Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo also said that his becoming caretaker Prime Minister is a matter of pride for Balochistan.

He prayed that may Allah Almighty succeed him fulfilling his constitutional mandate and responsibilities. During the course of conversation, the Chief Minister and designated caretaker Prime Minister also discussed political and other related matters.

The caretaker Prime Minister also thanked the Chief Minister for expressing best wishes for him.

## Two traders killed, as many abducted by dacoits in Dera Bugti

DERA BUGTI (INP): Two traders were shot dead and as many were abducted by dacoits on Indus Highway in the limits of Naper Kot police, Dera Bugti on Sunday. A complete shutdown was observed and a sit-in was held in Dera Bugti against the killings and kidnapping of the traders.

The protesters blamed the police for being in connivance with the dacoits kidnapping and killing innocent people.



KABUL: Leaders of Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam (Nazriati) Maulana Abdul Qadir Luni, Syed Haji Abdul Sattar Shah Chisti, Haji Hayatullah Kakar and others meeting with Afghan Foreign Minister Maula Ameer Khan Mutaki.

## Shah's statement about caretaker PM 'fumes' PPP

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former federal minister Khurshid Shah's statement about the caretaker prime minister has 'fumed' Pakistan People's Party (PPP), sources said on Sunday, citing sources.

Shah in his statement had said that they were unaware that Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar would be appointed as caretaker Prime Minister. PPP had finalized five names

which included Saleem Abbas, Jalil Abbas, Muhammad Malik and Afzal Khan from KP, he added.

Shah had further said that it would have been better if someone among them was appointed as caretaker PM.

The senior leadership of the party has sought an 'explanation' from Khurshid Shah over his statement regarding Anwarul Haq Kakar.

## All set to celebrate Independence Day with enthusiasm in Quetta, other parts of Balochistan today

Independent Report QUETTA: All is set to celebrate the 76th Independence Day of the country with national spirit and enthusiasm in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan today (Monday).

Different ceremonies and events have been arranged to mark the celebrations of Independence in the provincial metropolis and other district and divisional headquarters all over the province.

The main Independence Day ceremony is scheduled to be held at 08:30 AM today at the lawn of provincial Assembly.

The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar would be the chief guest and hoist the

national flag there.

The senior high ranking officials as well as the dignitaries from different walks of life, public representatives and civil society would be participating in the flag hoisting ceremony.

Similar different activities have also been planned to mark the celebrations which included the flag hoisting at the High Court of Balochistan.

Moreover, the flag hoisting ceremonies would also be held at the offices of deputy commissioners and commissioners in the districts and divisional headquarters respectively.

A grand ceremony is also scheduled to be held at the Railway station of Quetta.

Similarly, a ceremony would also be held at 12:00 Noon at the Balochistan Boy Scouts Association's headquarter. Qazi Azmat Isa would also be chief guest at the ceremony.

Meanwhile, in a meeting chaired by the Commissioner had reviewed the security arrangements made for the ceremony.

The walk through gates would be installed on the entry and exit points of the Railway Station. The special arrangement would also be made for parking of the vehicles visiting the Railway Station for Independence Day celebrations.

The activities to be part of the event are included: firework, food festival, musical show, etc.

## One soldier martyred amid eliminating four terrorists in Bajaur IBO

RAWALPINDI (APP): A soldier of the Pakistan Army embraced martyrdom during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) conducted on the night of August 12-13 in the general area Charming, Bajaur District on the reported presence of terrorists, while four extremists were killed in an intense exchange of fire.

During the operation, an intense fire exchange occurred between the security

forces and terrorists, besides four terrorists being sent to hell, and one terrorist was apprehended, said an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release issued here Sunday.

The martyred soldier was identified as Sepoy Muhammad Shoaib (age 24 years, resident of District Kohat), having fought gallantly embraced Shahadat during an intense exchange of fire.



QUETTA: Participants of Jawanan Itfihad Balochistan take part in the rally in connection with the Independence Day celebration.





