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## COAS, Saudi delegation discuss bilateral ties

General Asim underscores deep respect & affection that people of Pakistan hold for the KSA

RAWALPINDI (APP): Minister of Investment, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Khalid Bin Abdulaziz Al Falih, accompanied by a high-level government cum business delegation, met with Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir here on Thursday.

The meeting focused on matters of mutual interest, particularly initiatives to strengthen ever growing brotherly bilateral cooperation in a variety of sectors, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The COAS expressed his profound appreciation and gratitude for unflinching support for Pakistan

from King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and the Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman. "Manifestation of one of the largest business delegations' visit to Pakistan reaffirms the enduring and fraternal ties between Pakistan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," he said.

He underscored the deep respect and affection that the people of Pakistan hold for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The COAS further assured the delegation of Pakistan's full support and commitment and conveyed his optimism for the promising outcomes that would mutually benefit both nations.



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## Kundi emphasizes peace in provincial jirga

Interior Minister represents Federal Govt at Grand Jirga in CM House

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Thursday highlighted the significance of peace in the province during a jirga held at the Chief Minister's House.

Addressing the gathering, he expressed gratitude to the provincial government for organizing the event and to Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi for his presence.

Governor Kundi acknowledged existing political differences and stressed that the safety and prosperity of the province remain the top priorities.

He asserted that negotiations are essential for resolving issues, particularly

in light of ongoing challenges, including the situation in Afghanistan.

Referring to a recent tragic incident in district Khyber, he underscored the urgency of addressing security concerns, saying that many areas in the province are still considered no-go zones.

He called for unity among all stakeholders, including the provincial and federal governments, to establish peace.

The Governor emphasized the need for dialogue with those who respect the country's constitution and laws, urging participants to collaborate on finding solutions.

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PESHAWAR: Federal Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi participating in Grand Jirga organised by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government.

## Reconstruction of Dozan bridge done: Train service to be restored from Quetta to rest of country after one and half month today

Independent Report QUETTA: The train service is due to be restored from Quetta to rest of the country today (Friday) as the reconstruction of Dozan railway bridge completed in Bolan area.

The Pakistan Railway authorities confirmed that the Jaffar Express is scheduled to depart from Quetta Railway Station for Peshawar at 09:00 AM today.

Similarly, the Bolan Mail is scheduled to depart for Karachi from Quetta on October 13.

Meanwhile, the trial of engine and train was done by crossing the same from

Dozan railway bridge.

The Divisional Superintendent of Pakistan Railways Quetta, Imran Hayat personally monitored the trial of train at the bridge.

As the trial remained successful, it was decided to restore the train service from Quetta to other parts of the country.

It may be recalled that the Dozan railway bridge was destroyed by some unknown miscreants in a subversive act on August 26, 2024.

After destruction of the railway bridge, the train service was suspended from Quetta for rest of the country.



A delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia led by Investment Minister H. E. Mr Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Falih called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad.

## Pakistan, Saudi Arabia sign MoUs valuing \$2.2bln in multiple sectors

PM terms Saudi delegation's visit as key milestone in strengthening ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Thursday signed 27 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) valuing US \$2.2 billion in various sectors including industry, agriculture, Information Technology (IT), food, education, mine & minerals, health, petroleum, energy and other areas of mutual cooperation.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif accompanied by Saudi Investment Minister Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Falih and Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Syed Asim Munir witnessed the exchange of the signed copies of the MoUs.

Addressing on the occasion, the prime minister said the visit of Saudi business delegation was a true manifestation of great sincerity and affection for people of Pakistan from Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

He hoped that today's ceremony would lead to many more such events in times to come. He expressed the government's resolve to implement these MoUs and to transform them into agreements in future through "hard work and untiring efforts".

"Our Saudi brothers lead by Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Falih have done remarkable job to promote Saudi economy and with his presence here, we will have his full cooperation to promote bilateral investments and business opportunity," he remarked. The prime minister hoped that in future there would be many more such ceremonies both in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

He thanked the Saudi leadership for their support in having the programme as without their support, the programme could not have materialized. "Finally this programme is through, but we hope that this will be the last programme as we have already through a

wonderful team work, managed to improve our economic indicators, inflation came down from 32% to 6.9% this month, our policy rate has come down from 23% to 17.5%, exports are increasing, foreign remittances are also increasing," he said. Additionally, he said the government was moving towards deep rooted reforms in the country's economy through very stringent measures and there was no compromise on these decisions.

The prime minister also conveyed his warm regards to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz, and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

## Faith in Khatam-e-Nabuwat integral part of Muslim's definition: SC

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan has stated in Mubarak Sani's detailed judgment that complete faith in 'Khatam-e-Nabuwat' is an integral part of the definition of a Muslim.

A three-member bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa and comprising Justice Amin ud Din Khan and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan issued the order.

## Two cops martyred in terrorist attack on police van

TANK (INP): Two policemen were martyred while three were injured in a terrorist attack on a police van in the limits of SMA police station near Pathankot in Tank on Thursday.

According to police, the terrorists made their escape good after committing the crime.

The police said that the van was on a routine patrol when the terrorists targeted the vehicle.

## Public-private partnership essential to cope with challenges of global warming, emphasizes Governor

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has emphasized that public-partnership is essential to move ahead the public friendly policies and cope with the challenges of global warming.

He insisted that the message can be reached to every homeboy including the subject of environment in curriculum.

The Governor was speaking to a delegation

who called on him under leadership of head of FDI, Ms. Uzma Yaqoob here at the Governor's House on Thursday.

The matters about global warming and climate change were discussed in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the negative impacts of climate change can be reduced with cooperation of the international institutions.

He said that care of

some 8,000 trees and saplings planted in the Governor House is an example worth following for environmental protection.

He assured that cooperation would remain continued for the public friendly endeavours of the Governor House as well as promotion of education and modern skills.

The Governor also said that every civilized society move ahead and promote gender equality.

## Nawaz, Bilawal meet to explore solutions for Pak current situation

Bilawal confident on approval of constitutional amendments by all parties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, met with former Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on Thursday to discuss the country's current situation and explore solutions to the challenges it faces.

The meeting took place at Punjab House, Islamabad, where Pakistan Muslim League-N President Nawaz Sharif warmly welcomed Bilawal Bhutto upon his arrival. The two leaders expressed satisfaction over the inflation rate drop from 32% to 6.9%, the reduction in the policy rate, overall economic progress, and the continuous improvement in economic indicators, including the record \$8.8 billion sent by overseas Pakistanis.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari meets with President PML-N, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at Punjab House.

## Five IPPs contracts terminated to save Rs411 bln: Shehbaz

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government on Thursday announced the termination of the power purchase agreement with five Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said it would provide Rs60 billion annual relief to the electricity consumers and cumulatively save Rs411 billion to the national exchequer.

The prime minister, in his remarks at the meeting of the federal cabinet he chaired, said the termination of agreements, signed between the Task Force on Power Sector Reforms and IPPs owners, was part of the efforts to reduce the burden of capacity payments being borne by the consumers and that it would also reduce the electricity prices.

"The owners of five

IPPs agreed to terminate the contracts preferring the national interest to their own.

This is the first rain-droplet. This will follow the rain to green the whole region," he remarked and thanked his team members including the task force on power sector reforms, President Asif Ali Zardari and Chief of the Army Staff for their efforts and PML-N president Nawaz Sharif for constant push.

He told the cabinet members that the power tariff would be reduced after a gradual review of contracts with other IPPs.

Under the agreement, the IPPs whose contracts had been terminated including Roush Power, Saba Power, LALPIR, HUBCO and Atlas Power, would be liable to receive their arrears sans mark-up.

## 4 khwarij killed in two separate IBOs in KP

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QUETTA: A delegation led by Forum for Dignity Initiatives (FDI)'s Uzma Yaqoob called on Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

4 khwarij were killed in two separate intelligence-based operations (IBOs) conducted in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). On October 9, the Forces conducted an IBO in general area Janikhel, Bannu District on reported presence of khwarij, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

During the conduct of the operation, after an intense exchange of fire, two khwarij were killed. In another operation, conducted in general area Hassan Khel, North Waziristan District on October 10, the Army troops effectively engaged khwarij location and in ensuring fire exchange, two more khwarij were killed. Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from killed khwarij, who remained actively involved.

The meeting was at

Quetta Master Plan should be completed earliest: Comprehensive planning and coordinated strategy direly needed for sustainable development of any city, CS

QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan has stated that comprehensive planning and coordinated strategy is desperately needed for sustainable development of any city so as to fulfill all needs of the citizens.

The Chief Secretary exhorted to all concerned institutions to play their role for providing basic needs and facilities to the new generations by preparing comprehensive planning keeping in view the future requirements.

He directed to complete the Quetta Master Plan project at the earliest.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan presides over the meeting regarding Quetta Master Plan.





