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## Another resolution to delay Feb 8 polls submitted in Senate

ISLAMABAD (Online): Resolution seeking postponement of general election for three months in view of security challenges in the country has been submitted in Senate.

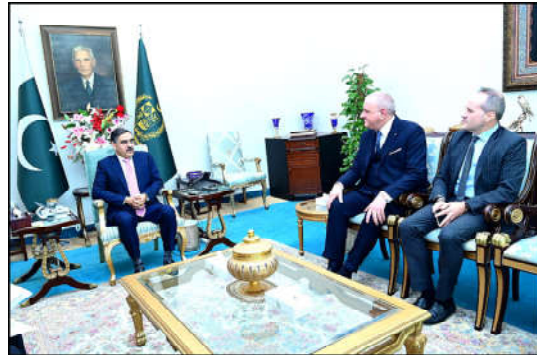
The resolution has been filed by senator Hidayat Ullah from Independent parliamentary group with his signatures.

The resolution said there is grave concern over the attacks on the candidates. Terror incidents are on rise across the country. The general election be postponed for three months. Protecting life and property of people is responsibility of state.

The growing incidents of terrorism in the country including armed attacks in North Waziristan, Bajore, Swabi and Turbat wherein an elderly nationalist leader was injured critically and one candidate was killed have created the environment of fear and insecurity in the country.

The Senate accepts it that holding general election is constitutional obligation. The constitution insists on ensuring free and fair election and protection of life and property of people equally. he senate urges on Election Commission and Supreme Court to consider sympathetically holding of election peacefully and postpone the election for three months in view of security challenges.

## Italian envoy pays farewell call on PM Boosting trade, investment ties with Italy in diverse sectors need of hour: PM



ISLAMABAD (Online): The Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan, Andrea Ferraresse, paid a farewell call on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar earlier today.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister appreciated the Ambassador's contributions to strengthening bilateral relations, noting his efforts to foster economic ties and facilitate cooperation in various fields. While acknowledging Pakistan's longstanding friendly relations with Italy, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to boost trade, investment and cooperation in his diverse areas including mi-

## BC constable on anti-polio security duty gunned down in Quetta

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: A constable of the Balochistan Constabulary (BC), Jamil Ahmed was shot dead by unknown armed assailants in the eastern-by pass area on Friday.

According to police, the BC constable was on duty of security of the anti-polio teams in the Eastern-by pass area when unknown armed med targeted him and shot him dead.

The reports suggested that Jamil Ahmed sustained multiple bullets injuries and shifted by the rescue team to the civil hospital in critical condition. He was provided necessary medical assistance but he succumbed to the serious injuries in the evening and died.

Meanwhile, his funeral prayer was offered at the police lines the same night.

The commandant of BC Chaudhary Salman and other senior police officers attended his funeral prayer.

Later his body was dispatched to his native area Dera Ghazi Khan for burial.

## PML-N, PPP opposes taking away bat symbol from PTI

KARACHI (Online): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) opposed taking away the symbol of the bat from Tehreek-e-Insaf.

Speaking on a private TV program, PML-N leader Javed Latif said that his election symbol should not be taken away from any political party.

People's Party leader Nasir Hussain Shah said that we have a clear stand that Tehreek-e-Insaf should be allowed to participate in elections with the symbol of a bat.

Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Naeem Panjtoha said that despite 26 hours of the Peshawar High Court's



Chief of the Army Staff, General Syed Asim Munir interacting with the officers and troops at the occasion of witnessing firing of different air defence weapon systems during Exercise Al-Bayza-III, 2024 at Sonmiani.

## SC will not interfere in ECP's domain, CJP tells PTI lawyer

*Its become tradition in country to level allegation of malafide intent against every one: Justice Isa*

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday said regulating political parties is the job of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

These remarks were made by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa while hearing the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) appeal against the Peshawar High Court (PHC) verdict restoring the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) electoral symbol — bat.

"SC will not interfere in the domain of the Election Commission of Pakistan. However, if ECP commits any unconstitutional act then the court can look into it," the CJP added.

A three-member bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa and comprising Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Musarat Hilali hearing the electoral body's appeal.

The proceedings of the case are being broadcast live on the SC website and YouTube channel.

Barrister Gohar, Shoaib Shaheen, Niazullah and Waleed Iqbal attended court proceedings today. PTI's lawyer Hamid Khan in his remarks said the SC has clarified that no institution can file an appeal against the verdicts.

The ECP can file a review on appeals else there will be no worth of its decisions, the CJP remarked and added if the argument of PTI is accepted then questions will also be raised on its appeal in Peshawar High Court.

The CJP Isa asked Makhdoom whether the



QUETTA: A delegation led by Chairman Karawan Lashaar Pakistan Mir Abbas Lashari meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

## Repatriation of illegal Afghan residents continues

CHAMAN (Online): The repatriation of illegal Afghan residents is continued.

Last day, 958 illegal Afghan residents have been repatriated in which 210 men, 198 women and 550 children are present.

75 families in 51 vehicles have been repatriated to Afghanistan.

The total number of illegal Afghan residents who left Pakistan reached 465, 614 till January 11 and the return is underway.

## Chairman PkMAP withdraws candidature in favour JUI-F chief from NA-265

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The Chairman Pashtoonkhaw Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), Mehmood Khan Achakzai has withdrawn his candidature in favour of the central Ameer of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) Maulana Fzlr Rehman from NA-265.

According to the press release of the Party, Chairman PkMAP has withdrawn his candidature in favour of the JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman from the national assembly constituency of Pishin.

Meanwhile, the Chairman PkMAP has formed a five-member committee for seat to seat adjustment and alliance with other political parties. The committee has been formed under leadership of the party's central committee, Nawab Ayaz Khan Jogeza. Other members of the committee are included deputy chairman, AbdulRaufKhan, central Secretary General, Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal, provincial President, Abdul Qahar Wadhanand senior provincial vice president, Syed Sharaf Agha.

## ECP delists 13 political parties over intra-party election failures

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) Friday delisted 13 political parties due to their failure to conduct required intra-party elections.

In a reserved judgment announced on Friday regarding 15 political parties, the ECP revoked the registration of 13 parties while permitting two, namely Jamiat Ulema e Pakistan (JUP) and Pakistan Muslim League Jinnah, to participate in the upcoming elections. In the verdict, the ECP expressed disappointment over the lack of seriousness exhibited by political parties regarding the conduction of intra-party elections.

Delisted political parties encompassed All Pakistan Minority Alliance, All Pakistan Tehreek, Awami Party Pakistan, Bahawalpur National Awami Party, Sab Ka Pakistan, National Peace Council Party, Pakistan National Muslim League, Pakistan Aman Party, Pakistan Brabri Party, Masih Awami Party, Pakistan Quomi Yekjehti Party, Sunni Tehreek, and Nizam e Mustafa Party.



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## Witnessed Air Defence exercise Al-Bayza-III Armed forces modernizing their systems in line with country's requirements, says Army Chief

RAWALPINDI (Online): General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff, (COAS), witnessed firing of different Air Defence weapon systems during Exercise Al-Bayza-III, 2024 at Sonmiani.

COAS viewed integrated fire and battle maneuvers of Army Air Defence systems which includes High to Medium Air Defence Weapons System (HIMADS), Low to Medium Air Defence System (LOMAD), Short Range Air Defence system (SHORADs) and Extended Short Range Air Defence system (ESHORADs).

In a landmark achievement and milestone in enhancing the Air Defence of the aerial frontiers of Pakistan, HIMAD system in maiden fire was able to successfully engage the target at maximum ranges along with other layered weapon systems which were tested during the exercise.

COAS highly appreciated the remarkable achievement of engaging targets with precision and operational readiness of Corps of Army Air Defence.

While interacting with the officers and troops, COAS highlighted that Armed Forces of Pakistan are modernising their systems in line with our requirements to deter and be able to respond to any threat emanating against Pakistan.

Corps Commander Karachi, Commander Army Air Defence, Inspector General Training & Evaluation and Inspector General Arms also witnessed the exercise.

Earlier, COAS visited Army Air Defence Center. He laid floral wreath at Yadgar e Shuhada and paid homage to martyrs of Armed Forces. COAS installed Lieutenant General Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, HI (M), as Colonel Commandant of Army Air Defence Corps.



LAHORE: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking to media persons during his visit to Minhaj-ul-Quran Secretariat in Lahore.

## We are contesting elections for public service; we will end unemployment & inflation

**Bilawal says:**  
JARANWALA (Online): Chairman of PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that PPP is contesting elections for public service. We will end unemployment and inflation. The journey of public service was started by leader of people, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Bibi Shaheed laid down her life for the completion of that and we will continue this public service.

While giving interview to Online after Tandlianwala visit, he said that we were given the manifesto and consciousness by Shaheed Bibi, so if we get win the PPP elections then we will change the destiny of the country and nation by implementing the 10-point agenda.

He said that "Wasila Haq Wasila Rozgar" are projects of PPP and we will start such welfare projects like Benazir Income Support for every sector which will bring prosperity to every home and will end the worst inflation, poverty and unemployment.

The wheel of industries will run, the workers will get employment. Agricultural revolution will come when farmer will be prosperous. New universities will be built wherever necessary, including Tandlianwala, just as 2 million houses are being built for flood victims in Sindh and Baluchistan. Similarly 3 million houses will be built in Punjab.



KABUL: JUI Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman met with Afghan Interior Minister Siraj ud din Haqqani.

## CTD arrests terrorists planning attacks on Maulana, Aimal Wali

PESHAWAR (APP): In a successful operation, the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) in Peshawar on Friday announced the arrest of two alleged suicide bombers affiliated with Daesh Khorasan (ISIS) from the Matni area.

CTD Superintendent of Police (SP) Najam-ul-Hussain told the media persons that the apprehended terrorists were planning suicide attacks targeting key political figures.

According to SP CTD, the arrested individuals were plotting a suicide attack on Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman. Furthermore, it was disclosed that the terrorists had intentions to target Awami National Party (ANP) President Aimal Wali through a suicide bombing.

The arrested suspects had reportedly visited the JUI-F's center and investigations revealed that they had undergone training in the Paktia region of Afghanistan. During the security operation, authorities recovered suicide jackets, three hand grenades, and propaganda material associated with Daesh. The Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) has successfully neutralized the weapons and explosive devices.

SP CTD Najam-ul-Hussain disclosed that the outlawed ISIS had previously been linked to targeted killings of individuals representing various schools of thought in the region six months ago.





