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Nawaz, Shehbaz Sharif discuss new AJK PM

Govt accuses PTL of violating SC order



Iran says new sanctions threatened by ‘desperate’ US will fail



MONITORING DESK, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Sunday dismissed the threat of new US sanctions as a sign of desperation and said the expected new measures would fail to defeat Tehran.

“We have never been afraid. All of their actions - whether blockades or other military moves they have made - have failed, and this new issue of theirs will fail as well,” he said. Araghchi stated that the US “has no way forward other than dialogue with the Iranian nation with respect, solution based on justice, dignity,” Iran’s state-owned Press TV reported.

Separately, Iran’s ISNA news agency posted on X that Araghchi termed US President Donald Trump’s “economic war” “the same old American bullying.”

“The economic war is a repetitive scenario and the same perennial bullying in American policies. This is a repetitive film that we have seen many times and we know how to confront it,” ISNA quoted Araghchi as saying.

In another post, it noted that the foreign minister said that “America has returned to old schemes of military threats and claims of attacks and strikes,”

which he stated “shows that it has become desperate in the face of the Iranian nation and has no new solution.”

Earlier, Iran’s Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said that Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir would visit Tehran on Monday.

Pakistan has taken on a mediator role in negotiations between Iran and the US aimed at ending the war which began with US and Israeli strikes on Iran in February.

The visit aims to bolster bilateral cooperation and build on “Pakistan’s efforts to

help strengthen peace and security in the region,” Baghaei said in remarks carried by Iran’s state-run news agency IRNA, Anadolu reported.

Baghaei added that CDF Munir would hold discussions with senior Iranian officials during the trip.

Two Pakistani government sources confirmed CDF Munir’s visit to Reuters, with the first source saying that Iran and Pakistan were in direct contact. A second source said the talks would also address recent developments in the conflict, including US President Donald Trump’s threat of tougher sanctions on Iran.

Bangladesh signals openness to joining Pakistan-Saudi-Turkiye defence agreement

MONITORING DESK, Bangladesh has signalled that it is open to joining the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye, as Dhaka seeks to expand its strategic partnerships while keeping national interests at the centre of its foreign policy, it



emerged on Saturday, according to state-run Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS).

“Bangladesh maintains a positive approach towards the possibility of joining an economic or defence framework involving Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Türkiye, taking into account its own interests and the changing dynamics of the global economy and trade, said Bangladesh Prime Minister’s Adviser for Foreign Affairs Humayun Kobir. Kobir said Bangladesh was pursuing a balanced foreign policy under its “Bangladesh First” approach in the international arena, with national interests at its core.

“Bangladesh is strengthening its working bilateral relationship with Pakistan as part of normal diplomatic engagement, with a focus on trade and bilateral people-to-people connectivity,” he said. Kobir said Prime Minister Tarique Rahman’s visit to Riyadh, at the invitation of Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman, was likely to be finalised soon after the summer. The remarks come just over two weeks after Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye signed the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement in Makkah on August 7. Under the pact, an armed attack against any one of the three signatories is to be regarded as an attack against all three. The agreement also envisages broader defence cooperation and collective deterrence. Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan has described the arrangement as technically similar to NATO’s Article 5 mutual-defence provision, while stressing that it is not directed against Iran or any other country.

Sindh govt again seeks SHC judicial commission to probe Mir Raza murder case

STAFF RPEORT, KARACHI: The Sindh government has once again decided to request the chief justice of the Sindh High Court (SHC) to constitute a judicial commission to investigate the murder of Mir Raza Ali, the Sindh chief minister’s spokesperson said on Sunday.

Soon after the killing, the Sindh government had decided to constitute a judicial commission headed by an SHC judge to oversee a transparent and impartial investigation. It later deferred the formation of the commission after the victim’s family expressed confidence in a newly constituted police investigation team.

The spokesperson, in a statement today, said the Sindh government had taken the concerns raised by Ali’s family “extremely seriously” and that a letter sent by the family to the chief minister had been received. “The judicial commission will conduct an impartial and transparent investigation into the murder case and examine any shortcomings in the investigation, important aspects and evidence requiring further inquiry,” the spokesperson said.

The statement added that the commission would also review the role of police, medico-legal officers and other relevant officials. It may recommend action if negligence, dereliction of duty, professional misconduct or tampering with



evidence was established.

According to a spokesperson, the commission would have the authority to recommend further investigation and forensic analysis. Under the Sindh Tribunals of Inquiry Ordinance 1969, it would have powers equivalent to those of a civil court and would be able to summon witnesses, record statements on oath, and requisition documents and records. “The chief minister has directed all government departments, institutions and officials to fully cooperate with the commission, while the Home Department will provide the necessary secretariat support,” the spokesperson said. The statement said that the commission would submit its report, findings and recommendations to the Sindh government within 30 days of its establishment. Its term may be extended if required to ensure a complete and fair investigation. The spokesperson said the commission would comprehensively review the investigation procedure and the role of relevant authorities, and would have full authority to recommend appropriate action in accordance with the law. “The Sindh government stands with the family of Ali,” the spokesperson said, adding that a transparent judicial inquiry would address the family’s legitimate concerns and further strengthen confidence in the rule of law.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a review meeting regarding reforms in the agriculture sector

Nawaz, Shehbaz Sharif discuss new AJK PM

MONITORING DESK, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif have consulted on the selection of the new prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. An important meeting was held at Jati Umra under the chairmanship of Nawaz Sharif, with Shehbaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz also in attendance. According to sources, the meeting



focused on the election of the new AJK prime minister, while names of potential candidates for the position were also discussed.

Sources said Shah Ghulam Qadir

and Tariq Farooq are among the names being considered for the top AJK government post.

According to the sources, either of the two leaders could potentially be nominated as the new prime minister of Azad Kashmir. The final decision is expected to be announced soon after consultations within the PML-N leadership are completed. The meeting also covered the political situation in the country and other important matters, according to sources.

CDF Munir to visit Tehran on Monday: Iranian foreign ministry

STAFF REPORT, Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir will visit Tehran on Monday, Iran’s Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said on Sunday, according to Iran’s state-owned Press TV. The visit aims to bolster bilateral cooperation and build on “Pakistan’s efforts to help strengthen peace and security in the region,” Baghaei said in remarks carried by Iran’s state-run news agency IRNA,

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Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi talks to senior railway officials during an inspection visit to the passenger facility areas, including the Economy Waiting Lounge for Ladies, at Multan Railway Station

Rawalpindi: SP Security Holds Open Court, Orders Prompt Complaint Resolution

Rawalpindi (FIR Report)

SP Security Asghar Ali Goraia held an open court at the Police Lines Headquarters. The SP Security issued orders to the concerned officers to resolve the complaints of the citizens after listening to them. Legal action should be taken on the marked applications within the given time frame. The SP Security directed the concerned officers to ensure that no negligence will be tolerated in the immediate resolution of the problems of the citizens. SP Security Asghar Ali Goraia issued instructions to the concerned officers. According to the details, SP Security Asghar Ali Goraia held an open court at the Police Lines Headquarters. The SP Security issued orders to the concerned officers to ensure that legal action should be taken on the marked applications within the given time frame. No



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ers and said that the best service delivery for the citizens will be ensured at all times in the police stations. According to the vision of the Chief Minister of Punjab, the protection of the lives and property of the citizens and their Providing facilities to the public is the top priority for which all measures are being taken.

Rawalpindi: Churches Given Enhanced Security, Says CPO



Rawalpindi (FIR Report)

According to the instructions of CPO Hassan Mushtaq Sukhera, Rawalpindi Police has made effective security arrangements for the security of churches, senior officers are present in the field and are supervising the security arrangements, entry into churches is being ensured after a

full body search, all resources are being used to protect the rights of minorities and ensure peace and order, CPO Hassan Mushtaq Sukhera. According to the details, according to the instructions of CPO Hassan Mushtaq Sukhera, Rawalpindi Police has made effective security arrangements for the security of churches, senior officers are present in the field

and are supervising the security arrangements, entry into churches is being ensured after a full body search, CPO Hassan Mushtaq Sukhera said that while ensuring the security of people coming for worship, they should be treated with courtesy, all resources are being used to protect the rights of minorities and ensure peace and order.

Gujranwala : Crackdown Against Illegal Cattle Farms – Madina Colony



Gujranwala (Beauru Report)

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala, the SDEO PERA Force City launched a crackdown against illegal cattle

farms operating in the residential area of Madina Colony following a public complaint. During the operation, 2 persons were arrested and fined, while Eviction/Enforcement Orders (EPOs) are being issued

against the violators. The action reflects the district administration's commitment to addressing public complaints, ensuring compliance with regulations, and protecting the residential environment.

On the special instructions of Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala Naveed Ahmed, Superintendent Admin Asim Tufail conducted a detailed inspection of Union Council 16



Gujranwala (Bureau Report)

According to details: Superintendent Admin Asim Tufail carried out a detailed inspection of Union Council 16 while implementing the special instructions of Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala. During the inspection, the clean-

liness situation was found to be very poor and the absence of many sanitary workers while the flaws in online attendance were identified. Three employees of Sathra Punjab Agency have been suspended for poor performance. Garbage was found scattered in various areas, streets and roads, while the cleanliness of the satel-

lite town main market park was also unsatisfactory. The inspection was conducted in the presence of FMO, Sanitary Inspector and Supervisor. Regarding the poor performance of the concerned staff and irregularities in attendance, the concerned authorities were advised to take immediate improvement measures.

Jhang: Case Registered Over Death Threats to Senior Journalist

Jhang (FIR Report):

Satellite Town Police have registered a case against unidentified suspects for allegedly issuing death threats to senior journalist Rana Muhammad Ghulam Arif.

According to details, Rana Ghulam Arif, a senior member of Jhang Press Club and a representative of a private TV channel, was returning home after offering Maghrib prayers when three unidentified men riding two motorcycles intercepted him on the way. The suspects allegedly threatened him with serious consequences if he continued carrying out his journalistic duties and warned that he would be



killed if he refused to comply. Taking advantage of the darkness, the suspects fled the scene.

On the application submitted by Rana Muhammad Ghulam Arif at Satellite Town Police Station, the local police registered a case and launched a search for the suspects.

Journalistic circles in Jhang have strongly condemned the death

threats allegedly issued to senior journalist Rana Muhammad Ghulam Arif by elements attempting to prevent him from performing his professional duties. They have demanded that District Police Officer Jhang Sajid Hussain ensure the immediate arrest of the suspects and that they be given exemplary punishment in accordance with the law.

Members of Jhang Press Club expressed complete solidarity with Rana Muhammad Ghulam Arif and made it clear that if any delaying tactics are used in the arrest of the suspects, a nationwide protest will be announced, which will continue until the accused are arrested.

DC Gujranwala Naveed Ahmed reviewing the BRT Yellow Line Bus Service, Gujranwala project in detail



Gujranwala (Bureau Report)

According to details: Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala Naveed Ahmed visited the station and route of the under-construction BRT Yellow Line bus service project. He reviewed the progress regarding various parts of the project, ongoing

construction work, station construction and provision of facilities on the route.

The Deputy Commissioner issued instructions to the concerned officers to complete the construction work at a fast pace as per the prescribed standards and to ensure the timely completion of the project. He

said that the BRT Yellow Bus service will play an important role in providing modern, safe and better travel facilities to the citizens. Additional Deputy Commissioner Municipal Services Zeeshan Nadeem, Assistant Commissioner City Ashar Jameel and other concerned officers were also present on the occasion.

Two cases of anti-corruption department have been filed against the in-charge Naqul Branch Umar Virk located in Gujranwala District Kachhari, but despite this, the influential clerk is busy washing his hands in the river of bribery. Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala should take immediate notice



Gujranwala (Bureau Report)

In-charge Naqul Branch Umar Virk became an effective clerk in the first case while receiving a bribe of 20,000 while in the second case no.21/26 While the second time, through his assistant Habib Butt, the accused received a bribe from the victim, Rab Nawaz, in exchange for giving certi-

fied copies, in which Umar Virk' assistant Habib was caught on the spot. While Umar Virk, who has a strong mind, managed to escape from the scene and after getting interim bail, he returned to the same seat. History and now due to alleged collusion with the employees of Anti-Corruption Department, the next date has been set to 21.09.2026. Despite all this,

Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue and Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala not taking timely notice is a big question mark for the citizens. This is the biggest constraint of revenue, Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz and Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala should take immediate notice and issue an order to impose Pedda Act against Umar Virk.



People purchasing fresh vegetables from a stall at Aabpara Weekly Bazaar in the Federal Capital

CDA approves 23 commercial building plans in four DVC meetings

APP- ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has approved 23 commercial building plans out of 32 cases presented before the Design Vetting Committee (DVC) during its last four meetings held on June 4, June 16, July 30 and August 20, 2026.

According to the CDA, a total of 40 commercial building plan cases were scheduled for consideration during the four meetings. However, eight cases were withdrawn by architects and sponsors before the meetings due to incomplete documents and failure to meet the required conditions.

Of the remaining 32 cases presented before the DVC, 23 were approved while some cases were postponed due to incomplete presentation of basic parking arrangements and other mandatory parameters by architects and designers.



The CDA said the postponed and deferred cases would be presented again before the DVC after completion of all required documents and fulfillment of the relevant requirements. An advisory has also been issued to architects in this regard.

Five cases could not be presented because the concerned clients or architects were absent.

The CDA said, on the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and CDA Chairman, the authority is working to facilitate investment in

Islamabad, simplify business procedures and speed up approval of building plans while ensuring public safety. Under the revised procedure, the names of building owners as well as architects and consultants will be mentioned in the final approval letter issued by the DVC. Their names will also be displayed at the construction site during the construction period. The CDA said the measure would help fix responsibility in case of any unauthorized change in the approved design, with legal action possible against the owner, architect or consultant responsible for the violation. The authority said that while the approval process was being made easier and faster, additional responsibilities were also being placed on owners, architects and consultants to ensure compliance with approved designs and regulations.



Students giving entry test 2026-27 for Various Art and Design Degree Programs at University of Art & Design and Heritage, Jamshoro

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تفصیلات کے مطابق انسپکٹر جنرل آف پولیس اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی کی زیر صدارت اہم اجلاس منعقد ہو جس میں ڈی آئی جی ہید کوارٹرز محمد جواد طارق، ڈی آئی جی ایڈ آرڈر محمد شعیب طاہر اور اسلام آباد پولیس کے سینئر پولیس افسران نے شرکت کی۔ آئی جی اسلام آباد نے اجلاس میں فورس کی جاری و آئندہ بھرتیوں، عوام دوست اقدامات اور شہریوں کو مزید موثر، فوری اور معیاری پولیس سروسز کی فراہمی سے متعلق امور کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا۔ اجلاس میں اسلام آباد پولیس میں جاری بہتری کے عمل، آئندہ بھرتیوں کی منصوبہ بندی، افرادی قوت کی ضروریات اور فورس کی استعداد کار میں اضافے سے متعلق مختلف امور پر غور کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر سینئر پولیس افسران نے اپنے متعلقہ شعبہ جات میں جاری اقدامات اور پیش رفت سے آئی جی اسلام آباد کو آگاہ کیا۔ مزید برآں شہریوں کو بہتر اور بروقت پولیس خدمات کی فراہمی، عوامی سہولیات میں اضافے اور پولیس و شہریوں کے درمیان موثر رابطے کو مزید مضبوط بنانے سے متعلق مختلف تجاویز کا بھی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ آئی جی اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی نے تمام افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ پولیسنگ اور پبلک سروس ڈیلیوری کو جدید تقاضوں اور عوامی توقعات سے ہم آہنگ بنایا جائے، جبکہ شہریوں کو بروقت، باوقار اور معیاری پولیس خدمات کی فراہمی میں کسی قسم کی کوتاہی نہ برتی جائے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ جدید اور شفاف نظام کے ذریعے پولیس کی استعداد کار میں اضافہ، سروس ڈیلیوری میں بہتری اور شہریوں کے اعتماد کو مزید مضبوط بنانا اسلام آباد پولیس کی ترجیحات میں شامل ہے۔ تمام افسران تعویض کردہ ذمہ داروں کو پیشہ ورانہ انداز میں انجام دیتے ہوئے جاری اقدامات کو مقررہ مدت میں مکمل کریں۔ آئی جی اسلام آباد نے مزید ہدایت کی کہ عوامی مسائل کے فوری حل، موثر رسپانس اور شہریوں کو آسان و سہل پولیس خدمات کی فراہمی کے لیے جدید ٹیکنالوجی اور دستیاب وسائل کو بھرپور انداز میں بروئے کار لایا جائے۔ انہوں نے اس عزم کا اعلان کیا کہ اسلام آباد پولیس کو ایک جدید، شفاف، موثر اور عوام دوست ادارہ بنانے کے لیے اصلاحات اور عوامی سہولیات سے متعلق اقدامات کا سلسلہ مزید تیز کیا جائے گا۔

سینئر سپرنٹنڈنٹ آف پولیس آپریشنز اسلام آباد قاضی علی رضا نے تھانہ شالیمار اور کینپٹل پٹرول یونٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر کا دورہ کیا، انہوں نے جاری تعمیراتی کام اور منصوبے پر ہونے والی پیش رفت کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا۔ اس موقع پر ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد نے متعلقہ افسران سے تعمیراتی منصوبے کے مختلف مراحل، معیاری پیش رفت اور مقررہ ٹائم لائن کے حوالے سے بریفنگ لی۔ انہوں نے تعمیراتی کام کا معائنہ کرتے ہوئے ہدایت کی کہ منصوبے کو مقررہ مدت کے اندر اعلیٰ معیار کے مطابق مکمل کیا جائے اور تعمیراتی کام کے ہر مرحلے کی باقاعدہ نگرانی کو یقینی بنایا جائے۔ انہوں نے متعلقہ افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ تعمیراتی کام میں کسی قسم کی غیر ضروری تاخیر یا غفلت ہرگز برداشت نہیں کی جائے گی۔ تمام امور کو بروقت منصوبہ بندی کے تحت بروقت مکمل کیا جائے اور تعمیراتی معیار پر کسی قسم کا کٹھنوت نہ دیا جائے اور منصوبے کی تکمیل کے دوران تمام تکنیکی اور حفاظتی تقاضوں پر سختی سے عملدرآمد یقینی بنایا جائے۔ ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد قاضی علی رضا نے مزید کہا کہ کینپٹل پٹرول یونٹ اسلام آباد پولیس کا ایک اہم آپریشنل یونٹ ہے، جو شہریوں کے جان و مال کے تحفظ، شاہراہوں پر موثر نشتر فوری رسپانس اور جرائم کی روک تھام میں کلیدی کردار ادا کرتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یونٹ کے جدید ہیڈ کوارٹر کی بروقت تکمیل سے اس کی آپریشنل استعداد کار میں مزید اضافہ ہوگا اور عوام کو مزید موثر، بروقت اور معیاری پولیس خدمات فراہم کرنے میں مدد ملے گی۔ دورے کے اختتام پر ایس ایس پی آپریشنز نے متعلقہ افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ منصوبے کو مقررہ ٹائم لائن کے مطابق جلد از جلد مکمل کیا جائے، کام کے معیار پر خصوصی توجہ دی جائے اور منصوبے کی بروقت تکمیل کے لیے تمام دستیاب وسائل بروئے کار لائے جائیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ اسلام آباد پولیس جدید انفراسٹرکچر، موثر پولیسنگ اور عوام دوست اقدامات کے ذریعے شہریوں کو بہترین کیوریٹی اور پولیس خدمات کی فراہمی کے لیے مسلسل کوشاں ہے۔

سپرینٹنڈنٹ آف پولیس انٹرسٹرل ایریا زون خالد محمود اعوان کی زیر صدارت انسداد جرائم کے حوالے سے اہم اجلاس منعقد ہوا، جس میں ایس ڈی پی او اور ایس ایچ او نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کے دوران انٹرسٹرل ایریا زون کی جرائم کی مجموعی صورتحال، مقدمات کی تفتیش، ڈیٹیکٹو کمیسر اور جرائم جلد از جلد عناصر کے خلاف جاری کارروائیوں کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا

آئی جی اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی کی زیر صدارت اہم اجلاس کا انعقاد

آئی جی اسلام آباد نے اسلام آباد پولیس میں بھرتیوں کے عمل اور عوامی سہولیات کے اٹھائے گئے اقدامات کا جائزہ لیا۔ انہوں نے تمام سینئر پولیس افسران کو پولیسنگ اور پبلک سروس ڈیلیوری مزید موثر، فوری اور عوام دوست بنانے کے لئے احکامات جاری کئے

ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد قاضی علی رضا کا تھانہ شالیمار اور کینپٹل پٹرول یونٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر کا دورہ

تھانہ شالیمار اور کینپٹل پٹرول یونٹ کے تعمیراتی کام کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا، افسران کو تعمیراتی کام کو مقررہ مدت کے اندر اعلیٰ معیار کے مطابق مکمل کرنے کے احکامات جاری کئے

اسلام آباد ڈریفنگ پولیس کا کالے شیشے والی گاڑیوں کے خلاف بلا تفریق کارروائیاں جاری

گزشتہ ایک ماہ کے دوران 450 سے زائد گاڑیوں کے خلاف قانونی کارروائیاں عمل میں لائیں گئیں۔ وفاقی دارالحکومت کی اہم شاہراؤں اور مقامات پر خصوصی دستے تعینات، ڈریفنگ قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کرنے والے عناصر کے خلاف بلا تفریق کارروائیوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ سی ٹی او اسلام آباد کائنات اظہر خان

ایس پی انڈسٹریل ایریا زون خالد محمود اعوان کا انسداد جرائم کے حوالے سے اہم اجلاس

جرائم کی روک تھام، مقدمات کی موثر تفتیش، اشتہاری و سابقہ ریکارڈ یافتہ ملزمان کے خلاف کارروائی اور غیر قانونی اسلحہ کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن مزید تیز کرنے کی ہدایت

کیا۔ ایس پی انڈسٹریل ایریا زون نے افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ جرائم کی روک تھام کے لیے فیلڈ پولیسنگ کو مزید موثر بنایا جائے اور جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف کارروائیوں میں تیزی لائی جائے۔ انہوں نے زبردستی مقدمات کی میرٹ اور شاہد کی بنیاد پر موثر تفتیش کو یقینی بنانے اور آئین جلد از جلد منتقلی انجام تک پہنچانے کی ہدایت کی۔ انہوں نے مزید ہدایت کی کہ No to Weapon ہم کے تحت غیر قانونی اسلحہ رکھنے، اسلحہ نمائش اور ہوائی فائرنگ کے خلاف بلا امتیاز کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے، جبکہ سابقہ ریکارڈ یافتہ، اشتہاری اور مطلوب ملزمان کی گرفتاری کے لیے موثر اقدامات کیے جائیں۔ ایس پی انڈسٹریل ایریا زون خالد محمود اعوان نے مزید کہا کہ شہریوں کو بروقت ریلیف اور انصاف فراہمی، ان کے مسائل کا فوری ازالہ اور پولیس سروسز کے معیار میں بہتری کو ہر صورت یقینی بنایا جائے۔ انہوں نے واضح کیا کہ شہریوں کے جان و مال کا تحفظ اور موثر پولیسنگ اسلام آباد پولیس کی اولین ترجیح ہے۔ انسپکٹر جنرل آف پولیس اسلام آباد سید علی ناصر رضوی کی خصوصی ہدایت پر اسلام آباد ڈریفنگ پولیس کی جانب سے ٹریفک قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کرنے والے ڈرائیورز کے خلاف بلا امتیاز کارروائیوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں گزشتہ ایک ماہ کے دوران کالے شیشوں والی 450 سے زائد گاڑیوں کے خلاف قانونی کارروائیاں عمل میں لائیں گئیں۔ اسلام آباد ڈریفنگ پولیس نے

خصوصی اقدامات کرتے ہوئے وفاقی دارالحکومت کی اہم اور مصروف ترین شاہراہوں اور چوراہوں پر خصوصی دستے تعینات کیے ہیں، جو ٹریفک قوانین پر موثر عملدرآمد یقینی بنانے کے لیے ہمہ وقت مصروف عمل ہیں۔ شہریوں کے جان و مال کے تحفظ اور ٹریفک حادثات کی روک تھام کے لیے زبردست نگرانی پالیسی کے تحت کالے شیشوں اور دیگر ٹریفک قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کرنے والوں کے خلاف کارروائیوں

میں مزید تیزی لائی جا رہی ہے۔ اس موقع پر چیف ٹریفک آفیسر اسلام آباد کائنات اظہر خان نے کہا کہ ٹریفک قوانین کی خلاف ورزی سنگین نوعیت کے حادثات کا باعث بن سکتی ہے، اس لیے سڑکوں پر منظم اور محفوظ ٹریفک نظام کے قیام کے لیے شہریوں کا اسلام آباد ٹریفک پولیس کے ساتھ تعاون انتہائی اہم ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ٹریفک قوانین کی پابندی سے نہ صرف آپ کی بلکہ دیگر شہریوں کی قیمتی جانیں بھی محفوظ رہ سکتی ہیں۔ شہری ذمہ دارانہ رویے کا مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے ٹریفک قوانین کی ہرگز خلاف ورزی نہ کریں اور محفوظ سفر کو یقینی بنانے میں اسلام آباد ڈریفنگ پولیس کا



سٹری ماحول فراہم کرنے اور وفاقی دارالحکومت میں ٹریفک کی روانی برقرار رکھنے کے لیے تمام دستیاب وسائل بروئے کار لائے ہیں۔

ساتھ دیں۔ سی ٹی او اسلام آباد نے مزید کہا کہ اسلام آباد ڈریفنگ پولیس قانون کی کیساں اور قوانین کی ہرگز خلاف ورزی نہ کریں اور محفوظ سفر کو یقینی بنانے میں اسلام آباد ڈریفنگ پولیس کا



Serious gaps remain in joint GCC-EU security efforts

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When the Gulf Cooperation Council and EU heads of state and government held their first summit last October, they endorsed the blueprint proposed by their ministers on security cooperation. While the two blocs have been closely engaged for decades, mainly on economic and political issues, it was the first time that they decided to work closely on security, as part of their intention to “elevate their strategic partnership to the next level,” by working together to safeguard “global and regional security and prosperity, including preventing the emergence and escalation of conflicts and resolving crises,” according to the joint communique issued at the time.

Regional security, whether in the Middle East, Europe or elsewhere, has to be anchored in “multilateralism, international law and international humanitarian law, as well as sustainable development and prosperity,” in a reference to the weakening, if not total abandonment, of these principles in many parts of the world.

Nine months after that summit was held in Brussels, it is appropriate to assess how much has been done in security cooperation. A meeting of experts was held this week in Cambridge, a neutral territory, to evaluate progress. The meeting was organized by the Gulf Research Center, a well-established Saudi-based think tank. The GRC, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, is probably the most prolific producer of scholarly and policy-oriented literature on the Gulf. As part of its program, it organizes an annual gathering in Cambridge of academics and policymakers from around the world, to discuss Gulf-related issues over several days of intense deliberations. This year marked the 15th of such convocations; there was more than 400 in attendance. Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan opened the meeting, followed by the GCC Secretary-General Jassem Mohammed Al-Budaiwi, and other senior officials from the two organizations.

Although the GCC-EU security dialogue started only last year, it has made considerable progress in delineating the parameters of cooperation on some specific issues. The

summit agreed to “deepening security cooperation, including on counter-terrorism, maritime security, cyber issues, nonproliferation, and disaster preparedness and emergency management.” In meetings held since the summit, the two organizations agreed on detailed frameworks for each of these five security areas; the next step will be their actual implementation. They also agreed to explore cooperation on peacebuilding efforts such as mediation and negotiation, and combating organized crime, drugs, human trafficking, and smuggling.

On regional security, mediation and conflict resolution, much has been done, especially by the GCC side, but there are serious gaps given the severity of the ongoing crises. There are at least five areas where the two blocs need to double their efforts to live up to the promises made in the October summit to work together toward safeguarding regional security. First, there is the Gaza genocide. The mass starvation and forced displacement of Palestinians have only intensified in recent months. While GCC states, especially Qatar, have been heavily involved in trying

to achieve a ceasefire and allow aid in scale and without hindrance, it is no secret that the EU is divided and, in fact, a few of its members are providing political and material support for the mayhem perpetrated by Israel. Because of the rules of unanimity and weighted majority, the EU has been paralyzed by this division. It has not been able to get its members to agree on an effective course, such as using the leverage of its association agreement with Israel. Rule of weighted majority gives more leverage to large EU member states, who have been able to block action by the organization. In the words of one participant in the Cambridge discussions, the result has left the EU “sitting on its hands,” satisfied with issuing occasional statements expressing concern about Gaza. Similarly, while good progress has been made on plans for the day after in Gaza by the Arab League, Egypt, and others, the EU has yet to lend effective support for this plan. Second, on the two-state solution, Saudi Arabia and a number of partners are making great efforts. One achievement has been the establishment of the Global Alliance

for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, which includes about 100 countries and organizations from around the world. It has held several substantive meetings dealing with different aspects of this challenge. These efforts are being undermined by Israel so far ruling out negotiations and continuing to change facts on the grounds in the West Bank, including expanding settlements and unleashing unchecked violence against Palestinians. The aim is to make a two-state solution impossible to implement. Although the EU is part of this global alliance, it has yet to use its considerable leverage to get Israel to change course.

Third, on the Israel-Iran war, the EU appears to be aligned with the GCC position. Both are pushing for a diplomatic solution and a return to the nuclear talks in order to prevent a likely resumption of hostilities. Both organizations believe that a military solution is not desirable or effective. Fourth, on the Syrian Arab Republic, the two groups are aligned and have welcomed the new government, which took charge last December.

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Lost cause? Let the people of Lebanon have their say

KHALED ABOU ZAHR

There is a strange situation in Lebanon. For decades, politicians and their staff have been permanently present on the media scene — commenting, contesting, making their clan’s voice heard, and, in short, occupying space. This was true whether in opposition or government. Today, there is a period of quasi-silence. This silence indicates a loss of direction and an inability to read what is coming next regionally. There is another serious and pressing element that is changing the equation: the erosion of security and the impact of the difficult situation in the Syrian Arab Republic. While the new leadership in Syria faces a lot of challenges and risks, the one that presents the biggest danger for Lebanon is not the military clashes between communities, but the lack of order and security, a threat that can easily spread. Syria’s security forces are unprepared to fight crime due to corruption, fragmented control, and, as stated, much bigger issues than public safety. This situation creates great instability for Lebanon, as organized crime does not stay within borders. As the new president, Joseph Aoun, came to power, most Lebanese — some politicians included — hoped he would deliver on his promises to restore sovereignty to the country. Many imagined that a negotiated outcome with Hezbollah was possible and that soon Lebanon would be back to its short-lived “Switzerland of the Middle East” model. Close to seven months later, the optimists — not to call them naive — agree with the cynics of the first hour that this is just quixotic. There was never going to be, and never will be, a negotiated outcome with Hezbollah. We nevertheless need to put things back into perspective. Aoun came to power after Israel defeated Hezbollah using strikes that brought the Iranian proxy to a level of vulnerability never witnessed before. This extreme weakness, and the shell-shocked status of Hezbollah with the change of regime in Syria, made people believe that this was the perfect time. Is it a lost opportunity, just like what happened in the 2000s, not taking the bold step needed and losing the window to make a real change? No one knows. Perhaps, despite years of US support and financing, the Lebanese armed forces still do not represent the stick that can challenge Hezbollah. Or perhaps the answer is simply closer than people think. There is no doubt that even if negotiated, projecting strength would be a necessity. This does not exist today.

There is also within Lebanon an echo of what we see in Western capitals. We cannot ignore the protest posters in New York showing an image of Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali

Khamenei with a slogan telling people to be on the right side of history. Yet, there are, even in Lebanon, people who are puzzled about what comes next. This is why it is time to leave the decision to the people in Lebanon.

The electoral system for years has been carved out by politicians to accommodate their deals. They have been, in a sense, accomplices of Hezbollah. It is time to ask the people what they want. It is time to put forward two questions to the people of Lebanon. The first is: Do you back the sovereignty of the country? And the second question: Do you prefer a centralized political system or a federation?

There also should be a two-level court — one for the entire nation and one for each community. It is now important to see what each community needs and wants for the future. There is no doubt that, for example, today the Sunni community — to which I belong — expects the change of regime in Syria from a pro-Iran to a Sunni one that is representative of the majority of the Syrian population to work to their advantage in the long term. In my opinion, Lebanon’s specificity will clash with the uniformity of the Syrian model. This was true yesterday and will still be true tomorrow. Yet, it is this entrenched thinking that needs to be destroyed. This historical clan setup has partially been responsible for the ills of the country. Whether Hezbollah or the groups before it, it is the same cycle. I would like to see this setup and political system obliterated. I believe that federalism will bring stability to Lebanon. Yet, perhaps I am a tiny minority within the country or my community. This is why reverting to the people is important. It is also important to have a view of what each community needs and wants. This should be stated by the people and not the clan leaders who have perpetuated the cycles generation after generation. If we believe in the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon, we cannot be influenced by how the geopolitical shifts affect our community in the balance of power. It is contradictory. We need a system that gives each citizen within each community the capacity to lead a stable life. What would be the outcome of such referendums? How to manage fragmented results where a community or a group of communities vote differently? What happens if people vote against the state? Does this mean that all communities can arm themselves again? What if they vote for sovereignty — who will execute the will of the people? There are many unanswered questions. Yet the main objective should be to initiate a dialogue, or perhaps accept that, for now, Lebanon is still a lost cause. Either way, the people will know.

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COP30 must make good on past climate pledges

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In 2015, the landmark Paris climate agreement set the ambitious but necessary goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and ensuring that the increase stays “well below” 2 C. With the average global surface temperature having already reached 1.1 C above the 20th-century baseline, time is running out to reach this goal. Yet governments so far have failed to agree on a strategy for doing so. At the 62nd session of the UN Climate Change Subsidiary Bodies (SB62) in Bonn last month — the negotiations intended to lay the groundwork for November’s UN Climate Change Conference in Brazil — countries got so hung up on the details of the agenda that little progress was made. Such delays have long characterized the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, but they are at odds with scientific reality, which demands rapid and unified action.

Building consensus is, thus, a key challenge facing Brazil’s COP30 presidency. The task ahead is formidable not only because of the challenges inherent in the UNFCCC process, but also because four interconnected global developments are undermining trust and impeding multilateral cooperation. First, the global-governance architecture, with the UN at its core, is showing signs of disarray. Institutions that were designed to nurture and facilitate cooperation are increasingly hamstrung by bureaucratic inertia and outdated organizational structures. With reform efforts gridlocked, the UN system risks losing its relevance, and multilateralism its credibility.

Second, the rise of transactional diplomacy has meant countries prioritize their own short-term interests over collective long-term needs. This approach, based on a narrow conception of national interest, effectively precludes broad-based cooperation, as it erodes the norms that have traditionally underpinned international engagement.

Third, compromise is increasingly being rejected in favor of “realism,” leading to extreme polarization and entrenched negotiating positions. Multilateral negotiations frequently come down to the wire, and the results are often disappointing, further encouraging transactional engagement at the expense of cooperation and compromise.

Finally, climate change is increasingly taking a back seat to other challenges, with armed conflicts, a global trade slowdown, intensifying

growth headwinds, and record debt levels consuming countries’ political attention, diplomatic space, and financial resources.

Brazil clearly has its work cut out. Above all, it must resist the tendency for COP presidencies to emphasize fresh agreements and ambitious commitments — the kind that grab headlines and make the negotiations look like a smashing success, but often fall short when the hard work of implementation begins. Brazil’s COP30 presidency must eschew flashy results in favor of pragmatic pathways to deliver on past commitments.

Fortunately, Brazil recognizes this. Its fourth letter to the international community outlines an action agenda aimed at making progress on what the world has “already collectively agreed” during previous COPs and in the Paris climate agreement. Specifically, the agenda seeks to leverage existing initiatives to complete the implementation of the first “global stocktake” under the Paris agreement, which was concluded at COP28.

This focus on previously agreed outcomes is well-suited to the current geopolitical context, in which any agreement can be difficult to reach. Representatives at the SB62 in Bonn did not achieve a consensus, and last month’s G7 summit failed to deliver a joint communique. Rather than perpetuating stalemates, the action agenda invites stakeholders to make progress where agreement already exists.

The agenda also charts the way forward. It is organized into six thematic “axes,” including stewarding forests, oceans, and biodiversity; transforming agriculture and food systems; and building resilience for cities, infrastructure, and water. “Unleashing enablers and accelerators” in finance, technology, and capacity-building — the final, cross-cutting axis — will accelerate implementation at scale. Since responsibility for the implementation and governance of climate policy is distributed among many actors — which must have some level of trust that others are doing their part — the agenda also establishes “transparency, monitoring, and accountability” as top priorities. To this end, Brazil’s COP30 presidency should seek to deliver a set of shared principles and supportive mechanisms. As COP30 special envoys, we extend our full support to the action agenda. By emphasizing consolidation, rather than spectacle, Brazil is setting the stage for a highly productive COP30 — one focused on bridging divides, building trust, and delivering genuine progress. The task ahead is daunting, but the chance to rebuild momentum is real.

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Protecting Sudan’s children from war and starvation

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In the midst of Sudan’s relentless civil war, children have increasingly become the primary victims of a brutal and indiscriminate violence that shows no sign of abating. In a single weekend of attacks this month, at least 24 boys and 11 girls were reportedly killed in communities around the city of Bara — a tragic toll that drew urgent condemnation from UNICEF and reignited global concern over the war’s deepening atrocities.

These children were not caught in the crossfire by accident — they were targeted in areas of dense civilian population, further proving that the violence has abandoned all pretense of protecting the innocent. This devastating incident stands as a grim symbol of the horrors that have engulfed millions of children across the nation. From killings to starvation, from rape to disease, Sudan’s children are enduring one of the most heartbreaking humanitarian catastrophes of the modern era. The world cannot look away.

The war in Sudan, which erupted in April 2023 between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces, has spiraled into one of the world’s most catastrophic and underreported crises. What began as a power struggle between two rival military factions has degenerated into a total collapse of law, order and human dignity. Now in its third year, the conflict has displaced millions, decimated infrastructure and created a humanitarian vacuum that is being filled with starvation, disease and death.

Nowhere is this more tragically evident than in the suffering of Sudan’s children. According to UNICEF, the number of children in need of humanitarian assistance has doubled since the war began — from 7.8 million to an estimated 15 million. These are not just numbers. They represent children who have been torn from their homes, orphaned by shelling, starved by blockades, denied medicine and robbed

of education. These are lives suspended in trauma, childhoods stolen in real time, futures endangered before they ever had a chance to begin.

The violence against children is not limited to bullets and bombs. It is structural, systemic and widespread. Malnutrition rates among children have soared, with thousands already perishing from hunger and disease due to the inability of aid agencies to reach them. International relief workers warn that, without immediate humanitarian access, tens of thousands more children in these regions are at imminent risk of dying preventable deaths. Compounding the horror is a health crisis spiraling out of control. Disease outbreaks have flourished in the absence of functioning clinics and vaccination programs. Only 48 percent of Sudanese children now receive basic immunizations — down from over 90 percent before the war. Diseases like measles, cholera, malaria and dengue are spreading rapidly, particularly in makeshift camps and besieged cities where clean water and medicine are nonexistent.

The healthcare system, already fragile before the conflict, has collapsed under the weight of violence, looting and blockades. UNICEF warns that 770,000 children will suffer from severe acute malnutrition this year alone, with more than a million more teetering on the edge. In some areas, the malnutrition levels have reached levels consistent with famine. Children are not simply dying from bullets — they are dying silently from hunger, from diarrhea, from infections that a \$2 vaccine could have prevented. And while their bodies wither, so do their minds and spirits. The psychological impact of this war on children is immeasurable. Many have witnessed their parents killed, their homes burned, their villages razed. Rape and sexual violence are used as weapons of war, with horrifying reports emerging of babies and toddlers being assaulted.

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Letters to the Editor

Parking problems

The lack of parking places in Turbat is a pressing concern that affects the daily lives of its residents. With a population of 268,625, Turbat’s inadequate parking infrastructure leads to traffic congestion, wasted time and increased stress for drivers. People are often compelled to park their vehicles near roads and shops, which further exacerbates the traffic situation. This issue has severe consequences, particularly in emergency situations where timely access to hospitals is crucial. The absence of designated parking areas not only causes inconvenience but also poses safety risks. It is essential that the government and local authorities take immediate action to address this problem. Increasing parking spaces, implementing smart parking technologies and improving public transportation are potential solutions that can help alleviate the parking woes in Turbat. I earnestly request the Deputy Commissioner of District Turbat and the Government of Balochistan to take serious action towards this problem. By investing in parking infrastructure and implementing effective solutions, the government can improve the quality of life for Turbat’s residents and make the city a more liveable and efficient place.

Zahid Ali Dilwasha
Turbat

Traffic accidents

Despite being one of the most pressing tragedies in Balochistan, the issue of road accidents remains unaddressed. The statistics of 2024, according to The Balochistan Post, claimed that in the first quarter alone, Balochistan reported 167 incidents, resulting in 121 fatalities and over 417 injuries, affecting 538 families. Besides this, a particularly tragic event occurred on May 29, 2024, when a bus traveling from Turbat to Quetta fell into a ravine in Washuk district. This accident claimed the lives of at least 28 people and injured 20 others. Overall, every day multiple accidents occur in Balochistan, resulting in several injuries and deaths. The biggest causes of these dangerous accidents include poor condition of roads, neglected traffic rules, overloaded vehicles and underage drivers. To fix this, concerned authorities as well as the Government of Balochistan must act quickly and improve infrastructural conditions. By working together, both the government and citizens can make roads in Balochistan safer for everyone.

Zargul Gohram
Satellite Town, Kech

Supporting businesses

It is often said that the business community

forms the lifeblood of a country’s economy. They create jobs, build industries and open doors to global markets. In most developed and developing nations, these individuals are treated as key partners in progress. Governments support them with long-term policies, practical tax structures and modern infrastructure to help them thrive. Sadly, Pakistan seems to be swimming against the tide. Instead of encouragement, our business community continues to face heavy regulations, sudden policy changes and growing financial pressures. This environment has pushed many investors and industries to look elsewhere. Pakistani manufacturers are caught in delays, rising utility bills and an uncertain future. Moreover, our freelancers, designers, writers and developers are making a name for themselves around the world, yet they face basic hurdles at home. We often speak of building a knowledge economy and promoting digital Pakistan. But without real tools and support, these words remain empty promises. It is time for our policymakers to listen, to act and to realise that both traditional businesses and the new generation of digital workers deserve respect, facilitation and a place in our economic roadmap. Only then can we begin to unlock the true potential of our people.

Ahsan ul Haque
Karach



Labourers, carrying their tools, sit along the roadside waiting for clients to hire them for work at Banni Chowk

Pakistan’s Exports, Industry and Remittances Show Strong Growth

APP- ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Saturday said Pakistan’s economy had entered a phase of greater stability, with exports, industrial activity and remittances showing encouraging growth.

However, he stressed that the next priority was to translate macroeconomic stability into sustainable economic transformation under URAAN Pakistan initiative.

Presenting the Monthly Development Update for August, the minister said the government was committed to regularly presenting a clear and transparent picture of the country’s economic position, progress achieved and challenges requiring continued attention.

He said Pakistan had passed through a difficult period of economic adjustment and the stability achieved over the past few

years had been hard-earned.

“Through URAAN Pakistan, our focus is now to translate this stability into sustainable economic transformation, with exports as a key driver, leading to more jobs, better incomes, greater opportunities for our youth and an improved quality of life for the people of Pakistan,” he said.

Ahsan said the beginning of FY2026-27 had provided encouraging economic signals, with Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation easing to 9.2 per cent in July 2026 from 11.7 per cent in May 2026. He said the government was continuously monitoring markets and prices through regular meetings of the National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC), with particular focus on strengthening supply chains, monitoring the quality of essential commodities and taking timely administrative measures to keep essential items affordable.

Workers’ remittances remained a major source of external-sector resilience, reaching US\$3.6 billion in July 2026, up 13 per cent from US\$3.2 billion in July 2025.

The strong start to FY2026-27 followed record remittances of US\$41.6 billion during the previous fiscal year, with the inflows strengthening the country’s foreign exchange position while directly supporting millions of Pakistani households. Industrial activity also showed a significant recovery, with Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) recording average growth of 5.0 per cent in FY2025-26 against a contraction of 0.7 per cent in the previous year. The recovery was broad-based, with 16 out of 22 sectors posting positive growth. Automobiles recorded the highest growth of 57.8 per cent, followed by transport equipment 42.4 per cent, electrical equipment 14.3 per cent, tobacco 12.6 per cent and food 7.0 per cent.

The external sector also started FY2026-27 on an encouraging note as goods exports increased by 9.4 per cent to US\$3.0 billion in July 2026 from US\$2.8 billion a year earlier. Total exports of goods and services rose by 13 per cent to US\$3.9 billion from US\$3.5 billion during the same month of the previous year. Growth was supported by surgical goods, up 16.3 per cent, food 8.0 per cent, leather goods 7.8 per cent and textiles 3.9 per cent. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) exports rose to US\$417 million in July 2026, highlighting the growing potential of technology and digital services as an important source of export earnings. Imports of goods and services, meanwhile, increased by 13 per cent to US\$7.3 billion in July 2026 from US\$6.5 billion in July 2025, reflecting strengthening domestic economic activity and higher demand for productive and capital goods.

SP Saddar Zone Kazim sets anti-crime priorities, orders full-throttle action under ‘No to Weapon’ Drive

APP- ISLAMABAD: Superintendent of Police (SP) Saddar Zone Kazim Naqvi chaired an important meeting with officers of Tarnol Circle, reviewing the crime situation and directing intensified action against criminal elements, illegal weapons, display of arms and aerial firing.

An official told APP on Sunday that the meeting reviewed in detail the overall crime situation, progress in criminal cases, pending investigations and ongoing action against criminal elements, said a press release here. SP Kazim directed officers to strengthen crime-prevention measures and ensure effective action against offenders across the circle.

He ordered vigorous action under Islamabad Police’s “No to Weapon” campaign against possession of illegal arms, display of weapons and aerial firing.

The SP Kazim also reviewed pending investigations and directed officers to improve the pace and quality of investigative work.

He stressed that effective measures should be taken to provide swift justice to citizens, while sustained action against criminal elements should continue to maintain a safe and peaceful environment.

Dark tints draw ITP action as over 450 vehicles challaned in one month

APP- ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has taken legal action against more than 450 vehicles with tinted windows during the past month, stepping up enforcement across the federal capital under its zero-tolerance policy against traffic violations.

An ITP official told APP on Sunday that enforcement against tinted windows and other traffic violations was being further intensified to ensure road discipline and safer travel for citizens.

The official said special traffic squads had been deployed at major roads and intersections across Islamabad to ensure strict implementation of traffic laws.

Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Kainat Azhar Khan said ITP was taking action against tinted windows and other violations without discrimination under its zero-tolerance policy. She said violations of traffic laws could lead to serious accidents and urged citizens to comply with road-safety rules.

Following traffic laws could protect precious lives the drives and also the other road users, the CTO said.

Kainat urged motorists to demonstrate responsible behaviour and cooperate with ITP for safe and smooth travel. She said Islamabad Traffic Police was ensuring uniform and indiscriminate enforcement of traffic laws across the capital.

Governor KP assures support to Afghan medical graduates facing PMDC issues



APP- ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi on Saturday assured full support to Pakistani graduates of Afghan medical universities in resolving issues related to the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC).

Talking to a representative delegation of the affected graduates in Islamabad, the Governor said the matter would be taken up with the relevant forum and every possible assistance would be extended within the constitutional and legal framework.

The delegation, comprising Dr Asif Afridi, Dr Waqas Akbar, Dr Asif Nabi and Dr Samar, informed the Governor that the Afghan medical universities where they had secured admission were recognised by the PMDC at the time of their enrolment.

They said subsequent changes in

PMDC policy were also being applied to students already enrolled and graduates, creating serious difficulties for them. The delegation also maintained that certain information regarding their case did not fully reflect the facts.

Governor Kundi said the country’s youth were its greatest asset and resolving their problems was a collective responsibility. He added that Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari remained committed to safeguarding the rights of young people.

He directed the relevant authorities to contact the PMDC and other concerned institutions to facilitate the resolution of the graduates’ legitimate issues.

The delegation thanked the Governor for hearing their concerns and assuring his cooperation.

ICT Police sweep Capital in 145 grand search operations, screen over 9,300 people in August

APP- ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police carried out 145 grand combing and search operations across the federal capital during August, screening 9,317 people and 3,993 households as part of intensified efforts against criminal elements and to strengthen public safety.

An official told APP on Sunday that the operations were conducted in different areas of Islamabad on the directions of the IGP Islamabad. During the operations, police checked 274 hotels, 1,027 shops, 4,908 motorcycles and 1,720 vehicles.

The official said 251 suspicious individuals, 453 motorcycles and five vehicles were shifted to the respective police stations for further verification and scrutiny. Police also arrested four suspects for allegedly possessing drugs and illegal weapons during the operations.

The recoveries included ice, a dagger, three pistols and ammunition.



An elderly man pulls a handcart loaded with bamboo poles through a street

NPF Reviews housing projects, pushes for timely completion, better investor facilitation

APP- ISLAMABAD: Managing Director National Police Foundation (NPF) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi reviewed ongoing housing projects and development works, with focus on their timely completion and provision of better facilities to investors.

An official told APP on Sunday that the matters came under discussion during a meeting between the NPF Managing Director and Deputy Director Housing Mohsin Pasha, said a press release here.

During the meeting, progress on various housing projects and ongoing development works of the National Police Foundation was reviewed in detail.

The meeting also discussed measures to improve facilities for investors and ensure smooth progress on development activities.

Rizvi stressed the need for timely completion of the projects and effective implementation of development plans to provide better facilities to investors. He also issued necessary directions



regarding the housing projects and related development works, with emphasis on maintaining steady progress and completing the projects within stipulated timelines.

Ishfaq Ahmad Chaudhary, Commissioner DGK, conferred “Tamgha-i-Imtiaz” for public service

APP- ISLAMABAD: Commissioner Dera Ghazi Khan Division, Muhammad Ishfaq Ahmad Choudhry is nominated for “Tamgha-i-Imtiaz”, Pakistan’s prestigious state honor. It represents recognition of public service, commitment, administrative responsibility and the willingness to remain devoted to duty. The nomination is meaningful because civil awards are intended to recognize exceptional contributions in different fields of national life.

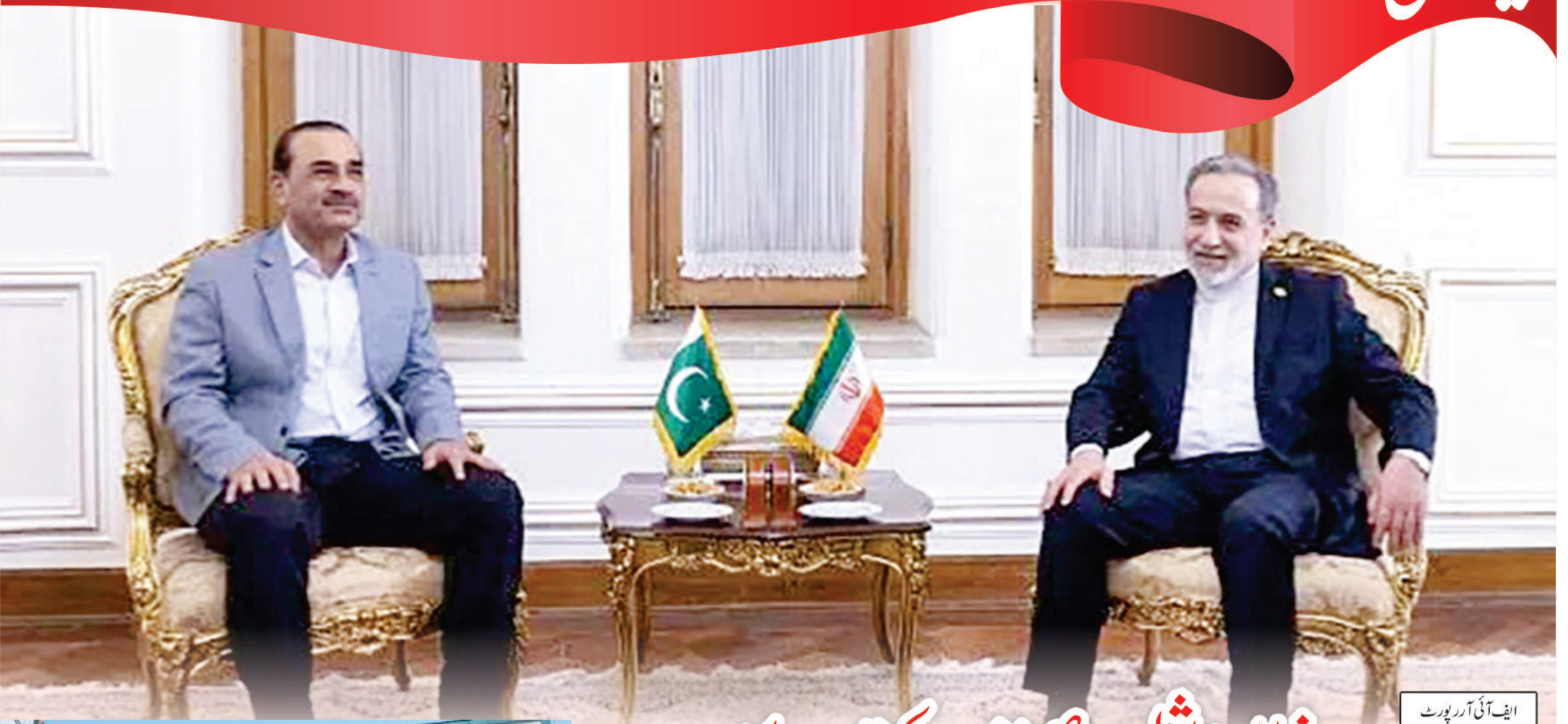
DG Khan Division has sensitive law-and-order environment owing to its proximity to provincial borders and the strategically important tri-border areas.

The Border Military Police, responsible for policing and maintaining law and order in the tribal and border areas, works under the command and supervision of the Commissioner. Managing the challenges of the tri-border

region, including countering terrorist and other unlawful activities, therefore places an exceptional responsibility on the divisional administration and law-enforcement agencies. The Division is also among the most flood-prone areas of Punjab. Five rivers flow through the region, with important confluence points, while the hill torrents originating from the Suleman Mountain Range can cause devastating flash floods whenever heavy rains occur. These geographical and security challenges require the divisional head of administration—the Commissioner—to be an experienced and capable officer possessing competence, commitment, dedication, sound judgment and an unwavering sense of responsibility. Such a demanding assignment requires readiness to work tirelessly and respond effectively to any situation, at any time.



A worker measures and cuts steel pipes at a metal workshop



ایف آئی آر رپورٹ

فیلڈ مارشل حاسم منیر پیر کو تہران کا دورہ

کریں گے: ایرانی وزارت خارجہ

ایران جنگ اور پابندیوں سے ناواقف نہیں، دودھائیوں سے دباؤ

کاسا منا کر رہے ہیں: اسماعیل بقتائی

ایران کی وزارت خارجہ کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان کے چیف آف ڈپلیماسی فورسز فیلڈ مارشل حاسم منیر پیر کو ایک وفد کے ہمراہ تہران کا دورہ کریں گے۔ ایرانی وزارت خارجہ کے ترجمان اسماعیل بقتائی نے اتوار کو صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ فیلڈ مارشل حاسم منیر کا دورہ خطے میں امن اور استحکام کے قیام کی کوششوں کا تسلسل ہے۔ اسماعیل بقتائی کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان کے فیلڈ مارشل اپنے دورے کے درمیان ایران کے سفیر حکام سے ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔ پاکستان نے تاحال سرکاری سطح پر اس دورے کی تصدیق یا تردید نہیں کی ہے۔ ایرانی میڈیا کے مطابق سچہ کو ایران کے وزیر خارجہ عباس عراقی نے فیلڈ مارشل حاسم منیر سے ٹیلی فون پر گفتگو کی تھی اور اس دوران خطے میں امن، سکیورٹی اور استحکام کی بحالی کی کوششوں پر بات چیت ہوئی تھی۔

ایرانی سفارت کاروں کو ملک بدر کرنے کے فیصلے کو غیر منصفانہ اور نہایت ناگوار قرار دیا۔ اسماعیل بقتائی نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ انھوں نے فرانس کے اس اقدام کو ایران کے دوفرانسیسی سفارت کاروں کو ملک بدر

ان کے بقول، ایرانی حوام اور ریاست نے مشکل حالات کا سامنا کیا ہے اور ایسی صورتحال سے خشکی کی صلاحیت رکھتے ہیں۔ ایرانی وزارت خارجہ کے ترجمان اسماعیل بقتائی نے فرانسیسی حکومت کے دو

سامنا کر رہا ہے، اس لیے ملک کو ایسے دباؤ سے خشکی کا تجربہ حاصل ہے۔ اسماعیل بقتائی نے کہا ہے کہ ایران نے ماضی میں بھی پابندیوں اور بیرونی دباؤ کے باوجود اپنی پالیسیوں اور قومی مفادات کا دفاع کیا ہے۔

ایران کی وزارت خارجہ کے ترجمان اسماعیل بقتائی نے کہا ہے کہ جنگ اور پابندیاں ایران کے لیے کوئی نئی بات نہیں ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ایران گذشتہ دو دہائیوں سے مختلف بین الاقوامی پابندیوں کا



کے دو حملے کے ارکان کے سفارتی اسٹیج کی خلاف ورزی کرنے کا الزام لگایا۔ فرانس کی وزارت خارجہ نے پیرس میں ایران کے ناظم الامور کو بھی احتجاجاً طلب کیا۔ ایرانی وزارت اعلیٰ جس کے ایک بیان کے مطابق، دونوں کو غیر ملکی دراندازی اور مداخلت کے ایک اہم معاملے کی تفتیش کے دوران اور ایک خفیہ ملاقات کی جگہ سے گرفتار کیا گیا۔

کہ وہ آنے والے دنوں میں دو ایرانی سفارت کاروں کو ملک بدر کر دیں گے۔ ایرانی وزارت خارجہ نے پہلے کہا تھا کہ جولائی میں تہران میں سفارتی تنازع میں ملوث فرانسیسی سفارت خانے کے دو ملازمین کو ایران واپس جانے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ فرانسیسی وزیر خارجہ نے 20 جولائی کو ایرانی سکیورٹی فورسز پر سفارت خانے

کے مکمل طور پر قانونی اقدام پر رد عمل قرار دیا۔ اسماعیل بقتائی نے ایران سے فرانسیسی سفارتخانے سے دونوں سفارت کاروں کو نکالنے کی وجہ ملک کے اندرونی معاملات میں مداخلت بتائی۔ پھر 18 اگست کو ایرانی میڈیا نے ایران کی شفیق مشیر نیلوفر شامہری کو فرانس سے نکالے جانے کی خبر دی۔ ایک روز قبل فرانسیسی وزیر خارجہ جین لول بارو نے کہا تھا

خواتین کو ماہرین کے

کیے۔

انہوں نے مٹا دینے کے لیے معاون فاؤنڈیشن کی جانب سے تعمیر کیے جانے والے مکانات کے کام کا بھی جائزہ لیا۔

اس موقع پر انہوں نے باقی رہ جانے والے چار متاثرہ خاندانوں کو یقین دہانی کرائی کہ سردیوں کی آمد سے قبل ان کے مکانات کی تعمیر مکمل کر کے انہیں خیموں سے مستقل گھروں میں منتقل کیا جائے گا، تاکہ متاثرہ خاندان سخت سردی سے قبل محفوظ رہائش حاصل کر سکیں۔

سابق ایڈمرل محمد آصف سندھیلہ نے کہا کہ معاون فاؤنڈیشن خواتین کی بہرہ مندی، معاشی خودمختاری، تعلیم و تربیت، مقامی وسائل کے بہتر استعمال اور قدرتی آفات سے متاثرہ خاندانوں کی بحالی کے لیے اپنے اقدامات کو مزید وسعت دے گی۔

ذریعے پھلوں کو محفوظ بنانے اور ان سے جام، جوس، اپچار اور دیگر مصنوعات تیار کرنے کی تربیت فراہم کرنے کا سلسلہ شروع کیا گیا ہے۔ اس اقدام کا مقصد پھلوں کے ضیاع کو روکنے کے ساتھ خواتین کو باعزت روزگار اور آمدن کے مواقع فراہم کرنا بھی ہے۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ یاسین میں بڑی تعداد میں خواتین یہ تربیت حاصل کر چکی ہیں اور اب وہ مقامی وسائل کو بروئے کار لاتے ہوئے مختلف معیاری مصنوعات تیار کرنے کی صلاحیت رکھتی ہیں۔ ان مصنوعات کی بہتر پیکجنگ اور موثر مارکیٹنگ کے ذریعے مقامی سطح کے ساتھ ساتھ ملک کے دیگر حصوں کی مارکیٹوں تک بھی پہنچایا جاسکتا ہے۔

بعد ازاں سابق ایڈمرل محمد آصف سندھیلہ نے پاسکس چھٹی گولپس میں تالی داس جھیل سے متاثرہ خاندانوں سے ملاقات کی اور ان کے مسائل معلوم



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معاون فاؤنڈیشن کے چیئرمین سابق ایڈمرل محمد

آصف سندھیلہ کا غدر کے مختلف منصوبوں کا دورہ

محمد آصف سندھیلہ نے فاؤنڈیشن کے تحت جاری منصوبوں کا جائزہ لیا۔ انہوں نے

یاسین میں خواتین کے لیے مقامی پھلوں اور جڑی بوٹیوں سے آرگینک جام، جوس،

اپچار اور دیگر مصنوعات تیار کرنے کے حوالے سے جاری تربیتی ورکشاپ کیا

معاون فاؤنڈیشن پاکستان کے چیئرمین اور سابق ایڈمرل محمد آصف سندھیلہ نے غدر کے مختلف علاقوں کا دورہ کیا اور فاؤنڈیشن کے تحت جاری منصوبوں کا جائزہ لیا۔ انہوں نے یاسین میں خواتین کے لیے مقامی پھلوں اور جڑی بوٹیوں سے آرگینک جام، جوس، اپچار اور دیگر مصنوعات تیار کرنے کے حوالے سے جاری تربیتی ورکشاپ کا دورہ کیا، جبکہ پاسکس چھٹی گولپس میں تالی داس جھیل سے متاثرہ خاندانوں کے لیے معاون فاؤنڈیشن کی جانب سے تعمیر کیے جانے والے مکانات کے کام کا بھی جائزہ لیا۔

اس موقع پر تربیتی ورکشاپ کے شرکاء سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے سابق ایڈمرل محمد آصف سندھیلہ نے کہا کہ معاون فاؤنڈیشن پاکستان پورے ملک میں تعلیم، تربیت اور بہرہ مندی کے فروغ کے لیے کام کر رہی ہے۔ اس وقت معاون فاؤنڈیشن کے زیر انتظام تقریباً 300

اللہ تعالیٰ کے فضل و کرم سے فاؤنڈیشن کامیابی کے ساتھ علاقے کے عوام کی خدمت میں اپنا حصہ ڈال رہی ہے۔ سابق ایڈمرل محمد آصف سندھیلہ نے کہا کہ یاسین میں خوبانی، چھری، سیب اور دیگر مختلف اقسام کے پھل وافر مقدار میں پیدا ہوتے ہیں، تاہم سڑکوں کی

دورہ کیا۔ یہاں محکمہ زراعت، محکمہ تعلیم، میڈیا اور بالخصوص گلگت بلتستان کے عوام نے ہمارا بھرپور خیر مقدم کیا، جس سے ہمیں یہاں مزید کام کرنے کا حوصلہ ملا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس کے بعد معاون فاؤنڈیشن نے گلگت بلتستان میں مختلف شعبوں میں کام کا آغاز کیا اور آج

اسکول ہیں، جہاں 50 ہزار بچے تعلیم حاصل کر رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم نے کبھی سوچا بھی نہیں تھا کہ گلگت بلتستان میں کام کریں گے، تاہم امریکہ میں مقیم ہمارے دوست آصف کی خواہش اور تعاون پر 2019 میں پہلی مرتبہ گلگت بلتستان کا

نامناسب صورتحال اور دیگر مشکلات کے باعث مقامی زمیندار اپنی پیداوار بروقت مارکیٹ تک نہیں پہنچا پاتے، جس کے نتیجے میں ہر سال بڑی مقدار میں پھل ضائع ہو جاتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ معاون فاؤنڈیشن نے اس مسئلے کے حل کے لیے مقامی



Hull humiliate United in Premier League opener



SPORTS DESK, LONDON: Manchester United crashed to a humiliating 2-0 defeat at promoted Hull on Saturday in a dismal start to their Premier League campaign.

Michael Carrick's side were rocked by first half goals from Semi Ajayi and Nobel Mendy at the MKM Stadium.

Hull, who are back in the Premier League for the first time since 2017, were without 10 players due to injury but still put woeful United to the sword with a vibrant display.

It was a chastening opening to the new season for United, who are expected to mount a title challenge after finishing third last term. There was scant evidence that United are capable of going toe to toe with champions Arsenal on a dispiriting afternoon on Humberside.

Youri Tielemans and Andrey Santos were anonymous in their United debuts in midfield after joining from Aston Villa and Chelsea respectively.

Carrick laughed off claims that United have been handed an easy start to the season, with their trip to Hull followed by a home game against Ipswich, another of the promoted teams.

The United manager's caution proved prescient.

Former England captain Alan Shearer summed up United's malaise with a damning verdict. "Man United have been shocking, no hunger, they've been terrible," the BBC pundit said.

Carrick's steady demeanour during his interim spell after Ruben Amorim's turbulent reign played a major role in United's revival last season.

But, now installed as permanent boss, Carrick is expected to mount a challenge for United's first English title since 2013, adding a layer of pressure he did not have to endure last season.

Carrick has been asking for more signings and United have agreed a deal for Brighton midfielder Carlos Baleba.

He will be demanding even more after this wretched performance. Last season, Hull became the first team to finish sixth in the Championship and earn promotion via the play-offs since Blackpool in 2010. Tigers' boss Sergej Jakirovic had insisted this week that Hull could prove the doubters wrong after a host of pundits wrote them off as relegation certainties. Even Jakirovic must have been pinching himself to make sure he wasn't dreaming during Hull's first win over

United since 2017. Initially, United were on top and Luke Shaw's cross reached Bryan Mbeumo for fierce strike that was repelled by Hull's debutant keeper Konstantinos Tzolakis. United threatened again moments later when Noussair Mazraoui picked out Matheus Cunha for a low drive that Tzolakis saved at full stretch.

But Hull served notice they could trouble United as Ryan Giles' cross found Oli McBurnie for a header that forced a good stop from Senne Lammens. United's defensive vulnerability at set-pieces was brutally exposed in the 17th minute. McBurnie easily evaded sloppy marking at a Hull corner and drilled a strike that Lammens could only push out to Nigeria defender Ajayi, who gleefully poked home from close-range.

Thauvin double helps Lens thrash Auxerre

SPORTS DESK, LENS, FRANCE: Lens captain Florian Thauvin scored two penalties as Lens thumped Auxerre 5-2 in their first game of the French Ligue 1 season on



Saturday. Thauvin converted from the spot either side of the break as the northerners continued their good form from last season when they finished second in the table behind Paris Saint-Germain.

Last weekend, German coach Dino Toppmoller won his first competitive game in charge of Lens, beating PSG in the French Champions Trophy.

"The most important thing was to win, and to start the season well," defender Matthieu Udol told reporters.

"It was also important to back up last week's result." Auxerre had defender Christ Massoko sent off in the first half for a foul on Lens attacker Abdallah Sima. Thauvin, a World Cup winner in 2018, opened the scoring after just 12 minutes after Belgian midfielder Arthur Piedfort handled the ball in the hosts' box. Thauvin's low finish sent the packed Stade Bollaert crowd wild before the visitors were down a man as Massoko saw red 10 minutes before the interval.

Sadiq urges Pakistan to rethink team balance

SPORTS DESK, KARACHI: Former Pakistan Test opener Sadiq Mohammad has urged the team management to rethink its combination for the second Test against England, saying Pakistan's defeat at Headingley exposed the weakness of playing an extra batsman at the expense of a fifth frontline bowler.

Pakistan were beaten by an innings and 103 runs in the opening Test, with England's seamers exploiting the conditions to put the visitors' batting under sustained pressure.

Sadiq said Pakistan must select a side better suited to English conditions, where changes in weather can quickly bring seam and swing into play.

He questioned the long-standing policy of selecting seven specialist batsmen in Test matches, arguing that the additional batsman offered less value than another genuine wicket-taking option. "I could never understand the strategy of selecting seven batsmen," Sadiq told The Express Tribune.

Padikkal ton powers India to 300-5 against Sri Lanka



SPORTS DESK, Colombo: Top-order batter Devdutt Padikkal's fine form continued as he scored 117 to help India reach 300-5 at stumps on the opening day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo on Sunday.

Padikkal, a late injury replacement ahead of the series, had scored 167 and 44 in the first Test to win the Man-of-the-Match award as India won by 165 runs in Galle.

He followed up with another century, but only after being dropped twice early in his innings after India opted to bat first.

Padikkal was first dropped by Sonal Dinusha at backward point before he had opened his account, then received another reprieve on two runs when captain

Dhananjaya de Silva spilled a chance at slip.

Padikkal added 120 runs for the third wicket with captain Shubman Gill to put India in control before off-spinner Keshara Nuwantha finally ended his stay.

Since Gill moved down to number four after assuming the captaincy, India have tried several players in the number three position. Padikkal's performances in this series have made him a strong contender for the role.

Seamer Asitha Fernando was the pick of Sri Lanka's bowlers, returning figures of 3-46.

He dismissed opener Yashasvi Jaiswal for 45 in the morning session, with the dismissal followed by a heated exchange between the two.

Fernando struck again to remove Gill, who slashed at a delivery moving away from him and was caught behind.

With the second new ball, Fernando produced another important breakthrough when he bowled Ravindra Jadeja.

Debutant off-spinner Saransh Jain was unbeaten on four at stumps, with Dhruv Jurel seven not out at the other end.

Wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant was struck on his left forearm while attempting to pull Lahiru Kumara and was forced to retire hurt when on three.

Only 85 of the scheduled 90 overs were bowled on the opening day.

Earlier, Sri Lanka handed opening batter Kamil Mishara his Test debut, with Nishan Fernando left out. Pasindu Sooriyabandara, who came on as a concussion substitute for Dinesh Chandimal in the first Test, also featured in the starting eleven for the first time.

Sports Desk added: India's innings was built around long periods of controlled batting, with Padikkal and Gill absorbing pressure before Jadeja added useful runs in the final session. Sri Lanka's bowlers managed to make late inroads after the new ball was taken at 80.1 overs, removing Padikkal and Jadeja.

The match also marked Test debuts for India's Saransh Jain and Sri Lanka's Kamil Mishara. Pakistan's Ahsan Raza is one of the on-field umpires, with Bangladesh's Sharfuddoula serving as the DRS official.



Swimmers compete during the 38th Bosphorus Cross-Continental Swimming Race in Istanbul, Türkiye,

Pakistan players' attitude raises concern

SPORTS DESK, KARACHI: Pakistani cricketers, seemingly accustomed to defeats, have become 'grief-proof'. Despite being in a poor position in the closing stages of the first Test against England, they were seen laughing and smiling. Sources say that even after the match, their attitude did not reflect any visible disappointment. This attitude was considered more concerning than the defeat itself. The management is now trying to boost the players' morale ahead of the second Test.

Meanwhile, Babar Azam's participation in the Lord's Test also appears uncertain. He has not taken part in net practice for the past four days, and swelling in his finger persists.

Pakistan were whipped by England by an innings and 103 runs



in Headingley inside three days. England recorded their seventh successive victory at Leeds. The second Test will begin at Lord's on Thursday.

In the first match, Pakistan's fast bowlers failed to capitalize on conditions that were favorable for bowling.

Fils dominates Cobolli to book Cincinnati final

SPORTS DESK, CINCINNATI: Arthur Fils charged into the men's final of the ATP-WTA Cincinnati Masters on Saturday as he dispatched Flavio Cobolli 6-3, 6-4 in a match delayed for 45 minutes by rain and lightning.

In his first ever Masters 1000 final, The four-time ATP Tour champion will face American Tiafoe, who beat compatriot Brandon Nakashima 7-5 6-3.

The Americans traded four consecutive breaks before drawing level at 3-3 in the opening set, but Tiafoe held to love in the seventh game and broke again to move 6-5 ahead before serving out the set. The 27-year-old broke Nakashima for a 3-2 lead in the second set and sealed victory by holding to love.

Fils beat Cobolli -- the Roland Garros finalist from Italy -- for the third time in their career series to become the youngest French Masters finalist since a 20-year-old Richard Gasquet in Toronto two decades ago.

The 68-minute match finished with perfect timing as rain began only minutes after the conclusion, briefly delaying the start of a women's semi-final between



holder Iga Swiatek and Jessica Pegula. Fils said the weather delay that had halted the start of his match as the players took to the court was difficult to deal with.



Robot of Beijing AGIbot Team competes during the Tai Chi event of the 2nd World Humanoid Robot Games in Beijing, capital of China,



President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Mr Nawaf bin Said Al-Malkiy, at Aiwan-e-Sadr

Pakistan’s rich heritage, culture reflect its unique global identity: Gilani

STAFF REPORT, ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani said Pakistan held a unique position in the world owing to its rich heritage, culture, traditions, handicrafts, fine arts, literature and products created by the skilled hands of its people.

The creativity and hard work of Pakistani artisans were playing an important role in projecting the country’s positive image at the global level.

While inaugurating Pakistan Interiors Furniture Expo, Islamabad Edition, as the chief guest, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani said that Pakistan was blessed with immense talent and abundant natural resources.

Pakistanis artisans and skilled individuals, through their exceptional abilities, dedication and creative efforts, were making a name for themselves not only nationally but also internationally, said a



news release issued here on Sunday.

He said that embroidery, furniture, handicrafts and other products made in

Pakistan had established a distinctive identity in international markets. These products had become an important repre-

sentation of Pakistan’s cultural heritage and a source of recognition for the country. Gilani said that exhibitions of this nature provided talented artisans, designers and creative professionals with an excellent opportunity to showcase their skills and took their products to wider markets.

Such expos not only promoted Pakistani art, culture and craftsmanship but also contributed to economic growth and strengthened business and commercial activities. Chairman Senate congratulated the organizers and management of the Pakistan Interiors Furniture Expo on successfully organizing the exhibition and expressed his best wishes for its continued success. He hoped that such activities would help showcase Pakistan’s art, culture, craftsmanship and entrepreneurial potential at the international level.

IGP Rizvi pushes transparent recruitment, citizen-centric policing to raise service standards

APP- ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi on Sunday chaired an important meeting with DIG Headquarters, DIG Law and Order and other senior officers, directing them to adopt modern,



transparent and citizen-centric measures in recruitment and public service delivery. An official told APP that the meeting reviewed the ongoing and upcoming recruitment processes, public-friendly initiatives and measures aimed at further improving services for citizens, said a press release here. IGP Rizvi stressed that transparency and merit should remain central to the recruitment process, while modern practices should be adopted to further improve policing standards. The meeting also reviewed various public-friendly initiatives and discussed measures to make police services more accessible, prompt and effective for citizens. Rizvi directed senior officers to focus on improving the quality of service delivery and ensure that citizens receive prompt, effective and quality police services. He said modern and citizen-centric policing measures should be strengthened to improve public facilitation and bring further improvement in the overall standard of policing in the federal capital.

Poland Work Visa Scam: FIA Arrests Suspect

APP- ISLAMABAD: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Anti-Human Trafficking Circle (AHTC) Rawalpindi arrested a suspect in a Rs 1.2 million Poland work visa fraud case, while efforts were underway to apprehend his alleged accomplice. An FIA official told APP on Sunday that the arrested accused was identified as Ehsanullah son of Sajjad Gul, against whom a case had been lodged following an investigation into the visa fraud. The investigation revealed that Ehsanullah, and his alleged accomplice Zeeshan Abbasi, son of Noor-ur-Rehman had jointly received Rs 1.2 million, through cash and bank transactions, from complainants Atif Ali, son of Sharafat Hussain and Khurram Shehzad, son of Riazat Khan. The official said the money was allegedly obtained on the promise of arranging Poland work visas for the complainants, but the accused failed to provide the visas as promised.

A case has been registered under Sections 18 and 22 of the Emigration Ordinance, 1979.

Jl intensifies fuel levy protest, calls for nationwide strike after 12th Rabi ul Awal



MONITORING DESK, Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Pakistan Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman on Sunday stepped up pressure over the petroleum levy, announcing a nationwide shutter-down strike after 12th Rabi ul Awal as the party’s sit-ins entered their eighth day. 12th Rabi ul Awal, the third month of the Islamic lunar calendar, marks Eid Milad un Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him), commemorating the birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), and falls on August 26 this year. Addressing a press conference in Lahore, Hafiz Naeem said the party’s campaign was progressing “in the best possible manner” and demanded that the federal government reduce petroleum product prices.

He said the country could not progress in the presence of flour and sugar mafias, while farmers were also struggling to obtain fertiliser at affordable prices.

“Government officials are driving expensive vehicles with our money,” the JI chief said, criticising the government spending.

Hafiz Naeem said the party would launch a nationwide shutter-down strike after Eid Milad un Nabi (PBUH), making it clear that the protests would not end merely on government assurances.

He said negotiations would no longer take place on the basis of the government asking protesters to end their sit-ins in return for promises to meet their demands.

“The sit-in will end only when the

government implements our demands in practical terms,” he said.

The JI protests come amid growing public concern over rising fuel prices, inflation and soaring electricity bills. Supporters have been staging sit-ins since August 16 outside the Punjab chief minister’s residence in Lahore and governor houses in Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar.

The federal government is facing mounting pressure over successive fuel price increases and their impact on inflation.

The pressure has intensified after authorities shifted from a 15-day fuel price review to a daily mechanism amid volatility in global oil prices following renewed hostilities in the Middle East.

The fuel price dispute has also triggered protests and demands from transporters and petroleum dealers.

Earlier this week, the All Pakistan Goods Transport Alliance suspended its nine-day nationwide strike for 40 days after receiving assurances from the federal and Sindh governments on key demands, including petroleum pricing.

The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association had also issued a 72-hour ultimatum to the government earlier this month, seeking resolution of outstanding issues and implementation of commitments made by the petroleum minister.



Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi visited the newly established modern Guard Running Rooms

Saudi Business Community Shows Strong Interest in Pakistan Investment

APP- ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Investment and Board of Investment (BOI) Chairman Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh met with a delegation of the Saudi Investment Forum to discuss ways to strengthen economic ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia and promote greater Saudi investment in Pakistan. The delegation was led by Kunwar Qutbuddin and included Engr. Ghulam Safdar, President of the Pakistan Investor and Business Forum (PIBF), and Raja Riaz, Chairman of Mokamela International LLC. During the meeting, the delegation briefed the minister on the Saudi Investment Forum, its structure and objectives. It said that the previously separate forums in Riyadh and Jeddah had been consolidated into a single forum representing Saudi Arabia, with a network of more than 400 businesses.

The delegation said the forum aims to provide a platform for credible businesses to develop commercial, investment and business-to-business links.

It also highlighted Saudi Arabia’s growing role as a regional center for trade and investment and discussed opportunities for partnerships, joint ventures and long-term business cooperation.

Welcoming the delegation, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh said Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Saudi Arabia and wants to further strengthen economic and investment cooperation between the two countries.

He said the BOI would facilitate genuine Saudi investors by helping them identify investment opportunities, coordinating with relevant government institutions and addressing issues that may arise during the

investment process.

The minister briefed the delegation on the role of BOI’s Honorary Investment Counsellors in promoting Pakistan’s investment potential in international markets. He also highlighted government efforts to improve the business environment through regulatory reforms aimed at simplifying procedures and reducing unnecessary requirements.

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh said the Business Facilitation Center (BFC) was helping investors and businesses deal with government departments through a coordinated, single-window system. He identified agriculture, information technology, mining, manufacturing, energy, infrastructure, logistics, food processing and tourism among the sectors offering investment opportunities in Pakistan.

Hina Javed murder case: Rawalpindi court sends husband, servant on 3-day physical remand

APP- RAWALPINDI: A duty magistrate in Rawalpindi on Sunday remanded the husband and servant of Hina Javed in police custody for three days in her murder case.

Hina was found dead in the washroom of her apartment in Askari Apartments in Rawalpindi on Thursday evening. Police said that the body bore signs of torture, with a wire fastened around her neck and tied to the shower rod. They detained her husband and a servant in relation to the case.

Today, the suspects were produced before a duty magistrate by police, who sought their remand for further investigation. The court granted the Civil Lines police their three-day physical remand, directing authorities to submit a progress report after the remand’s completion.

A first information report of the case was registered

on Aug 20 at the Civil Lines police station under Sections 302 (premeditated murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

The complainant, Hina’s brother, Fahid Javed, alleged in the FIR that his sister had been murdered by her husband, her father-in-law and their domestic servant.

Fahid told police that he received a telephone call from his sister’s father-in-law at 6:53pm on Thursday, informing him of an emergency at their residence. He said he rushed to the apartment with other family members and arrived there at 7:23pm. He claimed that when he arrived at the residence, he found his sister’s body in the bathroom. The complainant further alleged that his sister had been subjected to “severe torture and mistreatment” by her husband.



Chief Traffic Officer Muhammad Nabeel Khokhar leads a women empowerment and helmet awareness rally organized by City Traffic Police in the city