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## Pakistan will not become part of any global conflict: COAS

*Fitna al-Khawarij has become a hub for global terror organisations and proxies; Indian brutalities in IIOJK continuation of Hindutva ideology, policy; Minorities unsafe in foreign countries due to India's extremist ideology*



ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M) on Friday reiterated that Pakistan would not become part of any global conflict rather it would continue to play its role to global peace and stability.

Addressing at a special ceremony of Margalla Dialogue 2024 organized by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), the COAS spoke on the topic 'Pakistan's Role in Peace and Stability' and highlighted significant contributions in promoting regional harmony and international peace.

He said Pakistan is playing a pivotal role in promoting peace and stability both regionally and glo-

bally. A total of 235,000 Pakistani peacekeepers have participated in UN peacekeeping missions for maintenance of global peace and 181 Pakistanis have also sacrificed their lives in this regard, he added.

Regarding challenges faced by the world, Gen Asim Munir highlighted that in recent years, the world was confronted to several challenges including the rapid spread of misinformation and disinformation being one of the major challenges.

The influence of non-state actors has increased significantly due to global changes which was also a key challenge, he added.

The COAS said that the world was also witnessing immense transfor-

mations in the fields of economy, military, and technology. "Terrorism by violent non-state actors and state-sponsored entities remains a significant global challenge," he said.

He went on to say that although technology has played a crucial role in disseminating information, but it has also crucial role in rapid spread of misinformation and disinformation.

Stressing the need for comprehensive laws and regulations, Asim Munir said that without comprehensive laws and regulations, misinformation and hate speech would continue to destabilize political and social structures. "Absence of proper regulations for freedom of expression is leading to the deterioration

of moral values in societies worldwide," he observed.

The COAS said inequality, intolerance, and division on religious, sectarian, and ethnic grounds also witnessed upward trend at global level.

He said our shared goals and key challenges were included combating climate change, fighting terrorism, and ensuring global health.

Reiterating Pakistan's unwavering resolve in the fight against terrorism, the COAS said terrorism remained a shared challenge for all humanity at the global level. Pakistan has established a comprehensive border management regime to secure our western borders, he added.

He said that the menace of 'Fitna e Khawarij' has become a haven for all terrorist organizations and proxies worldwide. "We expect the Afghan interim government to ensure that Afghan soil is not used for terrorism against Pakistan and to take strict measures in this regard," he said.

He said vision 'Azme-e-Istikhkam' initiative is an essential part of the National Action Plan, aimed at eradicating menace of terrorism and extremism.

"Due to India's extremist ideology, minorities, especially in the US, UK, and

Canada, are not safe," he said.

He said India's oppression in Indian illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir is a continuation of its 'Hindutva Ideology' and policies. Resolving the Kashmir issue in accordance with UN resolutions and as per the aspirations of the Kashmiri people was imperative, he said.

The COAS said that Pakistan has always demanded ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon and sent humanitarian aid to both the countries several times. Pakistan has always emphasized the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, he remarked.

General Asim Munir said Pakistan is a nation of 240 million people, with approximately 63 per cent of its population under the age of 30. "Pakistan is endowed with immense natural resources and has emerged as a major agricultural producer globally," he said.

He said Pakistan is also large reserves of rare minerals besides is an important player in global freetrading. "Owing to its unique geographical location and sea ports, Pakistan holds significant importance for trade with Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East," he said.



BAKU: Mr. Attaullah Tarar, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture delivering a speech at high-level Ministerial Dialogue.

## High-level ministerial dialogue in Baku Culture-based solutions can aid climate change adaptation: Tarar

BAKU (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Friday made a passionate call for taking culture driven climate action to address the global climate crisis.

While delivering a speech at a high-level ministerial dialogue on the Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in Baku, the minister began his speech with a heartfelt commendation to Azerbaijan, the UAE and Brazil for bringing all the nations together for the second high-level dialogue on culture based climate action.

"Here in Baku, a city that breathes history and radiates cultural vibrancy, we find ourselves surrounded by the reminders of the strengths and resilience that heritage brings to our lives," he said while describing the city as "a testament to what a culture

can achieve. It preserves the past, shape the present and guides us towards more resilient future," he added.

The minister remarked, as I reflects upon the legacies like Baku, I reminded of the cultural gems back home in Pakistan where the people of Indus civilization which originated along the banks and tributaries of the mighty river Indus which is also a home to one of the world UNESCO heritage sites Mohenjo Daro which dates back to 2500 BC.

He said, "today, as we convene here to discuss about how we channel these values, our ingenuity, creativity and resilience to address one of the greatest challenges of our times, the global climate crisis, the communities, across the world, are feeling the devastating impacts of climate change."

Highlighting Pakistan's meager contribution to the global carbon emission, he said that his country was

among the top ten countries that was most vulnerable to the climate change which not only posed great threat to the lives and livelihoods but also culture and national heritage.

"In 2022, we were faced with most devastated floods. Thousands of people including indigenous people were displaced, and when we come to calculate loss and damage we were caused a damage of 13 billion USD," he noted.

He said the world is not only facing the risk of losing lives and livelihoods but also "irreplaceable tradition, knowledge and size that define who we are". "If we hope to alter this discourse, we must unite to bring forth our most innovative and inclusive ideas," he remarked. As representatives of culture in our nation, he said all the nations hold the responsibility to advocate for the role of culture in driving climate ac-



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with the Interior Minister of Turkey Ali Yerlikaya.

## Pakistan, Turkiye to strengthen bilateral ties in diverse sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a significant diplomatic meeting, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Friday met with Turkish Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya and discussed matters of mutual interests, focusing on enhancing the historic relationship between the two nations.

The meeting, held during Minister Naqvi's visit to Turkey, covered a wide range of topics, including regional security, economic partnerships, and the repatriation of Pakistani prisoners currently held in Turkey.

The discussion revolved around strengthening Pakistan-Turkey relations, which both leaders described as deeply rooted in shared history, culture, and religion.

Minister Naqvi praised the enduring brotherhood between the two countries, noting that their collaboration is steadily evolving into a sustainable strategic partnership.

He added that the operation successfully foiled a potential terror plot that could have posed a significant threat to the security of the federal capital.

## Bahrain awards 'Medal-First Class' to Air Chief Marshal Zaheer for enhanced military cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): On behalf of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Deputy King of Kingdom of Bahrain, conferred Bahrain Medal - First Class upon Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force at Sakhr Air Base, Bahrain.

The medal was awarded to Air Chief in recognition of his distinguished efforts to enhance military cooperation and defence collaboration between the two brotherly countries, said a press release issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) here Friday.

The ceremony was witnessed by senior civil and military leadership of Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Royal Highness conveyed his heartfelt acknowledgement to Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu for the participation of Pakistan Air Force contingent com-

prising JF-17 Block-III fighter jets alongside air and ground crew in the Bahrain International Airshow.

Chief of the Air Staff expressed his gratitude for the honour of receiving the Bahrain Medal - First Class.

On the sidelines of Bahrain International Airshow, Commander of Ninth Air Force (US Air Forces Central Command - AFCENT), Lieutenant General Derek France called on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force.

The Air Chief reiterated his resolve to further enhance the existing bilateral cooperation between the two strategic partners.

The Commander AFCENT appreciated Pakistan's efforts in promoting regional peace and vowed to enhance coopera-

tion in the fields of joint training, mutual exercises and military to military collaboration. In a separate meeting, Chief of the Air Staff also called on Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force.



ISLAMABAD: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail meeting with Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal. MNA Jamal Shah Kakar is also present.

## PM felicitates Sri Lankan President on his party's victory

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday extended his heartfelt felicitations to President of Sri Lanka Anura Kumara Disanayake on resounding victory of his party in the parliamentary elections.

"This is a testament to the confidence and trust that the people of Sri Lanka have reposed in his vision and leadership," the prime minister wrote on his X account.

He said Pakistan remained committed to further expanding its close and longstanding relations with Sri Lanka, which were based on mutual respect, shared values, and a long history of cooperation.

## PM Shehbaz-led govt making all-out efforts to revive country's economy: Nawaz

LONDON (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharif said on Friday that the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led government was making all-out efforts to boost the country's economy.

Speaking to media in London, the three-time former premier said, "Why people will pour on to the streets for the PTI founder? The nation does not recognize his [PTI founder's] achievements as his performance is zero."

He recalled his ouster as the premier, saying, "I had been the country's prime minister thrice. I was informed in jail that my wife has passed away. We have suffered the worst persecution."

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## Bilawal hails party's resounding success in local govt polls in Sindh

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed his gratitude and appreciation for his party's resounding success in the recent local government by-elections across Sindh, including Karachi.

He celebrated this victory as a testament to the public's trust and unwavering support for the PPP, as well as the dedication and hard work of committed party workers.

In a statement issued by the Media Cell Bilawal House, he extended the heartiest congratulations to all successful PPP candidates, commending the tireless efforts of party workers who transformed the campaign into a decisive triumph.

## Salat-e-Istisqa offered across country to seek divine mercy for rain

ISLAMABAD (APP): Responding to an appeal by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the nation collectively turned to Allah in Salat al-Istisqa (prayers for rain) on Friday, with the central congregation held at the iconic Faisal Mosque in the Federal Capital.

A large number of worshippers, including families and community leaders, attended the prayer, demonstrating a united front against the ongoing dry spell that has exacerbated environmental and health challenges, including smog.

The special prayers were offered immediately after the weekly 'Jummah' (Friday) prayers, with clerics urging people to seek forgiveness and turn towards righteous deeds as a means to invoke Allah's mercy. Addressing the congregation at Faisal Mosque the prayer leader highlighted the significance of collective repentance.

"Rain is a blessing from Allah, withheld only when humanity strays from His path. We must correct our ways, mend our treatment of the environment, and earnestly seek His mercy," he said.

## CTD, intelligence agencies jointly foil terror plot, arrest 3 militant in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police, Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD), in collaboration with intelligence agencies, carried out a joint intelligence-based operation in the outskirts of Islamabad, arresting three operatives of a banned organization on Friday.

A police spokesperson told APP that the arrested terrorists were found in possession of explosives, hand grenades, and firearms with ammunition.

He added that the operation successfully foiled a potential terror plot that could have posed a significant threat to the security of the federal capital.

## Train service resumes from Quetta

QUETTA: The train service was resumed after four days of suspension from Quetta Railway Station when Jaffar Express departed for Peshawar on Friday morning.

The senior officials of Pakistan Railways Quetta were present on occasion of the restoration of train service from the Quetta Railway Station.

## CJP chairs meeting to view progress regarding jail reforms

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Justice of Pakistan/Chairman, National Judicial Automation Committee Justice Yahya Afridi on Friday chaired an online meeting to view the progress on the decisions taken regarding jail reforms in a meeting dated 2nd November held in Lahore.

Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Ms. Aalia Neelum, along with Justice Shams Mehmood Mirza, Administrative Judge/Monitoring Judge of Prisons in Punjab represented the LHC, Justice Shabbar Raza Rizvi, former Judge of the LHC, Secretaries of the Home and Prosecution Departments,

## US says it stands by Pakistan in combating terrorism, slams Quetta train station bombing

WASHINGTON (APP): The United States stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Pakistan in its fight against terrorism, the State Department said Thursday, while condemning last week's deadly bombing on the railway station in Quetta.

"We strongly condemn the BLA (Balochistan Liberation Army) Majeed Brigade's November 9th bombing at a railway station and we extend our deepest condolences to the victims and their families," Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel told the daily press briefing

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives (PDSI) and Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission Ahsan Iqbal chaired the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) meeting and approved three major development projects worth Rs. 58.857 billion.





## Ahsan suggests countrywide Mobile Learning Festival in collaboration with Pak Railways

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday suggested launching a Mobile Learning Festival in collaboration with Pakistan Railways, providing students from every district an opportunity to listen to the struggle stories of successful personalities and set their future goals.

"The Ministry of Education will be asked to take this initiative. It will help students explore their capabilities and set their future direction with complete determination," he said while addressing students at the inaugural ceremony of the Pakistan Learning Festival-2024, held at Islamabad College for Boys, G-6/3.

He remarked that Muslims of the Indian sub-continent managed to secure Pakistan after great sacrifices, and it was the responsibility of the younger generation to make it a proud nation by 2047,

when both Pakistan and India would celebrate their 100th year of independence. "Pakistan's youth should celebrate this milestone with pride, without any excuses for lagging behind in development," he emphasized.

Citing an example, he said the country needed to give its full effort over the next 23 years, much like an athlete running a 1,200-meter race: maintaining a calculated pace for the first 1,000 meters, and then giving full energy during the final 200 meters to cross the finish line and clinch victory. He also mentioned Pakistan's development journey since its inception in 1947, when the newly-born state had nothing even common pins to bind papers in offices.

Today, however, he said Pakistan manufactured the JF-17 Thunder aircraft, became the world's first Islamic nuclear power and seventh overall, and has built a digital backbone with fiber optic cables running

from Gilgit-Baltistan to Karachi. Additionally, the country has increased its number of universities from 2-3 to around 250, he added.

"Pakistan's situation is like a glass of water that is half-full and half-empty. We just need to fill it with hard work, greater unity, positive and constructive thinking, moving forward with a strong commitment to attain progress and prosperity among the community of nations," he said.

Ahsan Iqbal said setting aside negativity, disappointment, hatred and intolerance was essential for achieving set goals and realizing big dreams. "There should be no virus of hatred and bias in the mind to move forward in life and achieve success," he remarked. The minister also shared his personal success story, recounting how his education and practical experience helped him meet his goals through higher education, hard work, and commitment.



ISLAMABAD: Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal addressing during Pakistan learning festival and book fair was held at ICB on 15, 16 and 17 November, 2024 by Federal Directorate of Education. IMCGF-10/2 participated actively in this festival and set up two beautiful stall of German Language and Astronomy.

## World leaders hail Azerbaijan's excellent organization of COP29

ISLAMABAD (APP): Guests representing various countries, officials, media representatives and experts, as well as world leaders commended the successful organization of the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change by Azerbaijan, expressing their optimism that the COP29 negotiations would yield productive results. According to AZERTAC news agency, in the plenary session, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan's Prime Minister, congratulated

Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev on the successful organization of the COP29 in Baku, calling him "Dear Brother". Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, expressed his gratitude to Azerbaijan for the high-level organization of the COP29 and wished the country a successful conference. Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister of Italy, said she was delighted to see Azerbaijan as the President of COP29, which is considered as part of the climate initiative for peace, expressing her gratitude to Azerbaijan for the organi-

zation of COP29. Irakli Kobakhidze, Prime Minister of Georgia, also expressed his deep appreciation to the President of Azerbaijan for the excellent organization of the COP29. Judith Suminwa Tuluka, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, thanked Azerbaijan and personally President Ilham Aliyev, for hosting in Baku such a momentous event for humanity. Maia Sandu, President of Moldova, expressed her deep gratitude to President Ilham Aliyev and the Government of Azerbaijan for hosting COP29 in Baku.

## Governor KP discusses various issues of KP with Chairman Wapda

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, held a special meeting with Chairman of Wapda, Lieutenant General (ret) Sajjad Ghani to discuss various issues of the province including Chashma Lift Canal project.

Ahmad Karim Kundi, Parliamentary leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, accompanied the Governor during the meeting.

He also thanked PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for advocating for the province's case at the federal level. Kundi emphasized that the completion of the Chashma Lift Canal would usher in a "green revolution" in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, contributing to the establishment of new industries, economic growth, job creation, and regional development.

The meeting reviewed the progress of the Chashma Lift Canal project and the Governor appreciated the role of Wapda officials in this regard. He highlighted that under the 1991 Indus Water Accord, all four prov-

inces were entitled to water shares, but while three provinces began utilizing their allotted water, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remained deprived of its rightful share.



ISLAMABAD: Manuel Frederico Pinheiro Da Silva Ambassador of Portugal called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naved Ashraf at Naval Headquarters.

## Senator Rubina Khalid emphasizes transparency in funds transfer to women

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson Benazir Inco Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid Friday emphasized the need to ensure transparency and dignity in transferring funds to deserving women.

She was speaking during a meeting with the Karandaaz Pakistan's Chief Digital Officer, Sharjeel Murtaza and Associate Director, Usman Kokab.

Secretary Amer Ali Ahmad was also present during the meeting. The meeting focused on key topics, including the implementation of the RAAST payment system to facilitate payments to BISP beneficiaries, biometric verification of women for enhanced security, and skill training programs aimed at providing employment opportunities to deserving families.

Speaking on the occasion, Rubina Khalid said that bilateral talks between the State Bank of Pakistan and the BISP are scheduled in the coming days to enhance transparency in the distribution of funds.

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## IG Rizvi holds khuli katchery to address public grievances

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi on Friday held a Khuli Katchery (open court) at the Central Police Office, where he listened to the concerns of citizens and police officers, issuing on-the-spot directives for their timely resolution. During the khuli katchery, IG Rizvi listened to the issues of citizens and police officers and issued directives to senior police officers on the spot for timely resolution of their concerns, a public relations officer told.

IG Rizvi said that re-

solving citizens' issues on merit is our top priority. Negligence and carelessness in duties will not be tolerated. Citizens facing any issue related to the police can come to the Khuli Katchery. My office is always open for my citizens, IG Rizvi said.

IG further directed the officers to resolve the citizen grievances on merit within the stipulated time frame and report back to the Central Police Office. Rizvi directed all SDOs and SHO to adhere to the designated office hours and prioritize resolving citizens' issues.



Chairperson BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, along with Secretary Amer Ali Ahmad, met with Karandaaz Pakistan's Chief Digital Officer, Sharjeel Murtaza, and Associate Director, Usman Kokab, at the BISP Headquarters Islamabad

## Wafaqi Mohtasib team holds Khuli Katchery in Kotli (AJ&K)

ISLAMABAD: Under the directions of Wafaqi Mohtasib, Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi, the Director General, Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat Ashfaq Ahmad accompanied by Consultant Khalid Sial, held an open court (Khuli Katchery) at Kotli (AJ&K) and heard complaints against the federal entities there. They also issued instructions to the official concerned representing the federal government organizations and disposed of many complaints on the spot, said a press release issued here on Friday. The Khuli Katchery was attended by a large number of complainants and they aired their grievances against the Electricity, Sui Gas, Passport Office, NADRA,

BISP, Pakistan Post, Postal Life Insurance and National Savings. With a view to prompt redressal of complaints, the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat officials issued on the spot instructions to the officials representing the Federal Agencies, who assured their fullest cooperation in this regard. Speaking on the occasion, DG Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat said that the officials belonging to Federal entities must discharge their responsibilities in accordance with the rules and regulations and to desist from any kind of wrong doing. The Wafaqi Mohtasib officials also met the local media representatives after the Khuli Katchery and briefed them on Wafaqi Mohtasib's initiatives.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Spanish Senators called on Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization & Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan.

## Martyred Pakistan Army Major, Havaldar laid to rest with full military honours

RAWALPINDI (APP): Two brave personnel of armed forces including Major Muhammad Haseeb who embraced martyrdom during an operation against terrorists at Harnai District were laid to rest in their native towns with full military honours.

Major Muhammad Haseeb (age: 28 years) and Havaldar Noor Ahmed (age: 38 years) were laid to rest in Rawalpindi and Barkhan respectively with full military honours, said an Inter Service Public Relations news release here Friday.

A large gathering of military and civil officials, personnel of armed forces, relatives of the martyrs, and local community members attended the funeral prayers and burials of the martyrs. Pakistan's security forces remain steadfast in their commitment to eradicating the scourge of terrorism, and the sacrifices of these brave soldiers only strengthen nation's resolve.



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## Journalism plays vital role in democratic societies; Mashhood

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP), Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan on Friday said that journalism played a very important role in democratic societies and parliamentary reporters were doing excellent coverage of the Parliament. Talking to a delegation of the Parliamentary Reporters Association (PRA) here at his office, Mashhood reiterated the importance of youth in nation-building and assured the PRA representatives that the government, through the Youth Programme, remains committed to supporting the young people of Pakistan in every possible way.

He said that persons associated with the media industry could also avail the facility of modern training courses started by PMYP.

## ICT admin launches campaign to combat smog

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon on Friday chaired a high-level meeting with key officials to enforce stricter regulations on polluters and promote public awareness to tackle rising air pollution and smog.

The meeting was attended by the senior officials, including the SSP Traffic, Director Excise, and all Assistant Commissioners (ACs), to address the growing smog issue in the federal capital.

The meeting expressed resolve to take decisive steps against sources of air pollution. Vehicles emitting smoke would be barred from entering the Federal Capital, and strict action would be taken against factories contributing to poor air quality.

## PTA continues crackdown on illegal issuance of SIMs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Zonal Office Peshawar, in collaboration with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Cyber Crime Wing Peshawar conducted successful raids on telecom franchisees in Barakahu, Islamabad, and Shinkari, District Mansehra.

According to news release both franchisees were involved in the illegal issuance of SIMs by deceitfully obtaining fingerprints of underprivileged women from various villages in Orakzai Agency.

During the Barakahu raid, 6 BVS devices, 8 activated SIMs, 200 suspected SIMs, 2 computers, and digital fingerprints were confiscated. The FIA team also recovered several original CNICs and 6 mobile phones. Three individuals were arrested, and an FIR was registered.

## SC still can take suo motu notice, says Justice Mazhar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) constitutional bench has remarked SC can take suo motu notice now too but its hearing can be conducted only by constitutional bench.

These remarks were expressed by Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar in reply to Munir Paracha plea wherein he had said that SC cannot take suo motu notice after 26th constitutional amendment.

A 6-member constitutional bench presided over by Justice Amin ud Din Khan took up for hearing suo motu notice case in

connection with Anti Terrorist Court (ATC) case Friday.

Munir Paracha counsel for the petitioner appeared in the court and took the plea no further proceedings is needed in this case as SC cannot take suo motu notice after 26th constitutional amendment.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar remarked wakil sahb only procedure has changed after 26th constitutional amendment. SC can still take suo motu notice. The difference is only that now suo motu notice will run in constitutional bench.

On this occasion, Asma Ismail Butt Friday said the relations between Pakistan and China are of great importance at the international level.

She said this while participating in the overseas meeting at the Chinese Embassy Islamabad and also held an important meeting with Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, said a press release.

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ISLAMABAD: Senator Lt Gen (Retd) Abdul Qayyum HI (M) and former Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence Production in a group photo with participants at Secretariat Training Institute Islamabad during his visits.

## Pak-China relations are of great importance at int'l level": Asma

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## Ayaz greets Sikhs on Guru Nanak's birth anniversary

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has extended warm greetings to the Sikh community in Pakistan and around the globe on the auspicious occasion of Baba Guru Nanak's birth anniversary. In a statement, Ayaz Sadiq highlighted Baba Guru Nanak's teachings of love for humanity, peace, brotherhood, and equality. He lauded the Sikh spiritual leader's role in promoting religious tolerance, interfaith harmony, and peace, which continue to inspire generations.

The Speaker warmly welcomed Sikh pilgrims from across the world who have traveled to Pakistan.

## Parliamentarians call for expanding electric bus routes across city

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of Parliamentarians on Friday urged the need for expanding electric bus to new routes across the federal capital.

The delegation comprising Tariq Fazal Chudhary, Raja Khurram Shahzad Nawaz, and Anjum Aqeel, said during a meeting with chairman CDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa.

The chairman stated that the existing routes will be reviewed and the new routes would be added as per the need of residents. He emphasized the importance of regular meetings to address issues faced by the residents of Islamabad.

Randhawa stated that ownership of key initiatives and projects by the Parli-

mentarians is essential for the city's development and progress. The Parliamentarians reaffirmed their commitment to support CDA for Islamabad's development, beautification, and overall betterment.

They expressed their full cooperation for CDA's initiatives and offered their valuable suggestions to resolve city-wide challenges effectively. During the meeting, progress on projects under the Rural Development Package was reviewed.

Chairman CDA assured that financial hurdles affecting progress would be resolved urgently. The DG Works CDA was designated as the focal point for expediting work on the ongoing projects.

The development of green belts along Islamabad Expressway was also discussed, including proposals for establishing play grounds through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The DG Environment Environment was assigned to oversee issues related to upgradation of existing parks and new parks, green belts, and open spaces. The parliamentarians were briefed on the digital parking system recently launched in Islamabad and plans for its expansion to other commercial centers and markets. Chairman CDA stated that the revenue generated from digital parking will be spent on the uplift and upgradation of the local area improvements.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan is visiting at truck art stall in Punjab pavilion during Lok Mela at Lok virsa, in the Federal Capital.