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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visited the residence of President-elect Asif Ali Zardari to congratulate him on his victory in the presidential elections.

## President Asif Ali Zardari to resolve issues of Balochistan, maintains Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti

Mir Sarfraz Bugti congratulates Asif Ali Zardari on his election as President of Pakistan for 2nd time; describes Zardari's victory from Balochistan Assembly as historic; thanks all MPs on overwhelming support to PPP's central leader

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 Aghaz Haqooq Balochistan package.  
 He believed that the President Zardari would take steps for development and prosperity of the province besides resolving its issues.  
 The Chief Minister also hoped that Pakistan would be put on path of development with unity and consensus of the federating units.  
 Meanwhile, while speaking to the media persons soon after the announcement of result of presidential election in the provincial assembly on Saturday, the Chief Minister thanked to all members of the provincial assembly on casting votes in favour of Asif Ali Zardari. He said that President Zardari has got historic victory from Balochistan Assembly.  
 He said that Asif Ali Zardari would visit the province soon, and we would take up the issues of province with him.  
 He said that PPP believes in taking all political parties along. He said that Asif Ali Zardari knows very well about the issues of province including poverty and backwardness.  
 Moreover, it is also his (Zardari) agenda to bring smaller units of the country at par others, he added.

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ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti and MPs handing over result copy of presidential elections in Balochistan Assembly to President-elect Asif Ali Zardari

## 15 members of assembly abstain from polling process: Asif Ali Zardari secures 47 votes out of 62 from Balochistan Assembly

**Sunni Ittehad Council's candidate Mehmood Khan Achakzai didn't get any vote**  
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 The candidate of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and ally parties, Asif Ali Zardari secured in all 47 votes from the Balochistan's provincial assembly on Saturday.  
 The Sunni Ittehad Council's candidate Mehmood Khan Achakzai didn't get any vote from the assembly.  
 The Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan, who performed as

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## 10 terrorists killed in operations in NW: ISPR

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 RAWALPINDI: On 8-9 March 2024, ten terrorists were sent to hell, while three were injured in two separate engagements by the security forces in North Waziristan District.  
 Four terrorists were sent to hell during an intelligence based operation on 8 March. Whereas, during the follow up sanitization operation, four more terrorists were successfully neutralized by the security forces.  
 In a separate operation in North Waziristan District, movement of five terrorists, who were trying to infiltrate Pakistan-Afghanistan border, was picked up by the security forces. After an intense fire exchange, two terrorists, Terrorist Hazrat Umer & Terrorist Rehman Niaz were also sent to hell, while three other terrorists got injured.  
 Pakistan has consistently been asking Interim Afghan Government to ensure effective border management on their side of the border. Interim Afghan Government is expected to fulfill its obligations and deny the use of Afghan soil by terrorists for perpetuating acts of terrorism against Pakistan.

## Zardari gets elected as president for historic second time with overwhelming majority

Coalition's candidate garners 411 votes while PTI-backed Achakzai bags 181 votes from electoral college; CJP Isa will administer oath to President-elect today

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** Asif Ali Zardari, President of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), on Saturday received majority votes of the electoral college, comprising the parliament and provincial assemblies, paving way for him to assume the office of President of Pakistan, for the historic second time in country's parliamentary history.  
 The members of the ruling alliance supported the former president and PPP stalwart Asif Ali Zardari against Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) Chairman Mahmood Khan Achakzai, who was backed by Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC).  
 He will serve the country as the 14th elected President of the country.  
**WHO IS ASIF ALI ZARDARI?**  
 Asif Ali Zardari, is the widower of Pakistan's first female prime minister Shaheed Benazir Bhutto. Born on July 26, 1955, in Karachi, Asif Ali Zardari is the son of Hakim Ali Zardari, a tribal chief and prominent landowner.  
 Zardari served as the 11th president of Pakistan from 2008 to 2013 and was the first politician to complete a full term in office. He has been a member of the national assembly of Pakistan since August 2018.  
 Since December 27, 2007 assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, he had been leading the PPP. His son, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, is the chairman of PPP.  
 Zardari served as a



member of the National Assembly from 1990 to 1993 and from 1993 to 1996. After Benazir Bhutto's return to power in 1993, he served as minister of the environment (1993-96) and federal minister for investment (1995-96) in her government.  
 On January 2008, he was elected as Co-Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party following the assassination of his wife.  
**HIS ACHIEVEMENTS**  
 Under 18th Amendment, he gave away the presidential powers to strengthen parliamentary democracy and bolstered provincial autonomy, coined political reconciliation, helped policies that encompassed free-

dom of media, revolutionized telecommunications, revived Pakistan's energy sector, opened Pakistan to foreign direct investment and strengthen state-owned enterprises.  
 The PPP government under his leadership got a consensus among all the political parties on the seventh NFC award which increased the provinces' financial autonomy.  
 The PPP-led government also unveiled the Aghaz-i-Huqooq-i-Balochistan package aimed at improving the situation in the province.  
 To eradicate crippling polio disease from the country, President Asif Ali Zardari also launched Pakistan's National Emergency Action Plan 2011.

## Fully prepared to defend motherland against full spectrum of threats: COAS

Gen Munir visits training area near Rahim Yar Khan, interacts with troops

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 RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff, General Syed Asim Munir has expressed the resolve that Pakistan Armed Forces, with support of the nation, are fully prepared to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of motherland against full spectrum of threat.  
 He was interacting with the troops engaged in the Field Exercise "Shamshereh-Sehra" in training area near Rahim Yar Khan.  
 According to ISPR, the aim of the exercise was to enhance professional skills and battlefield procedures required to meet future challenges in operational environment.  
 The Chief of Army Staff witnessed integrated fire and battle maneuvers of various elements including Armour, Infantry, Mechanized Infantry, Artillery, Air Defence, and Anti-Tank Guided Missiles.  
 Pakistan Air Force Aircrafts also participated in the exercise.  
 The exercise also incorporated Electronic Warfare capabilities and Information Operations required to subdue enemy's communications capabilities and disinformation campaign during war.  
 The Army Chief spent complete day with the troops in the exercise area and lauded the training standards, operational preparedness and high morale of all ranks. He emphasized that Armed Forces should always remain prepared against any misadventure by the enemy.  
 Earlier, on arrival in the field area, the Chief of Army Staff was received by Corps Commander Karachi and Inspector General Training and Evaluation.



RAHIM YAR KHAN: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir, shouting Nara-e-Takbeer during Field Exercise 'Shamshereh-Sehra'

## Imran Khan gives call of protest against election results today

**RAWALPINDI (INP):** Detained founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan gave a call of nationwide protest demonstrations against election results on Sunday, March 10.  
 PTI leadership said that the party works should demonstrate against the rigging in general elections 2024 on Sunday.  
 They said that this direction is given by the PTI founder Imran Khan from Adiala Jail to the workers that they should hold protests against snatching of reserved seats of the Sunni Ittehad Council.

## 'No horse-trading': Achakzai accepts defeat, congratulates Zardari on winning presidential race

**ISLAMABAD (Agencies):** As presidential election results poured in from all legislative assemblies, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) backed Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) candidate Mahmood Khan Achakzai on Saturday expressed his views that the country has witnessed "first of its kind of poll" for the coveted post without "horse-trading" in which he contested joint candidate of ruling coalition — Asif Ali Zardari.  
 Accepting his defeat against Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) nominee Zardari in the presidential race, Achakzai told reporters that it was a unique election in which "horse-trading" was not witnessed.  
 He congratulated Zardari on becoming the president of Pakistan for a second term and termed it the "beginning of a new era"

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## PM expresses good wishes for President-elect

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif paid a visit to the residence of President-elect Asif Ali Zardari in Islamabad today and congratulated him on his election as head of the state for the second time.  
 The Prime Minister expressed good wishes for Asif Ali Zardari.  
 President-elect Asif Ali Zardari thanked Shehbaz Sharif for support in the Presidential elections.  
 Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday congratulated Asif Ali Zardari, President of PPP, on his election to the office of President of Pakistan, for a second term.  
 The prime minister said that the members of the National Assembly, Senate and the four provincial assemblies had reposed confidence in Asif Ali Zardari.  
 "President Asif Ali Zardari will be a symbol of strength of federation," PM Office Media Wing, in a press release, quoted the prime minister as saying.  
 The prime minister also expressed the hope that Asif Ali Zardari, as President of Pakistan, would perform his constitutional duties amicably as his election to the office was a continuation of the democratic norms.

## Although decides to vote to Zardari: NP to sit on opposition benches in provincial assembly: Dr. Malik

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 QUETTA: The President National Party (NP), Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch has stated that although we have decided to vote to Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) candidate Asif Ali Zardari, still his party would sit in the opposition.  
 The NP president was speaking to the media persons before the process of polling for the Presidential election in the provincial assembly on Saturday.  
 He made it clear that there is no confusion and doubt that National party would act the role of opposition in the provincial assembly.  
 However, on the matter of presidential election, there was divided opinion. Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch maintained. He said that since our party is a democratic party. There was lot of deliberations on the matter as to whom to cast vote in the presidential election. After deliberations, majority of the members of party decided to vote to Asif Ali Zardari in the election, he added. He said that we decided to vote to Asif Ali Zardari on condition of implementation on our eight points.

## We reject 'so-called presidential election', says Omar Ayub

**ISLAMABAD (INP):** PTI leader Omar Ayub has said that Asif Ali Zardari's election should be declared null and void "We reject the so-called presidential election," PTI leader said. "Asif Ali Zardari has been an aged and ailing person, a mentally fit person should be elected for this office," Omar Ayub said.  
 Ayub demanded an immediate release of the PTI's founder and Bushra Bibi from jail. "Our assembly seats were snatched in a daylight robbery," he claimed.  
 "Issuing pro-state or anti-state certificates is not in the hand of the Speaker or any other person. The authority of issuing this certificate is mandated by people," PTI leader said while criticizing a statement of Ayaz Sadiq, the Speaker of the National Assembly.  
 He alleged that Form 47 of election results have been changed. "We challenge them to hold elections on these constituencies again. It will sift the true from the false," Ayub claimed.



QUETTA: Senior Judge Balochistan High Court Mr. Justice Hashim Khan Kakar presenting bouquet to Chief Justice Balochistan High Court Mr. Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan during a farewell ceremony

## CJ BHC Justice Naem performs as Presiding Officer for presidential election in BA

**Independent Report**  
 QUETTA: The Chief Justice Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice Naem Akhtar Afghan as presiding officer for the presidential election in provincial assembly here on Saturday.  
 The Chief Justice High Court reached the provincial assembly along with the senior judge Mr. Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar and Mr. Justice Ejaz Swati.  
 Later, he acted as Presiding Officer in the assembly Hall which was declared as the polling station for presidential election.  
 It may be mentioned here that the member of provincial assembly, Ali Madad Jatak performed as polling agent of Asif Ali Zardari.



Presidential candidates Asif Ali Zardari, Mehmood Khan Achakzai, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Nawaz Sharif, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Umar Ayub and Chief Minister Balochistan Safaraz Ahmed Bugti casting their votes during presidential elections













