

Pakistan economic growth forecast to rise 2.8% in FY2025, ADB reports

ISLAMABAD (INP): In Pakistan, growth is forecast to rise at 1.9% in FY2024 (ending on 30 June 2024) and 2.8% in FY2025, up from the 0.2% contraction last fiscal year. Gwadar Pro stated on Sunday quoting Asian Development Bank (ADB) economic forecasts report for Asia April 2024.

According to the report, the shift back to positive growth will come from a recovery in both agriculture and industry. However, domestic demand will remain constrained by the surge in living costs and tight macroeconomic policies. Growth is projected to remain subdued in FY2024 and pick up in FY2025, provided economic reforms take effect. Real GDP is projected to grow by 1.9% in FY2024 driven by a rebound in private sector investment linked to progress on reform measures and transition to a new and more stable government. An expansion in private consumption and a rise in workers' remittances from a move toward a market-determined exchange rate should buttress growth.

However, low confidence, to support recovery in industrial output in the latter half of the year. Construction will remain weak due to elevated construction costs, higher tax rates on property transfers implemented in the FY2024 budget, and rationalization of public investment to consolidate the fiscal position.

Growth in services is projected to strengthen in FY2024 as recovery in agriculture and industry benefit services.

If reforms are implemented, growth is forecast to restart gradually this fiscal year and improve slightly next year. Inflation is projected to moderate somewhat this year, and more next year, under stabilization policies.

Improving women's financial inclusion is critical to strengthen growth.



FAISALABAD: Women are buying clothes on a stall at Sunday weekly bazaar in the city.

Central bank needs to review credit policies in SMEs favor: Anjum Nisar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Businessmen Panel (BMP) of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Mian Anjum Nisar has said that the central bank needs to review its credit policies by fixing a special quota to finance the small and medium enterprises, as only the large industries have been availing government's all major concessional export loaning facilities, with very limited financing is left for the SMEs which are the backbone of the economy, contributing around 40 percent to the national gross domestic product (GDP).

In a statement issued on Sunday, he said that the government with a view to help grow the businesses will have to take solid measures to strengthen the industry, especially the SMEs, saving the livelihood of millions of workers associated with the small industries. He said the government will have to make a visible reduction in markup rate to help grow the businesses, particularly the SME

FBR completes preparations for action against tax evaders

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has completed preparations for action against tax evaders.

According to FBR sources, within a few days, final notices will be issued to tax evaders, traders, and industrialists, who will also be sent notices. Their assets, and extravagant expenditures, do not match their tax data; some traders' tax is only a few thousand while their annual income runs into billions.

Sources say that many have purchased multiple plots and are also running businesses outside, sometimes allowed to pay their taxes, they turn their black money white.

Lists of most traders and industrialists have been made, including Akbari, Shah Alam Market, Azam Cloth Market, Anarkali, Liberty Market Road, and Gulberg. Ferozepur Road, Model Town, and all other plazas are included.

SNGPL imposes Rs 132,000 fine on eight consumers

MULTAN (APP): Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) has imposed a fine Rs 132,000 on eight different consumers for illegal use of gas.

Official sources told on Sunday that two consumers were using domestic gas meters on a commercial basis. Their connections were cut by the department team. Similarly, another four consumers were offering illegal connections to some other homes. Action was taken against another two consumers for violations.

The team imposed a fine of Rs 132,000 on the consumers.

The SNGPL administration also vowed to continue action against the illegal consumers.



LAHORE: People are buying steel crockery in Sunday weekly bazaar at Shadman area, in the Provincial Capital.



CHINIOT: Farmers harvesting wheat crop starting from 1st of Besakh Month.

PAJCCI commend Railways over increasing its revenue, suggests launching of cargo trains

PESHAWAR (APP): Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PAJCCI) has commended Pakistan Railways over increasing its annual revenue to highest peak of Rs. 66 billion in nine months of current year and has suggested for launching of cargo trains to further piling up of earnings.

In a press statement issued here on Sunday, Coordinator PAJCCI KP, Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi said it is appreciating development that Pakistan Railways has increased its annual revenue to record height.

The phenomenal jump in earnings reflect revival of people's confidence on Railways in the wake of better management decisions taken by Chairman Mazhar Ali Shah and GM, Amir

Baloch for provision of improved travelling facilities, opined Zia who is also Member Advisory Committee of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) on Pakistan Railways.

He said Railways is safest and cheapest travelling facility in the country but due to some management loopholes, travelers had diverted to buses and other mode of travelling.

If such decisions were kept on taking, more people will prefer travelling in trains and revenue will increase with passage of time, he opined.

Coordinator PAJCCI also suggested Pakistan Railways to focus on launching of cargo trains from Karachi to Peshawar for facilitation of business community especially

those dealing in Pak-Afghan trade.

He said Railways should also cater to transportation of loose cargo being sent by exporters and importers within the country.

By focusing on plying of cargo trains, Railways can triple its annual earnings from existing one besides providing relief to people especially business community who have to pay exorbitant rates to truck owners for transportation of goods.

Zia said in the wake of increase in prices of petroleum products, fare for transportation of goods from port city (Karachi) to Peshawar through heavy vehicles has increased manifold, inflicting huge burden on business community of the country.

Economic growth linked to durable regional peace

LAHORE (APP): SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry's former president Iftikhar Ali Malik has advocated the cause of achieving durable peace in the region, a prerequisite to economic growth, prosperity and development for all countries of South Asia.

Talking to a delegation of traders led by Muslim Khan Bunerri from KP here Sunday, he said South Asia has long been plagued by instability and conflicts that have hindered the region's progress and potential. One of the major concerns contributing to this instability has been the presence of terrorist sanctuaries on Afghan soil, which have posed a severe threat not only to

neighboring countries including Pakistan, he added. He said counterterrorism cooperation and collaboration closely with regional and international stakeholders, especially Pakistan, to eliminate terrorist sanctuaries can help eradicate the breeding grounds for extremist elements and bring about much-needed stability.

About economic integration, he said, "We must embrace economic integration initiatives within the South Asian region and enhanced economic cooperation can create an environment conducive to peace, prosperity, and development for all."

He believed that by taking these steps,

Prices of most capital goods fall in China

BEIJING (Xinhua/APP): Most of the capital goods monitored by China's statistics authorities registered price decreases from late-March to early-April, official data shows.

Of the 50 major goods classified in nine categories, including seamless steel tubes, gasoline and fertilizer, 26 saw price declines, 20 reported heightened prices, and 4 remained unchanged, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

Hog prices increased 0.7 percent to 15.3 yuan (about 2.16 U.S. dollars) per kg during this period, the NBS said.

The figures, released every 10 days, are based on the survey of nearly 2,000 wholesalers and distributors in 31 provincial-level regions across the country.



MULTAN: A worker preparing khas for the air cooler at his workplace.

Large scale structural changes vital in power sector: Chairman PIAF

LAHORE (INP): Chairman Pakistan Industrial & Traders Associations Front (PIAF) Faheemur Rehman Saigol has stressed the need for large scale structural changes in power sector, controlling line losses of DISCOs by using modern technology, and customer-oriented business approach, as the public chequer has incurred a loss of over Rs400 billion in the fiscal year 2022-23 by the power distribution companies.

Quoting the media report, he observed that the performance of distribution companies (DISCOs) throughout 2022-23 remained very poor, and the expected power sector reforms were not achieved. Given the ongoing poor performance, it is apparent that, under the existing circumstances,

the current DISCO setup is unlikely to be able to deliver the desired results.

Faheemur Rehman Saigol said that no significant improvement has been witnessed on part of some DISCOs in this regard. During FY2022-23, the overall actual losses of DISCOs were 16.38% against the actual loss of 16.69% in FY 2021-22. The actual T&D losses are much higher than the allowed T&D losses for FY 2022-23, which is 12.21%.

He said that unfortunately, the majority of DISCOs have not adhered to the NEPA given targets, except FESCO, GEPCO, and K-Electric which have managed to keep their losses below the levels or equal to targets set by NEPA. However, other DISCOs have exceeded these limits.

Price controller revises bread loaf rates

RAWALPINDI (APP): The controller of prices and supplies/ Deputy Commissioner has revised the rates of open market loafs (Naan-Roti) in the city. Following the Punjab Price Control of Essential Commodities Ordinance 2023 (V of 2024), the price controller issued a notification regarding the rates.

According to the notification issued on Sunday, the unit price for 100g Roti Tandoori (per loaf) will be Rs. 16.0 and that of 120g Naan (per loaf) will be Rs. 20.0.

The notification intimates that new prices for mentioned essential commodities for the open market will come into force with immediate effect in revenue limits of the district. No person or shopkeeper shall charge or cause to be charged the prices of the aforementioned items offered for sale.

Punjab CM felicitates PM over improving economic indicators

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz, while paying tributes to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on improving Pakistan's economic indicators, said on Sunday that under the vibrant leadership of PML-N Quaid Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's economy had once again started treading on the path of progress.

The fruits of economic progress during the tenure of PML-N government are prominently coming to surface, Maryam said adding that "the common man would be provided relief with reduction in electricity rates and price-hike. Big international financial institutions including IMF, ADB had acknowledge Pakistan's economic policies."

She said, "Owing to PM Shehbaz Sharif's economic policies, the

investors' confidence is enhancing. For the first time in the history, 100 index Stock Exchange has crossed its 70 thousand psychological barrier."

The chief minister said, "Good news are awaiting Pakistanis and their is a strong likelihood of reduction in inflation rate up to 12.2 per cent next year. For the first time, Rs 500 reduction occurred in the price of 20-kg flour bag and there is further possibility of Rs 300 reduction in the flour price according to market indicators."

"The Economic & Social Survey of Asia & Pacific Region termed Pakistan's economic indicators excellent. In the UN Report, Pakistan's economic progress has been predicted in the next fiscal year. The growth rate would increase from 2 per cent to 2.3 per cent during the current and next financial year in Pakistan."



MULTAN: Labourers off-loading watermelons from a delivery truck at the fruit market.

Increase in taxes hurt cars' sale, purchase business: APCDA

MULTAN (APP): All Pakistan Car Dealers Association (APCDA) demanded of government to reduce duties, taxes, registration and transfer fees on sale, purchase of cars as the high fees were hurting their business badly.

Vice Chairman All Pakistan Car Dealers Association Chaudhary Tariq Kareem, General Secretary district Multan Abdul Qadir Khan stated that the persons who were linked to sale purchase of cars were worried due to

rising inflation. The high fees including duties, taxes, register and transfer fees on cars also increased manifold. A good number of dealers have left the profession.

They demanded of government to pay focus on condition of car dealers and reduce prices of the cars. Different measures on part of the government could help improve business of car's sale purchase. They also called for reforms in excise and taxation department.



LAHORE: People are buying vegetables in Sunday weekly bazaar at Shadman area, in the Provincial Capital.

'Asia has consequential position in the world'

LAHORE (APP): Kyrgyzstan's Honorary Consul Meher Kashif Younis has said that Asia holds a consequential position in the world due to its large population, strategic locations, rich mineral resources and diversity. Presiding over a workshop on "Importance of BRICS for Pakistan" organized by Gold Ring Economic Forum here Sunday, he added that Pakistan, as an important partner in the region has sought membership in order to align with this trend. With its abundant natural resources, strategic location and fifth-largest world population, Pakistan's absence from BRICS could have repercussions in the future

if not addressed. He said Pakistani leadership should consider BRICS while assessing ground realities. He said BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) can pave the way for sustainable development and growth in the region. New doors for trade and investment will be opened under the supervision of developed countries like China and Russia.

He said the individual who coined BRICS has predicted that these nations' economies will dominate the world by 2050. He said a golden opportunity has been presented to these advancing countries under the leadership of this group.

Agricultural emergency unit established to help farmers in view of rains

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh government has set up an Agricultural Emergency Rapid Response Unit to help the farmers in view of the rains in the province and the leaves of all the employees and officers of the agriculture department have been cancelled.

On the directives of the Sindh Agriculture Minister Sardar Muhammad Baksh Mahar, the leaves of all the officers and employees of the Sindh Agriculture Department have been

cancelled and the staff has been instructed to remain alert. A spokesman for the Sindh Agriculture Department said that the DG Agriculture Head of Agriculture Emergency Rapid Response and DGs of Research, Engineering Wing and On Farm Management Wing will be part of the team.

He further said that the field assistants of the Department of Agriculture will go door to door to provide information about safety measures to the farmers.

Bilawal highlights climate crisis amidst rain-related losses in country

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has conveyed heartfelt condolences for the tragic loss of lives resulting from multiple accidents amidst heavy rains across various regions of the nation, notably Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

He also voiced his concern regarding the incidents of lightning strikes exacerbated by the changing climate conditions during the inclement weather. According to the press release issued by the Media Cell Bilawal House here Sunday, the PPP Chairman lamented the loss of lives caused by lightning strikes as well as other rain-related incidents in South Punjab, including its districts Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Rahim Yar Khan, Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur and Lodhran. He urged the provincial government to deploy all available resources to fulfill its duty in aiding the rain-affected victims throughout Punjab. Bilawal Bhutto expressed regret over the loss of lives in accidents during the rains in various areas of the province, including the lower and upper Chitral areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He urged the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government and related disaster management agencies to provide immediate assistance to the rain victims, aiding citizens trapped in various problems including landslides. He further conveyed his heartfelt grief and sorrow for the tragic loss of lives and property resulting from lightning strikes and other accidents in various areas of Balochistan, including Chaman, Dera Bugti, and Kohlu. He expressed confidence that the People's government in Balochistan will stand by the rain victims, ensuring they are not left alone during this challenging time.

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ISLAMABAD: People stand in a queue wait for their turn for buying tickets as going back their hometowns after spend their Eid-ul-Fitr holidays, at Faizabad bus station in city.

Govt committed to providing complete religious freedom to people of all faiths living in country: Khawaja



ATTOCK (APP): Federal Minister for Defense, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, has said the present government is committed to providing complete religious freedom to people of all faiths living in the country. He was talking to newsmen after participating in the Bhog ceremony in connection with the Besakhi festival at Gurdwara Punja Sahib Hassanabdul on Sunday.

In his address, he expressed that the Sikh Marriage Act had been passed in 2018, and now it would be implemented soon after the approval of the provincial cabinet. He said that around six gurdwaras across the country would be open and handed over to the local Sikh community for the observance of rituals.

Earlier, speaking at the Bhog ceremony, Khawaja Asif said that the Pakistani people and government were proud to host the Sikh pilgrims on their holy land. "The present government believes in the freedom of the minority and would extend all its resources for the better preservation of their sacred places" he added.

The Sikh religion famous Baisakhi celebrations, to mark the advent of the order of the "Khalsa" by 10th Sikh Guru Gobind Singh Ji, were observed at Gurdwara Punja Sahib here today. Around ten thousand Sikh yatrees—among them over 2400 Indians and others from other parts of the world, including Pakistan, India, Canada, and the United Kingdom participated in the festivities. Baisakhi processions called Nagar Keertan were taken out on the premises of Gurdwara Punja Sahib with traditional performances and religious rituals.

ECP empowers ROs, POs with first-class magistrate authority for by-elections

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has granted Returning Officers (ROs) and Presiding Officers (POs) powers equivalent to those of first-class magistrates to ensure the seamless execution of the forthcoming by-elections on five national and 16 provincial assemblies in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan, spanning from April 20 to 22, until the official declaration of final results for the candidates.

District Returning Officers (DROs) and Returning Officers (ROs) were vested with magisterial powers as per the notification issued by the ECP, in adherence to Section 193 of the Election Act 2017.

The Presiding officers have the authority to employ these powers during the by-elections across five national and 16 provincial assemblies in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan, spanning from April 20 to 22, until the official declaration of final results for the candidates.

Returning Officers (ROs) and District Returning Officers (DROs) are empowered to take action against candidates who violate the code of conduct set forth by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

These officers have the authority equivalent to that of a Magistrate first class concerning offenses outlined in Sections 169 and 171.

They can also initiate legal proceedings under Section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and conduct summary trials as per Chapter XX of the code. It is important to note that by-elections will be conducted on April 21 for 21 constituencies of National and Provincial Assemblies.

DIG Operations Nadeem pays surprise visit to Margalla Police Station

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: The DIG (Operations), Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari paid a surprise visit to Margalla police station, a public relations officer said.

During the visit, DIG Operations awarded two police officers for good performance and checked the records, roznamcha, front desk, record room, lockup, investigation officers' rooms and residential barracks.

He directed the police officials to utilize all available resources for the convenience of citizens.

Effective steps should be taken immediately for the prevention of serious crimes, apprehension of accused and recovery of stolen goods.

He further said that no effort will be spared in providing relief to the citizens, under any circumstances.



Iran gave appropriate response to Israel's evil acts: Senior Pak expert

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistani military expert Raashid Wali Janjua has said that the Islamic Republic of Iran's operation in occupied Palestine was an appropriate response to Israel's evil acts.

In an interview with IRNA in Islamabad on Sunday, the Pakistani expert said that after the public opinion pressures due to the defeat in the Gaza war, Israel targeted the Iranian consulate in Damascus to divert world public attention, and we saw Iran's response to the Zionists' action.

He added that Israel's attack on the Iranian consulate was a violation of the territory of an independent country, and the Islamic Republic of Iran also has said to take revenge on the perpetrators of this violation. The military expert further described the operation as a calculated tactic, adding that Israel's behavior in the region made Tehran's military response inevitable and it seems that this response was given in the right place. The IRGC launched an extensive retaliatory missile and drone operation against the Zionist regime on Saturday night in response to its attack on the Iranian mission in Syria early this month.

994 electricity thieves held; over Rs 88m recovered

ISLAMABAD (APP): The administration has managed arrest of 994 accused under special campaign launched against electricity theft in Rawalpindi division while over Rs 88 million were recovered from them, said Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Engineer Aamir Khattak.

He informed that 1186 FIRs were registered since 7 September 2023 and all available resources were being used to prevent electricity theft. He directed the authorities to ensure 100 percent electricity theft recoveries in all districts of the division.

The Tarnol police team arrested an accused named Fazal Subhan and recovered one 9mm pistol from his possession.

Moreover, the Noon police team arrested an accused named Baqir Hussain and recovered one 9mm pistol from his possession. The Lohi Bher police team arrested an accused named Nisar ul Haq Minhas and recovered 610 grams heroin from his possession.

The police have registered separate cases against the nabbed accused and further investigation is underway.

The DIG Operations directed the police officials to further intensify the crackdown against the criminal elements, as the Safety and security of the citizens is our foremost priority and no laxity will be tolerated in this regard.

Letter of IHC judges Petition seeking constitution of full court to hear suo motu case likely to be heard this week

ISLAMABAD (Online): The petition seeking constitution of full court to hear suo motu case on the letter of Islamabad High Court (IHC) judges is likely to be heard along with central case in Supreme Court (SC) in this week.

The new petition has been filed by 6 lawyers including former president SC Bar, Abid Zubairi.

The petitioners including Abid Zubairi, Shahab Sirki, Shafiqat Choochan, Munir Ahmad Kakar, Chaudhry Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan and Tahir Sarfraz Abbasi have prayed the court to make them respondents in the case.

The petition said, Justice (Rtd) Shaikat Aziz Siddiqui has too leveled the allegation before 6 judges.

The petition said that the decision of constituting inquiry commission is not decision of full court meeting or supreme Judicial Council (SJC) but decision was taken to establish inquiry commission after the meeting between Chief Justice of Pakistan and administrative head. The petitioner requested the court through the petition that administration and intelligence agencies be restrained from interfering in judiciary.

Need is there that the incident be fully investigated.

It is pertinent to mention here Pakistan Bar Council has already expressed its stance alike this petition in a demand in one of its Executive meeting.



ISLAMABAD: A view of road closed way of a local hotel where stays New Zealand cricket team, in the Federal Capital.

Stool transplant could improve motor symptoms in Parkinson's disease

ISLAMABAD (Online): Parkinson's disease is one of the leading causes of disability worldwide, and while treatment options are available, they can become less effective over time.

A recent paper has highlighted the potential effect of fecal transplants on motor symptoms, which are one of the main markers of Parkinson's disease.

The study could pave the way for further research into the role of the gut microbiome on neurodegenerative conditions, say experts.

Fecal transplants could have an effect on the motor symptoms of people with Parkinson's disease, a recent study suggests. A small, single-center clinical trial carried out in Belgium found that people with Parkinson's disease who received a single dose of a fecal transplant from a healthy donor, had improved symptoms compared to those who received a placebo.

Results, published in eClinicalMedicine, suggested that the motor score for people who received a donor transplant had improved by 5.8 points after 12 months, compared with an improvement of 2.7 points in people who received a placebo transplant.

Police arrests accused involved in child abuse case

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Police (ICP) has successfully apprehended an accused who was allegedly involved in child molestation case and obtained his physical remand from the relevant court to carry out further investigations.

A public relations officer said on Sunday that, on April 10, 2024, the Kirpa police team received information from a plaintiff who stated that my 10 years old son was sexually assaulted by an accused named Imdad Hussain. Upon receiving the information, the Kirpa police team registered case No. 161 under section 376-PPC.

DIG Operations Syed Shahzad Nadeem Bukhari took immediate notice of a molestation case registered at Kirpa police station. He directed the officials to apprehend the culprit on a priority basis.

A specialized police team was formed under the supervision of SSP Investigation. The SSOIU and Kirpa police teams utilized all scientific and technical resources and successfully apprehended the accused involved in this case.

The police also took a physical remand of the accused and further investigation is underway.

Pakistan 'deeply saddened, shocked' by mass stabbing at Sydney shopping center

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan's foreign office said on Sunday it was "deeply saddened" and "shocked" by the mass stabbing at a Sydney shopping center a day earlier which claimed six lives, including that of a Pakistani security guard.

An attacker fatally stabbed six people on Saturday afternoon at the busy Westfield Bondi Junction shopping center in Sydney.

Five of the six victims killed were women, while eight people, including a nine-month-old baby, were taken to hospital with stab wounds. New South Wales Police Commissioner Karen Webb told a press conference.

The only male victim who was killed in the attack was identified as 30-year-old Faraz Tahir from Pakistan, who worked at the mall as a security guard.

"We are deeply saddened and shocked over the terrible and tragic events at Westfield Bondi Junction in Sydney, Australia on Saturday," the foreign office said on social media platform X. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who have lost their lives," the FO remarked.

Webb said during a press conference on Saturday that police did not believe the attack was "terrorism-related" while Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said there was no indication yet of the man's motive.

Campaign for registration of house servants and tenants data in full swing

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Capital Police "Knock the Door" campaign for the registration of employees and tenants maintaining law and order in the federal capital adding that the registration of tenants and domestic workers could not only keep a close watch on miscreants but also prevent the elements involved in any kind of suspicious activity.

Citizens are also requested that they can ask for the identity of a person if someone dressed in civil clothes comes to their house in order to collect the data.

Unregistered employees and tenants could be involved in serious incidents like theft and robbery by impersonating as a common citizen and Islamabad Capital Police is trying to provide a safe environment to the citizens of the federal capital by using all its resources.

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Buner IBO martyr laid to rest in native town

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Buner intelligence-based operation (IBO) martyr was laid to rest in his native town with full military honor on Sunday.

On April 13th during an intelligence-based operation against terrorists in Buner district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Lance Havaldar Mudassar Mehmood, age 35 years, resident of Rawalpindi district had embraced martyrdom while gallantly fighting against the terrorists.

A large number of senior officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Army, relatives of the martyr and local people participated in the funeral prayer, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

