







## Aneeq stresses unity among faiths, condemns image-tarnishing efforts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed, addressing the Interfaith Harmony Conference at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts on Wednesday, emphasized the need for unity among all faiths and condemned any attempts to tarnish the image of religions. "Who are those individuals seeking to distort the essence of faith?" asked Aneeq, as he addressed a captivated audience. "We are brothers, and in our presence, any attack on a place of worship is a grave injustice."

Reflecting on recent events such as the incident in Jaranwala, the minister stated that such incidents should never have occurred. However, he pointed out that there had been even worse atrocities against various communities in neighboring India.

"Those who lost their lives in India among the Christian brethren are not just Christians but also our brothers," he passionately expressed.

He further reiterated that Pakistan was not merely a "State," but an Islamic Republic. "We are the People of the Book, and we are supplicants of the One God," he proclaimed.

Aneeq extended his message of inclusivity by highlighting the divine nature of all scriptures, including Torah, Psalms, Bible, and the Holy Quran. "These are all divine revelations, the final one being the Quran," he affirmed.

Turning his attention to the tragic incident in Manipur, India, where over 150 Christians lost their lives, the minister clarified that no Christian had been harmed in Pakistan. "We believe that what happened in Jaranwala should never have happened," he stated emphatically.

He applauded the collective stance of the nation alongside their Christian brethren in the face of the Jaranwala tragedy. "We are a resilient nation, and our protest speaks volumes," he declared.

In his closing remarks, Aneeq urged that while any incident should be prevented, it must be handled through legal means. "We must not take the law into our own hands," he emphasized, leaving the audience inspired and reflective.

## Sanjrani, FNF delegation discuss multilateral issues of mutual interest

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) called on Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani here on Wednesday. The delegation consisted Dr Carsten Klein (Regional Director, FNF South Asia), Ms. Birgit Lamm (Head of Country Office, FNF Pakistan), and Ms. Rebea Firdous (Communication Officer, FNF Pakistan Office) engaged in a comprehensive dialogue with the chairman Senate.

The topics of discussion spanned a range of crucial areas, most notably renewable energy initiatives, fostering women's entrepreneurship, and fortifying the Pak-German trade relationship within the ambit of the GSP+ framework.

Of particular note was the foundation's unwavering commitment to nurturing a business-friendly landscape in Pakistan. This commitment was further underlined by an insightful exploration of challenges faced by businesses and entrepreneurs, with a focus on proactive solutions.



ISLAMABAD: Jamal Shah, Interim Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture visiting Aiwan-e-Quaid Building at Fatima Jinnah Park.

## Jamal visits Aiwan-e-Quaid Building, sparks intent to elevate amenities

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jamal Shah, Interim Minister for National Heritage and Culture on Wednesday conducted a visit to Islamabad's Fatima Jinnah Park, where he expressed the desire to enhance the facilities at the Aiwan-e-Quaid Building during his tour. During the visit, senior officials at Aiwan-e-Quaid provided him with an overview of the different amenities accessible within the building.

The Federal Minister also toured several amenities within the Aiwan-e-Quaid Building, which encompassed the Quaid-i-Azam Gallery, Quaid Public Library, Auditorium, documentation center, as well as the Training and Research Center.

The Federal Minister conveyed his intention to enhance the facilities, aiming to transform the location into a more valuable space for the community's cultural, educational, and literary endeavors.

The Minister also explored Bagh-e-Shuhada, currently under development next to the Islamabad Art Gallery.

Among its various elements, the garden will include portraits of martyrs and a captivating monument, designed to raise awareness among people, especially children and the younger generation, about the sacrifices made by these heroes.

The Minister confirmed that a formal inauguration of Bagh-e-Shuhada is planned for September 6.

The proceedings will begin with an elegant ceremony, succeeded by a musical concert aimed at paying homage to the martyrs. Simultaneously, an art exhibition will be held at the Islamabad Art Gallery as a part of the tribute.

## Tourists advised to avoid traveling Babusar road after 6pm

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) on Wednesday advised tourists venturing into Northern Areas to avoid traveling and commuting after evening hours to refrain from any inconvenience and untoward situation. According to an advisory of PTDC, Babusar Gilgit-Baltistan Road was closed for all kinds of traffic after 6 p.m. in the evening due to recent floods that submerged a major portion of the thoroughfare leading to the scenic tourism magnet. Tourists and commuters were requested to complete their journey before 6 p.m. to avoid inconvenience. Tourists and travelers have also been advised to contact the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Kite Project Helpline (1422) to get fresh updates on weather, roads, and flood situation.

## First Lady hails positive role of media in promoting awareness for 'Breast cancer'

ISLAMABAD (APP): First Lady of Pakistan, Begum Samina Arif Alvi Wednesday hailed the supporting role played by the media in promoting awareness drives to educate and motivate women in remote areas for self-examination voluntarily seek early diagnosis of breast cancer.

In an exclusive interview with PTV news channel, she underlined the need for continuous mass awareness campaigns through print, electronic and social media, especially for sensitization of women and girls in far-flung areas of the country about its symptoms, self-examination, diagnosis and treatment options. "If women are being diagnosed with breast cancer, they do not even share the news with their family members", she added.

Women in Pakistan lacked appropriate awareness about diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer due to a range of multifaceted barriers, however now women are much more confident and approach doctors in the early stages, she mentioned. She stressed that the healthcare system should also pay more attention to socio-psychological and cultural factors impeding women's access to available health facilities in rural areas.

Replying to a question, she regretted that women are still neglecting society's priorities, adding, that unaware women in remote areas of Pakistan are the main target group in awareness drives as they are the ones who are at a higher risk of developing breast cancer because they neglect the symptoms due to lack of awareness which leads to progression of the disease and may prove lethal. To another question about mental health, she stressed the need for raising awareness about mental health and the need to increase the number of mental health professionals, besides strengthening the capacity of general health professionals.



ISLAMABAD: Ms. Fauzia Viqar, Federal Ombudsperson (FOSPAH) presiding over a meeting regarding protection against harassment of women on workplace at Federal Ombudsman Secretariat.



ISLAMABAD: A group photo of participants during interfaith harmony conference at PNCA

## Madad acknowledges IBCC's vital role in education sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindh Wednesday paid a visit to the Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) and acknowledged the IBCC's vital role in education sector.

During his visit, he was given a comprehensive briefing by Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, the Executive Director of IBCC, shedding light on the organization's vital mandate, functions, roles, and responsibilities.

During the briefing, Dr. Mallah highlighted the contributions of IBCC in the education sector of Pakistan. He illustrated IBCC's role in standardizing and streamlining the examination and evaluation systems across various educational boards in the country.

Furthermore, Dr. Mallah provided insights into the pivotal role IBCC played in ensuring the equivalence of educational certificates, which greatly facilitated students in pursuing further studies both domestically and internationally.

Dr. Mallah further briefed about IBCC's new initiatives and transformative IT reforms.

He elaborated on the progressive steps taken by IBCC to embrace technology, which has led to improved efficiency and accessibility of services for students, educational institutions and other stakeholders. These IT reforms are not only revolutionizing the operational aspects of IBCC but also contributing to a more transparent and expedited evaluation process.

The minister applauded the dedication and endeavors of IBCC in strengthening the education sector's quality and effectiveness.

## IHC orders for not arresting Imaan Mazari in any case after Aug 20

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has ordered Imaan Mazari be not arrested in any case after August 20.

Petition filed by Imaan Mazari seeking details of cases registered against her came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by Justice Miangul Hasan Aurangzeb here Wednesday.

Shireen Mazari mother of Imaan Mazari filed petition through lawyer Zainab Janjua on behalf of her daughter.

Lawyers Suleman Akram Raja and Qaisar Imam appeared in the court from Shireen Mazari side.

Suleman Akram Raja argued we needed not to file petition but the situation has become such.

In two cases arrest was made and in these two cases she was released on bail. But Imaan Mazari was arrested in third case outside Adiala jail.

Justice Miangul Ahsanzeb remarked we are passing through very difficult time. Imman Mazari was present in this court. I said to her to control her mother tongue. Imaan assured me but she did not control her tongue.

## 17 more cases of dengue reported in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (Online): Total number rose to 85 after 17 more dengue cases were reported in the federal capital. According to authorities of Health Department, 17 cases of dengue were reported in Islamabad in the last 24 hours and after which the total number of infected patients in the federal capital rose to 85.

In the current season, 76% of dengue patients are male and 24% are female.

According to DHO, 15 cases were reported in the rural areas of Islamabad in last 24 hours and 2 dengue patients were reported in the urban areas.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Sana Jamali presents award certificates to the winners of the making Short Movie on "Drug traffickers endangering our youth" as Country Representative of the UNODC Pakistan Jeremy Milsom and Chairperson KKAWE Cristina von Sperling Afridi are also presents on the occasion, in Federal Capital

## Nothing left for Imran Khan in Pakistani politics: Tessori

LONDON (INP): Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori has said that he doesn't see any place in Pakistani politics for former prime minister Imran Khan after orchestrating 9 May violent attacks on Pakistan Army installations.

Speaking to the media in London, Tessori said that the events of 9th May — involving Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) attacks on Jinnah House and other military areas — had jolted Pakistan and set a new course. The governor said that 9th May was similar to the Peshawar Army Public School attacks and both events had united the nation against terrorism.

Tessori, who is in London on a private family visit, said: "The elements involved in the 9 May attacks are left behind and the nation has come on one page. No decent and civilised society allows the destruction and arson of its important national places such as the residence of Pakistan founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah, mosques and core headquarters; people don't burn their police stations in the world, these people burnt down their Core headquarters and attempted attacks on military installations. After all of this, I think there is nothing left for Imran Khan in Pakistani politics."

The Sindh governor also advised those still part of the PTI to, "Think of Pakistan first and then the leader. The nation comes first, no harm in following any leader but not at the cost of Pakistan."

He also accentuated that he had the opportunity of working closely with former prime minister Shehbaz Sharif and found that he was very hard-working and well-meaning and always listened to the grievances of others and tried to resolve their problems. "Imran Khan only made others listen to him and never tried to listen to others", the Tessori noted.

Expressing his views on the prospects of political meetings in London, the governor apprised that he had no plans of meeting Nawaz Sharif as nothing is planned but he said he will be calling Shehbaz Sharif, who is also in London these days.

Furthermore, Tessori said there is no chance of him meeting the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) founder Altaf Hussain. He said, "Altaf Hussain's issue is not political; his real issue is with the state of Pakistan. I am convinced he has no future in Pakistani politics. One of the main reasons is the deprivation of Karachi's plight including its education, gas, electricity, and development."

## Islamic calligraphy interlinked with the Quran: Senator

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senator Talha Mehmood Wednesday said that Islamic calligraphy interlinked with the Quran and Quranic verses and suras were well used in the style of calligraphy. Addressing an Islamic Calligraphy exhibition of young artists at Punjab Arts Council (PAC) organised in collaboration with Mehr-e-Qalm, he said that Islamic calligraphy was not based on belief that photography was prohibited in Islam, but Islam placed great importance on writing.

It is a miracle of the Quran that Muslims were showing a pure art like Islamic calligraphy to the world, he added.

Muhammad Talha Mehmood further said that the young generation was entering the field of Islamic calligraphy with creative thinking.

"A person gets peace of mind and heart in this world and the hereafter by following Quranic verses."

"For centuries, the main focus of attention of Muslims was the word of Allah, in the shape of the Quran," he added.

In the end, he lauded the role of PAC in promoting Islamic Calligraphy.

Naheed Manzoor on the occasion said that the art of calligraphy had a special place in our culture.

Punjab government was paying full attention to the promotion and development of all genres of arts, she added.

Director of Arts Council Waqar Ahmad said that Islamic calligraphy was the name of presenting handwriting and calligraphy artistically.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindh officially launching the roll-out of an anti-drug awareness campaign initiated by the Private Educational Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) in collaboration with the Anti-Narcotics Force in the Inaugural seminar to roll-out the campaign was held at the City School.

## Body cameras distributed among cops to ensure transparency in policing

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad police have distributed body cameras among the dedicated personnel of the Dolphin Squad to bolster transparency and accountability within the force. Under the direct orders of Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCCPO), the SSP Safe City initiated the distribution of these body cameras, coupled with comprehensive training on their proper usage.

The primary objective behind this initiative is to ensure the secure and verifiable recording of interactions between police officials and the public.

By doing so, the Islamabad Capital Police aims to foster a safer environment, deter criminal activities, and keep a vigilant eye on any suspicious individuals or events.

During the training session, Dolphin Squad members were instructed to consistently wear and operate these body cameras while on duty.

## Poor investigation in murder case SC summons IG Punjab, RPO in matter

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has summoned IG Punjab and RPO Sheikhpura due to poor investigation in murder case.

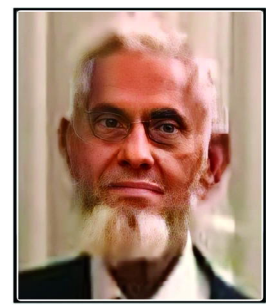
A two members bench of SC presided over by Justice Mazahar Ali Naqvi took up bail plea of a citizen Sanwal Yousuf for hearing Wednesday.

Justice Mazahar Ali Naqvi while expressing resentment over the concerned IO and DSP during the hearing of the case remarked on what basis investigation officer has not included name of the accused in investigation. The injured is saying Sanwal Yousuf opened firing, is the investigation carried out like this.

Justice Mazahar Ali Naqvi remarked as to why IO and DSP are not sent to jail from here.

The court ordered the senior police officers to appear before it due to poor investigation in murder case.

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