





## Chairman NDMA highlights Pakistan's significant progress in achieving key targets of Sendai Framework

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, attended the international conference with titled "A Decade of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) – Envisioning the Road Ahead".

The event, held under the auspices of UNESCO, brought together experts and participants from international organizations, academic institutions, private sector entities, and development agencies. The conference discussed the global and local progress made in DRR over the past decade, a news release on Friday said.

The conference featured four key sessions focusing on Science, Technology, and Innovation for Resilience – Emphasizing the role of modern technologies in disaster forecasting and management, Resilient Built Environment – Discussing infrastructure design to withstand natural hazards, Culture, Nature-based Solutions (NBS), and Indigenous

Knowledge Systems – Exploring how traditional practices and cultural knowledge can contribute to DRR, and Economics of Disaster Risk Reduction Investment – Highlighting the importance of financial planning and investment in disaster mitigation.

In his keynote address, Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik shared insights on Pakistan's progress in Disaster Risk Reduction despite its fragile economic situation. He highlighted the country's increasing vulnerability to natural disasters due to climate change, but also underlined the steps Pakistan has taken to align itself with the goals of the Sendai Framework.

Chairman NDMA highlighted that Pakistan remains committed to building resilience against disasters through improved forecasting, early warning systems, and robust disaster response mechanisms. The country has strengthened institutional frameworks, including the development of the National Emergency Operations Center



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law & Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar had a meeting with Ambassador of Azerbaijan H.E. Khazar Farhadov.

## MoCC holds consultation workshop on National Climate Finance Strategy

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, in collaboration with key stakeholders, convened a high-level consultation workshop on the National Climate Finance Strategy here on Friday.

The workshop brought together officers from key Federal Ministries of MoCC, Finance, Planning, Economic Affairs, Energy, Industries, Commerce, Food & Agriculture, representatives of provincial Governments of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan, Balochistan, Sindh and AJK, international development partners, financial institutions, and civil society organizations to discuss pathways for strengthening Pakistan's climate finance mechanisms.

The National Climate Finance Strategy, a vital component of Pakistan's commitment to climate action under the Paris Agreement, aims to enhance the country's ability to mobilize, allocate, and manage financial resources for climate resilience and low-carbon development.

With Pakistan facing increasing climate risks, including floods, droughts, and rising temperatures, the strategy is designed to support the nation's transition to a sustainable and climate-resilient future.

Key objectives of the workshop included stakeholder engagement: Gather input and recommendations from a wide range of stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive approach to climate finance, resource mobilization: identify opportunities for scaling up domestic and international climate finance resources, including private sector investments, to meet Pakistan's climate mitigation and adaptation goals, capacity building: strengthen institutional capacities for climate finance planning and execution.

## Law minister holds meeting with Azerbaijan envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Law & Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar had a meeting with the Ambassador of Azerbaijan H.E. Khazar Farhadov.

During the meeting, the Ambassador congratulated Pakistan on the recently signed Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the two nations, expressing optimism about its practical implementation and exploring areas of mutual interest.

He also emphasized Azerbaijan's interest in expanding collaboration, particularly in the legal domain.

Federal Minister highlighted the close ties between the two countries and proposed extending an invitation to the Azerbaijani Minister of Justice for an official visit to Pakistan. He further reiterated Pakistan's commitment to fostering stronger cooperation in legal assistance and well-earned discussions on legislative developments in Pakistan that provide new incentives for foreign investment.

Ambassador also requested support for Azerbaijani businesses operating in Pakistan, with a focus on feasibility studies and navigating the regulatory environment. Both sides discussed collaboration in legal education, training, and capacity building for key stakeholders within their respective justice systems. To facilitate this cooperation, it was agreed to establish a small working group to finalize modalities and open a communication channel between the two countries.



Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal presenting an award to Kamran Lashari, former Director General Walled City of Lahore Authority at National Tourism Awards organized by Discover Pakistan HD Television in Islamabad

## Salma lauds PM, CM for controlling kitchen item prices

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson Chief Minister Task Force on Price Control Punjab, Salma Butt Friday credited Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz for achieving a single-digit inflation rate and effectively controlling kitchen item prices which is a significant milestone for the welfare of citizens.

Citizens in Punjab are reaping the benefits of a single-digit inflation rate, which is a remarkable achievement for the government, she said while talking to PTV news channel.

This milestone is particularly significant given the challenges many coun-

tries face in maintaining low inflation rates, she added.

This accomplishment is a testament to the effective governance and leadership of PM Shehbaz Sharif, who has a reputation for being a diligent administrator, particularly during his tenure as Chief Minister of Punjab, she admired.

Under the leadership of Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Punjab witnessed notable development in key sectors such as health, education, agriculture, and industry, she mentioned. Responding to a question, she said we are launching a series of surprise visits to assess citizen satisfaction with price control measures.

## SC dismisses review appeal about votes re-counting in NA-97

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a review appeal of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) candidate regarding re-counting of votes in NA-97 Tandlianwala.

A two-judge bench comprising Justice Amin ud Din Khan and Justice Naem Akhtar Agha heard the case filed by PML-N candidate Gohar Ali Baloch.

During hearing, the court asked the petitioner's lawyer to withdraw the petition or otherwise it would dismiss the case.

The lawyer prayed the court to decide the case on merit.

Justice Amin ud Din

Khan observed that the court had clearly declared that no application was given to the returning officer concerned for re-counting of votes in the said constituency.

Justice Afghan said that the RO had told the Election Commission in writing that no application for re-counting had been filed.

He said that the court dismissed the case on August 21, and the very next day the petitioner approached the RO. After that the RO provided the copy of verified application, which gave an impression that he (RO) had denied his previous statement for receiving some favour.

## EC moves SC for reviewing its September 14 clarification

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has challenged September 14 clarification of majority judges of Supreme Court (SC) in connection with reserved seats.

EC has requested SC to review its September 14 clarification.

The EC has taken plea in review petition that EC is not responsible for delay in SC decision. Petition was filed on July 25 in connection with clarification of July 12 decision. SC issued order of clarification on September 14.

## Fire erupts at F-6 markaz, no casualties reported

ISLAMABAD (APP): A fire broke out at F-6 markaz on Friday at the Federal Capital, prompting a swift response from the fire brigade and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration, while, no casualties have been reported.

According to the spokesman of ICT administration, a fire erupted at F-6 markaz, a private plaza. The fire brigade quickly arrived at the scene to contain the flames.

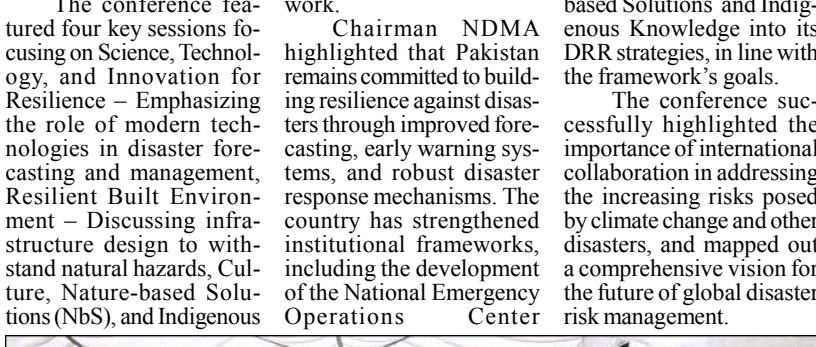
Meanwhile, Assistant Commissioner (AC) City Farhan Ahmed also reached the location to oversee the situation.

## Distt admin action against alms-seeking in ICT; 37 arrested

ISLAMABAD (APP): The district administration of Islamabad, led by Assistant Commissioner Rural, have ramped up efforts to curb unlawful activities and arrested 37 professional alms-seekers from different areas of the Federal Capital.

DC Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon stressed the need for a continued crackdown, urging the formation of special teams to monitor suspicious activities at key points, including traffic signals.

The operation was seen as a step toward ensuring the safety and well-being of the city's residents, with authorities promising to continue their efforts in maintaining public order.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary for Education and Professional Training Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani in a group photograph with participants during Inauguration ceremony "Green Learning Farm" by knowledge Platform at Islamabad Model School E-7.

## Experts call for urgent water management solutions in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): A national consultative workshop was held here on Friday, which was attended by the experts from across Pakistan to explore solutions for the country's growing water crisis. The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) under the UK Aid-funded Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) Programme hosted the event with an aim to enhance water management strategies in line with the National Water Policy.

Over 100 participants, including government officials, private sector leaders, representatives from development agencies, academics, and local community members, attended the workshop. They discussed various approaches to tackle water scarcity and highlighted strategies successfully applied in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) through the WRAP Programme.

One of the key speakers, Dr. Mohsin Hafeez, IWMI's Director for Water, Food, and Ecosystems, emphasized the importance of data in managing water resources.

He pointed out gaps in Pakistan's current water management systems, particularly the lack of an early warning system to prevent floods and other disasters.

Dr. Hafeez also discussed the challenge posed by inaccurate groundwater data, which affects decision-making related to water management across the country. He provided an overview of the WRAP Programme, which focuses on improving water accounting in Pakistan.

He explained that IWMI had developed a water accounting framework for Okara district, along with a Groundwater Management Information System (GMIS) to address water shortages in Punjab.

## Gilani urges tourists from around world to explore Pak beauty

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senate Chairman Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday called on tourists from around the world to explore Pakistan's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage.

Gilani, in his message on the World Tourism Day, said, "Pakistan is rich in natural beauty, and by promoting tourism, we can create employment opportunities and contribute to the overall prosperity of our nation."

## Justice Babar IHC proceeds on one month leave

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice (CJ) Islamabad High Court (IHC) Justice Aamer Farooq has approved one month leave of Justice Babar Sattar.

Justice Babar Sattar is among those judges who had written letter to Chief Justice regarding interference of intelligence operatives in judicial affairs.

According to sources Justice Babar Sattar presented his leave application to chief justice Aamer Farooq who approved one month leave application.

According to sources law ministry, secretary to chief justice, registrar and other respective authorities were informed in this regard.

## Wani seeks UNHRC's role regarding release of a report on human rights situation in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (APP): Permanent Representative World Muslim Congress and Chairman Kashmir Institute of International Relations Altaf Hussain Wani has said that people of the disputed territory have suffered immensely due to India's severe repression and constitutional terrorism. Wani said this during a debate held here under agenda item 4 on the sidelines of the 57th session of United Nations Human Rights Council Geneva today, received a press release here on Friday from Geneva.

Drawing the UN human rights council's attention towards the alarming human rights situation in

## Rana Mashhood says: One mln smartphones will be provided to youth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan has said that one mln smartphones would be given to youth on easy instalments to equip them with the latest tools of technology. Addressing a news conference here on Friday, he said that in addition to the provision of one lac laptops annually, the government would give 1.5 lacs laptops to students under the "Laptop for All" scheme during the year.

Rana added that interviews for 100 members of the National Youth Council (NYC) had been completed, adding seven to nine thousand young applicants had applied for the government's National Youth Council. He informed that that Prime Minister Shehbaz would soon announce the establishment of NYC which will offer non-partisan advice to the Prime Minister and would advocate for youth development and engagement in governance. He said the government will also launch a National Youth Policy and National Youth employment policy with consultation of youth within a month. Rana added that last year around one lac youngsters had participated in the Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt Program and it was expected that as many as 1 to 2 million youth would attend the talent hunt event in the next year.

## APACE celebrates 75-yrs of Sino-Pak Friendship

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chinese Association of Pakistan Foreigners in Pakistan & All-Pakistan Association of Chinese Enterprises (APACE) celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Among the notable highlights of the event was the performance by renowned Pakistan singer Umair Shahid, known by his Chinese name Omi, whose heartfelt song on China-Pak friendship resonated deeply with attendees, said a press release issued here Friday.

The event drew prominent figures from both nations, including Shi Yuanqiang, Minister of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, MNA. Danyal Chaudhry and Jiang Zaidong, the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan.

These dignitaries gathered to reflect on the enduring partnership that has flourished over the past seven decades, characterized by mutual respect, trust, and a shared vision for future cooperation.

Yet, it was Umair Shahid's performance that truly stole the spotlight. The Song "Wo men bu yi yang", tweeted by Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan, went viral two years ago all over the social media and TV Channels, not only captivated audiences in Pakistan but also resonated within Chinese communities. This song is identity of Pak - China Friendship and millions of people listened to it both in China and Pakistan.

As Shahid performed, it became evident that his words served as a bridge linking the two cultures, traditions, folk music and such combined activities that bind Pakistan and China together.

The event also featured a rich array of traditional Chinese cultural presentations, including Chinese Opera, folk dances and traditional music.

These performances showcased the beauty of Chinese heritage and added a festive flair to the celebrations.

## MoCC Secretary Ministry of Climate Change, Aisha Humera Ch addressing a workshop on National Climate Finance Strategy.



## Lawyers shouting slogans during protest in favor of their demands outside Supreme Court, in the Federal Capital.



ISLAMABAD: Mechanics busy repairing faulty CCTV cameras at Faizabad.



## Governor deplores apathy of KP gov't over violent armed clashes in Kurram

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday strongly criticized the provincial government over its apathy to solve the violent territorial dispute among rivals groups in Kurram which had claimed several precious lives in the area so far.

In a meeting with Bushra Gohar, the Chairperson of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Organizing Committee of the National Democratic Movement, here at the Governors House, Kundi expressed concern over the deteriorating security situation in the area as well as the province.

He said that unrest has fostered a sense of insecurity among the people of KP and required immediate attention of the provincial government.

The meeting focused on significant provincial issues and the current national situation including the law and order situation, the closure of Torkham border, and the worsening situations in Parachinar.

He said that the issue of Torkham border's closure was posing a barrier to trade and public connectivity between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Kundi said that he was in contact with the federal government to expedite a resolution to this matter, aiming to enhance commercial and economic activities between the two nations.

The meeting concluded with considerations for organizing an all-parties

conference to collaboratively address the province's pressing issues.

Meanwhile, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's first female paragliding pilot, Benazir Awan, called on Governor Faisal Karim Kundi.

The meeting focused on promoting adventure sports for women in the province and showcasing Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's positive image globally.

During the discussion, Benazir Awan presented her proposals to create more opportunities for women in adventure sports, particularly paragliding. She emphasized the exceptional talents of women in the province and advocated for greater participation in adventure sports to highlight their skills on the international stage.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi addressing the World Heart Day event at Rehman Medical Institute, Hayatabad.

## Mariyum Aurangzeb says: CM's shrimp farming vision to settle barren lands of Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Senior Punjab Minister Mariyum Aurangzeb said on Friday that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision is to settle the barren lands of Punjab.

She expressed these remarks while talking to a delegation of Thai Union, in which both sides agreed to work together for the promotion of shrimp farming.

The Senior Minister said agriculture and farmers will get development through modern farming, adding with the encouragement of shrimp farming, Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has included Punjab in the list of the modern world in terms of modern farming.

Mariyum Aurangzeb said that apart from earning a billion dollars in foreign exchange, thousands of youths will get employment from the start of shrimp farming, that is being started.

She informed the first production of prawns will be obtained in October, adding God willing, barren lands will be inhabited. The senior Minister said that the agricultural research and development and skill project will be implemented with RsRs8.5 billion.

The government will help in providing seeds and feed for the promotion of shrimp production, she added.

Farmers will get interest-free loans for hatchery, that would help develop farmers and agriculture sector, the minister said adding government will help farmers in farm processing and feed as well as storage.

Graduate youth will be given opportunities in research centers through universities.

## CM Murad to open Jam Sadiq Bridge for traffic by end of Oct

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has directed the P&D department to finalize the construction work of Malir Expressway, the first phase so that he could open it for traffic at the end of next month.

He expressed these views while chairing a review meeting here at the CM House on Friday. The meeting was attended by Minister P&D Nasir Shah, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, Secretary Energy Musadiq Khan, Chairman P&D Najam Shah, Secretary Finance Fayaz Jatui, Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh, PPP Unit CEO Asad Zamin, Karachi Metropolitan, being the mega/biggest city of Pakistan has the potential to accommodate and attract people from all over the country by providing jobs, business opportunities and housing facilities, the CM said and went on saying

resultantly the population of the city has increased tremendously. Murad Shah said that due to the phenomenal population growth, and increase in vehicular traffic, congestion and traffic jams issues arise on major roads of the city, hence road users are facing inconveniences/hazards like wastage of time and



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanging views with Khawaja Aftab, Regional Director IFC during meeting held at CM House in Karachi.

## CM's message on World Tourism Day

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, in her message on World Tourism Day, sent greetings to all those who are passionate about tourism.

She added, "Allah (SWT) has invited man to walk on the earth and meditate." She highlighted, "Tourism ignites natural abilities of a person and helps him think about himself and the universe around."

The Chief Minister said, "Allah (SWT) has blessed our beloved homeland with immense tourism potential and all possible resources will be utilized for the promotion of tourism." Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said, "The regions of Punjab rich in natural beauty are second to none. The historical, cultural and natural heritage of Punjab is a rich source of attraction

## Governor visits Swabi to inquire health of injured police officers

SWABI (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Friday made a special visit to Swabi where he met with injured police personnel and civilians at the District Headquarters Hospital (DHQ) and Bacha Khan Medical Hospital.

During his visit, he expressed his hopes for their speedy recovery.

In a brief interaction with the media, Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said that investigations into the incident are ongoing and emphasized the provincial government's responsibility to provide financial assistance to the injured.

He also mentioned plans to coordinate with the federal government regarding this support.

The Governor was briefed by doctors on the medical facilities being provided to the injured.

The Governor assured that all possible resources will be made available for their treatment.



LAHORE: Newly appointed Punjab Secretary Information Tahir Raza Hamdani and DGPR Gulam Sagheer Shahid meeting with Punjab Minister for Information Azma Bukhari.

## CS emphasizes need to produce skilled, qualified nurses

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Secretary (CS) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry chairing a meeting of medical teaching institution (MTI) hospitals here Friday emphasized need of producing qualified nurses to explore domestic and international opportunities.

He said that the growing demand for nurses is a significant opportunity for the youth of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He assured full support to health department and MTI hospitals in addressing this need stating that "We must seize this opportunity by ensuring that necessary arrangements are in place to produce a highly skilled and qualified nursing workforce."

The global healthcare sector has a strong demand for trained professionals and it is vital that our youth are well-prepared to meet these needs.

Chief Secretary also highlighted the importance of language proficiency, particularly in English, to enable nursing graduates to compete globally. He directed health authorities to strengthen language training modules for graduates. He also directed the finance department to prioritize hospital needs and ensure timely release of funds for smooth operations.

On the occasion, the hospital representatives provided updates on critical issues and challenges.

## 13 dead, 1400 injured in 1334 RTCs in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): At least thirteen persons were killed and 1400 injured in 1334 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Out of these, 617 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 783 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of hospitals. Furthermore, the analysis showed those 783 drivers, 64 underage drivers, 140 pedestrians, and 490 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 254 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 274 persons.

## Punjab gov't to provide interest-free loans to doctors: Health Minister

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique announced the government's commitment to support doctors by offering interest-free loans for business ventures.

During his visit to the Punjab Health Foundation (PHF) on Friday, the minister highlighted the government's ongoing efforts to facilitate healthcare professionals.

He stated that every year, the Punjab government provides interest-free loans worth millions of rupees to doctors through the PHF. He further emphasized that additional steps will be taken to improve the foundation's operations.

He also announced plans to call a meeting of the Board of Directors of the PHF, where modern reforms to enhance the institution's efficiency and effectiveness will be discussed. He pledged to transform the PHF into a profitable organization, ensuring it continues to benefit healthcare professionals in the province.

Earlier, the minister received a briefing from the Managing Director of PHF Jawad Akram regarding the foundation's performance and toured various departments, where he reviewed their functioning in detail. Relevant officers were also present during the visit.



KARACHI: Sindh Police Inspector General (IG), Gulam Nabi Memon presides over a high-level meeting, at CPO Headquarters in Karachi.

## PPP leader says: PTI misusing KP's resources on staging gatherings, rallies

PESHAWAR (APP): Provincial President PPP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Syed Mohammad Ali Shah Bacha has said that the PTI led provincial government is misusing the resources of the province on the public meetings and rallies.

Speaking on the occasion of the joining of Alamzeb Khan, a former Director General (DG) Livestock Khyber Pakhtunkhwa along his family members and associates in PPP here on Friday, he said that KP government has proved to be the worst government in the history of the province.

Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi also attended the function and welcomed former DG Livestock, Alamzeb Khan along with his family and associates into the party fold. Those present were included Member KP Assembly, Arbab Zarak Khan, Farzand Ali Wazir, Sajid Turi, Fazle Haq, Misbahuddin, Malik Tehmas Khan, Zia Ullah Afridi, Malik Saeed Khan, Malik Amjad, president PPP district Mohmand Malik Israel Khan.

## PIC achieves milestone by performing Mitral Chip procedure

PESHAWAR (APP): The Peshawar Institute of Cardiology (PIC) has successfully introduced a minimally invasive procedure for the treatment of leaky heart valves.

According to a press release issued on Friday, it is first time that Mitral Clip procedure has been performed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa establishing PIC as a pioneer in advanced cardiac care in the region.

This cutting-edge intervention provides an innovative solution for patients with mitral valve regurgitation, a condition where the heart's mitral valve does not close properly causing blood to flow backward into the heart.



HYDERABAD: Christian Study Centre Director, Bishop Samuel addresses during seminar on Combined Assembly on Composite Heritage organized by Christian Study Centre held at local hotel in Hyderabad.

## World Tourism Day: Pakistan's rich heritage needs digital spotlight

PESHAWAR (APP): As the world celebrated tourism day on Friday with enthusiasm, Pakistan emphasized its unique cultural, adventure, heritage and historical offerings, notably its rich Gandhara and Indus civilizations for foreign tourists to discover by taking advantage of the Govt. friendly tourism policies.

This year's theme, "Tourism for Peace," reflected the nation's strong commitment and resolve to leveraging tourism as a vehicle for economic growth, poverty's alleviation, peace and social harmony.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the government departments, NGOs and civil society joined hands to mark the day with a series of events, including walks, seminars, and award ceremonies, highlighting tourism

## Cylinder blast in house leaves 5 family members injured

HYDERABAD (APP): Five members of a family were injured due to an explosion of a LPG cylinder in a house in Liaquat Colony area here on Friday. According to the police, the blast took place in the home's kitchen where the meal was being prepared. All of the injured were shifted to Liaquat University Hospital's burns ward.

The injured include 35 years old Reeman, 25 years old Ahmed Ali, 25 years old Samra, 20 years old Sumera and 10 years old Kinza.

## KP Gov't starts work on Ehsassa projects for youth's welfare

PESHAWAR (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has started work on Ehsassa projects including Ehsaas Rozgar, Ehsaas Hoonar, Noujawan Rozgar and others for welfare of youth in the province, said the provincial advisor for Finance Muzamil Aslam.

In a statement issued here on Friday, he said that the Ehsassa projects has been started at a cost of Rs 15 billion to create vast employment opportunities in the private sector for the youth, adding that in this regard soft loans up to 1 crore rupees would be provided under the Ehsaas Noujawan Rozgar scheme.

Similarly, he said an interest-free loan of Rs 200,000 would be given for starting a new business or expanding the business and under the Ehsaas Hunar program, interest-free loans of up to 500,000 rupees would be provided.

The Advisor said that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government intended to empower the youth financially through Ehsassa projects.



MOHENJO DARO: A tourist delegation from Korea are visiting and expressed keen interest in the historical ruins of the World Heritage Monuments of Mohenjo Daro.



LAHORE: A delegation of Thai Union meeting with Senior Minister Punjab Mariyum Aurangzeb.





## Amir Muqam stresses for welfare of coalmines workers

QUETTA (APP): Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) Amir Muqam on Friday said that all out efforts would be taken to ensure the protection of coalminers and basic facilities as the workers working in the coal mines are the asset of the country.

The workers are working hard and contributing to the country's economy and development, Amir Muqam said while addressing a ceremony organized in the honor of coalmines workers.

He said that the people associated with the coal mines would be provided all the facilities and privileges for avoiding tragic incidents in the mining sites. He said on the mines where injustice was done with the workers will be sealed and ban would be also imposed on those mines in the province which lack precautionary measures.

Amir Muqam said that no compromise will be made on the protection and rights of the workers working in the coal mine.

The government was the key priority to provide all possible facilities to the workers, their all legitimate demands would be addressed. He also announced 2 ambulances for the coal mine workers.

Engineer Amir Muqam hailed the approval of 7 billion dollar IMF deal, which will stabilize the economy of the country.

"The political rivals of the PML-N and anti Pakistan elements tried their best to sabotage the financial deal to put the country in the financial crises, however their nefarious designs failed," Amir Muqam remarked.

Federal Minister said that those who destroy peace cannot be Pakistanis.



QUETTA: Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) Amir Muqam addresses a ceremony in honoring the hard work and dedication of coalmine workers.

### IMF Pak chief says

## More financing assurances received from China, UAE, Saudi Arabia

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has received "significant financing assurances" from China, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates linked to a new International Monetary Fund program that go beyond a deal to roll over \$12 billion in bilateral loans owed to them by Islamabad, an IMF official said on Thursday.

IMF Pakistan Mission Chief Nathan Porter declined to provide details of additional financing amounts committed by the three countries but said they would come on top of the debt rollover.

"I won't go into the specifics, but UAE, China and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia all provided significant financing assurances joined up in this program," Porter told reporters on a conference call.

The IMF's Executive Board on Wednesday approved a new \$7 billion, 37-month loan agreement for Pakistan that requires "sound policies and reforms" to strengthen macroeconomic stability. The approval releases an immediate \$1 billion disbursement to Islamabad. The crisis-wracked South Asian country has had 22 previous IMF bailout programs since 1958. Porter said Pakistan has staged a "really remarkable" economic turnaround since mid-2023, with inflation down dramatically, stable exchange rates and foreign reserves that have more than doubled. "So what we've seen is the benefits of undertaking good policies," Porter said, adding that the challenge now was to build stronger growth.



SOHBATPUR: Provincial Minister for Communication & Works Mir Saleem Khosa inspecting different development projects during his visit of Sohbatpur

## Sardar Khetran says: Govt. determined to develop Balochistan despite financial hardships

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stated that the provincial government is determined to develop the province despite financial hardships.

He said that concrete steps are being taken for timely completion of the ongoing development and welfare projects in the province.

He said that the present government has put the province on path of development of the province.

The Minister was speaking to the Parliamentary Secretary Excise,



QUETTA: View of traffic jam due to protest demonstration of relatives of Suhail Khan, Transporter against his kidnapping and demanding for his recovery as soon as possible, in Quetta.



KARACHI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir addressing inaugural ceremony of Innovista Indus IT Park, a hub aimed at empowering Pakistan's youth by fostering academia-industry collaboration in the field of Information Technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence

## PM Shehbaz calls for enhanced investment, trade ties with the US

NEW YORK (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif emphasized his government's commitment to strengthening trade and investment ties between Pakistan and the United States during a meeting with a delegation from the US-Pakistan Business Council in New York on Friday. Addressing the delegation, which included the president, senior officials, and corporate leaders from leading US companies, he expressed a strong desire to attract American investments in key sectors to foster growth and prosperity.

During his remarks, the prime minister highlighted the government's focus on improving the ease of doing business in Pakistan, noting that gathering insights from the corporate sector is a top priority.

He introduced the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), a high-level, one-stop agency designed to assist foreign investors in planning and executing projects in four critical areas: agriculture, information technology, energy, and mining.

He explained that the SIFC aims to enhance investor confidence and expedite project implementation through tailored solutions and demand-driven support. The prime minister identified several sectors in Pakistan's economy—particularly agriculture, the tech sector (including fintech), pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, and mining—where US companies could take advantage of favorable government policies and engage in mutually beneficial projects.

Attendees included prominent representatives of US investors in Pakistan, such as John Murphy, Senior Vice President and Head of International at the US Chamber of Commerce; Esperanza Jelalian, President of the US-Pakistan Business Council; and Steven Kobos, President and CEO of Accelerate Energy.

### PM meets Nepalese counterpart

NEW YORK (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday held a meeting with his Nepalese counterpart K.P. Sharma Oli and expressed Pakistan's desire to further strengthen the multifaceted bilateral cooperation, especially in commercial, economic, trade, and tourism sectors.

In the meeting, held on the sidelines of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly here, the two leaders reiterated their commitment to continue exploring avenues for enhancing bilateral and regional cooperation.

Prime Minister Shehbaz congratulated K.P. Sharma Oli on assuming the office of the prime minister.

Expressing satisfaction at the excellent bilateral ties between Pakistan and Nepal, he conveyed warm sentiments and wishes for the people and the Government of Nepal on behalf of the people of Pakistan.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif also extended an invitation to the Nepalese prime minister to visit Pakistan.

## Governor, Federal Minister SAFRON visit Ziarat valley

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail along with Federal Minister for SAFRON and Kashmir Affairs, Engineer Amir Muqam visited Ziarat on Friday. The Provincial Minister Noor Muhammad Dummer was also accompanied them.

Soon after their arrival in Ziarat, the Governor and



QUETTA: Senator Abdul Shakoor Achakzai meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

## Governor says Different areas of Balochistan can become new attractive & profitable hub of tourism

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that practical steps are being taken for promotion of tourism in the country especially Balochistan due to the special interest of Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif.

This, the Governor stated in a special video message issued on eve of the World Tourism Day observed on Friday.

The Governor was in the famous and historic place of Qaid-e-Azam Residency on Friday.

The Governor said that different areas of Balochistan can become new attractive and profitable centers for tourism. He referred to the natural scenes, over 700 kilometers long coastal belt, rocks and mountains, fertile land of Mehr Garh and deserts found across Balochistan.

It may be mentioned here that World Tourism Day is observed on 27th September every year all over the globe and so in Pakistan.



LASBELA: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam distributing the Hygiene Kits to students at Hygiene Kits distributing ceremony.

## Magsi invites foreign, local tourists to experience Balochistan's beauty

QUETTA (APP): Provincial Parliamentary Secretary for Culture and Tourism, Nawabzada Mir Zareen Khan Magsi Friday on World Tourism Day extended an invitation to both foreign and local tourists to discover the rich cultural heritage and breathtaking tourist spots of Balochistan.

Talking to PTV news, Magsi emphasized the province's potential to become a top tourist destination, citing its unique blend of cultures, stunning landscapes and vibrant festivals.

He said this move aims to promote tourism in the region and showcase its unique history, traditions, and natural beauty.

"Balochistan is home to numerous unexplored wonders, waiting to be discovered by tourists," Magsi said.

"From the majestic

## Ahsan hails Pak-China friendship, urges following Chinese model of development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal has lauded all-weather friendship between Pakistan and China, stressing the need to follow the Chinese model of national development.

"Peace, consistency of policies and implementing reforms in all sectors are prerequisites for progress and development of any country and we can learn this from China," he said while addressing a ceremony held to mark the National Day of China, a news release said on Friday.

The ceremony was organized by China Global Television Network and featured folk performances by cultural troupes from Pakistan and China.

Acknowledging China's role in Pakistan's national development, the minister said China brought investment in Pakistan when no country was willing to make investment in the country.

He said a number of projects were started in the country under the banner of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Reflecting on China's remarkable rise over the past few decades, Ahsan Iqbal praised the country's ability to lift 800 million people out of poverty in just three to four decades—an achievement unprecedented in human history.

He emphasized that China's success lies not only in its modernization but also in its preservation of a unique cultural identity.

"China's success has shown that modernization does not have to come at the cost of losing one's cultural roots," he remarked.

China's distinctive approach—what the minister called the "Chinese style of development"—has allowed it to forge its own path, independent of Western models of democracy and capitalism.



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with a delegation of the US-Pakistan Business Council on the sidelines of 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

## Based on UN resolutions Pakistan urges OIC to boost efforts for 'just' settlement of Kashmir dispute

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan has called on the Islamic Cooperation Organization (OIC) to scale up its efforts for the mitigation of the Kashmiri people's sufferings and finding a just settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with United Nations resolutions that grant the Kashmiri people the right to self-determination.

Speaking to OIC's Contact Group on Jammu & Kashmir, which met on the sidelines of the 79th session of UN General Assembly, Defence Minister Khawaja Mohammad Asif underscored the need for the 57-member organization to transform its pronouncements on the decades-old dispute into "tangible actions."

"The OIC and its Member States should use their influence to urge India to improve the human rights situation in Kashmir; release the political prisoners; repeal draconian emergency laws; remove military presence from populated areas; and implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions," Khawaja Asif added.

The five-member group's state members, besides Pakistan, who were present were: Turkiye's

## Admission entrance test conducted for fall semester in Gwadar University

QUETTA (APP): Gwadar University successfully conducted the entrance test for Semester Fall 2024 Friday in which a good number of aspirants from Gwadar district participated.

Gwadar University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir appreciated the test organizing team for conducting the test successfully.

The Vice-Chancellor in his statement said, "The high turnout in the entrance test reflects the growing interest of students in pursuing higher education in Gwadar University, we are dedicated to offering quality education and shaping future leaders." He said that the University of Gwadar offers diverse programs in various disciplines including Management Sciences, Commerce, Economic.

## Cop shot dead in Bajaur

PESHAWAR (APP): Unknown armed men on Friday shot dead a police constable in Khar tehsil of Bajaur district.

Police said the constable, Tahir Rehman was waiting for a vehicle on the roadside in Dilly village of Khar when unknown armed men fired at him, killing him on the spot.

Police said two other people also sustained injuries in the incident and were shifted to THQ Khar. The deceased cop was deputed at Sim police station and was on a leave.

Later, the martyred police official was laid to rest at the ancestral graveyard with complete departmental honor.



QUETTA: Former Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Babar Khan Musakhail and Parliamentary Secretary Excise Muhammad Khan Lehri meeting with Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran

## Ali Hasan Zehri says: Master Plan of Rs. 6b for development of infrastructure in Hub

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QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister for Industries, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri has stated that the Master Plan of Rs. 6 billion has been approved for development of infrastructure in Hub district.

He said that the President Asif Ali Zardari has approved 3,000 labour quarters for the labourers in Hub, which would be constructed costing Rs. 16 billion.

This was announced by the Advisor to Chief Minister while addressing the open court in Hub on Friday.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commissioner Hub, Ms. Rohana Gul Kakar and other concerned officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that we are aware of the issues of unemployment and others in Hub district.

He directed to the district administration to resolve the issues of local and domicile certificates in the district.

He said that some 73 closes schools have been made functional in Hub. He said that district administration and other departments are fully mobilized to serve the people.

He on the occasion mentioned that approval has also been made for dualization of 18 kilometer link road from Gadani to RCD highway.



HUB: Advisor to Chief Minister Balochistan on Commerce and Industry, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri listening the problems of citizens during the open court program held in Hub.