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PM directs NDMA to ensure maximum relief for flood-affected people

Spanish envoy highlights scope for expanding trade ties

Strait of Hormuz defenders will ‘break your legs’, Iran army chief to Trump



MONITORING DESK, Iran’s Army Chief Major General Amir Hatami on Sunday warned the United States against any attempt to claim the strategic waterway as US territory, saying, “You are very wrong! Even joking about this is a massive mistake. This is Iran, and it has guardians who will break your leg.”

Speaking at a ceremony marking National Journalists’ Day, Hatami described the strategic waterway as a “divine geopolitical capacity” for Iran, saying it would never return to its previous status.

Hatami said activating Iran’s geopolitical leverage over the strait was necessary to

remove the threat of war from the country, adding that Iran would defend it with all its strength. He also claimed that Iranian forces had struck the US aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln at least once, temporarily grounding its fighter jets.

Hatami also announced a financial reward for anyone who kills or captures a US soldier involved in an act of aggression, saying the era of American military presence in the Persian Gulf was permanently over.

He said a new initiative had been launched with support from public crowdfunding campaigns, under which Iranian citizens could contribute funds to support the armed

forces’ defence operations.

“Under the scheme, anyone who kills or captures a US soldier and hands them over to Iranian authorities will receive a reward of 5 billion tomans, equivalent to about \$30,000,” Hatami said. He added that Iranian women who accomplish the feat would receive double the reward.

An Iranian military official said that Qatar should allow an Iranian team to enter the country to investigate the fate of pilots whom Tehran says were captured by Qatari forces, Iranian media reported.

Qatar denies holding any Iranian pilots. Doha said on Saturday that its search and res-

cue teams had found the remains of one pilot after Iranian aircraft violated Qatari airspace in March and failed to respond to attempts to contact them. Qatar said it had contacted Iran to coordinate the handover of the remains and had invited Tehran to review details of its search and rescue operations, but had received no response.

Mohammad Baqerzadeh, commander of the Committee for the Search for Missing Persons of Iran’s Armed Forces General Staff, said an Iranian Air Force expert and fact-finding team had been waiting for months to enter Qatar, according to the semi-official Tasnim news agency.

Security forces kill seven terrorists in Balochistan’s Kharan

STAFF REPORT, Seven terrorists were killed and several others wounded during an intelligence-based operation by security forces in Kharan district of Balochistan, Radio Pakistan reported on Sunday, citing security sources.

“Security forces have killed seven terrorists belonging to Fitna-al-Khawarij in an intelligence-based operation in Kharan district of Balochistan,” Radio Pakistan quoted security sources as saying.

According to security sources, the operation was carried out in the Lajay area of Kharan under Operation Radd-ul-Fitna-3 following intelligence reports about the presence of terrorists.



The terrorists were affiliated with Fitna al-Khawarij, according to security sources.

The federal government last year officially designated all terrorist groups operating in Balochistan as ‘Fitna al-Hindustan’, accusing India of sponsoring a proxy war through these outfits. Fitna al-Khawarij is the state-designated term for the banned outfit Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). The high-tempo intelligence-driven operations were conducted as part of the ongoing “Radd-ul-Fitna-3” campaign, which the military’s media wing has described as a counterterrorism operation aimed at eliminating Indian proxies.

“Modern weapons, a large quantity of ammunition, other military equipment, two vehicles and a motorcycle were recovered from the terrorists’ hideouts,” the sources added. It further revealed that the hideouts were also destroyed during the operation.

The terrorists had been involved in planning looting, extortion, kidnapping for ransom, targeted killings and planning suicide attacks in Kharan and Lajay, the sources said.

“Security forces continued operations in Balochistan under Operation Radd-ul-Fitna-3 as part of efforts to eliminate terrorism,” the sources added. In a statement, President Asif Ali Zardari lauded the security forces for a successful intelligence-based operation. He said the dismantling of the hideouts of the Fitna al-Khawarij terrorists and the recovery of a large quantity of arms and ammunition is a significant achievement.

Goods transporters postpone strike for 40 days in ‘broader national interest’



STAFF REPORT, The goods transporters on Sunday announced that they would postpone their strike for 40 days in the “broader national interest”.

The goods transporters had announced a country-wide wheel-jam strike on Aug 8 after talks with the government failed over the daily fixing of petrol and diesel prices, among other issues.

A crucial round of talks between senior federal and provincial government officials and transporters’ representatives was scheduled to be held at the Governor House in Karachi today to resolve the issue, after negotiations between the two sides ended without a resolu-

tion on Tuesday. All Pakistan Goods Transport Ittehad President Malik Shehbaz Awan said the association had decided, after consultations, to postpone the strike for 40 days in the “broader national interest”.

“Some of our issues have been resolved immediately. For those requiring cabinet approval, 15 to 20 days have been given,” he said.

Awan said the government had asked for 15 days to address their demand regarding daily fuel price changes, adding that transporters would prefer fuel prices that shifted on a fortnightly or monthly basis.

He added that meetings between the government and transporters’ committees would continue. “We have been assured that overloading will be controlled in accordance with the law on axle loads,” he said. Awan asserted that the peaceful protest had not been stopped anywhere during the nine-day period. “Our 50-member committee had called for the strike,” he said. He said their demands had been accepted “to a certain extent” and that the committees formed to address them would continue their consultations. On withholding tax, he said they had been assured by the communications minister that he would raise the issue with the finance minister and that a committee would be formed to resolve it.



Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Punjab Labour Minister Muhammad Manshaullah Butt offer dua after laying the foundation stone of Sialkot Medical City Limited (SMCL)

Jl begins sit-ins outside governors’ houses over inflation, fuel prices

STAFF REPORT, Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) on Sunday began sit-ins outside governors’ houses across the country, with a large number of people gathering at all four provincial headquarters as the party pressed its demands over poor governance, inflation, rising fuel prices and the petroleum levy.

The JI had initially announced a nationwide protest for Aug 9 but later postponed it to Aug 16 due to Independence Day celebrations.

In Karachi, a JI march led by Karachi chief Munam Zafar reached

the Governor House, where the party workers were met with containers blocking the route before the building and a heavy police presence outside. Following failed negotiations between JI representatives and the police over removal of the containers, party workers sat down on the road outside the Governor House. The protesters raised slogans against the government and demanded an end to what they described as the “extortion tax” in the form of the petroleum levy.

Speaking at the sit-in, Zafar demanded abolition of the petroleum levy, saying people wanted to understand the levy and the role of independent power producers (IPPs). He said JI had raised awareness among the public and brought the facts before them. “Whatever issue Jamaat-i-Islami raises, it takes it to its logical conclusion,” he said. Zafar said those whose “achievements” were highlighted became worried, adding that education and health were not the issues being addressed by the authorities.

‘PPP to accept only transparent election results’

MONITORING DESK, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Nadeem Afzal Chan said on Sunday that his party would only accept the results of transparent elections.

Commenting on the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) elections, Chan criticised the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leadership and said Nawaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz had claimed success in the polls. He said the boycott by one party and the law and order situation

in AJK should also be taken into account. Chan said election results could be prepared as desired when elections were not held on the same day and at the same time. Addressing PML-N President Nawaz Sharif, he asserted: “The AJK elections were held in the same manner as the elections in Punjab and added that Nawaz Sharif would be aware of this.”

Chan said questions were being raised over the results of the recently held AJK polls.



A view of sewerage water accumulated on the road at Liaquat Colony creating problems for motorists and pedestrians and needs the attention of concerned authorities

GB CM Visits Flood-Hit Naltar, Orders Victims’ Rehabilitation

Gilgit (FIR Report)

Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Amjad Hussain visited the flood-affected area in Naltar Bala Dalan and listened to the problems of the victims. The Chief Minister said that all available resources will be utilized for the rehabilitation of all the

affected areas. The government will build new houses for the residence of those whose houses have been washed away in the flood.

The Chief Minister ordered the Gilgit-Baltistan Disaster Management Authority and all relevant institutions to take urgent steps for the immediate rehabilitation of

the affected areas and said, “We will not rest until the victims are fully rehabilitated and the losses are compensated.” The flood victims thanked the Chief Minister for his visit and said that he has consoled the victims by visiting this remote area and has proved to be a true ‘People’s Chief Minister’.

GB CM Orders Speedy Rescue of Two Miners Trapped in Darel Mine

Gilgit (FIR Report)

Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan, Mr. Amjad Hussain has strictly directed to expedite rescue operation for immediate recovery of two miners who were allegedly buried under debris during mining in Darel area of Diamer.

The Chief Minister directed Commissioner Diamer, Deputy Commissioner Diamer and Additional Deputy Commissioner

Darel to personally monitor the ongoing relief and rescue activities at the spot and to further expedite the operation by utilizing all available resources.

Chief Minister Amjad Hussain said that the lives of both the people can be saved with timely and effective rescue operation, hence no delay will be tolerated.

He directed the local administration to provide all possible support, manpower and necessary resources

to all the institutions engaged in the rescue operation, especially Rescue 1122, Gilgit-Baltistan Disaster Management Authority (GBDMA) and police immediately.

The Chief Minister expressed his determination that the district administration and relevant agencies will continue to make full efforts through mutual communication so that the two people buried under the rubble can be safely rescued as soon as possible.

Gujranawala (Beauru Report) On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Gujranwala, ADC (MS) visited Woodco Point to inspect the ongoing line-crossing work at GT Road. So far, 50 out of 140 feet of the line has been crossed (completed). The remaining work is expected to be completed within 4-5 days, which will help improve the flow of Sui Gas connecting roads and provide relief to the residents of Madina Colony.



Deputy Commissioner visited Sansara Goraya, Pipliwala Road, reviewed the construction of sewage drain

Gujranwala (Bureau Report)

According to details: Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala Naveed Ahmed visited Sansara Goraya, Pipliwala Road and inspected the under-construction drain to improve drainage issues. Assistant Commissioner President Faisal Majeed was also with him on this occasion.

While reviewing the ongoing construction work on the project, the Deputy Commissioner took a briefing from the concerned officers regarding the progress and drainage system. He directed that the project



should be completed within the stipulated period and no compromise should be made on the quality of the construction work. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner also met the people of the area and inquired about the problems and difficulties faced regarding the under-construction drainage project. Citizens

expressed their suggestions and problems regarding the project as important for the improvement of drainage in the area. Deputy Commissioner Naveed Ahmed directed the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to solve the problems of the citizens and make the drainage system more effective.

(* Chief Minister Punjab’s crackdown in Sialkot and Gujranwala under Zero Tolerance Mission against adultery, 2 illegal slaughterhouses, 3 food points closed, 3 fined 3 lakh 30 thousand, 3 cases registered, 450 kg of unhealthy meat, more than 2 tons of foul-smelling, unhealthy packaging and defective ingredients, 30 kg of packing material and essence loss, spokesperson Food Authority,*)

Gujranwala (Bureau Report)

According to details: Gujranwala: Under the Zero Tolerance Mission of Chief Minister Punjab and on the orders of DG Food Authority Raja Mansoor Ahmed, a severe crackdown was conducted in Sialkot and Gujranwala under the leadership of Additional Director Operations, in which 2 illegal slaughterhouses, 3 food points were closed, 3 were fined 330,000, 3 cases were registered and 450 kg Unhealthy meat, more than 2 tons of smelly, unhealthy casings and defective ingredients, 30 kg of packing material and essence loss while 70 kg of packing material with unapproved labeling were also seized. In the ongoing details, it was



further informed that the sweet and bakery section of the famous Sweets and Bakery located in Daska Industrial Estate was closed, the production of the bakery located in Sialkot city area was closed and a case was registered for forgery. According to the Food Authority spokesperson, Gujranwala’s meat safety teams recovered and destroyed 150 kg of fungus-infected

meat from an illegal slaughterhouse located in Iftikhar Colony, Khyali Bypass, and destroyed 300 kg of diseased and unhealthy animal meat from Mohalla Noorpura. A detailed inspection of the meat was done on the spot. According to Raja Mansoor Ahmed, on the order of the Chief Minister of Punjab, continuous checking is going on to ensure the supply of quality food.

RTO Gujranwala Holds Seminar on FBR’s Small Shopkeepers Regime

(FIR Report)

The Regional Tax Office Gujranwala in collaboration with Gujranwala tax bar association has organised an awareness seminar for the lawyers community regarding recent regime of special procedure for small shop keepers introduced by FBR through SRO 1166/2026. The purpose of the session was to give a detailed briefing to the tax practitioners on the objectives, principles, procedures, eligibility criteria of return filing and benefits of adopting the new regime of small shopkeepers.

The session was started with a presentation delivered by Mr Awais Shafqat ACIR followed by a short and engaging speech of Mr Ali Adnan Khan CIR, Hassan Askari President tax bar association and Mr M Tariq Jamil CCIR. All the officers eagerly participated in the questions & answers segment in which the



queries raised by the attendees were adequately addressed.

The session was concluded with the shields handed over to all the officers by the elected body of Gujranwala Tax Bar Association as an acknowledgement of initiative taken by RTO Gujranwala for aware-

ness and education on special procedure for small shopkeepers.

The seminar overall was an effort from the RTO Gujranwala to expand its outreach regarding awareness and education of prime stakeholders about the newly introduced regime for small shop keepers.

Berlin, Pakistan Embassy organizes grand Independence Day ceremony, a magnificent expression of patriotism

Berlin (Special Correspondent)

The grand Independence Day ceremony organized by the Embassy of Pakistan at Pakistan House in the capital of Germany, Berlin, was held with a magnificent display of national enthusiasm and patriotism, in which Pakistani expatriates, German officials, diplomats and friends of Pakistan participated in large numbers. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, after which Pakistan’s Ambassador to Germany, Ms. Saglain Syeda, hoisted the national flag to the tune of Pakistan’s national anthem. The German national anthem was also played on the occasion. During the ceremony, Independence Day messages from the President of Pakistan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Deputy Prime Minister of Pakistan were also read out to the attendees. In his address, Ambassador Saglain Syeda extended heartfelt congratulations to the Pakistani community, German dignitaries and friends of Pakistan participating in the ceremony on the occasion of Independence Day. Highlighting the importance and sanctity of Independence Day, he said that independence is a sacred trust that was achieved as a result of the ideology, struggle and unparalleled sacrifices of our ancestors under the leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The Ambassador of Pakistan said that our elders made eternal sacrifices to achieve independence, therefore it is the responsibility of the new generation to play its role for the development, prosperity and stability of Pakistan and strengthen the ideological and national foundations of



the country. He mentioned Pakistan’s recent achievements and future prospects and said that the country is moving towards economic stability, while Pakistan’s potential is also increasing significantly in the fields of green energy, climate justice, IT and technology. He particularly described the youth as a valuable asset of the country and said that Pakistan can reach new heights of development by utilizing the talents of the younger generation. Ambassador Saglain Syeda said that this year’s Independence Day celebrations have special historical significance as Pakistan is also celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He said that by making Quaid-e-Azam’s golden principles of unity, faith and discipline a part of our national life, Pakistan can be led on the path of further development, stability and prosperity. An important and special part of the ceremony was to honor Dr. Santa Maria Ana Siller in recognition of her outstanding contributions to humanitarian

services, empowerment of rural women and community development in Pakistan. On this occasion, her services to Pakistan were appreciated and tributes were paid to her. In the concluding phase of the ceremony, a cake was cut to celebrate the Independence Day, while a Pakistani artist presented a live musical performance. The participants thoroughly enjoyed Pakistani music, while traditional Pakistani refreshments were also served at the end of the event. The Independence Day celebration held at Pakistan House Berlin not only highlighted the national spirit of the Pakistani community but also highlighted the friendly relations, people-to-people contacts and mutual respect between Pakistan and Germany. Pakistanis, German officials, diplomats and well-wishers of Pakistan participated in the event and expressed their best wishes for the development, prosperity and stability of the country while participating in the celebrations of Pakistan’s independence.

Frankfurt, Grand Family Cultural and Musical Show organized on the occasion of Independence Day

Frankfurt (Special Correspondent)

On the occasion of Pakistan’s Independence Day, the Grand Family Cultural and Musical Show 2026 was organized magnificently in Frankfurt, Germany, under the auspices of the Pak-German Integration and Cultural Society Frankfurt, in which about five hundred Pakistani men and women, children and families from Frankfurt and its surroundings participated enthusiastically. Decorated with Pakistani flags, national songs and national colors, this event witnessed a beautiful expression of love for the homeland, national unity and Pak-German friendship. The special guest of the event was the Acting Consul General of Pakistan in Frankfurt, Fahadur Rehman, while Trade and Investment Counselor Amina Naeem and political, social, business and journalistic figures from different walks of life also participated in the event. The event formally began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, after which Naat-e-Rasool-e-Maqbool (PBUH) was presented in the presence of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The children also presented the national prayer of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, “Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua Ban Ke Tamna Meri”. Acting Consul General Fahadur Rehman cut the Independence Day cake along with the children and other distinguished guests, after which the entire hall echoed with slogans of Pakistan Zindabad. The event was directed by Raja Azhar Kiani, Maham Imtiaz and Zahid Chaudhry. The children presented beautiful tableaux on national songs, which were applauded by the audience. The event also organized a



number of interesting and entertaining activities for children, women and adults. The program included musical chairs, mood awareness, song recognition, amateur singing, question and answer, instant prizes and other interesting competitions. Several prizes were also given out for children and adults in the event. After interesting and thrilling competitions, two lucky winners took home these big prizes. Various gifts were also presented to the participants who participated in other activities, while trophies were presented to the children. In his address, the special guest Acting Consul General Fahadur Rehman addressed the Pakistani community. While congratulating the Pakistanis on Independence Day, he appreciated the enthusiasm and enthusiasm of the Pakistani diaspora for celebrating the National Day. He also stressed the importance of connecting the new generation with the history, culture and national values of Pakistan. Trade and Investment Counselor Amina Naeem and other guests who participated in the event appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the Pakistani community

and the enthusiasm of the families and children. The participants said that such events abroad not only bring the Pakistani community together on one platform but also serve as an effective means of exposing the new generation growing up in Germany to their language, culture, traditions and national identity. In the concluding phase of the event, singer and musician Saeed Khan, who had come specially from Malaga, Spain, presented live music, Sufi Kalam, Punjabi Bhangra and songs in various Pakistani languages. The organizers thanked the Consulate General of Pakistan Frankfurt, sponsors, supporting personalities, media representatives, volunteers and especially Pakistani families, whose full participation and cooperation made the event a success. The event was a success. The organizers said that the Pak-German Integration and Cultural Society will continue its activities in the future through such family, cultural and national programs to bring the Pakistani community closer to each other and keep the new generation connected to Pakistan’s culture and national identity.



ایف آئی آر رپورٹ



شہریوں کو بہتر اور موثر پولیس سروسز کی فراہمی اولین ترجیح، آئی جی اسلام آباد

افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ شہریوں کے جان و مال کے تحفظ، جرائم کی روک تھام اور عوامی اعتماد کے فروغ کیلئے پولیسنگ کے نظام کو مزید موثر، مربوط اور عوام دوست بنایا جائے

بری امام عرس کے موقع پر اسلام آباد پولیس کے فول پروف سکیورٹی انتظامات

ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد نے بری امام کا دورہ کیا، سکیورٹی انتظامات کا جائزہ لیا۔ افسران و جوانوں کو موثر ڈیوٹی اور شہریوں کی سہولت کو یقینی بنانے کے احکامات جاری کئے

ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد قاضی علی رضا اتوار کے روز بھی فیلڈ میں متحرک

ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد نے مختلف گرجا گھروں کا دورہ کیا اور سکیورٹی انتظامات کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا، انہوں نے سکیورٹی کے فرائض پر موجود پولیس افسران و جوانوں سے ملاقات کی اور سکیورٹی انتظامات کو مزید بہتر بنانے کیلئے ہدایات جاری کیں

اقدامات کئے ہیں، اس سلسلے میں ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد قاضی علی رضا نے اتوار کے روز بھی فیلڈ میں متحرک رہتے ہوئے ضلع بھر کے مختلف گرجا گھروں کا دورہ کیا، اس موقع پر موجود پولیس افسران و جوانوں سے ملاقات کی، ان کے فرائض کی انجام دہی کا جائزہ لیا اور سکیورٹی انتظامات کو مزید بہتر بنانے کیلئے ہدایات جاری کیں، انہوں نے گرجا گھروں کے داخلی و خارجی راستوں، پارکنگ ایریاز اور ارد گرد کے علاقوں میں

غیر سکیورٹی انتظامات بھی بنا رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے شہریوں سے ایبل کی کتلاشی کے عمل میں پولیس سے تعاون کریں اور کسی بھی مشکوک شخص، چیز یا سرگرمی کی فوری اطلاع اسلام آباد پولیس کی ہیپ لائن پکار-15 پر دیں۔ انسپکٹر جنرل آف پولیس اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی کے خصوصی احکامات کی روشنی میں اسلام آباد پولیس نے وفاقی دارالحکومت میں موجود گرجا گھروں کی فول پروف سکیورٹی کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے موثر

تفصیلات کے مطابق انسپکٹر جنرل آف پولیس اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی کی زیر صدارت سینٹر پولیس افسران کا اہم اجلاس منعقد ہوا، جس میں شہریوں کو بروقت، موثر اور باوقار پولیس سروسز کی فراہمی، پولیس ریپانس کو مزید بہتر بنانے اور عوامی خدمت کے نظام کو مضبوط بنانے کے حوالے سے اہم امور کا جائزہ لیا گیا، اجلاس میں ایس ایس پی آپریشنز قاضی علی رضا، ایس ایس پی انونٹی لیٹن سلیمان ظفر اور ڈی ایس پی سی ایس نے شرکت کی، دوران اجلاس اسلام آباد میں امن و امان کی صورتحال، جرائم کی روک تھام، جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف جاری کارروائیوں، تحقیقی امور میں بہتری اور شہریوں کو فراہم کی جانے والی پولیس سہولیات کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا گیا، آئی جی اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی نے افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ شہریوں کی جان و مال کا تحفظ اولین ترجیح ہے، اس مقصد کے لیے پولیسنگ کے نظام کو مزید موثر، مربوط اور عوام دوست بنایا جائے، انہوں نے کہا کہ شہریوں کی شکایات کا فوری ازالہ، بہتر ریپانس اور معیاری پولیس سروسز کی فراہمی سے عوامی اعتماد کو مزید مضبوط بنایا جائے، انہوں نے افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ جرائم کے سدباب، جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف جلا امتیاز کارروائیوں اور شہریوں کے مسائل کے فوری حل کیلئے جدید ٹکنسٹ عملی اپنائی جائے اور فیلڈ میں پولیس کی موجودگی کو مزید موثر بنایا جائے، انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ اسلام آباد پولیس عوامی خدمت کے ویژن کے تحت شہریوں کو محفوظ ماحول اور بہتر پولیس سہولیات کی فراہمی کیلئے تمام وسائل بروئے کار لا رہی ہے۔

انسپکٹر جنرل آف پولیس اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی کی خصوصی احکامات پر اسلام آباد پولیس نے بری امام عرس کے موقع پر شہریوں اور زائرین کے جان و مال کے تحفظ کے لیے فول پروف سکیورٹی انتظامات کیے ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد قاضی علی رضا نے بری امام کا دورہ کیا اور سکیورٹی انتظامات کا جائزہ لیتے ہوئے ڈیوٹی پر مامور افسران و جوانوں کو موثر اور مدد

دارانہ انداز میں فرائض انجام دینے کی ہدایات جاری کیں۔ انہوں نے ہدایت کی کہ دوران ڈیوٹی مشکوک افراد اور جرائم پیشہ عناصر پر کڑی نظر رکھی جائے، جبکہ زائرین کے ساتھ خوش اخلاقی اور تعاون پر مبنی رویہ اپنایا جائے۔ انہوں نے زائرین کی آدورفت میں سہولت کے لیے تاکہ ٹھنڈا ایوینو کو کھلا رکھنے کی بھی ہدایت کی۔ ایس ایس پی آپریشنز نے کہا کہ اسلام آباد پولیس کے افسران و جوان اپنی تمام تر صلاحیتیں بروئے کار لاتے ہوئے موثر

The Arctic remains a zone of sustained competition

LUKE COFFEY

US President Donald Trump’s recent statements about the need to acquire Greenland caused considerable division within the transatlantic community. Fortunately, these tensions appear to have been resolved for now. One positive consequence of the Greenland debate, however, has been to elevate the strategic importance of the Arctic region on the international agenda.

The Arctic region is home to some of the harshest terrain and environmental conditions on Earth. There are eight countries that can call themselves Arctic states: the US, Canada, Denmark via Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia. Many more countries are now seeking to expand their influence in the region. The region is important for scientific, environmental, trade, transit, and energy reasons. Tourism has also been growing, boosting local economic activity. The region is widely believed to contain vast amounts of untapped oil and gas reserves, along with significant quantities of rare earth minerals. The challenge lies

in finding ways to access and extract these resources that are both economically viable and environmentally responsible. This is made even more difficult by the lack of infrastructure and limited logistical connectivity.

The Arctic Council, an intergovernmental body led by the eight Arctic states, was established to promote cooperation on issues such as search and rescue coordination, environmental protection, and scientific research. However, the council has all but stopped functioning since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in 2022, severely limiting one of the few institutional mechanisms for Arctic-wide cooperation.

For the US, it is clear that the Trump administration views the Arctic primarily through the lens of great power competition. The US became an Arctic state in the 1860s with the purchase of Alaska from Russia. What was widely seen at the time as a mistake has since proven to be one of the most strategic decisions made in the post-Civil War era. Despite the rhetoric from multiple Washington administrations, however, relatively little emphasis has been placed on

improving American capabilities or presence in the Arctic. For example, the US Coast Guard currently operates only one heavy icebreaker there.

So far in his first year in office, Trump has placed renewed focus on the region, including moving forward with a significant purchase of new icebreakers in cooperation with Finland. Even during the first Trump administration, the US role in the Arctic was framed largely in the context of great-power competition, particularly in relation to China. There is little reason to assume the second Trump administration will approach the region any differently.

Russia is the world’s largest Arctic state, with roughly half the world’s Arctic coastline located within the Russian Federation. For Moscow, the Arctic has long been a source of national pride and identity, dating back to the era of Peter the Great. After many Arctic bases and military facilities were shuttered at the end of the Cold War, President Vladimir Putin has invested heavily in reopening, modernizing, and expanding these installations. In recent years,

Russia has also fielded specialized military units designed to operate in extreme Arctic conditions.

Moscow also views the Northern Sea Route, the shipping corridor between Europe and Asia that runs along its Arctic coastline, as both geopolitically and economically significant. Russia has invested substantially in infrastructure along this route in an effort to attract more commercial shipping between European and Asian markets. However, many of Russia’s ambitious cargo-volume targets have not been met, and it remains unclear whether the route will become as commercially viable as Russian officials hope. For China, the Arctic represents yet another region where Beijing seeks to expand its global influence. Although China is not an Arctic country, it has declared itself a “near-Arctic state,” despite being roughly 1,200 km from the Arctic Circle at its closest point. Beijing has leveraged international institutions such as the Arctic Council to expand its presence in the region and has taken advantage of Russia’s growing isolation from the West to deepen Arctic coopera-

tion with Moscow, often in ways that disproportionately benefit China.

China has tried to pursue investments in key Arctic infrastructure projects, including some located in NATO members, and maintains a small, but strategically significant, scientific outpost in Norway’s Svalbard archipelago. While China has not conducted overt military activity above the Arctic Circle, it has sent numerous scientific missions, research vessels, and icebreakers to the region – assets that could serve dual civilian and military purposes. In the years ahead, China can be expected to seek an even greater role in the Arctic. Meanwhile, it has not always been clear to Europeans, beyond those countries that are Arctic states, what role the rest of the Continent should play in the region. While the EU as an institution holds policy competencies over many issues that directly affect the Arctic, member states that are Arctic countries have largely kept decision-making at the national level. In fact, the EU has attempted multiple times to join the Arctic Council as an observer, only to be blocked.

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Fragile consensus as Africa heads to the polls

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Africa enters 2026 with elections scheduled in more than a dozen countries and with voter rolls that now exceed 600 million people across the continent. Elections have become the most common ritual of political life in Africa, more frequent than coups, civil wars, or constitutional rewrites. Yet frequency has not produced comfort. Voting has turned into a dual-use instrument: a tool for peaceful transfer of power in a minority of cases, and a method for laundering political capture in many others. It is a contradiction that now sits at the heart of what this year is likely to bring. Uganda offers a useful example. Yoweri Museveni, the country’s president, secured another term, extending a rule that began in 1986. Official results awarded him almost three-quarters of the vote, despite urban districts breaking heavily for the opposition and youth unemployment hovering around 60 percent. Turnout slipped below 60 percent as security forces ring-fenced the process, curtailed opposition rallies, and intermittently restricted digital platforms. Uganda demonstrated how elections now function in many entrenched systems: a choreographed exercise that delivers continuity while preserving the appearance of democracy.

Similar dynamics will likely shape several of the other headline contests this year. First, Benin is often cited as a reform success story of the 1990s. Today, it offers a perfect illustration of the “buy-in paradox.” President Patrice Talon is constitutionally barred from a third term, but the political field has been narrowed to the point where succession remains a controlled affair. Electoral laws passed since 2019 require parties to meet high national thresholds before fielding candidates, a rule that has sidelined most opposition groups. Parliamentary races since then have produced legislatures with over 80 percent pro-government seats.

Yet voters are still asked to participate, foreign observers invited, and results tabulated in public view. Opposition leaders face a puzzle: boycott and concede legitimacy or compete and validate a contest structured against them. Many will choose the latter, because absence guarantees irrelevance.

Second, Ethiopia’s general elections will be the most complex event on the calendar. The country has more than 120 million people, dozens of armed factions, and federal regions that are still operating under emergency regulations since the Tigray

war. The 2021 polls were held in stages because of insecurity and logistical failure. In 2026, similar obstacles remain. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali retains national visibility, but his coalition is thinner than when he took office in 2018. Ethnic parties control large regional blocs, and voter registration in contested areas remains incomplete. The result may still produce a government with a parliamentary majority, but one whose mandate is geographically uneven and politically fragile.

Third, Somalia plans indirect elections again, relying on clan delegates rather than universal suffrage. Roughly 14,000 elders select members of parliament, who then choose the president. The system is defended as pragmatic in a country where Al-Shabab is steadily increasing the territory it controls. Zambia and Gambia represent a rather different picture. Zambia’s 2021 election removed an incumbent through the ballot box for the third time since 1991. President Hakainde Hichilema enters 2026 with approval ratings near 60 percent, buoyed by debt restructuring, and the return of International Monetary Fund support. Inflation remains high, and youth job creation lags behind population growth, but institutions showed resilience in the last transfer of power.

Gambia, after ousting Yahya Jammeh in 2017, held a competitive vote in 2021 and is preparing for another. Turnout exceeded 80 percent, among the highest on the continent. Media pluralism has expanded, and civil society monitoring is now routine. Neither country is immune to backsliding, yet both demonstrate that electoral credibility can still compound over time. Similarly, Cabo Verde, with a population under 600,000, continues to rank among Africa’s strongest performers on electoral integrity. Power has alternated peacefully multiple times since the 1990s, and voter turnout remains above 60 percent. Politics there is dull in the best sense, with arguments over budgets, ports, and tourism strategy rather than existential questions of who controls the state. Across these cases runs the same thread: Elections are cheaper than repression and more acceptable to donors than open autocracy. Authoritarian incumbents have learned to keep polling stations open while closing political space. Over the past 15 years, average turnout in competitive African elections has fallen. At the same time, margins of victory for long-serving presidents have widened. Citizens show up less often, but winners win by more.

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Greenlanders’ fever dream over but nightmares continue

NIC ROBERTSON

On Sunday, after two and a half weeks’ reporting from Nuuk, Greenland, my team and I finally boarded a plane and said goodbye. Leaving is hard. Greenland has me in its thrall, in rapture of its raw beauty and seduced by its quiet Inuit culture. But it’s a good thing to exit. Tonnes of journalists and equipment, clearing out, making space for Greenlanders to reflect on what just happened.

As our producer, Ben, sagely observed, their fever dream has broken. Residents of this giant, icebound Arctic island could be forgiven for thinking they might awaken back to a simpler time, before the trauma of President Donald Trump’s ratcheting up of demands to own Greenland just a few weeks ago.

But they are not where they began and they know it. Instead, they are awakening to an uneasy new reality. Trump’s capricious claims over their sovereignty are not over and his apparently flimsy grasp of basic facts about their homeland does not appear to have improved.

White House tweets make that abundantly clear. Were it not for his declaration at Davos last week, forswearing a military invasion of Greenland, an image posted of the president trudging across a snow field toward a Greenland flag, hand in wing with a penguin, would be triggering a renewed fever for its residents.

The apparent trolling is hard to fathom, much less take seriously. For a start, penguins – as everyone knows – live exclusively at the South Pole. Greenland is at the opposite end of the planet. But such incontrovertible truths seem to have become eclipsed by expansionist ambitions. Trump says he must own Greenland for the US’ “national security,” so he feels “psychologically” empowered to take it for his soon-to-be-built Golden Dome missile protective shield for the US. He might deny that he covets the minerals and rare earths buried below its ice

sheets, but many are skeptical.

What’s more, both objectives are already within his grasp. As Denmark, of which Greenland is a semi-autonomous territory, has made repeatedly clear to Trump’s diplomats, the 1951 defense agreement between these two sovereign nations grants sweeping rights for the US to base missiles and troops, as well as mine minerals and rare earths, to its heart’s content.

What I learned during my all-too-brief time in Greenland is that nature and its preservation are at the heart of Inuit culture. Locals told me they believed that Trump would have no regard for their most precious commodity, which is inextricably linked to their identity. Instead, the White House’s messaging seems to indicate they are either planning to introduce an alien species to Greenland or simply do not understand what it is they covet. Greenlanders, on the other hand, know exactly what they fear and why. They do not trust Trump. The president’s apparent about-face at Davos, rescinding threats of military action and announcing, after meeting NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, that an “agreement” had been hatched, giving him everything he wanted, carries no water – or ice for that matter – in Greenland. For Greenlanders, Trump is an open book, each new chapter strewn with the same falsehoods and self-aggrandizement. They also saw what he did in Venezuela, a leader plucked from a country with air defenses and an army, of which Greenland has neither. Instead, it relies on Denmark and, by extension NATO – and America, to defend it. The night before we left, the power abruptly went out across Nuuk, its 20,000 residents plunged into darkness. A few hours later, the internet also throttled back. Plenty of well-educated and rational Nuummioqs (as the capital’s residents are known) fretted they were about to experience a Venezuela redux.

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Goods Transporters’ Strike: How Many Billions Will the Economy Lose as the Wheels Come to a Halt?



Economic Analysis:
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Pakistan’s economy is currently at a crossroads where the continuity of every economic activity is of exceptional importance for national stability, foreign exchange reserves, industrial production and employment. Against this backdrop, the ongoing nationwide wheel-jam strike by goods transporters is no longer merely a protest by the transport sector; it has become a serious threat to the entire supply chain of the national economy.

The strike, which began on August 8, is still continuing. Despite several rounds of negotiations between the government and transporters, the deadlock persists and goods transportation remains at a standstill. The most worrying aspect of the strike is that its effects are no longer confined to the roads. They are spreading to ports, factories, warehouses, industrial units, export centers and international trade.

The suspension of freight movement is disrupting the supply of raw materials, the delivery of finished products and the timely movement of export containers to ports. If the situation continues for much longer, Pakistan could face not only direct financial losses but also indirect economic losses running into billions of rupees and potentially far more.

According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics’ monthly summary for July 2026, the country’s exports stood at Rs817,246 billion. On a 31-day basis, this amounts to approximately Rs26.36 billion per day. This does not mean that Pakistan is necessarily losing Rs26.36 billion in exports for every day of the strike. However, the figure does provide an indication of the scale of economic activity that depends on an efficient transportation, port and logistics system.

If export consignments fail to reach ports on schedule, delays in their shipment can put pressure on export earnings, foreign exchange inflows and industrial production.

Pakistan’s textile and apparel sector is particularly important in this regard. A significant portion of the country’s exports is linked to this sector, and its entire supply chain depends on the timely availability of raw materials, production, packaging of finished goods and the transportation of export cargo to ports. A transporters’ strike disrupts each of these interconnected stages. The seriousness of the situation can be gauged from the fact that exporters may have already completed production, quality inspections, documentation and shipping bookings. Yet if a container cannot move from a factory or warehouse to the port at the final stage, the entire export chain is affected. In global trade, producing goods is not enough; delivering them on time to the designated port and vessel is equally important.

International shipping operates according to strict schedules. Export containers must reach terminals before designated cut-off times. If a container fails to arrive on time, it may not be

loaded onto the scheduled vessel and could have to wait until the next sailing. This can disrupt shipping bookings, delay deliveries and generate additional costs. Detention, demurrage, terminal storage and handling charges can impose an additional financial burden on exporters.

The problem is not limited to the financial loss associated with a single export order. International buyers place great importance on timely delivery. If exporters from a particular country repeatedly fail to meet delivery schedules, international buyers may begin looking for alternative suppliers. Thus, a temporary transport crisis could, over the longer term, damage Pakistan’s export competitiveness and market share.

The strike is also affecting the supply of industrial raw materials. Imported raw materials are being held up at ports, while local cotton and other industrial inputs are facing difficulties in reaching mills and factories. If the situation persists, some industrial units may be forced to reduce production or temporarily shut down.

Here, it is important to understand a fundamental economic principle: economic output is not generated inside factories alone; it is generated through the continuity of the entire supply chain. If raw materials do not reach factories, finished goods cannot move from warehouses to markets, and export containers cannot reach ports, economic activity can come to a halt even when productive capacity remains available.

The transporters’ position also cannot be ignored. Their demands reportedly include issues relating to taxes, the alleged unlawful detention of vehicles, excessive toll taxes and other fundamental concerns. If government representatives have already acknowledged some of these demands as legitimate, there is little economic justification for further delaying a resolution. Allowing a dispute between the government and transporters to escalate to the point where industrial production and exports begin to suffer could prove to be an extremely costly policy mistake.

It is also important to recognize that the transport sector serves as the backbone of Pakistan’s economy. Large volumes of raw materials, agricultural produce, industrial goods, imported merchandise and export cargo are transported from one location to another primarily by road. A prolonged disruption in the transport sector is therefore comparable to an obstruction in the circulation of blood through the economic system.

The government’s immediate priority should be to end the strike, but not merely through temporary assurances. Similar issues have resurfaced in the past after negotiations and verbal commitments. This time, the government should enter into a clear, written and workable agreement with transporters, specifying their demands, implementation deadlines and the responsibilities of the relevant institutions.

At the same time, emergency measures are needed to protect exporters from the immediate consequences of the strike. Port authorities, terminal operators, shipping lines, customs authorities and freight forwarders should provide special facilities for affected export containers. Where possible, vessel cut-off times should be

extended, stranded containers should be moved on a priority basis, and appropriate relief should be provided on additional storage, detention and demurrage charges arising from the strike.

The government must also draw a long-term lesson from the crisis. Pakistan needs to integrate its logistics policy into its national export strategy rather than treating logistics merely as an issue of roads and toll plazas. In a modern economy, ports, railways, highways, trucking, warehouses, customs and digital freight systems operate as an integrated logistics network. Unless Pakistan undertakes reforms in this sector, achieving ambitious export targets will remain difficult.

Rail freight also needs to be modernized so that dependence on roads for long-distance transportation can be reduced. Similarly, the trucking sector requires a permanent institutional framework for digital tracking, a transparent taxation system, uniform regulations, rational toll charges and the resolution of problems faced by drivers and vehicle owners.

Most importantly, a permanent institutional mechanism for coordination between the government, industry and transport sector should be established. This would ensure that stakeholders do not have to wait for roads to be blocked and negotiations to collapse every time a dispute emerges. Holding the national economy hostage between protests and negotiations serves the interests of no stakeholder.

Pakistan is currently trying to increase exports, generate foreign exchange and expand industrial production. In such circumstances, a disruption of more than a week in the export supply chain should be treated as a serious economic warning. If the crisis continues, its consequences will not be limited to today’s containers, trucks and factories. In the coming months, the impact could emerge in the form of lost export orders, lower industrial production, employment pressures and declining confidence among international buyers. The government must therefore decide whether it views the crisis as an ordinary industrial dispute or as a matter of national economic emergency. Under the present circumstances, the latter approach would be more prudent.

Resolving the legitimate concerns of transporters, restoring the movement of export cargo and ensuring the priority transportation of goods stranded at ports are no longer merely administrative measures; they have become matters of national economic necessity.

Pakistan is currently generating export activity worth approximately Rs26.36 billion every day. We cannot strengthen our position in global markets by bringing the wheels of the economy to a standstill on the roads. Both the government and transporters must understand that the longer it takes to return to the negotiating table and resolve the deadlock, the greater the eventual cost will be for the entire economy, industry, exporters, workers and the national exchequer.

The need of the hour is to end the deadlock, get the wheels moving again and protect Pakistan’s export-oriented economy from further damage.

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A meeting with chamber of commerce and Industries Gujranwala was held today under the chairmanship of Mr.Fahad Ijaz Butt, ADC (Enforcement) and following discussions/decisions were taken



Gujranawala (Beauru Report) according to the details,

The president of Chamber of Commerce and Industries Gujranwala and other Members of Chamber agreed to install Emission Control Systems in industries to control smoke emissions to ensure compliance with Punjab Environmental Quality

Standards and also agreed to provide online access of CCTV cameras to EPA for online monitoring of emissions. - Further, Chambers requested to use pyro oil in industries, on this matter, DD Environment Gujranwala intimated that use of pyro oil is not allowed as it falls under substandard fuels under Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and

Control) Rules 2023. The chamber may challenge these Rules in relevant Court/High Court for seeking relaxation or amendments in Rules.

- The chair further desired that chamber should play it's role under Corporate Social Responsibility for Mewaki forestation and purchase of Anti Smog Gunn's in industrial areas for betterment of Environment.

Shams Colony Police Station continues crackdown on drug dealers and illegal arms holders

Islamabad (Staff Report)

The police are continuing their crackdown on drug dealers and illegal arms holders in Islamabad. In continuation of the “No More Drugs” campaign launched by the IG Islamabad and the campaign to rid Islamabad of illegal arms, the Shams Colony Police Station has taken important actions and arrested three accused in possession of illegal arms and one accused involved in drug trafficking.

SHO Shams Colony Police Station Dilshad Farooqi along with his team conducted various intelligence-based operations, during which three accused were arrested and illegal arms were recovered from their possession. Cases have been registered against the arrested accused for illegal arms possession and further investigation has been started.

During another operation, the



police arrested an accused involved in drug trafficking and recovered 180 grams of ice from his possession. A case has been registered against the accused at Shams Colony police station under the provisions of drug

trafficking.

SHO Shams Colony police station Dilshad Farooqi says that indiscriminate action will continue against drug dealers, illegal arms holders and criminal elements. The protection of lives and property of citizens is the top priority of the police, while all possible resources are being used to eliminate drugs and illegal arms.

The people of the area appreciated the actions of Shams Colony police station and said that effective action against drug dealers and illegal arms holders will further improve the law and order situation in the area. The citizens demanded that the police further intensify the series of actions against such elements.

According to police officials, actions against criminal elements will continue and citizens have also been appealed to immediately report suspicious activities and drug trafficking in their areas to the police.

Alleged police encounter by Supermarket Police, injured suspect arrested, weapons recovered

Karachi (Report: Pir Bakhsh Noonari)

Karachi Supermarket Police, acting on the instructions of DIG West Zone and SSP Central, under the supervision of SP Liaquatabad Division and SDPO Gul Bahar, arrested an injured suspect after an alleged police encounter. According to the police, the operation was conducted near Football Ground C-1, Ilyas Goth, Liaquatabad, where the police party arrested Kashif son of Ashfaq in an injured condition. A 30-bore pistol, two bullets and Rs 500 in cash were recovered from the possession of the arrested accused.



According to police records, several cases have been registered against the arrested accused in Sharifabad and Pirabad police stations under robbery, illegal arms and other sections, includ-

ing FIR No. 405/2022, 406/2022, 640/2022, 83/2019, 210/2022, 29/2024 and 28/2024. The police say that during the encounter, one of the accused's accomplices managed to escape along with the motorcycle, and further action is underway to arrest him. Cases under FIR No. 422/2026 under Sections 353/324/34 and FIR No. 423/2026 under Section 23(1)(A) of the Sindh Arms Act have been registered against the arrested accused. SHO Supermarket Shahbaz Khan said that action is being taken against the criminal elements. The police are fulfilling their responsibilities to maintain law and order in the area.

Bari Imam Sarkar’s Urs celebrations continue, Naat and Sama’ gatherings during the Urs enthralled the participants



Islamabad (Staff Report)

The three-day annual Urs celebrations of the prominent spiritual leader of the subcontinent, Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif, also known as Bari Imam Sarkar, are underway in Noorpurshahan. On the first day of the Urs, a Naat gathering was held in which renowned Naat reciters enlivened the gathering with their beautiful poetry. The Naat reciters included Muhammad Aamir Fayyazi, Mahmoodul Hassan Ashrafi, Muhammad Khawar Naqshbandi, Shahbaz Qamar Faridi, Bilal Haider and others. The Naat gathering was conducted by Sahibzada Muhammad Rizwan Khalid, while Qari Syed Muzammil Hashmi was the one who recited the Holy Quran. On the second day of the Urs, the country's renowned Qawwals Asif Ali Khan Santoo and Muhammad Sami demonstrated their art along with their contemporaries. On this occasion,

Syed Altaf Hussain Shah, Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah, Mufti Muhammad Hanif Qureshi, Abdul Razzaq Jami, Pir Obaid Ahmed Obaid Naqshbandi, Abdullah Gul. Pir Syed Shams Mashhadi and others graced the gathering with beautiful speeches. On this occasion, Federal Minister Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, Khadim Darbar Bari Imam Sarkar and Baba Kilo Sarkar Raja Sarfaraz Akram, Dr. Riaz Shahbaz Janjua, Raja Imtiaz Janjua, Dr. Raja Asif Janjua, Malik Iftikhar Ahmed, Shafiquddin and Qari Obaidur Rehman Satti, Umar Farooq Quddusi, Syed Bashir Shah, Raja Shahzad Janjua, Dr. Haider Janjua, Abdullah Janjua, Raja Muhammad Ayaz, Ehsanul Haq Mian, Colonel Inam Rabbani, General (R) Abdul Janjua (Sitara Imtiaz) and Ziaullah Shah, along with federal and district administration officers, political and social figures, religious leaders and devotees were also present in large

numbers. On this occasion, Fateha was recited and special prayers were offered for the security, development, prosperity and peace and stability of the country and nation. The Urs celebrations will continue till August 17, 2026, in which thousands of pilgrims and devotees from all over the country are participating. During the Urs, the administration has made special arrangements to provide facilities to the pilgrims. Additional personnel have been deployed for security, while monitoring of the entrance and exit routes, traffic flow, parking and other arrangements have also been ensured in the Darbar and surrounding areas, while extensive arrangements have been made for langar for the pilgrims. The administration has appealed to the citizens and pilgrims to cooperate with the administration and security personnel during the Urs so that the celebrations can continue in a peaceful and orderly manner.

Mustafa Welfare Society Holds Independence Day Sports, Flag-Hoisting Event

Staff Report

Under the auspices of the Mustafa Welfare Society, Registrar Union Council Khohar, events were organized in connection with the Independence Day celebration, in which the workers of Mustafa Welfare Society Khohar, under the patronage of President Malik Jamshed Iqbal, will continue all the works of Mustafa and special prayers were offered for the health of the President. In this program, Malik Muhammad Zaman Khoharvi, Malik Moazzam Shahzad, Tahir Gul, Malik Amjad Sadiq Chabarewale, Malik Shafiq Nooni, Malik Saeed Khan, Malik Mazhar Iqbal, Mirza Zafar, Malik Shahzad Munna, Malik Saad Imran, Malik Fahad Nawaz, Malik Ibrahim Arshad, Malik Zainul Abidin Arshad, Hafiz Malik Muhammad Ayub, Allama Qari Irfan Shahzad, Haji Malik Muhammad Iqbal, Haji Malik Muhammad Javed, Malik Ita Numbardar, Bhai Afzal Pappu, Bhai Altaf, Malik Umar Dj, Master Ansar Iqbal, Malik Jamil Rashid, Bhai Tariq, Malik Javed Malka, Malik Sher Muhammad, Malik Nadeem Yousaf, Malik Yasir Iqbal, Master



Khalid Farooq, Malik Arshad Mahmood, Malik Arif Malik, Malik Isfahan Shahzad, Malik Rizwan Shahzad and Malik Usman Shahzad, besides a large number of villagers, participated and praised the good initiative of Mustafa Welfare Society, Registered Khohar, that such healthy activities in the area are possible only thanks to Mustafa Welfare Society. This year, the workers of Mustafa Welfare Society, Registered Khohar, have made a significant progress towards attracting the young generation towards positive activities by organizing sports programs on August 13 and 14, 2026. The peo-

ple of the area praised this great program of Mustafa Welfare Society and the people of the area had a well-fed breakfast and along with the flag hoisting ceremony at the office of Mustafa Community Center Khohar, games were organized and prizes were given to all the successful players. For this good initiative, the area thanked Mustafa Welfare Society, that for the past 35 years, Mustafa Welfare Society has been keeping the youth engaged in healthy activities. In this program A special breakfast was arranged and was given by the Patron-in-Chief, Haji Malik Muhammad Iqbal, the contractor.

Sunni Ittehad Council leaders condole the demise of Hazrat Allama Pir Syed Hussainuddin Shah Kazmi (RAH)

RAWALPINDI (Special Correspondent)

Acting Chairman of Sunni Ittehad Council Pakistan Sahibzada Pir Hassan Raza, Pir Usman Ali Abbasi, Allama Sahibzada Munir Alam Hazarvi, Allama Sahibzada Syed Zamir Hussain Shah Kazmi and Allama Hafiz Ahsan Masood Qadri met Hazrat Allama Pir Syed Habibul Haq Shah, Allama Pir Syed Shabbuddin Shah, Allama Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah Kazmi and Allama Mufti Muhammad Hanif Qureshi at Jamia Razvia Zia-ul-Uloom Rawalpindi and offered condolences and prayers for the demise of Musleh-e-Ummah, Ustad Ulema, Sheikh Hadith Hazrat Allama Abul-Khair Pir Syed Hussainuddin Shah Kazmi Qadri Gollrawi Sultanpuri (RAH). On this occasion, Sahibzada Pir Hassan Raza said that the demise of Hazrat Musleh-e-Ummah (RAH) was a great loss to the people. It is an irreparable loss for the academic and spiritual circles of the Sunnah. The academic and spiritual void created by his demise can never be completely filled. He said that Hazrat Musleh-e-Ummah (RA) dedicated his entire life to serving the religion of Islam, promoting knowledge, reforming society and educating the new generation. Sahibzada Pir Hassan Raza also expressed his condolences on behalf of



the Chairman of Sunni Ittehad Council Sahibzada Pir Hamid Raza, Sheikh of Hadith Jamia Raza Faisalabad Allama Muhammad Sultan Chishti, Principal of Jamia Raza Anwar-e-Uloom Wah Cantt Allama Pir Mahmood Ahmed Abbasi (UK), Allama Pir Muhammad Hussain Raza (UK) and Sahibzada Pir Mohsin Raza Faisalabad and conveyed their message to the successor of Musleh-e-Ummah Allama Pir Syed Habib-ul-Haq Shah Kazmi. Pir Usman Ali Abbasi said that Hazrat Musleh-e-Ummah (RA) was not a personality but a complete academic and educational caravan. His departure is tantamount to the end of an era. His academic and spiritual replacement cannot be easily created. Allama Sahibzada Munir Alam Hazarvi said that Hazrat Musleh-e-Ummi (RA) dedicated his life to religion, knowledge and reformation of the Ummah. His death is not just the death of a religious scholar but also the loss of a great academic and

educational system. Allama Sahibzada Syed Zamir Hussain Shah Kazmi said that our attachment to Hazrat Musleh-e-Ummi (RA) was academic, spiritual and heartfelt. The memories of his compassion, training and prayers will always remain an asset for us. His passing away is also a great shock personally. He said that it is not possible for any single individual to fill the academic, spiritual and educational void created by the death of Hazrat Musleh-e-Ummi (RA). The condolence participants paid tribute to Hazrat Musleh-e-Ummi (RA)'s long religious, academic, teaching, invitation, reformation and protection of the finality of the Prophethood. He prayed to Allah Almighty for the elevation of Hazrat Allama Pir Syed Hussainuddin Shah Kazmi's ranks, forgiveness and forgiveness, and a high position in Paradise, while also praying for patience for the bereaved family, students, relatives, and associates.

Islamabad Police Gets 30 New Vehicles, 9,000 Personnel Announced

Staff Report

The federal government has taken a big and historic step to improve the law and order situation in the federal capital and eliminate crime.

After a long period of 14 years, 30 new and modern vehicles have been provided to all 27 police stations of Islamabad, which was inaugurated by Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi. On this occasion, he made it clear that modern-day policing was not possible with inefficient and old vehicles, hence the plight of the police stations is also being changed.

Along with this, to make security in the city foolproof and address the shortage of personnel, 9,000 new recruitments have been officially announced in the Islamabad Police, which will be done entirely on merit.

This step of the government will increase police patrols, while at the same time the safety of citizens will also increase significantly.



Pak International Media Alliance establishes a large network in South Punjab: Swearing-in ceremony in Multan

Multan (Special Report)

The main purpose of journalism is to support the truth and be the voice of the oppressed, promote investigative journalism instead of copy-paste: Syed Hafeez Sabzwari

A grand and solemn swearing-in ceremony of newly elected officials organized by Pak International Media Alliance (PIMA) South Punjab was held at Multan Tea House. The special guest of the ceremony, Founder and Central President Syed Hafeez Sabzwari, administered the oath of office to 08 newly elected officials of South Punjab and Multan Division.

Newly elected officials: South Punjab: Chairman Sajid Rashid Chandio and Vice Chairman Abdul Ghaffar (aka Shabbir Ahmed),

Multan Division: Divisional President Mehar Mumtaz Bashir, Vice Presidents Multan Division Muhammad Shahid Tariq and Aslam Masih, Joint Secretary (Women Wing) Muqaddas Noreen, General Secretary Muhammad Zubair, and Vice President Rana Qadeer Ahmed.

Speaking at the ceremony, Founder and Central President Syed Hafeez Sabzwari said:

“First of all, I express my immense gratitude to Allah Almighty who gave me the honor of taking over the leadership of the active organization. After that, I am deeply grateful to all the respectable officials of Multan, including Chairman South Punjab



Sajid Rashid Chandio, Vice Chairman Abdul Ghaffar alias Shabbir Ahmed and Divisional President Mehr Mumtaz Bashir and all the members, who hosted this wonderful event day and night.”

He added:

“This is not just my organization alone, nor do I consider myself the only central president, but each official and member of this organization has the capacity and position of a central president in his own right. Alhamdulillah, today our journalistic struggle has completed 12 years. This is a completely journalistic organization, whose scope is not only spread to every corner of Pakistan, but our talented officials are also active in 24 countries of the world.”

Giving a message to the journalistic community, he said:

“I would like to appeal to all my journalistic brothers to respect the sanctity of the pen and take care of the freedom of the press. The real purpose of journalism is to sup-

port the truth and become an effective voice for the voiceless and oppressed class. Instead of just ‘copy-paste’ journalism, promote research, truth and principled journalism so that positive change can be brought about in the society.”

The ceremony was attended by important academic, literary and journalistic personalities, including

Hakim Muhammad Inayat, Central Deputy Coordinator, Pak International Media Alliance, Afzal Ahmed Tarar, Deputy Coordinator, Punjab

Moazzam Shahzad, Chairman, Commerce Wing, District Mandi Bahauddin

Headmaster Rana Muhammad Akram

Dr. Javed Iqbal Kanwal Syed Jafar Shah

Ms. Samina Arzoo (Chief Editor, Weekly ‘Fikr-e-Iqbal’)

Ms. Hamida Parveen Qadri (Chief Editor, Daily ‘Naya Rang’, Multan) and others.



آر سی ڈی شاہراہ کی کہانی: علاقائی تعاون
کا ادھورا خواب اور ترکی و ایران تک
پاکستانی بیسز کی تجارت

ایف آئی آر رپورٹ

کراچی سے کوئٹہ اور پشاور پر پاکستان کا قبضہ ہو گیا۔ 25 آج پاکستان کی ایک اہم تقویٰ شاہد ہے جو وسعت اور تعمیر نو کے بعد پاکستان ایک پھر بس سے کہلائے گی۔ مگر اس کی کہانی صرف پاکستان سے متعلق نہیں، کئی دہائیوں پہلے پاکستان، ایران اور ترکی کے درمیان علاقائی تعاون کے منصوبے کی تحت تعمیر ہونے والی یہ شاہد اور آرمی ڈی پو کی سہ ماہی ہے جس نے جانی جاتی تھی، ایک ایک مہینے راستہ جو تینوں ملکوں کو تجارت اور آمد و رفت کے ذریعے جوڑنے کے لیے تیار کیا جا رہا تھا۔

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علامت تھی سمجھا گیا۔ امریکہ بھی بڑی حد تک اسے
 موقوف سے متفق تھا اور پاکستان، ایران اور ترکی
 کے تعاون کو افغانستان کو قریب لانے کے لیے
 مفید سمجھتا تھا، تاہم اس نے براہ راست مداخلت
 سے گریز کیا۔

سٹیون ایرانی بکریٹری جنرل ڈاکٹر اسے
 اسے خلعت پارسی سے ابتداء میں آری ڈی وی سٹیو
 سے لکھنے کا پتہ چلا اور ذرا قراور یا گھر بعد میں اس
 کا یہ مقدمہ کہاں اس وقت یعنی 1964 میں،
 آیت اللہ روح اللہ خنئی نے ایران کے شاہ رضا
 پہلوی کے طر حکومت اور مغربی، خصوصاً امریکی
 اثر و رسوخ، کے سخت ناقد تھے۔ تھران میں
 امریکی سفارت خانے سے محکمہ خارجہ کے نام
 پر (4 اگست 1964) کے کٹر ایک امریکی ممبر



پاکستان کان سے کشمیر کی معاملے پر پروہ حمایت
میں مل رہی جس کی اسے توقع تھی۔ ترکی کو
قبضے کے خزان میں اپنے مغربی اتحادیوں کے
روپیے سے بائیں تھی۔ ایران بھی مغرب کے
ساتھ اسے تعلقات کے بہ بدواریں خارجہ پالیسی
میں زیادہ غلطی پیدا کرنے کی کوشش کر رہا تھا۔
ہجے کے مطابق البتہ تیزیوں میں ملک کی
عمومی خواہش تھی کہ وہ اپنی آزادی اور خودمختاری کی
اہتمام کریں۔ اگرچہ اس حد تک نہیں ہو سکتا
تھا کہ وہ کسی کی ضرورتوں میں حصہ نہ لیں۔
میں یقین تھا کہ وہ جتنی حد تک ممکن ہو
کوشش کریں گے۔

قبول کی اور دونوں ملک کے درمیان فتنی
تجارتی معاہدے ہوئے۔ تیزیوں میں ملک کو محض
ہوا کی سٹوریٹوری اختیار سے انھیں فائدہ کم اور
آفریڈیشیا کی دنیا میں قفا کا زیادہ نقصان
ہو۔ چنانچہ انھوں نے اپنی رواجی دوستی کو
اقتصادی اور ثقافتی تعاون میں بدلنے کے لیے
سی ڈی کارٹ چین اور انڈیشیا نے آری
ڈی کا پروجیکٹ میں قدم کیا۔ لیکن بہت کمال
پیش نہیں ہو سکا۔ اس کے علاوہ آریڈیشیا کی
حقیقت سے متاثر ہو کر اس کے پیچھے صرف
ترتی اور اس کے خواہش تھا۔

سے سے چٹان ہے کہ آریڈیشیا نے ستمبر ۱۹۶۱
قریر میں شیعہ اور سنی مسلمانوں کے درمیان
اختلافات کا ذمہ دار عالمی استعمار اور ایرانیوں
عربوں اور دیگر مسلمانوں کے درمیان اختلافات
کا ذمہ دار مغرب، توکر اور اپنا قبیل انھوں نے آری
ڈی کا کام لے لیے۔ سنی مسلمانوں میں یورپی
طاقتوں کی چندا کو تیسری کی ایک مثال قرار
دیا۔ جنس نومبر ۱۹۶۴ میں گرفتار کے ترکی
جلاوطن کر گیا۔

آری ڈی کے بانی کے ابتدائی
مہم کا شہرہ بکلا۔

حاصل کرنے کے قابل ہوں گے: زبید حسن
برطانوی فخر خارجہ نے بعد میں تھوڑے
کیا کہ آری ڈی کے قیام کی اصل تحریک غالباً
سینو کے سیاسی، عسکری پہلوؤں سے ہے۔ یمنانی
تھی، جسے اس کے اقتصادی پروگرام سے۔ اسی
ہے لندن اور واشنگٹن میں تنظیم پر نظر سے ہوئے
تھے۔ تینوں ممالک کا صدر اٹھا کر آری ڈی سینو کو
کمزور کرنے کے بجائے علاقائی تعاون فروغ
دینے کی کوشش ہے، اگرچہ برطانوی تجربے میں
اس مغربی اتحادیوں سے نسبتاً آزاد پالیسی کی

بھی۔ ہجرت کے مطابق افغانستان اپنی غیر جانب دار پالیسی ترک کر کے بیٹو کے تین ارکان کے ساتھ کسی رسمی تنظیم میں شامل ہو کر سوویت یونین کو ناراض نہیں کرنا چاہتا تھا۔ پاکستان کے ساتھ پشتونستان کا مسئلہ اور ایران و عرب دنیا کے

چنانچہ افغانستان نے کسی ذمی کے ساتھ
 کسی حکومت کے سچے تجارتی مراعات، سیاست
 اور مواصلات میں شیوہ میں، خواہ وہ فرانس اور
 دیگر ذمی کسی نے تجارت، صنعت، زراعت،
 معینات، قطعہ، سخت، مواصلات، سیاست،
 ذاک، بلکہ کیونچھ اور فریج سمیت کسی
 شیوہ میں تعاون کے منصوبے بنائے۔ تین
 ممالک نے آزاد یا نسبتاً آزاد فوج و حرکت
 تجارت، مشترکہ منصوبوں، تجارتی معاہدوں،
 چیچر زائف کامرس کے تعاون، فضائی اور بحری
 جہازوں، ہلکے اور بڑے ریلوں اور ٹرکیں مابین
 کے تعلق کے منصوبوں کیلئے کسی سمجھوتہ کے
 مطابق تینوں پیشین بڑی حد تک ایک جیسی
 تھیں۔

پاکستان اور ترکی زرقی معیشتیں تھیں،
جبکہ ایران اگرچہ تیل کی دولت رکھتا تھا، مگر پھر بھی
اس کی معیشت بالخصوص معدنیات کے اس کا نتیجہ نہ تھا۔ اگرچہ
تیل کی کمی کے اس کا پس منظر بہت سی مصنوعات نہیں
تھیں جن کی دوسرے کو فروغ ضرورت تھی۔ سنہ
1958ء سے 1962ء کے دوران تیلیں سرمایہ کار
کی مجموعی بین الاقوامی تجارت میں باہمی تجارت کا
حصہ دو فیصد سے بھی کم تھا۔ چنانچہ آئی ڈی کی
اصل امید معدنیات تجارت پر مبنی تھی۔ تاہم، یہ
خصوصاً صنعتی مصنوعات کی تجارت پیدا کرنے
وہ ثابت ہوگئی جس خواب کی تعبیر کے لیے
مواصلاتی بنیادی اہلیت رکھتے تھے۔
کراچی سے ایران اور پھر ترکی کے تیل کے مانی

منصوبے میں سڑک اور ریل روابط بہتر بنانے کی بات کی گئی، اگرچہ بعد میں برطانوی دفتر خارجہ نے اس شعبے میں آرسی ڈی کی عملی پیش رفت کو محدود قرار دیا۔

آر سی ڈی شینگ سرولے نے جون
1966ء میں علاقائی ٹی وی پر کارٹون کیا۔ اس
مقصد تینوں ملک کا اپنی بھرپور حمایت میں
حصہ دہا نا اور فریگیٹ جنگ کینین پر ہتھمدر
کرنا فضائی تلوان میں مشرقی اسیزرائیل کا
خیال میں چڑی گیا لیکن برطانوی بحر خارجہ
کے وزیر ایک اضافی مشکل تھی کہ پاکستان
انتھیل اسیزرائیل پر آئی اسے ایرانی اور ترک
ایسیزرائیل کے ساتھ میں کہیں بہتر احوال پر
تک تینوں ملک میں واحد کھیل بین الاقوامی
ایسیزرائیل تھی۔ چنانچہ وہ دو دنیا کو شرمات
داروں کے ساتھ ملے پر آمادہ نہیں تھی اور
بالآخر مشرقی اسیزرائیل کا منصوبہ ترک کر دیا
گیا یہ ہم فضائی تعاون مکمل طور پر نہاں نہیں

میں 1966ء میں ہجرت لکھنؤ کے رہا۔ اس کے بعد 1966ء میں تینوں ایزی ائیر لائنز میں ایک دوسرے کے ملازمین میں جڑیل ایجنٹ کے طور پر کام کرنے پر اتفاق کیا۔ بدقسمتیاً سال ہی آئی اس اور ایران ایزی ائیر سہیل کے ساتھ جیسے سروس شروع کر دی۔ فضائی ٹینپڈوں کے زمانہ بعض مشترکہ تعلقات اور بین الاقوامی فوسر پر مشترکہ موقت اختیار کرنے پر بھی اتفاق ہوا۔ ایرانی کے لیے کھانا پکانا ضرور حاصل میں ڈاک، ٹیلی گراف اور ٹیلی فون کے نرخ سے بے تحاشی کے معاوضے ہوئے، سیاحت کے شعبے میں تعاون برآمد، مشترکہ ٹیپیر کا کام اور شوقی فوٹو گرافی ہوا، شیکسٹر کے شروع ہوئی اور ٹینپس یونین

آرسی ڈی کی ایک علامت اس کے

مشترک واک لکھ گئی تھی، جو 1965 سے 1979 تک جاری ہوئے۔ بے اثر تینوں ممالک کی تاریخی شخصیات، تحقیقی ورثے اور مناظر کو نمایاں کرتے ہیں۔ لیکن بڑے صنعتی منصوبے زیادہ تر کانڈوں تک ہی محدود رہے۔ بہت کم مقامات پر قائم شدہ جموں واپر 81 اقتصادی منصوبے تجویز کیے، ان میں سے 49 منظور ہوئے۔ گورنر 17 محلی اختیار کر گئے۔ وجوہات کی تعمیل، بے وسائل کی کمی، تینوں ممالک کے خزانہ داروں، فسادات، کمزور اقتصادی صلاحیت، بیرونی سرمائے اور تینا لائی کی ضرورت اور فوجی ترجیحات، ٹیکہ دوسرے سے

ترکی مغربی یورپ سے قریبی تعلقات کی طرف رجحان رکھتا ہے، پاکستان اڑیا کے ساتھ پیشگی فیصلہ انجمن ارباب اور ایران کی فاس میں اپنے کردار کو وسعت دینے سے زیادہ دلچسپی رکھتا ہے۔ لیکن آئی ڈی کی جانب سے خواہ اس رفتار سے تحقیقات نہ بن جائیں، کسی امید یا بین کے بغیر آئی ڈی کی سیاسی اہمیت کا سیاسی طور پر بھارتیہ کی جانب سے جھوٹا قبول کرنا ہی کیوں نہیں ہو سکتا؟ لیکن ان کے درمیان جڑاؤ دینے سے جتنی بھی عرصہ لگے، وہ ایک سیاسی جاتی دشمنی پیدا کر رہا تھا۔ پاکستان یا جاتی آئی ڈی کو زیادہ سیاسی کردار سے پروردہ نہ لگے۔

آرپی ڈی کا سیکریٹریٹ مہراں میں تھا جسے رکن ممالک کے نمائندے ایک مخصوص مدت کے لیے باری باری سنبھالے۔ پاکستانی بیوروکریٹ مختار مسعود 1978 میں تہران میں آرپی ڈی کے سیکریٹری جنرل مقرر ہوئے اور بعد ازاں اس کے آخری سیکریٹری جنرل ثابت ہوئے۔ یہ وہ زمانہ تھا جب ایران اپنی تاریخ کے ایک بڑے انقلاب سے گزر رہا تھا۔ حالات

بہت برا آؤب تھے۔ اپنی کتاب 'لوحِ پائیم' میں
مختار مسعود لکھتے ہیں کہ حالات خراب ہونے کی
وجہ سے دفتر میں ملاقاتی بہت کم آتے تھے۔
ایسے میں ایک دن پاکستانی تاجر اور خانہ کار ایمنو
بجنڈرا ملنے آئے انھوں نے پاکستان اور ایران
کی باہمی تجارت بڑھانے اور پاکستانی برآمدات
میں اضافے کے لیے ایک تجویز پیش کی۔ ان
کے مطابق کچھ دیہہ جو عرصے سے اپنے کارخانہ کی
تیار کردہ برہیز سڑک کے ذریعے ایران برآمد کر کے
مشہد میں فروخت کر رہے تھے۔

جہاں اس کی مقبولیت کے باعث کھیت
 بڑھ گئی تھی، جس پر ادا بی شرب فرخشاہ اور
 مقامی میزبانانے ادا بی سے وزارت برائے
 (خجارت) سے لے کر کسٹم ڈیوٹی کا طریقہ بتا دیں
 کر ادا بی کو مسعود کے مطابق سیکھنا دیا بتایا
 کہ پہلے کسٹم ڈیوٹی کی قیمت کے حساب سے عائد
 ہوتی تھی مگر اب وزن کے حساب سے لی جانے
 لگی ہے۔ پاکستان میں شیشے کی بوتلوں میں دیکھ
 ایرانی اور ادا بی میز شیشے کے ٹھیک سے ڈبل میں
 فروخت ہوتی تھی۔ چنانچہ بوتلوں کے اشاریہ
 وزن کے باعث پاکستان میز پر دو گنا، چار گنا
 محصول پڑنے لگا اور اس کی برآمدت پر پابند ہو
 گئی۔ مگر اس کی وجہ سے کسٹم ڈیوٹی وزارت برائے
 سے اس طریقہ پر مشورہ کر ادا بی جس میں طرف
 وزن مہار کے صرف خاص میز پر کسٹم ڈیوٹی
 عائد کی جائے۔ ان کے خیال میں اس مقصد کے
 لیے آری ڈی کا قانون دیکھا جائے۔

مخبرِ مسعود لکھتے ہیں کہ ان کا خیال تھا کہ اگر سی ڈی کے سیکرٹری جنرل کی حیثیت سے تہران میں ابتدائی ملاقاتوں کے لیے ایک ماہ کافی ہوگا، مگر ایسا نہ ہو سکا۔ ان کے بقول، جب بھی وہ مختلف وزارتوں سے ملاقاتوں کا ایک دورِ مکمل کرنے لگتے، حکمتِ عملی بدل جاتی اور انھیں دوبارہ

ہاں! قاتل شروع کرتا ہے۔ جس کام کے لیے انھوں نے ایک مصرف میں بیڈنگ سمجھا تھا اسے دو سال لگے اور پھر بھی عمل نہ ہو سکا۔ اور انھوں نے امیر عباس سے بوجہ اس ملاقات کی جو اس وقت وزیر دربار تھے اس سے پہلے رسول سے زیادہ عرصے تک ایران کے وزیر اعظم رہ چکے تھے۔ مثلاً سوسنے ان سے کہا کہ بوجہ کہ وہ حکومت میں ایران نے اس وقت ترقی کی بلکہ آری ڈی سے زیادہ حقائق پوری نہ ہو سکیں۔ انھوں نے ان کی طویل واسطی کے پیش نظر آری ڈی کے بارے میں ان کی رائے دریافت کی۔

ہویدے نے جواب دیا کہ وہ گزشتہ دوئی میں ہوئے والے آری ڈی کے تئیں سربراہی اجلاس میں شریک رہے تھے۔ خصوصاً ایوب خان کے دور کار میں اجلاس۔ ان کے مطابق ان اجلاس میں طویل کاہرہ آراء اور کامیاب حفاظ کے پہلازہ بہت تھے۔ مگر عمل درآمد نہ ہونے کے برابر تھا۔ اور کارڈی زیادہ تر کاغذی تھی۔ حتیٰ کہ ہویدے کے مطابق اس مائدہ مائیک کی ترقی کے لیے علاقائی تعاون کی راہ میں بھی بڑی کوششیں نہیں کی۔ جو پوری حکومتوں کی بار بار تائید اور اخلاقی مسائل کی شریحت، جس کے باعث کھراؤں کے پاس علاقائی مسائل کے لیے نہ ضرورت تھی حتیٰ کہ حوصلہ انھوں نے بنایا کہ انھوں نے خود علاقائی تعاون کے کئی منصوبے پیش کیے تھے۔

مثلاً کے طور پر ایران کا گروشت کی ضرورت کی جگہ کی کہ اس کی پیچھے کیاں بہت تھیں۔ انھوں نے ایران کی سرحد پر سرحد پر ہڈ بھڑکا اور سرخانہ کی تعمیر کا منصوبہ بنایا جس میں کی جانور فراغت اور ان کی سرپرستی کا مگر اوشکھل کے باوجود منصوبے نہ بڑھ سکے۔



Ronaldo hints at retirement, says upcoming year could be his last



SPORTS DESK, Cristiano Ronaldo on Sunday fuelled speculation about his retirement plans after saying the upcoming year will probably be the last of his playing career.

The 41-year-old Portugal captain is one of the most decorated players of all time, winning major trophies with Manchester United, Real Madrid, Juventus and current club Al-Nassr

since making his senior debut for Sporting in 2002.

Ronaldo, a five-time Ballon d’Or winner, was unable to add a World Cup title to his list of honours after Portugal fell short at this year’s tournament, leaving the sport’s biggest prize absent from his trophy cabinet.

“This is probably my last year of football, and I want to leave a spectacular

legacy,” Ronaldo told lifestyle magazine Vogue in an interview published on Sunday.

The forward has scored 976 goals for club and country during a career spanning more than two decades.

“I have so many things to keep me busy that to tell you just one thing is hard. Because football could leave a big hole, you have to fill your time in vari-

ous ways, not just one,” he said.

“And also have more fun, travel more, watch and play padel, which I really like, and continue to enjoy what I’ve earned—what we’ve earned. Because after all it’s been 25 years with a lot of sacrifice.” Ronaldo will continue playing for Saudi Pro League club Al-Nassr this season as he closes in on the milestone of 1,000 career goals.

Pakistan seek response after England rout

SPORTS DESK, KARACHI: Pakistan head into a must-win World Cup clash against Wales on Monday after a 4-1 defeat by England exposed weaknesses in their defence and left little room for error in Group D.

England produced a mature and controlled perfor-



mance at the Wagener Hockey Stadium in Amstelveen, scoring in every quarter to secure a convincing victory over an inexperienced Pakistan side. Afraz scored Pakistan’s only goal, offering some relief after England had taken control of the contest. Pakistan started brightly and created opportunities but failed to convert them. They were also denied by the woodwork on one occasion, while another effort narrowly failed to beat the England goalkeeper. England, however, maintained possession and dictated the tempo, showing the composure and consistency required in the fast-paced modern game. Pakistan manager Mohammad Awais Qarni said his side had already identified the mistakes that contributed to the defeat and would now focus entirely on Wales. “Yes, we are focusing on Wales and it’s a do-or-die match for us,” Awais told The Express Tribune from the Netherlands on Sunday.

Douglass reclaims 50m freestyle world record

SPORTS DESK, LOS ANGELES: Kate Douglass shattered the women’s 50m freestyle world record on Saturday, clocking 23.49sec in the heats at the Pan Pacific Championships to set a tantalizing showdown with former record-holder Gretchen Walsh.

Douglass improved on the world mark of 23.55sec that fellow-American Walsh set on June 28 at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome. Walsh’s mark had improved on the world record of 23.59 that Douglass herself had set on June 19 -- and Douglass said that she believed she could still improve technically.

“I definitely wasn’t expecting that,” Douglass told Swimming World magazine. “I still think there are things I could clean up.” Douglass’s impressive performance came little more than 12 hours after she delivered the second-fastest 100m freestyle in history swimming the lead-off leg on the United States’s victorious 4x100m free relay.

Marchand wins first Euros gold as Liebmann breaks 1500m free world record



SPORTS DESK, PARIS: French four-time Olympic gold medallist Leon Marchand won the 200m butterfly final at the European championships in Paris on Saturday to claim his first continental title, while German teenager Johannes Liebmann smashed the 1,500m freestyle world record.

Two years on from his exploits at the Paris Games, Marchand returned to form in the French capital as he put injury woes behind him to claim Euro gold in a world-leading time of 1 minute 51.72 seconds.

The 24-year-old finished a huge 2.34sec ahead of Hungarian silver medallist Richard Marton, with Greece’s Apostolos Siskos rounding off the podium a further 0.04sec behind.

“It was a brilliant moment,” Marchand said.

“There was an absolutely mad atmosphere in the pool, I’ll remem-

ber it for a long time.

“The last 50 metres were really good. I think it’s the best 50 metres I’ve swum in a long time, but that also means I might have been able to get off to a faster start.”

Hampered by a thigh injury picked up at French nationals in June, Marchand has a reduced programme at the Euros.

He won a silver medal with the 4x200m freestyle relay with France earlier this week and the Toulouse native will have another chance for gold on Sunday when he competes in the 400m freestyle.

Marchand’s gold was his country’s first individual title at these championships, but he soon had company in the form of Mary-Ambre Moluh when she won the 100m backstroke.

The 20-year-old’s 57.94sec finish was a European record. Marrit Steenbergen of the Netherlands and France’s Pauline Mahieu completed the podium.

Liebmann double

Liebmann bettered American Bobby Finke’s 2024 Olympics world record in the 1,500m freestyle by just shy of four seconds as he won a second gold of the Euros.

The 19-year-old clocked a time of 14min 26.79sec for victory, 12.66sec ahead of Hungary’s Zalan Sarkany in silver and German Oliver Klemet in third. Liebmann already broke a continental record this Euros when he claimed 800m freestyle gold on Wednesday.

Kasia Wasick of Poland stunned Sweden’s Sarah Sjöström and Italian Sara Curtis by claiming gold in the 50m freestyle in 23.84sec.

Sjöström’s silver, 0.02sec adrift of Wasick, was the 30th European medal of the 32-year-old’s career.

Curtis, 19, who has already had a championships to remember after breaking the 50m backstroke world record twice, took bronze to bring her tally in Paris to five medals.

Ireland’s Ellen Walshe took gold in the 200m medley with a time of 2min 09.81sec.

After victory on Friday in the 400m medley, it was the 24-year-old’s second major long-course win.

“I can’t believe it,” Walshe told RTE Sport. “I don’t know how I was feeling coming into it, I don’t even know, I’m just so shocked.”

Italy’s Anita Gastaldi earned silver with a time of 2min 10.07sec and Belgian Roos Vanotterdijk finished third at 0.29sec. Gastaldi’s compatriot Nicolo Martinenghi grabbed his second gold of the championships by touching the wall first in the 50m breaststroke.

His second gold this week in Paris brought his career European tally in individual events to four.

Martinenghi’s time of 26.57sec was 0.05 faster than Dutchman Koen de Groot and Italian Simone Cerasuolo.



Silver medalists He Zhen/Zhou Kunyi (L) of China pose for photograph during the awarding ceremony for the Women’s Duet Free Event of the World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships in Budapest, Hungary,

Sevilla rally, Alaves cruise in La Liga opener

SPORTS DESK, LONDON: Sevilla scored from two second-half penalties as they came roaring back from a goal down to beat Rayo Vallecano 2-1 at home and Alaves hammered 10-man Getafe 3-0 as Spain’s LaLiga got under way on Saturday evening.

In a hotly contested late kick-off, a dreadful defensive error by Arouna Sangante allowed Alvaro Garcia to open the scoring for Vallecano in the fourth minute. The first half was held up by a number of lengthy VAR reviews, with Vallecano keeper



Augusto Batalla breathing a sigh of relief when a penalty awarded against him for tangling with Sevilla forward Isaac Romero in the box was overturned. They had no such luck

early in the second half when goal-scorer Garcia felled Miguel Sierra in the box in the 50th minute, and Jin Guridi slammed home the subsequent spot kick to level for the home side. Sevilla’s Kike Salas was shown a straight red card for a reckless challenge in the 88th minute, and the game looked to be headed for a draw until Florian Lejeune hacked down substitute Robbie Ure in the box to concede a second penalty deep in stoppage time, with Gerard Fernandez scoring to snatch all three points for Sevilla.

Australia must rethink after Bangladesh shock, says Cummins

SPORTS DESK, Australia captain Pat Cummins admitted there were “no excuses” for his side’s shock nine-wicket defeat to Bangladesh in the first Test in Darwin on Sunday, with changes potentially on the cards for the second match in Mackay.

Bangladesh secured a historic maiden Test victory on Australian soil shortly before tea on the fourth day in Darwin after dominating much of the match. Australia were bowled out for 198 after Cummins elected to bat at the toss, before Bangladesh replied with 426.

“I thought our preparation was pretty much spot-on. I thought it was excellent, so, yeah, no excuses,” Cummins said at the post-match presentation.

“They outplayed us in all facets. I thought they were really patient and quite disciplined. Once we were behind, it was really hard to get back.” Australia struggled to make inroads with the ball after Bangladesh’s first-innings total, while several batters failed to capitalise. Jake Weatherald made 23 and a duck on his Test debut, while Marnus Labuschagne was unable to convert a second-innings start, putting both under scrutiny ahead of the second Test. Cummins said it was too early to determine whether changes would be made, but acknowledged the defeat would prompt discussions within the team. “I think every time there’s a game like this, you always kind of look at your match-ups and your make-up with the team for the next one,” he said.



Mark Selby (L) of England and Noppon Saengkham of Thailand pose before the final match at China Open 2026 snooker tournament in Taiyuan, north China’s Shanxi Province,



A vendor roasts corn cobs at his roadside setup near the Pirwahai area in the Federal Capital

111-Point Parliamentary Agenda Issued; BAC to decide session duration

APP- ISLAMABAD: Both houses of the Parliament will meet here on Monday to deliberate on crucial legislative and public interest matters.

A comprehensive 111-point agenda has been issued for the concurrent sessions of the National Assembly and the Senate.

Prior to these important sessions, a crucial meeting of the current National Assembly's Business Advisory Committee has also been summoned to discuss the business of the lower house, the duration of the session, and other key matters.

Business Advisory Committee Meeting

Ahead of the regular National Assembly session, the Business Advisory Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Speaker's Lounge, chaired by the

Speaker. The committee will determine the duration of the current National Assembly session, finalize the business to be conducted in the House, and consider other relevant matters with the permission of the Chair. Key government and opposition figures have been invited to attend the meeting.

A 42-point agenda has been issued for the National Assembly session, scheduled to commence at 5:00 p.m. According to the agenda, lawmakers will present calling attention notices regarding the growing water scarcity in Islamabad, the need for water purification plants, and the inordinate delay in the allotment of land for the construction of the National Museum at Shakarparian.

The House will introduce several new amendment bills, including the Employees' Old-Age Benefits, Natural

Gas Development Surcharge, and Gas Infrastructure Development Cess bills.

Furthermore, standing committees on Commerce, Defense, Privatization, and Maritime Affairs will present their reports on various bills, including the Insurance Bill and the Copyright (Amendment) Bill. Bills seeking amendments to the Travel Agencies Act, Pakistan Tourist Guides Act, and Motion Pictures Ordinance, which have already been passed by the Senate, will also be laid before the House for final approval.

The Upper House (Senate) session will convene at 4:00 p.m., for which a lengthy 69-point agenda has been issued.

During the Senate proceedings, reports from standing committees on various bills, including those related to Lok Virsa, National Textile University, the Civil Servants Act, and Area Study

Centres, will be presented.

Private members' bills aiming to control the use of disposable syringes in Islamabad and amend criminal laws are also part of the agenda. Additionally, the House will hold detailed discussions on matters of public importance, including alleged irregularities in the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), the rising number of maternal deaths due to postpartum hemorrhage, the escalating trade deficit, the performance of Pakistan Railways, and the NDMA's preparedness to tackle monsoon floods.

The agenda also features resolutions for approval, including a proposal to train Imams and Khatees to promote human rights, tolerance, and social justice, as well as a resolution paying tribute to the bravery of Shaheed Group Captain Asim Tariq.

Tarbela Dam reaches full capacity as monsoon rains raise flood risk

STAFF REPORT, ISLAMABAD: Monsoon rains have significantly changed the water situation in the country's rivers and reservoirs, with Tarbela Dam reaching its maximum storage level and Mangla Dam's water level rising to 68 per cent.

Low-level flooding has been reported in the Indus River at Tarbela, Kalabagh, Chashma and Taunsa, while low-level flooding is also expected in the Ravi and Chenab rivers over the next 24 to 48 hours.

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department, medium-level flooding is likely in streams and nullahs connected to the Ravi and Chenab rivers from August 17 to 19. Rain accompanied by strong winds and thunderstorms is expected in Islamabad, Kashmir and several parts of Punjab during the next 24 hours. Rain has also been forecast for Rawalpindi, Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Sialkot and Sheikhupura. The weather department has issued an alert for heavy rainfall in Peshawar, Mardan, Swat, Abbottabad and Haripur in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Rain is also expected in the upper catchment areas of the Indus River, Dera Ghazi Khan, Mianwali and Musa Khel district of Balochistan. The Met Office has forecast widespread heavy rainfall across Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad and Kashmir during the next 48 hours.

Shifa Foundation concludes youth internship programme

APP- ISLAMABAD: Shifa Foundation has successfully concluded the third cohort of its flagship "NUR of Tomorrow" Youth Internship Programme at Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad, equipping young students with essential life, health, safety and leadership skills. Speaking at the graduation ceremony, Shifa Foundation Executive Director Dr. Abdul Wahab Hassan said young people did not need to wait for the future to make a difference, adding that they could begin creating positive change today. The four-day programme brought together students from colleges and universities in Islamabad, Rawalpindi and surrounding areas. It featured practical training in emergency preparedness, first aid, CPR, fire safety, disaster response, mental health, stress management, resilience, communication, teamwork and professionalism. Participants also received training in digital literacy and cyber safety, including online privacy, responsible use of artificial intelligence, workplace ethics and profile development. Through interactive sessions, practical demonstrations and group activities, the participants engaged with healthcare professionals, development practitioners and subject experts, building confidence in leadership, volunteerism, social action and community service. Coinciding with International Youth Day 2026, the programme also highlighted the role of youth in building healthier, safer, inclusive and sustainable communities. Shifa Foundation launched a youth-led tree plantation drive to promote environmental responsibility and climate resilience.

Khawaja Asif hails Sialkot Chamber's major healthcare initiative

APP- SIALKOT: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said that the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) has launched a major healthcare initiative aimed at addressing the city's long-standing need for advanced medical facilities.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Sialkot Medical City Limited (SMCL) held in a local marquee at Cantt Sialkot, the minister said that the initiative was a welcome and much-needed venture for Sialkot, expressing hope that the project would be completed at the earliest and bring significant benefits to the people of the city and surrounding areas. Federal Minister said that residents of Sialkot had to travel to Lahore in cases of serious medical emergencies, resulting in the loss of valuable time during critical situations. While some affluent patients are able to travel abroad for treatment, the availability of advanced healthcare facilities within the region remains essential.

He noted that the government is also expected to lay the foundation stone for a cardiac hospital along with a 500-bed hospital within the coming days. However, he pointed out that public-sector healthcare facilities of this scale and quality remain limited.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif said that the new healthcare initiative was part of a broader series of public-oriented projects undertaken by the Sialkot Chamber over nearly four



strong contribution to employment and exports. He said Sialkot had established a strong position in the international market, particularly in the football manufacturing industry.

"Football is the most widely played sport in the world, and Sialkot has established a dominant position in its manufacturing," he said, emphasizing the city's global reputation.

He further said Sialkot's industrial sector was providing employment opportunities to people and maintaining international standards while competing in global markets. "Sialkot's exporters are not competing with small names; they have built such a reputation that leading international brands are compelled to come to their doorstep and benefit from their services," he said. Federal Minister expressed confidence that the new healthcare project would further strengthen Sialkot's position as a major economic and service hub, while providing residents with access to quality medical treatment closer to home. Provincial Minister for Labour and Human Resource Punjab Muhammad Manshaullah Butt, Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) Ch. Faisal Ikram, Group leader Sialkot Business Community Riaz-ud-Din Sheikh (SI), Chairman Sialkot International Airport Limited (SIAL) Abdul Ghaffoor Malik, Chairman SMCL Khawaja Masood Akhtar (SI/HL, Ambassador-at-Large for Export Promotion), CEO Majid Raza Bhutta.



A craftsman busy in preparing clay-made stuff at his work place in Kumhar para

Islamic countries condemn Israel's rejection of Gaza comprehensive plan

APP- ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Ministers of Pakistan, Egypt, Türkiye, Indonesia, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates condemned the declared Israeli rejection of the Road Map for completing the implementation of US President Trump's Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict, as endorsed by UN Security Council Resolution 2803, and the Israeli rejection of Palestinian statehood. In a joint statement, they said these positions amount to a direct repudiation of the Comprehensive Plan, jeopardise its implementation, and fundamentally undermine the collective efforts undertaken to achieve a just and lasting peace. Such rejection confirms that Israel now bears responsibility for obstructing the efforts to bring peace in Gaza and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. "The Road Map, which has been accepted by the Palestinian factions, is the conclusion of extensive efforts exerted by the

mediators, namely Egypt, Qatar, Türkiye, the USA, the High Representative of Gaza and the Board of Peace, and constitutes a vital milestone for the decommisioning of weapons concurrently with the withdrawal of Israeli forces, the deployment of the International Stabilization Force, the transfer of the administrative authority to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza and the reconstruction of Gaza as stipulated in the Comprehensive Plan," they added. They said, "Rejecting the Road Map constitutes an explicit refusal to proceed with the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, and directly threatens to derail the extensive efforts exerted by US President Trump to bring an end to the war in Gaza and establish the conditions for lasting peace." In this regard, the Ministers underscore the importance of sustained and active US engagement to ensure and enforce Israel's full compliance with the commit-

ments and arrangements envisaged under the Comprehensive Plan and its Road Map, and to prevent further obstruction of their implementation. They further stress that Israel bears direct and full responsibility for any consequences resulting from its continued rejection, obstruction, delay or non-compliance, including any resulting deterioration of the situation on the ground and disruption of ending the war in Gaza. The Ministers reaffirmed the urgent need for the full and immediate implementation of the Comprehensive Plan in order to address the grave humanitarian situation, ensure security and stability for all in Gaza, and pave the way for reconstruction and recovery and advancing a just and lasting peace grounded in the Palestinian right to self-determination and statehood in accordance with international law, thereby paving the way for security and stability for all countries and peoples of the region.

IIUI's 331 high-quality research publications recorded for 2025

APP- ISLAMABAD: On the occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day celebrations, the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) proudly announced that 105 faculty members produced 331 high-quality, ranking-relevant research publications during 2025, strengthening IIUI's research profile nationally and internationally.

According to the university, this achievement was accomplished under the Research Excellence Incentive Framework, launched in August 2025 by IIUI President Prof. Dr. Ahmed Saad Alahmed as part of his Initiative for Scholarly Recognition.

The President's vision placed research excellence at the centre of institutional progress, while his personal

efforts secured Rs. 4.83 million, with support from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to reward eligible publications, it stated.

Working as a team under the President's leadership, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Shuja Syed, Vice President, Research and Enterprise, guided the framework's implementation and its alignment with national research standards and international ranking indicators.

Dr. Rashid Farooq, Director of the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), coordinated the submission and review process.

Their efforts transformed the initiative into a transparent and workable mechanism that produced measurable results within its first year.



Labourers unload bundles of sugarcane from a delivery truck at the Fruit Market in the Federal Capital