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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti expressing views in Balochistan Assembly

## CM Bugti authorizes opposition to hold talks with protestors on behalf of govt

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QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti on Monday has authorized members of the opposition in Balochistan Assembly to hold talks with Baloch Yakjehti Committee on behalf of the government.

Addressing the assembly session, he said that the government believes in dialogue to solve the issues and asked

the opposition members to play their vital role in the current situation.

He offered that our doors are always open for those who agreed to set on table with us for any kind of talks in order to maintain peace in the province.

Sarfaraz Bugti said that the state would ensure all rights including right to assemble to the people on a

condition to accept the right to organized. Sarfaraz Bugti said the government had held negotiations multiple times to convince the BYC to organized gathering at Turbat instead of Gwadar.

He added that the BYC was decided to hold rally in Gwadar with clear intentions to sabotage the CPEC, development works and malign the country internationally.

The Chief Minister said foreign delegations are to visit Gwadar in August as the second phase of CPEC is to begin, the government was granted the permission to organized the gathering at GDA stadium.

Sarfaraz Bugti said the government cannot give the authority to run the government affairs in the hand of Jehtha and would not allow

anyone to chock the government machinery and stop the development process in the province. arfraz Bugti said that intelligence driven war is being run against the country and the province. He said that there is conspiracy against Pakistan, one group is using violence in Balochistan and another group is defaming the state institutions through social media.

## Soldier martyred, 16 injured as violent mob assaults security forces' personnel in Gwadar

An officer also among injured as mob in garb of "Baloch Raji Muchi" attacked security forces, says ISPR

RAWALPINDI (APP): A violent mob in the garb of so called Baloch Raji Muchi assaulted Security Forces' personnel employed for security duties in Gwadar district that resulted in the martyrdom of a soldier and left an officer and 16 others injured during unprovoked assaults.

The martyred soldier was identified as Sepoy Shabbir Baloch (Age: 30 years; resident of: District Sibi), who embraced shahadat, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

gain sympathy and support for the unlawful violent march, it said. "Security forces have displayed extreme restraint to avoid unwarranted civilian casualties despite provocations.

The violent actions of the mob are unacceptable and those responsible will be brought to justice," the ISPR said.

All citizens were urged not to fall prey to the propaganda, remain calm and peaceful, and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in maintaining public safety and order, it added.

"Security Forces of Pakistan, in step with the Nation, remain determined to thwart attempts of sabotaging peace and stability of Balochistan," the ISPR said.

While on the other hand, fake and malicious propaganda is being spread on social media using doctored pictures and videos by the propagandists to

## Govt condemns life threats to CJP, adopt legal course against such tendencies

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government on Monday strongly condemned life threats to Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa by a certain group and announced initiating legal proceedings so that no one could dare to challenge the writ of the state.

"The law will take its course against the elements behind the provocative and baseless propaganda campaign against the CJP," said Defence Minister Khawaja Asif while addressing a press conference along with Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal.

He regretted that an attempt was being made to spread bloodshed in the

name of religion for vested political interests.

He said that believing in the finality of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) is part of our faith. He said that the Supreme Court has already clarified its position on the matter.

The minister pointed out that Qazi Faez Isa is being targeted for many years under various pretexts. He stated there is an ongoing effort to silence a principled and upright voice in the judiciary.

Emphasizing the need for the rule of law, Khawaja Asif stated that the dictation of any individual or group will not be accepted.



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with Chinese Counsel General Zhao Shiren.

## One document passport regime to remain enforced at Pak-Afghan border, Brigadier Umar Hayat

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QUETTA: The Brigadier Umar Hayat of Frontier Corps (FC) has categorically stated that the one document passport regime would remain enforced at the Pak-Afghan border.

He said that there has been no talk of the higher authorities with the dharna committee about the national identity cards or tazkara for across border movement.

Brigadier Umar Hayat was speaking to the media persons of Chaman at the FC Qila Chaman on Monday.

He said that the anti-passport dharna "parlat" had come to an end on resolving the issues of education and health besides increasing the staff of passport and Laghri package.

He made it clear that the passport regime is enforced

at the Pak-Afghan border Chaman and there was no agreement on the identity cards or tazkara.

He said that the committee had demanded the Laghri package and solution to the issues of education and health not the identity card or tazkara.

He also said that the state had not made any commitment about ending the passport policy.

He said that the Chaman parlat earned bad name because of its anti-state narrative and use of political interests. He mentioned that the dharna organizers reiterated that they honour all the laws of state of Pakistan including the enforcement of passport.

He said that the dharna organizers also made assurance that they would not become part of any protest against the state laws.

## PM welcomes Fitch upgrades Pakistan rating to CCC+ following IMF agreement

Independent Report

SLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday hailed the upgrading of Pakistan's long-term foreign currency issuer default rating (IDR) from CCC to CCC+ by the Credit Rating Agency Fitch.

Appreciating the efforts of Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and his team, the prime minister said the country and the nation had started receiving the fruits of the government's policy of sacrificing politics for the sake of state in the shape of improvement in the country's economy.

In a statement, he said upgrading of Pakistan's global rating to CCC+ was the international recognition of the government's right economic policies.

The prime minister emphasized that the government was working hard on the economic reforms agenda, the fruits of which would surely reach to the people soon.

The reports of Fitch and other international financial institutions are important for the economic improvement of Pakistan, PM Shehbaz said adding that "we will move forward with more effort and passion on the path of economic improvement of the country". He hoped that the new International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme would further improve the economic activities in the country.

The announcement of another one percent reduction in interest rate by the State Bank of Pakistan was another sign of economic improvement, he added.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar along with Secretary General of the Commonwealth Patricia Scotland addresses a joint press stakeout at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Pakistan committed to CW agenda of connectivity, climate resilience: Dar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday reiterated that Pakistan remained committed to working with the Commonwealth to promote its agenda of connectivity, education, youth and women empowerment, and climate resilience.

The deputy prime minister, addressing a joint press stakeout with Secretary General of the Commonwealth Patricia Scotland after their meeting, said that Pakistan was also resolved to support the initiatives aimed at strengthening and modernizing the Commonwealth to meet the 21st-century challenges, besides continuing to play an active role in building bridges among member states.

He appreciated the secretary-general, who is on a five-day maiden visit here, for serving the organisation with "dedication and grace"

across her eight-year term and her role in promoting the Commonwealth's values and mission and modernizing the outlook.

The deputy prime minister lauded her contribution to promoting cooperation in education, youth empowerment, capacity building, and climate action, besides supporting Pakistan after floods, particularly regarding the appointment of a climate finance advisor for Pakistan.



QUETTA: A delegation of Pakistan People's Party meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

## Funeral prayer of martyred FC official held in Gwadar

By Special Correspondent

GWADAR: Funeral prayer was held for Frontier Corps (FC) official Sabir Baloch, who was martyred during protests in Gwadar. The prayer was attended by Balochistan's Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langau, DC Gwadar Ahmedullah Larak, and other high-ranking civil and military officials.

The body of Sabir Baloch was sent to his native area for burial with state honors.

Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langau praised the martyrdom and bravery of Sabir Baloch, saying that he was a true patriot who sacrificed his life for the country.

In a statement, Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langau said that the government and people of Balochistan stand with the grieving family of Sabir Baloch in this difficult time. He condemned the terrorist attack that led to Baloch's martyrdom and said that the government will take all necessary measures to ensure justice is served.

Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langau also condemned the actions of protesters who failed to respect the dignity and cooperation of the security forces during the protests.

## "All protestors dispersed; normalcy returns in Gwadar": Ready for talks according to Constitution: Ziaullah

We can't let anyone to challenge writ of state and harm government properties under garb of protests

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langau, has categorically stated that we are ready for talks according to the constitution of Pakistan, however, can't put the national security at stake on anyone's blackmailing.

He also made it clear that we can't let anyone to challenge writ of the state and harm government properties under the garb of protests.

The Minister Home was presiding over crucial meeting on law and order situation and other related matters in Gwadar on Monday.

The Deputy Commissioner Gwadar, Hamoodur Rehman, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Makran, Dr Farhan Zahid and other concerned high ups were in attendance.

## Govt, Ulema agree to curb religious intolerance

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ulema, belonging to different schools of thought, and the government have agreed that nobody will be allowed to take law into hands in the name of religion.

Addressing a joint news conference, along with Ulema, in Rawalpindi today, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaulah Tarar strongly condemned the issuance of fatwas against Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa. He said the Supreme Court, in its Urdu press release, has clarified that believing in the finality of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) is part of every Muslim's faith.

The Minister said neither law nor society permits anyone to issue decrees against fellow Muslims' faith. He said a case has been registered against the culprits behind such fatwas, aimed at spreading hatred. He said strict action will be taken in this regard.

He said that the state would respond to the malicious campaign against the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) and no one would be allowed to decree religious notions against anyone.

## Justices Sardar Tariq, Mazhar Alam take oath as SC's ad hoc judges

ISLAMABAD (APP): Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Chief Justice of Pakistan on Monday administered the oath of offices to Justice Sardar Tariq Masood and Justice Mazhar Alam Khan Miankhal as Ad-hoc Judges, Supreme Court of Pakistan.

A simple and dignified oath taking ceremony was held at Supreme Court of Pakistan in this regard. The judges of apex court, Attorney General for Pakistan, members of Pakistan Bar Council, Supreme Court Bar Association, senior lawyers, law officers and officers of Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan attended the ceremony.

Registrar Supreme Court of Pakistan conducted the proceedings of oath taking ceremony.

## Indonesian envoy calls on Jaffar Mandokhail: Governor stresses need to expand relations between Pak & Indonesia in various sectors further

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that deep and pleasant relations are established between Pakistan and Indonesia and there is a need to expand these relations in different sectors further according to the changing circumstances and modern requirements.

There would be positive impacts on the bilateral trade and commerce relations between Pakistan and Indonesia with participation of the people associated with the trade and commerce in the International Business Expo due to



be held in October in Indonesia. The Governor Balochistan was speaking to the Indonesian ambassador to Pakistan, Rehmat Hiniarta Kasuma, who called on him here at the Governor's House on Monday.

During the course of meeting, different matters about bilateral relations between Pakistan and Indonesia as well as the potential of investment in Balochistan and others were discussed.

## SBP cuts policy rate by 100bps to 19.5% as inflation cools down 'slightly'

SBP Governor Jameel Ahmed says inflation rate eased to 12.60%, while external account continues to improve

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Monday reduced the interest rate by 1% or 100 basis points (bps) from 20.5% to 19.5%, the second cut in a row, citing a slight cooling in the inflation rate — a move that is mostly in line with the general market consensus.

Addressing a press conference after the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, SBP Governor Jameel Ahmad said, "We have noted that the inflation is on a declining trend."

"The inflation rate has come down to 12.60% from 38% while the external account has continued to improve," the SBP governor said adding, "The reduction in the interest rate reflects our confidence in the current economic trajectory."

Last month, the SBP's MPC trimmed its benchmark interest rate by 150 bps to 20.5%, following a record-high 22% that had been maintained for almost a year.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting





