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## Iran launches ballistic missiles at Tel Aviv, warns of crushing response to any Israeli retaliation

**Monitoring Desk**  
TEHRAN: Iran fired a salvo of ballistic missiles at Tel Aviv on Tuesday in retaliation to the Israeli campaign against Tehran's Hezbollah allies in Lebanon and the killing of its chief and that of Hamas. Alarms sounded across Israel and explosions could be heard in Jerusalem and the Jordan River valley after Israelis piled into bomb shelters. Reporters on state television lay flat on the ground during live broadcasts. Reuters journalists saw missiles intercepted in the airspace of neighbouring Jordan. Israeli media reports said as many as 100 missiles had been launched. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said the missile attack under way was in response to the killing of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah last week as well as that of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. "In re-

sponse to the martyrdom of [Hamas leader] Ismail Haniyeh, Hassan Nasrallah and [Guards commander] Nilforoshan, we targeted the heart of the occupied territories (Israel)," the Guards said in a statement reported by the Fars news agency. The Guards threatened to carry out "crushing attacks" against regional Israel if it retaliated after the missile attack. "If the Zionist regime reacts to Iranian operations, it will face crushing attacks," the Guard said. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gave the order to launch missiles at Israel, a senior Iranian official told Reuters, adding that Tehran "is fully ready for any retaliation". Iran's mission to the United Nations in New York posted on X that the attack on Israel is a "legal, rational, and legitimate response to the terrorist acts."



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti in a group photo with officials of Kachhi Canal Project

## Pakistan needs reforms in judicial system: Our struggle for constitutional amendment not for current CJ, asserts Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

**Chairman PPP pledges to fulfil mission of martyr Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto regarding judicial reforms and constitutional courts; says have no problem about who sits in constitutional court**

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has categorically stated that so far, his party had agreed to the government's proposal for the formation of a federal constitutional court. The Chairman PPP said that he has to fulfil the mission of his martyr mother, Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto regarding the judicial reforms and constitutional courts that otherwise part of the charter of democracy (CoD) signed then. He said that we restored the constitution through CoD and it was the objective behind the struggle waged by his martyr mother. He said that we just want implementation of the CoD. He said that we would accept what the constitution says. He said that it is responsibility of the judiciary to follow the constitution and law. He said that over the time and experience, he learnt that how difficult is to get justice in the country. He said that the country needs reforms in its judicial system. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was addressing the Balochistan High Court (BHC) Bar in Quetta on Tuesday. Also present on the occasion was the Chief Minister, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti and other senior leaders of the party besides a large number of lawyers. The Chairman PPP maintained that his party had no problem if anyone of the top two judges of the constitutional court. "After the struggle of 30 years, we have decided to form a constitutional court," he said, adding his struggle for the constitutional amendment was not for the current chief justice, Qazi Faez Isa. "Your agenda could be a person-specific, not mine," he added.

## Have never left, nor will leave masses on mercy of fate: Nawaz

**LAHORE (INP): President Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and former prime minister, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has said that his party has never left the people nor will leave them at mercy of fate. This was stated by him while speaking during a meeting held at Chief Minister House on Tuesday under the chair of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. During the meeting, strategy regarding the development projects of the province came under discussion. Nawaz Sharif has directed the Punjab government to focus on public relief projects for providing maximum relief and facilities to the people. The PML-N President further stated that he has never left the people alone during difficult times and will not leave them now.**

## Core inflation decreases to 6.9% PM vows further relief as inflation slows at lowest in last four years in Sept

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed his satisfaction at the slowing down of price-hike which now clocked in at the lowest 6.9 percent when compared with runaway digits in the last 44 months. The prime minister lauded the government's economic team for capping the headline inflation which now clocked in at 6.9 percent on a year-on-year basis in September 2024. The price hike had nosedived in the month of August this year at one digit 9.6pc for the first time in the last 34 months, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) index reading remained at the lowest in September this year bringing the spiraling inflation to record low in the last 44 months. "With the grace of Allah Almighty, the promises made with the public have started yielding results. With inflation rate at 6.9pc, the common man will get relief," the press release quoted the prime minister as saying. The prime minister further observed that with continuous reduction in the petroleum prices, the public was getting relief, whereas after interest rate slide, the business activities would get a spur. He also expressed his satisfaction at the achievement of target of bringing the inflation rate to 7pc in 2024 ahead of next year.



ISLAMABAD: The Head of Mission of World Health Organisation in Pakistan Dr. Lou Dapeng presenting a certificate of elimination of TRACHOMA as a public health problem from Pakistan to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

## PM Shehbaz effectively pleaded Palestinians case as leader of Ummah: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Tuesday that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif effectively pleaded the case of Palestinians during his historic speech at the United Nations General Assembly as the leader of Muslim Ummah. Addressing a press conference, the minister said that PM Shehbaz's address to the UNGA was highly appreciated all over the world, which was an honour for Pakistan. The prime minister championed the causes of Muslim Ummah, including Palestine and Kashmir, he added. He addressed the Balochistan High Court Bar as well as the Peoples Lawyers Forum's convention besides the ceremony of distribution of grants among the flood affectees of 2022. He also had meeting with the Provincial Ministers, members of the assembly and senior provincial leaders of party. He also visited the residence of PPP leader, Agha Shakeel Durrani to condole death of his mother. His bilateral meetings with heads of state and government of other countries on the sidelines of the UNGA session also proved very fruitful and constructive in that regard, the minister said. Tarar said that the PM's speech also proved that Pakistan's foreign policy was successful and that Islamabad was an important player both at the international level and in the region.

## Repair work on Phase-I to be completed by November 15: Kachhi canal project has backbone status in agricultural economy of Balochistan, says CM

**Mir Sarfaraz Bugti asserts no further delay tolerable in important project; emphasizes upon ending disappointment of zamindars concerning Kachhi canal project; assigns task of monitoring of project to Chief Secretary; work on Kachhi canal project Phase-II to be started after approval and release of funds from competent authority**

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has stated that the Kachhi canal project has the backbone status in agricultural economy of the province. He noted with concern that the supply of water is suspended for agricultural purposes to Balochistan due to destruction caused to the Phase-I during 2022 floods. As a result of non-supply of water, the zamindars and farmers are in mess and disappointed. Even the dwellers are also forced to migrate from the uncultivated command area of Kachhi canal due to the agricultural water, he regretfully pointed out adding he warned that no further delay would be tolerated in completion of the necessary work. The Chief Minister was chairing a high level review meeting on the repair of Kachhi canal phase-I and construction work of the Phase-II here on Tuesday. The Provincial Ministers Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi and Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Development, Hafiz Abdul Basit, administrative secretaries of different line departments, Project Directors and other concerned high ups were in attendance at the meeting. The Irrigation Department authorities briefed the meeting about the Kachhi canal project in detail. It was informed that the work is continued on repair of the Kachhi canal Phase-I, which otherwise was affected due to the 2022 floods. CJP remarked at inception of hearing Justice Munib Akhtar was requested to join the bench but he maintained his old stance. The CJP remarked every one knows at present what is happening in SC. Nothing is going behind the closed door in SC. PPP counsel Farooq H Naik said we have appeared voluntarily. Our roll be also got signed. At the inception of hearing advocate Ali Zafar requested he wants to raise objections over bench. The CJP remarked you should return to your seat. We will hear you later. After hearing Shahzad Shaukat, Barrister Ali Zafar and Farooq H Naek, the chief justice remarked that the court would hear the remaining lawyers tomorrow and adjourned the hearing.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

## All know what is happening in SC, nothing is happening behind the scene: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Review appeal regarding interpretation of article 63 A was heard in the Supreme Court (SC). A larger bench of SC headed over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa took up the case for hearing. CJP remarked at inception of hearing Justice Munib Akhtar was requested to join the bench but he maintained his old stance. The CJP remarked every one knows at present what is happening in SC. Nothing is going behind the closed door in SC. PPP counsel Farooq H Naik said we have appeared voluntarily. Our roll be also got signed. At the inception of hearing advocate Ali Zafar requested he wants to raise objections over bench. The CJP remarked you should return to your seat. We will hear you later. After hearing Shahzad Shaukat, Barrister Ali Zafar and Farooq H Naek, the chief justice remarked that the court would hear the remaining lawyers tomorrow and adjourned the hearing.

## Active participation of youth necessary for our collective development: Governor

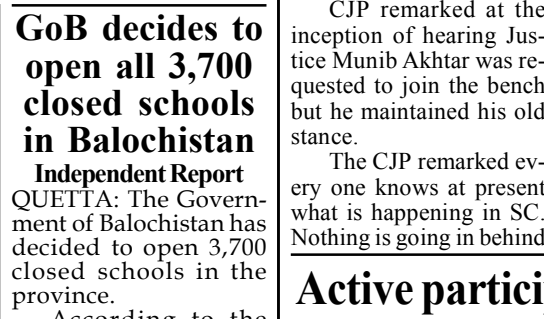
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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that voice of youth has immense importance in the society and their character and actions leave their impacts. Therefore, youngsters should play their due part for sustainable solution to the public issues and hardships. They should also take wholehearted part in all welfare, political and social activities for the sake of economic and social comfort just because their active participation is necessary for our collective development. The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him under leadership of provincial General Secretary of PML-N, Sajjad Raisani, here on Tuesday. The Governor exhorted youth to inform the great majority of the society about their democratic rights and values so as to pave the way for ensuring the comprehensive participation and transparent decision making. He said that we can get dignity together and form such a healthy society which is justified, equal and prosperous for all.



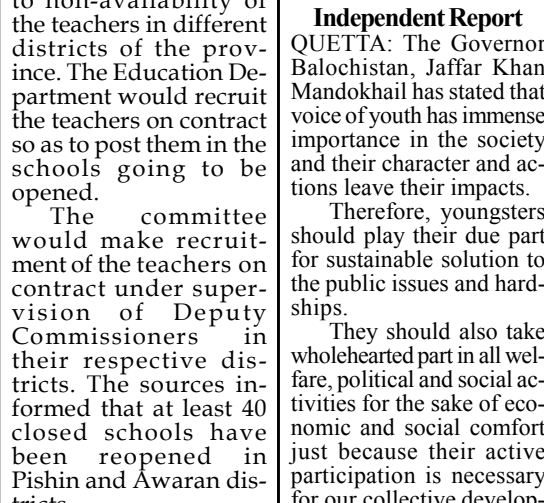
ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi meets with JUI-F Chief Maulana Fazal ur Rehman in Federal Capital.

## Naqvi meets Maulana Fazal, seeks cooperation on constitutional amendment

ISLAMABAD (Online): Inside story of meeting between Maulana Fazal Rehman and interior minister Mohsin Naqvi has come to open. Maulana Fazal Rehman has sought time on the matter of constitutional amendments. According to sources interior minister appealed to Maulana Fazal Rehman to cooperate with government. Mohsin Naqvi requested Maulana Fazal Rehman to sit with government and listen government stance on the matter of constitutional amendment. Interior minister conveyed the message of President Asif Ali Zardari to Maulana Fazal Rehman. Sources disclosed Maulana Fazal Rehman has sought time for consideration and consultation with party. Meeting is likely to take place again in the next few days. Earlier Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi reached residence of Maulana Fazal Rehman to meet him. Mohsin Naqvi congratulated Maulana Fazal Rehman and Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haidri on being elected unopposed as JUI-F Amir and JUI-F secretary general respectively. Mohsin Naqvi said the role played by Maulana Fazal Rehman for supremacy of parliament and promotion of democratic norms is appreciable. He is prudent, far sighted and visionary politician.



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



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QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar enquiring about health of a patient during his visit to Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Institute of Cardiology

## Justice Naem Afghan replaces Justice Munib in Article 63-A case

ISLAMABAD (INP): Supreme Court (SC) Tuesday formed a 'new larger bench' to hear review petition regarding interpretation of Article 63-A of the Constitution of Pakistan. The decision was reportedly taken during a meeting of Practice and Procedure Committee headed by CJP Justice Qazi Faez Isa. The new bench will be led by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa and it includes Justices Ameenuddin, Jamal Mandokhel, Mazhar Alam Miankhalil, and Justice Naem Afghan. The formation of the new bench comes after Justice Munib Akhtar did not attend the proceedings. Justice Munib earlier penned a letter to Court Registrar, saying he could not participate in the five-member bench, arguing that it was inappropriate for only four judges to hear the case. His second letter prompted the adjournment of the hearing, as he expressed that while he did not formally recuse himself, he felt unable to join a bench constituted by the Practice and Procedure Committee. The apex court's hearing is crucial as it addresses critical interpretation of Article 63-A, which relates to disqualification of lawmakers for defection.

## Chairman PPP leaves Quetta for Islamabad after winding up two-day visit

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QUETTA: The Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari left Quetta for Islamabad after winding up his two-day visit, on Tuesday. The Chairman PPP was seen off by the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, Deputy Speaker, Ms. Ghazala Gola, provincial ministers, parliamentarians and leaders of the Party at Quetta airport. It may be mentioned here that Chairman PPP had hectic schedule of engagements in Quetta. He addressed the Balochistan High Court Bar as well as the Peoples Lawyers Forum's convention besides the ceremony of distribution of grants among the flood affectees of 2022. He also had meeting with the Provincial Ministers, members of the assembly and senior provincial leaders of party. He also visited the residence of PPP leader, Agha Shakeel Durrani to condole death of his mother.

## Two security personnel injured in blast at FC check post in Turbat

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TURBAT: A blast occurred at the FC check post located at Educational Chowk in Turbat, injuring two personnel, including a junior officer. According to police, the explosion targeted the FC 168 Wing post, leaving Naik Ashraf and Shahi Tahir wounded. The injured were rushed to the hospital for medical treatment. Police and law enforcement agencies immediately reached the scene, launched an investigation, and initiated a search operation to apprehend the perpetrators.





