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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier, Li Qiang in delegation level talks.

Pakistan, China reaffirm support to each other on core issues

Islamabad, Beijing express satisfaction over Pak-China strategic partnership; Ink 13 accords to strengthen bilateral cooperation in different areas

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and China on Monday reiterated their support to each other on all core issues and pledged to develop China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) phase-II at the highest standards.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang led the delegation-level talks at the Prime Minister's House.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed all aspects of bilateral relations and discussed regional and global issues of mutual interest, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction that the Pakistan-China Strategic Cooperative Partnership which was based on mutual trust and shared principles was being further strengthened with the passage of time.

The two sides also stressed the need for timely completion of all the ongoing projects including industry, modernization of agriculture, information technology, science and technology for the mutual benefits and for the socio-economic development of Pakistan.

The two leaders also expressed satisfaction that cooperation under CPEC had entered into a new phase. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif assured Pakistan's unwavering commitment to ensure the safety of Chinese nationals and projects in Pakistan.

In this regard, two sides exchanged documents of 13 accords at a ceremony held at PM House also witnessed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang.

The documents were exchanged after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang held the delegation-level talks wherein they discussed all aspects of Pakistan-China relations including economic and trade ties and cooperation under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Earlier, as Premier Li arrived at PM House, Prime Minister Shehbaz warmly received him at the formal welcome ceremony where he was given a guard of honor before proceedings for the meeting and delegation-level talks.

The two prime ministers, accompanied by their respective delegations witnessed the ceremony.

Pakistan and China exchanged the documents of a Handing over certificate of Smart Classrooms Project inked by Economic Affairs Minister Ahmad Khan Cheema, and Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao.

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Two-day SCO CHG summit kicks off today

ISLAMABAD (APP): The twenty-third meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is set to begin on Tuesday, bringing together regional leaders to discuss enhancing collaboration with a focus on trade, economy, and cultural linkages.

The delegates from the countries participating in the annual gathering of SCO leaders have already started landing in the federal capital which has got a facelift with colorful lights, floral decorations, SCO countries' flags and banners to welcome the dignitaries. The LED display screens have been installed on the main intersections - also beautifully painted with lights and murals.

The landmarks across the city have been adorned with colorful lights and Pakistani flags, also creating a rare photo-op for the citizens and fodder for social media timelines. Premier of the State Council of China Li Qiang, along with a high-level delegation, has already landed in the federal capital to attend the moot and hold meetings with Pakistan's civil and military leadership.

Besides, Mongolia is participating in the summit as an Observer State being represented by Prime Minister Oyun-Erdene Luvsannamsrai and Turkmenistan as Special Guest represented by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Rashid Meredov.

The two-day meeting of SCO CHG, the second highest forum within the SCO, will be chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as the current chair of the Council. The leaders from the SCO member states attending the summit include China's Premier of the State Council Li Qiang,



ISLAMABAD: Chinese Premier Li Qiang holding a significant meeting with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Service Chiefs.

No compromise on judicial reforms, says Bilawal

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has asserted that judicial reforms will be implemented without any compromise.

Speaking at the launch of the Hari Card in Karachi on Monday, he emphasised the party's commitment to support farmers by buying their produce.

Addressing the need for agricultural deregulation, he urged that the sector should be regulated instead.

He called for transitioning farmers to solar power for irrigation and ensuring they receive quality seeds. "We face the dual challenge of combating climate change while supporting farmers," he added.

In his political remarks, the PPP chairman recalled that the late Benazir Bhutto had promised to implement the Charter of Democracy.

He expressed determination to fulfill those commitments and asked the public if they were satisfied with the current judicial system.

He insisted that if the public is not content, the solutions provided by Benazir should be pursued, including equal representation for all provinces in the judiciary. Bilawal rejected calls for him to back down, asserting that he remains committed to Benazir's vision.

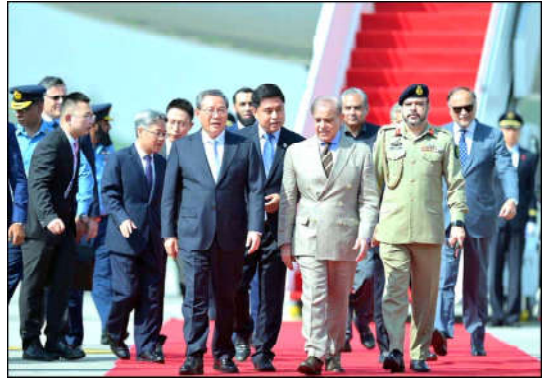
He directed the Chief Secretary and IGP KP to reach Bannu. The security forces cordoned off the police line and started search operation.

The KP Governor and Chief Minister have strongly condemned the attack, emphasizing that terrorists will not undermine the police force's determination. They commended the bravery of the police for successfully thwarting the attack.



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He stated that the launch of the Hari Card follows the Benazir Income Support Programme and the



RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif receives Chinese Premier H.E. Li Qiang upon his arrival in Pakistan.

Chinese PM Li given guard of honour at PM House

ISLAMABAD (APP): Premier of the State Council of China Li Qiang on Monday was given a guard of honour at the Prime Minister's House as he arrived there to meet Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and hold the delegation-level talks.

As Premier Li arrived at the venue of formal welcome reception, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif warmly welcomed him.

The national anthems of Pakistan and China were played as the dignitary stood at the salute dias.

The smartly turned-out contingents of three armed forces presented a guard of honour which Premier Li reviewed.

Pakistan emerges as important player in region: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Monday that Pakistan which faced isolation on foreign policy affairs in the past, had now emerged as a



have to play an active role in the region", he remarked.

He said recently Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim concluded a highly successful visit to Pakistan and both countries signed arrangements to enhance bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

Tarar said after his visit a high-level Saudi delegation led by a Minister arrived and inked many MoUs for Saudi investment worth 2.2 billion dollars in Pakistan.

He said that all economic indicators of Pakistan were positive with inflation decreasing to record 6.9 as compared to 32 per cent last year.

China praises counter-terrorism efforts of Pakistan Army

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chinese Premier Li Qiang, who is in Pakistan to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit, held a significant meeting with Pakistani military officials.

During the meeting, Premier Li Qiang met with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and the service chiefs.

The discussions reaffirmed the commitment to further strengthen and expand the long-standing relations between Pakistan and China.

Key topics included defense cooperation and issues related to terrorism between the two countries.

The Chinese Premier praised the role of Pakistan's armed forces in the fight against terrorism.

Naqvi did not assure Gohar of arranging his meeting with PTI founder

ISLAMABAD (Online): Interior ministry has said no assurance has been given by interior minister Mohsin Naqvi for arranging meeting between barrister Gohar Ali with PTI founder Imran Khan.

According to statement issued by interior ministry spokesperson Barrister Gohar Ali Khan wrote a letter to interior minister Mohsin Naqvi whereby request was made for arranging his meeting with PTI founder.

Key terrorist arrested

PESHAWAR (APP): In a joint operation, police and Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Monday here arrested a key terrorist of banned Daesh organization tasked with attacks on public and political gatherings.

Police said the terrorist along with his family was residing in a rented house and was arrested during an hour-long operation.

Four policemen martyred, five terrorists killed in Bannu police line attack

BANNU (APP): At least four policemen were martyred and five terrorists killed when the latter attacked Bannu police lines here on Monday, police said.

The terrorists wearing "Burqa" (veil) stormed the police line and started indiscriminate firing on policemen deployed at its main gate.

During the exchange of firing, which continued for about an hour. The gunshots rocked the police station, as a result, four police personnel embraced Shahadat while all the five attackers were killed.

The KP Chief Minister has sought a report from police high ups of the incident.

He directed the Chief Secretary and IGP KP to reach Bannu. The security forces cordoned off the police line and started search operation.

The KP Governor and Chief Minister have strongly condemned the attack, emphasizing that terrorists will not undermine the police force's determination. They commended the bravery of the police for successfully thwarting the attack.



LAHORE: Renowned religious scholar Dr. Zakir Naik meeting with Quaid PML (N) Muhammad Nawaz Sharif

Li Qiang visit Pakistan to expand bilateral cooperation, build high quality CPEC

BEIJING (APP): Chinese Premier Li Qiang official visit to Pakistan would enhance traditional friendship, strengthen strategic communication, expand bilateral cooperation across the board and building of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in a high quality way, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday.

Through this visit, China looks to working with Pakistan to enhance the traditional friendship, strengthen strategic communication, build China Pakistan Economic Corridor in a high quality way, deepen and expand cooperation across the board, and accelerate the building of a closer China Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era and jointly work for regional peace, development and prosperity, Mao Ning said during her regular briefing held here.

At the invitation of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Chinese Premier Li Qiang is visiting Pakistan from October 14 to 17.

The spokesperson said that China and Pakistan are ironclad friends and all weather strategic cooperative partners and added, Our relations have stood the test of time and remained rock solid.

She pointed out that this June Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif paid an official visit to China. The two sides actively delivered on the important common understandings reached by the leaders of the two countries and the bilateral relations have maintained sound momentum of development.

Dar once again urges PTI to postpone protest in national interest

ISLAMABAD (INP): Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar has said that holding protests during a nationally important event does not send a positive message, urging those wishing to protest to wait until after the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

Talking to media in Islamabad, Dar highlighted Pakistan was fully prepared to welcome participants of the SCO summit, including leaders and delegates form member and observe states.

He emphasised this event marked a significant diplomatic opportunity for Pakistan, occurring after 27 years, with around 1,000 foreign delegates expected.

Dar urged the PTI leadership to postpone its protest planned for October 15, stressing the importance of national unity during such critical international engagements.

The deputy prime minister further stated that the Chinese prime minister will also pay a bilateral visit to Pakistan, while the Indian foreign minister has not requested a bilateral meeting.

He mentioned that all institutions and departments have made excellent arrangements through mutual cooperation, and the SCO Secretary-General will brief the media about the conference.

Pakistan, Chinese PMs virtually inaugurate New Gwadar Int'l Airport

PM terms Gwadar Int'l airport a gift from China; to serve as catalyst for economic prosperity, regional connectivity

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that the completion of Gwadar International Airport showed Chinese leadership's commitment and dedication to support Pakistan's economic agenda and develop its backward areas.

Sharif and Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang were at hands to unveil the plaque of Gwadar International Airport. The ceremony was attended by members of the both delegations, ministers, military leadership and senior officials.

The prime minister said that today, both sides had witnessed the signing and exchange of MoUs between the two countries in various fields of industry, commerce and agriculture.

"No doubt these MoUs will shape into agreements very soon through joint efforts of both countries. Once again, I thank you for your visit to Pakistan out of your busy schedule which is a reflection of your commitment to promoting friendship between the two countries," PM Shehbaz told the Chinese premier.

Addressing a ceremony of virtual inauguration of the newly completed Gwadar International Airport here, the prime minister said that the landmark achievement was all about time-tested friendship between the two countries.

He expressed the hope that the completion of this international airport would transform Gwadar's economy in particular and the economy of Pakistan in general.

Prime Minister Shehbaz



