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## Pushes for regional security, stability: PM urges SCO member states to work together for well connected, prosperous region

Shehbaz Sharif raises Israel's genocide against Palestinians; calls for ceasefire at SCO CHG; Taliban rulers must ensure Afghan soil isn't misused for terrorism; Hopeful of "wonderful outcomes" of the meeting

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday calling for a stronger SCO essential to achieve sustainable development, emphasised advancing the shared vision of an economically integrated region and investment in the connectivity projects without looking at them through political prism.



Cooperation Organization (SCO) here.

The prime minister, who earlier received the participating leaders at the venue before a group photo, said that the SCO collaboration, spanned academic and tourism linkages, poverty alleviation, and the empowerment of women and youth across the SCO region—a reflection, of our determination, to promote prosperity through unity.

"Pakistan firmly believes, that a stronger, more effective SCO is essential, to achieving sustainable development in our region... Let us not look at such projects, through the narrow, political prism and invest in our collective connectivity capacities, which are crucial to advancing the

shared vision of an economically integrated region. Let us work together for a well-integrated and prosperous region that benefits all Member states," the prime minister said in his National Statement at the 23rd meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the Shanghai

Prime Minister Shehbaz said that Pakistan endorsed the ongoing SCO reforms, aimed at modernizing the organization, enhancing the resources and capabilities, of the SCO Secretariat and, the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure.



ISLAMABAD: A group photograph of Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Heads of delegations of the 23rd SCO Heads of Government Meeting.

## SCO member states pledge to strengthen cooperation for peaceful, prosperous world

Leaders emphasise exploiting region's trade, connectivity potential; Meeting adopts decisions to guide future of organization with enhanced role in regional connectivity, investment

ISLAMABAD (APP): The member countries of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on Wednesday reaffirmed their commitment to peacefully resolving disputes through dialogue and consultations besides emphasizing the importance of strengthening cooperation across various sectors, including politics, security, trade, finance, and cultural ties, to build a prosperous, peaceful, safe, and ecologically sustainable planet.

In a joint declaration issued at the conclusion of the two-day SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting held here, the heads of delegations called for sustainable and inclusive economic growth of member states by optimizing the region's potential in areas such as green development, digital economy, trade, e-commerce, finance and banking, investment, high technology, start-ups and innovation, poverty alleviation, health care, including traditional and folk medicine, agriculture, industry, transport, logistics connectivity, energy, including renewable energy, communications, science and technology, environment and climate change.

The event was chaired by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and was attended by the

leaders from the SCO member states including China's Premier of the State Council Li Qiang, Prime Minister of Belarus Roman Golovchenko, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Olzhas Bektenov, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, Tajik Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda, Uzbek Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov, Kyrgyzstan's Chairman of Ministers' Cabinet Zhaparov Akybek, Trade Minister of Iran Seyyed Mohammad Atabek, and Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

Besides, Mongolia is participating in the summit as an Observer State being represented by Prime Minister Oyun-Erdene Luvsannamsrai and Turkmenistan as a Special Guest represented by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Rashid Meredov. Among other dignitaries attending the moot include SCO Secretary-General Zhang Ming, Director of Executive Committee SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Ruslan Mirzayev, Chairman of the Board of SCO Business Council Atif Ikram Shaikh and Chairman of the Council of SCO Interbank Union Marat Yelibayev.



Russian Prime Minister H.E. Mikhail Mishustin along with a delegation meets Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad.

## Chairs high level meeting on financial & administrative affairs of universities: CM orders immediate payment of salaries and pensions to teachers & staff of public sector universities

Mir Sarfraz Bugti concerned about unnecessary recruitments and exceptional raise in non-development expenditures in public sector universities, asserts can't give salary to anyone sitting at home; meeting decides to ban new recruitments and construction of unnecessary development projects in universities

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has issued orders for payment of the salaries and pensions to the teachers and other employees of all public sector universities immediately. He said that salaries are right of the serving teachers and employees and as such the timely payment of the same should be ensured.

However, he ordered to take action against the absentee and negligent employees. The Chief Minister was chairing a high level meeting on the financial and administrative affairs of the public sector universities of the province, here on Wednesday.

Hameed Khan Durrani, Minister for Planning and Development, Mir Zahoor Buledi, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Imran Zarkoon, Secretary Finance, Babar Khan, Secretary Higher Education, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir besides vice chancellors of the public sector universities of the province were in attendance at the meeting.

## India acknowledges Pakistan for successfully hosting SCO summit

Indian External Affairs Minister thanks PM, DPM, GoP for hospitality

ISLAMABAD (INP): India has recognised Pakistan for successfully hosting the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit. Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar congratulated Pakistan during his address at the SCO meeting. He stated that India provided its full support to make the presidency a success.

He noted that the summit comes at a time when global conditions are complex, with ongoing major wars impacting the world significantly. Jaishankar emphasised that the COVID-19 pandemic devastated developing countries, while climate change has adversely affected economies. He pointed out that the burden of debt posed a serious challenge to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Furthermore, Jaishankar referred to the SCO Charter's Article 1 that stressed on strengthening mutual trust, promoting friendship, and acting as good neighbors.



PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, PML-N President Nawaz Sharif, Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif attend a meeting in Lahore.

## Governor Balochistan chairs review meeting on law & order: We can't concentrate on dev. projects, trade, health & educational activities sans ending lawlessness, extremism

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has categorically stated that we can't concentrate on our development projects, trade, health and educational activities without ending lawlessness and elimination of extremism from the province.

However, the Governor reiterated his resolve to combat every kind of terrorism, protect our people and make our national highways safer through joint efforts. He exhorted the law enforcement agencies to increase coordination among them because the recent increase in the incidents of terrorism require immediate and decisive action.

Meanwhile, certain decisions were made for improving law and order situation following recommendations of the participants.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over a meeting regarding financial and administrative affairs of Public Sector Universities of the province.

## Tarar warns of strict action against those inciting violence, threatening lawmakers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage, and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Wednesday warned that the state would respond firmly to those responsible for inciting violence and threatening the lawmakers.

He said that if anyone tried to harm another person, the state will set an example by holding the perpetrators accountable. He also accused the PTI of writing letters to the International Monetary Fund to push Pakistan towards default, orchestrating the May 9 attacks, vandalizing memorials of martyrs, and calling for protests during the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit.

"This is a non-serious threat," he remarked, pointing to the internal conflicts and divisions within PTI.

## President summons NA, Senate sessions today

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has summoned the sessions of the National Assembly and Senate to be held separately on October 17.

The president has summoned the session of National Assembly on October 17 (Thursday) at 4:00 pm, while that of Senate on October 17 (Thursday) at 3:00 pm, the President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release on Wednesday.

President Zardari has summoned the sessions of both Houses of Parliament under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution of Pakistan.

## CM greets President, PM on successful SCO summit

QUETTA: Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Chief Minister of Balochistan, has expressed delight over the successful hosting of the SCO conference in Pakistan, congratulating President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on this achievement.

Bugti stated that this significant conference will promote regional cooperation, strengthen bilateral relations among participating countries, and facilitate the achievement of collective objectives.

He emphasized that Pakistan's hosting of the SCO conference is an honor and a matter of pride.

The conference's joint declaration holds immense importance, and Bugti noted that Pakistan is gradually recovering from challenging circumstances, with evident improvements in the national economy.

He expressed optimism that Pakistan will soon overcome its crises and embark on a path of sustainable development through national consensus.

The Chief Minister acknowledged the nation's resilience in the face of adversity, including inflation and terrorism, and praised the country's progress toward stability and growth.

## Pakistan, Russia agree to boost cooperation in different sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Prime Minister of Russian Federation Mikhail Mishustin on Wednesday agreed to pursue robust dialogue and cooperation in the areas of trade, industry, energy, connectivity, science, technology and education.

During a cordial and substantive meeting at the Prime Minister's House on the margins of the 23rd SCO-CHG meeting, both prime ministers discussed the entire spectrum of bilateral cooperation and noted the positive momentum in Pakistan-Russia relations over the last two decades, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif fondly recalled his first foreign visit to Moscow, expressing a desire to transform these warm memories into a lasting friendship with Russia.

He reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to strengthening political, economic, and defense ties with the Russian Federation. Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation at multilateral forums, including the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan and IG Police Balochistan Mozaam Jah Ansari meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

## Gharsheen apprises CM about tree plantation project in Quetta

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QUETTA: The social personality and Chief of a non-governmental organization, Syed Qurban Shah Gharsheen called on the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti here on Wednesday.

Syed Qurban Gharsheen apprised the Chief Minister about the tree plantation project in Quetta. The Chief Minister issued directives to the concerned high ups to take review of the project in detail.





