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Dar-Rubio talk
Pak, US vow to cement bilateral ties



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ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar held a significant conversation with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, reinforcing the commitment to enhance Pakistan-US relations. The leaders engaged in constructive talks on a wide range of bilateral matters, focusing on strengthening economic and diplomatic cooperation. They exchanged views on pressing regional and international issues, emphasizing the importance of stability and mutual interests. Both sides agreed to maintain close contact and deepen collaboration in areas of shared concern. This high-level dialogue underscores the continued engagement between Pakistan and the United States, highlighting a shared vision for peace, development, and strategic partnership. The two leaders affirmed their commitment to sustained dialogue, with plans for further discussions to advance mutual goals.

Pak lunar Mission planned by 2035

Planning minister Ahsan Iqbal also says Pakistan to send astronaut to China's space station in 2026

AGENCIES

BEIJING: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has said Pakistan's space agency, Suparco, has been tasked with launching a lunar mission by 2035, marking a significant milestone in the country's ambitions for space exploration. Iqbal made the remarks during a high-level meeting in Beijing with Shan Zhongde, Chairman of China's Atomic Energy Authority and Space Agency on Monday. The discussion focused on expanding collaboration in space and nuclear energy to support Pakistan's national development goals. He added that under the "Uran Pakistan" initiative, space sciences have gained new momentum under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Monsoon deaths top 300

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ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Monday released the updated figures of casualties and damages, as at least 302 people lost their lives in ongoing monsoon rains. The statistics showed that more people, including a man in Punjab and a child in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, were killed in house collapse incidents during the past 24 hours, while 12 people sustained injuries in separate rain-related incidents. It brought the total death toll to 302, with 727 people injured across the country.

PM visits Gilgit-Baltistan

Rs 4 billion for rebuilding of flood-hit GB

PM Shehbaz says flood damages to be assessed; solar project to be completed this year

BUREAU REPORT

GILGIT: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday undertook a one-day visit to Gilgit Baltistan (GB) to meet victims of recent torrential rains and flood, announcing a Rs4 billion package for infrastructure restoration and distributing compensation cheques among affected families. During his visit, the premier handed over Rs1 million compensation cheques to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the calamity. Offering prayers for the deceased and speedy recovery of the injured, the prime minister said he had come to express solidarity with the flood victims. "Pakistan is among the countries most affected by climate change," PM Shehbaz said while addressing the check-distribution ceremony. He called for the establishment of an advanced warning system to mitigate future disaster risks. "An early warning system is the need of the hour," he stressed. He lamented that no progress had been made on this front in the past seven years and expressed dissatisfaction that even in the past year and a quarter, significant development was lacking. "I will ask ministers and secretaries why considerable work wasn't done in this time," he said, urging all relevant institutions to take coordinated measures to address these issues. Reassuring the victims, PM Shehbaz pledged to continue visiting until all displaced persons were resettled. He also announced that a damage assessment would be conducted to estimate the losses suffered. He directed the Minister for Communications to take immediate steps for infrastructure restoration and pledged that his next visit to the region would take place before the end of this month.

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Kashmir dispute resolution key pillar of Pakistan's foreign policy

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the just resolution of Jammu and Kashmir dispute was a key pillar of Pakistan's foreign policy and urged the international community to play a role to halt Indian human rights crimes in IIOJK and reverse its unilateral and illegal actions of 5 August 2019. The prime minister, in his message on Youm-e-Istehsal, also called for global community's role in urging India to repeal the draconian laws and implement the UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir. "On this Youm-e-Istehsal, the Government of Pakistan and I reaffirm the unwavering solidarity of the Pakistani people with our Kashmiri sisters and brothers. We reiterate our strongest condemnation of India's illegal and unilateral actions taken since 5 August 2019 to alter the demographic structure, and political landscape of illegally Indian Occupied

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PTI denies funding NYT ad calling for Imran release

Main PTI account in Pakistan retweet several posts highlighting the ad; PTI Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram clarified the party's position amid growing speculation about the funding behind the ad, which appeared in the August 2 edition of the American newspaper

NAZIR SYIAL / DNA

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: The PTI has denied financing a widely circulated full-page advertisement in The New York Times calling for the release of prime minister Imran Khan, even as the party's official social media accounts and dissonant-linked supporters widely amplified the campaign online. Though the party has denied financing the advertisement, the campaign was heavily promoted by PTI-linked accounts. PTI USA's official (formerly Twitter) handle shared a photo of the ad, stating: "The Pakistani diaspora community placed a full-page advertisement in the United States' leading newspaper to raise awareness about Imran Khan's arbitrary, politically motivated, and inhumane imprisonment." The main PTI account in Pakistan also retweeted several posts highlighting the ad, including one by political analyst, who wrote: "Their wish is to make Imran Khan irrelevant and forgotten; ours is to make sure it remains a wish." PTI Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram clarified

the party's position amid growing speculation about the funding behind the ad, which appeared in the August 2 edition of the American newspaper. "I talked to our party in the US and they denied having given the advertisement but said that [the] Pakistani diaspora, perhaps a doctors' organisation, was behind it," he told The News. The advertisement, headlined "Free Imran Khan", alleges that Imran Khan has been held in "arbitrary detention" for over 700 days and describes alleged inhumane conditions, solitary confinement and suppression of dissent. It calls on the US government to impose Global Magnitsky sanctions and support civilian supremacy in Pakistan. PTI USA president Sajad Burki appeared to endorse the campaign, tweeting: "Full page in The NY Times about Imran Khan's illegal detention, horrible living conditions and demand for his release to the international community. Thanks to First Pakistan Global and the Pakistani American diaspora for their continuous support."

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Honor killing: teenage girl shot down

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PESHAWAR: A teenage girl was gunned down allegedly by her uncle on Monday in a "honour" killing case in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu district. The incident came a few days after the killing of a man and a woman in the Degari area of Quetta on the orders of a tribal judge ahead of Eidul Azha for so-called "honour". The police had subsequently arrested at least 14 suspects for their involvement in the incident. According to Bannu police Public Relations Officer Ghulam Nabi, "The uncle of the victim allegedly gunned down his niece in the name of honour." A first information report (FIR) dated Aug 4, seen by Dawn.com, said that the incident occurred during the early hours of Monday. In the FIR, the suspect confessed

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GILGIT: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif distributing compensation cheques among the flood-hit people, during his recent visit to Gilgit-Baltistan. - DNA

Desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque

Israel attempted to provoke religious sentiments: FO

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SAIFULLAH ANSAR

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday strongly condemned the provocative and deeply offensive desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque by thousands of Israeli settlers, calling it a dangerous and deliberate attempt to provoke religious sentiments across the world, escalate tensions, and alter the status of Al-Aqsa Mosque. Foreign Office spokesperson Safat Ali Khan, in a statement, condemned in the strongest possible terms the storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque by thousands of Israeli settlers, including senior Israeli ministers, officials, and members of the Knesset, shielded by brutal Israeli occupying forces. "The presence and statements of senior Israeli officials, and the repugnant declara-

tion that "the Temple Mount is ours," are a dangerous and deliberate attempt to provoke religious sentiments across the world, escalate tensions, and alter the status of Al-Aqsa Mosque," he remarked. He said that Israel's expansionist attempts were a deliberate effort to destabilise the region and sabotage any meaningful path to peace. These provocations risk igniting a catastrophic spiral of violence across the region, he added. The spokesperson asked the world not to remain silent in the face of such systemic, illegal, inhumane, and unlawful aggression. Such actions constitute a blatant violation of international human rights and humanitarian laws, the UN Charter, as well as various UN and OIC Resolutions.

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US could require up to \$15,000 bonds for some visas

US govt notifies launch of new pilot programme aimed at cracking down on visitors who overstay their visas

NEWS DESK

WASHINGTON: The US could require up to \$15,000 bonds for some tourist and business visas under a new pilot programme, launching in two weeks, a US government notice said on Monday, an effort that aims to crack down on visitors who overstay their visas. The programme gives US consular officers the discretion to impose bonds on visitors from countries with high rates of visa overstays, according to a Federal Register notice. The bonds also could be applied to people coming from countries where screening and vetting information is deemed insufficient, the notice said. US President Donald Trump has made cracking down on illegal immigration a central focus of his presidency, surging resources to secure the border and arresting people in the US illegally. The Republican president issued a travel ban in June that blocks citizens of 12 nations from entering the US on national security grounds. The new visa programme, effective August 20, will last for approximately a year, the government notice said. The US government launched a similar pilot programme in November 2020 during the last months of Trump's first term in office, but it was not fully implemented due to the drop in global travel associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the notice said.

Trump says will raise tariff on India

"They don't care how many people in Ukraine being killed by Russian War Machine," says US president

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: President Donald Trump threatened on Monday to "substantially" hike US tariffs on goods from India over its purchases of Russian oil, a key source of revenue for Moscow's war on Ukraine. Moscow is anticipating talks with the US leader's special envoy Steve Witkoff, who is expected to meet President Vladimir Putin this week. On Monday, Trump said in a post to his Truth Social platform that India was "buying massive amounts of Russian Oil" and selling it for "big profits." "They don't care how many

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**Over 2,000
events across
Sindh in
connection
with 104th**

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Energy, Planning and Development, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, has said that more than 2,000 events are being held across the province of Sindh in connection with Independence Day and 'Battle for Truth' celebrations. He expressed these views while addressing as chief guest at an event organised at the office of the Tar Coal Energy Board, where he also inaugurated the ceremony by cutting a cake. The event was attended by Member Provincial Assembly Qasim Siraj Soomro, MD of Tar Coal Energy Board (TCEB) Tariq Ali Shah, CEO of STIC Saleem Shah, Director of TCEB Nisar Menon, and other officials. While addressing the event, Minister Nasir Shah said that, following the directives of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto and Chief Minister Sindh, Independence Day and 'Battle for Truth' celebrations are being enthusiastically observed across the province, including in all government departments, where special arrangements have been made. The Energy Minister emphasized that the celebration of Independence Day and the 'Battle for Truth' is a matter of great pride for the entire Pakistani nation, and that people across the country are participating in these events with full spirit and patriotism. Speaking at the event, MD of Tar Coal Energy Board, Tariq Ali Shah, highlighted the significance of the celebration and said that STIC took the lead in organizing the first event related to Independence Day and 'Battle for Truth'—APP.

**PFA discards
1,610kg sub-
standard
meat**

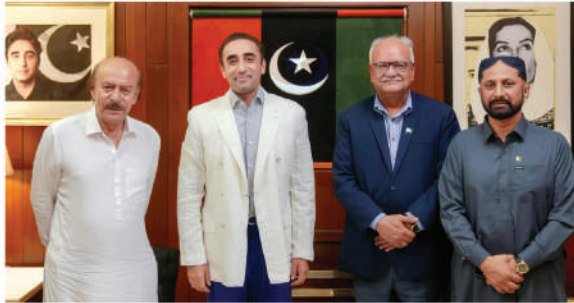
LAHORE: PFA enforcement teams launched a rigorous crackdown on meat shops and suppliers in Lahore, discarding 1,610 kilograms of substandard meat and poultry, and registering two FIRs. During the operation, PFA's food safety teams inspected 42 meat shops and supplier vehicles, checking a total of 65,000 kilograms of meat. One accused was arrested and two violators were heavily fined for critical violations of food safety laws. In one notable incident, the meat safety team recovered dead poultry from a vehicle (registration number LES4569). The poultry was immediately seized and destroyed, and a First Information Report (FIR) was lodged against the driver, who was arrested on the spot. PFA Director General Muhammad Asim Javid said that poor hygiene conditions and the absence of valid medical certificates of food handlers were also observed at several locations.

Sindh PAC recovers over Rs 20b in year: Briefing to Bilawal

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also appreciated Nisar Khuuro's performance and expressed confidence in his leadership, recognizing the success in ensuring payments owed to the Sindh government by major institutions

NAZIR SYAL

KARACHI: The Sindh Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has recovered a record amount of over Rs 20 billion from various federal and provincial departments in just one year. According to details, Chairman of the Sindh Assembly PAC, Nisar Khuuro, briefed Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on the recoveries made against corruption and irregularities here on Monday. He informed that recoveries were made from institutions such as Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation, K-Electric, Pakistan Steel Mills, and Pakistan Machine Tool Factory and rest of Sindh government departments and others. These recoveries helped return Rs 20 billion to the Sindh government. Nisar Khuuro told Bilawal Bhutto that the Auditor General of Pakistan acknowledged this as a historic recovery figure, noting that such a large recovery had never been achieved before. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also appreciated Nisar Khuuro's performance and expressed confidence in his leadership, recognizing the success in ensuring payments owed to the Sindh government by major institutions. He further stated that the Sindh PAC, being a constitutional accountability body linked with the Parliament, is playing a commendable role. Bilawal emphasized the need for other ministers and departments to curb corruption and irregularities and called for more transparency with the support of the PAC to correct systemic flaws. During the briefing PPP Sindh Gen-



eral Secretary Waqar Mehd and Information Secretary Ajaz Dhamrah were present on the occasion. Additionally, Nisar Khuuro and Waqar Mehd briefed Bilawal on the current organizational matters of the party in Sindh. Bilawal Bhutto and Ajaz Dhamrah

also discussed the Indian water aggression and its impact. Following Bilawal's directives, emphasis was laid on completing the organizational structure of the party at the grassroots level across Sindh and launching a mass contact campaign.

Peshawar varsity faces closure

PESHAWAR: The University of Peshawar is facing a complete shutdown starting Monday, as faculty members have been forced to go on strike due to months of unpaid salaries and pension. Non-teaching staff have also been severely affected, with many households struggling to afford basic necessities. Pensioners have reportedly been left without their due, adding to the growing unrest. A Joint Action Committee (JAC) of university staff, including the teachers' association, administrative officers, Class-III, IV, and sanitary workers, announced an indefinite strike through a press release. The committee declared the shutdown of all administrative offices of the university from August 4 to 6 as the first phase of the strike, with the complete closure of all offices including the controller of examina-

tions starting August 7 onward. They demanded the immediate payment of July and August salaries and pensions, including the 10pc adhoc relief allowance and the 20pc disparity reduction allowance. The committee further demanded payment of the remaining 50pc of salaries owed to Grade 17 to 22 staff. The JAC also demanded settlement of four months' outstanding salary dues from the 2023-24 financial year, and one month's dues from the 2024-25 financial year. The committee criticized the university administration for its apathy and delay in new admissions, and called on the provincial government to take immediate notice of the issue. The situation has raised serious concerns about the future of thousands of students, whose academic progress now hangs in the balance. Despite repeated appeals for sup-

port, the provincial government appears to have turned a blind eye. The absence of a functional provincial Higher Education Commission (HEC) has further exacerbated the crisis. In comparison, Punjab, with a population of 130 million, has 35 public universities, while Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with over 40 million people, has 24. Critics also highlight developmental imbalances, citing the establishment of a university in Swabi by the Awami National Party (ANP), despite a lack of basic infrastructure such as washrooms in some areas. The move ultimately failed to gain lasting political support from the local population. Experts and civil society members are now calling for urgent intervention and structural reforms to prevent educational institutions from becoming casualties of political neglect.—DNA

US Consul General pays respects at Iqbal's mausoleum

Sanders showed keen interest in the architecture of the imperial mosque and praised the architectural heritage and art-work of the mosque

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LAHORE: The newly appointed US Consul General to Lahore Stetson Sanders on Monday visited mausoleum of the poet of the East Allama Iqbal and laid a floral wreath at the grave during his first outing after assuming charge at the US Consulate here. The US diplomat observed silence for a minute as a symbol of respect at the grave of the national poet who gave the idea of Pakistan in his Allahabad address of 1930 and woke the Muslims of the Sub-continent up from deep slumber to wage a movement and, ultimately, win freedom from the British rule. Recording impression in the Visitor's Book, Sanders paid tribute to Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal for his visionary leadership as a philosopher, poet and politician, adding that Dr Iqbal's vision was central to the renaissance of the

Muslims in the Sub-continent. 'Iqbal's poetry was a beacon for generations to come,' he added. Earlier, the US Consul General Stetson Sanders was accorded a red-carpet welcome upon arrival and a contingent of the Pakistan Rangers escorted the guest to the mausoleum. Later, US Consul General Stetson Sanders visited the 17th century iconic Badshahi Mosque which is a masterpiece of Mughal architecture and embodies within its walls the rich history of Muslim Rule in Hindustan. The dignitary was welcomed by the Khateeb Badshahi Mosque Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabeer Azad and shown round the main chamber and other parts of the mosque. Sanders showed keen interest in the architecture of the imperial mosque and praised the architectural heritage and art-work of the mosque. He was also briefed about the history of the mosque.

Police martyrs' day observed across Punjab

LAHORE: The Police martyrs' day was observed with solemnity and reverence across Punjab on Monday, including in the provincial capital, to honour the ultimate sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty. According to a Punjab Police spokesperson, special ceremonies were held in all districts of the province, while smartly turned-out police contingents presented guard of honour at the memorials and graves of the martyrs. Wreaths were laid on the graves of martyrs, met with their children and paid tribute to the heroes while expressing solidarity. Rallies and special events were also organised to highlight their sacrifices. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Dr Usman Anwar, in his special message on the occasion, said that August 4 was a day to renew the pledge with the martyrs of Punjab Police. 'Nations that honour their heroes never forget them,' he stated. The IGP added that Punjab Police observed police martyrs day with national spirit every year to pay homage to over 1,700 brave officers and personnel who embraced martyrdom in the line of duty. 'They sacrificed their present to secure the future of the nation,' he said. Dr Usman also paid heartfelt tribute to the mothers and families of the martyrs, stating that the department stood by them in every moment of grief in joy or sorrow.—APP

Training programme to enhance public sector capacity

LAHORE: The Civil Services Academy (CSA), Lahore, in collaboration with the National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE), inaugurated a specialised training programme for officers of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) under the theme 'Transforming Governance: Enhancing Public Sector Performance and Integrity'. The initiative aims to strengthen institutional capacity and promote effective governance in the public sector through practice-oriented training. The event began with a recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the welcome of distinguished guests, including Director NAHE, Salim Ahmad, Director General, Regional Centre HEC Lahore, Ghulam Nabi and the inaugural cohort of HEC officer participants.—APP

Kashmiris face Israeli-Style displacement: Manzoor

ISLAMABAD: Manzoor Ahmed Dar, a leader of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference on Monday stated that August 5, 2019, is a dark chapter in Kashmir's history that Kashmiris will never forget and it is part of an Israeli-style plan to displace Kashmiris from their homeland. In an exclusive interview with APP, Manzoor Ahmed Dar said that the fascist Modi government, under the Hindutva agenda, revoked the special status of occupied Kashmir through illegal and unilateral actions on August 5, 2019, which is a grave violation of United Nations resolutions. He emphasized that India cannot change the disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir through such so-called actions. He further stated that six years have passed since these illegal Indian actions in occupied Kashmir, and India is attempting to alter the demography of the region under the guise of these actions. India is engaged in efforts to turn the Muslim majority of Kashmir into a minority by issuing fake state subject certificates to settle Indian citizens in occupied Kashmir. The Modi government is implementing an Israeli-style plan in Kashmir, under which Kashmiri Muslims are being displaced and their properties are being seized. The action of August 5, 2019, is part of this plan. The Hurriyat leader said that the Indian illegal action of August 5, 2019, is a direct attack on Kashmir's special identity. The extremist Modi government in India, after committing genocide against Kashmiris, is now bent on erasing their identity. Manzoor Ahmed Dar termed India's actions a blatant violation of UN resolutions, stating that August 5 is a dark chapter in Kashmir's history that Kashmiris will never forget. Kashmiris have never accepted India's illegal occupation, nor do they accept the undemocratic and illegal actions of August 5, 2019. He clarified that the morale of the Kashmiri people remains high, and martyrdom, arrests, and violence cannot hinder their struggle. They will not hesitate to make any sacrifice to end India's illegal occupation and achieve the right to self-determination. On August 5, Kashmiris and Pakistanis will observe Youm-e-Istehsal to send a clear message to the world that they reject India's illegal and unilateral actions of August 5, 2019, he stated.—DNA

Pak's retaliation reasserted Pak's vow on Kashmir: Noon

DNA

ISLAMABAD: The Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Islamabad, hosted a high-level seminar titled 'Unheard Voices of IIOJK: Six Years of Struggle after Article 370' to mark the six-year anniversary of India's unilateral revocation of Articles 370 and 35A that stripped Indian illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) of its autonomous status on August 5, 2019. Parliamentarians, senior defence officials, Kashmiri leaders, and civil society representatives attended the event to honour the resilience of the people of IIOJK and reinforce Pakistan's enduring political, diplomatic, and moral support for their right to self-determination. Addressing the seminar, Ambassador Jauhar Saleem, President IRS, termed India's 2019 actions 'a blatant violation of international law and an attempt at demographic engineering.' He stressed that despite curfews, lockdowns, mass detentions, internet shutdowns and militarisation, India has failed to suppress the Kashmiri identity or silence their demand for freedom. Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Kashmir Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon declared Kashmir 'a sacred national cause embedded in Pakistan's ideology,' adding that true peace and stability in South Asia remain impossible without resolving the Kashmir dispute as per UN Security Council resolutions. He paid tribute to the Pakistani armed forces for their defence during the May 2025 conflict, which he said had 'reshaped the regional balance'. Ms. Farzana Yaqoob, former AJK Minister, said Pakistan's stance had grown more articulate and proactive on global forums. She proposed redefining August 5 as a 'Day of Courage' to honour Kashmiri resistance, and urged Pakistan to adopt legal diplomacy by pursuing international case-work against Indian human rights violations in IIOJK. Speakers including MNA Sardar Fatehullah Khan Miankhel (Chairman Standing Committee on Defence), Sheikh Abdul Mateen (Senior Hurriyat leader) and Abdul Hameed Lone (Kashmiri Leader) rejected India's 'constitutional terrorism' and exposed how thousands of Kashmiri civilians, activists, and political leaders continued to face arrest, torture, and extrajudicial killings. They reaffirmed that the Kashmiri struggle is one for identity and justice, not territory.

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DAYS OF STATE OPPRESSION

EXPLOITATION OF OPPRESSED KASHMIRIS IS UNACCEPTABLE

India's illegal and unilateral actions of August 5, 2019, cannot alter the internationally recognized disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir.

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Vocational training essential for future prosperity: Nasir

"Massive investment in skills, innovation, and adaptability is the need of the hour," he said. "If we empower our young generation with future-ready capabilities, Pakistan can leap forward into a new industrial era"

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ISLAMABAD: Nasir Mansoor Qureshi, President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), has stressed the urgent need for Pakistan to invest heavily in vocational education and skills development to build a future-ready workforce capable of driving the country toward a new era of industrialization and economic prosperity.

Speaking in a gathering of trade and industry leaders at the Chamber House on Monday, alongside ICCI Senior Vice President Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, Qureshi emphasized that Pakistan's demographic dividend can only be transformed into economic strength by equipping the youth with modern industrial and technological skills. "Massive investment in skills, innovation, and adaptability is the need of the hour," he said. "If we empower our young generation

with future-ready capabilities, Pakistan can leap forward into a new industrial era." Appreciating the recent agreement signed between vocational training institutions of Pakistan and China, the ICCI President hailed the development as a "transformative journey" for the country's youth. He noted that the emerging fields of artificial intelligence, robotics, big data, and green technologies are rapidly replacing traditional jobs, and

that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is poised to generate thousands of new opportunities requiring specialized skills. Qureshi called on the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTC) to scale up its efforts to deliver high-impact skills training, not only to boost employment within the country but also to create a skilled workforce capable of earning valuable foreign exchange through overseas em-

ployment. He further underlined that this is a pivotal moment for Pakistan's economic future, urging both the public and private sectors to join hands in converting the country's youth bulge into a youth boom. As far as the ICCI is concerned, he concluded, "we are fully committed to this national cause and will continue to play our proactive role in building a skilled, innovative, and forward-looking workforce."

Revocation of article 370 unconstitutional, colonial-era move

ISLAMABAD: The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has issued India's August 5, 2019 move to revoke Articles 370 and 35A as a blatant violation of constitutional, democratic, and international norms. Talking to APP, APHC Information Secretary, Mushtaq Ahmad Butt called India's said act a direct attack on the political, geographic, and human rights of the Kashmiri people.

He said the unilateral abrogation of Article 370 by the Indian government stripped the region of its semi-autonomous status without the consent of its people.

Article 370 has granted Jammu and Kashmir special constitutional status, including its own flag, constitution, and legislative autonomy. Article 35A provided exclusive rights to residents over land ownership, government jobs, and other privileges. The removal of these provisions, said Butt, was not only a legal betrayal but also a calculated move to erase Kashmir's political identity, historical character, and demographic integrity. —APP

CJP emphasizes citizen-centric judicial infrastructure

ISLAMABAD: The Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Yahya Afridi, accompanied by Justice Junsid Ghaffar, Chief Justice of the High Court of Sindh, and Judges Justice Zafar Raza and Justice Iqbal Khattori, held a meeting today with the District and Sessions Judges of the Karachi Division at the South High Court building.

According to a press release issued here Monday, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Sindh apprised the Chief Justice of Pakistan regarding the proposed construction of a state-of-the-art Judicial Complex in Karachi, comprising 125 fully equipped courts along with all requisite amenities. The project is intended to address the growing needs of the judicial system in Karachi and is expected to commence shortly. The Chief Justice of Pakistan welcomed the initiative and underscored the importance of sustainable, scalable, and forward-looking infrastructure planning. He stressed that future forecasting must be integrated into the design to ensure the long-term viability of the complex. In this regard, he recommended that structured consultations be held with all relevant stakeholders, including judges and members of the district bar, to gather practical input keeping in view the technicalities so that a refined proposal may be placed before the government for timely execution. —APP



ISLAMABAD: Chairman WAPDA Lt. Gen. (R) Muhammad Saeed called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Hearing in Sugar cartel case rescheduled on mills' request

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has rescheduled the rehearing of the cartelization case against the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) and its member mills, following requests from their legal counsels. The hearings, initially fixed for August 4-7, 2025, will now take place from September 22-25, 2025, said a release issued here Monday. The adjournment was sought on the grounds that over fifty mills have filed appeals against the CAT order in the Supreme Court of Pakistan, while others cited unavailability of legal representatives due to the Supreme Court's summer recess. While the CCP had scheduled day-to-day hearings in line with the directions of the Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT), it has allowed a one-time postponement in the interest of fairness and to ensure due opportunity for all parties to present their case. The Commission will not entertain further delays, and in case of non-appearance or repeated adjournment requests, ex-parte proceedings may be initiated. The proceedings pertain to show cause notices issued in November 2020 to PSMA and its member mills for alleged cartelization and anti-competitive conduct. Hearing notices were most recently issued on July 9, 2025, in compliance with CAT's May 21, 2025 order, which directed the Commission to rehear the matter before a Member or Chairperson not part of the original bench. It may be recalled that in 2021, the CCP had imposed a penalty of Rs. 44 billion on PSMA and its member mills for cartelization. The order was later set aside by the Tribunal, which held that the casting vote exercised by the then Chairperson in a 2-2 deadlock was not permissible under the Competition Act, 2010 in quasi-judicial proceedings. —DNA

Pakistan export skilled workers to State of Kuwait

ISLAMABAD: Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC), an attached department of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and International Cooperation (OPIC), would export skilled workers to the State of Kuwait, after long time, Pakistan has been sending its skilled workers to Kuwait. An official source told APP that due to the conducive and productive policies of the incumbent regime, the demand of Pakistani workers is increasing day by day in the international labour market. He said that the Pakistani workforce who meet the prescribed qualifications and experience listed below would be selected. Warehouse Supervisor, maximum age 35 years old, education Diploma or Bachelor's Degree, communication English (read, speak, understand) is a must, Arabic language is an advantage, good customer service skills, having 3 to 5 years warehouse experience in Retail Warehouse like Ashtory, Sea gold, and other Logistics companies, or GCC experience. He said that the jobs of warehouse coordinator, warehouseman, carpenter, and unskilled worker, assistant furniture installer, Driver courier / Logistics (delivery services) The applicants will submit/attach the deposited Bank challan amounting to Rs. 500/- generated at the time of online application, the closing date of the submission of documents August 15, 2025. —APP

BISP to launch pilot phase of Sahulat accounts

ISLAMABAD: In a major step towards financial inclusion and beneficiary empowerment, the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is set to launch the pilot phase of its new direct bank account payment system "Sahulat Accounts" on August 13. Under this initiative, beneficiaries in seven major districts of the country will be able to open bank accounts of their choice to receive payments directly. This marks a transformative shift from traditional cash transfer methods to a more flexible, secure, and dignified payment model. Chairperson BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, announced the launch while meeting a high-level joint delegation of the World Bank and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), which is currently undertaking a five-day Implementation Support Mission to Pakistan under the Crisis-Resilient Social Protection (CRISP) initiative. Highlighting BISP's digital advancement, Senator Rubina Khalid stated that the organization had already successfully launched a Digital Wallet Payment Model and was now progressing to the next level of service delivery. "For the first time, we are taking a practical step towards providing beneficiaries with the freedom to choose their preferred bank for receiving payments," she said. The visiting delegation included senior experts from both the World Bank and the FCDO. From the World Bank, the team comprised Mr. Amjad Zafar Khan, Senior Social Protection Specialist and Task Team Leader; Ms. Melin U. Guven, Lead Economist and Co-Task Team Leader; Mr. Lucian Bucur Pop, Senior Economist; Mr. Javier Sanchez-Reaza, Senior Economist; and Mr. Gul Najam Jany, Consultant. Representing the FCDO were Heidi Carrubba, Humanitarian and Resilience Advisor, and Mr. Sabir Yasir Javed, Program Manager for BISP. During the meeting, the delegation apprised Chairperson Rubina Khalid and Secretary Ameer Ali Ahmad of the mission's objectives and expected outcomes. Chairperson Rubina Khalid shared updates on BISP's ongoing reforms and future plans, including efforts to enhance digital access and broaden payment options for beneficiaries.

Islamabad expresses solidarity with Kashmiris on Youm-e-Istehsal

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Capital has expressed solidarity with the people of Kashmir by highlighting unilateral and illegal action of India that stripped Kashmir of its special status by evoking Articles 35-A and 370 on August 05, 2019. A large number of banners, flyers and digital screens have been installed across the city showing the plight and struggle of Kashmiris against the illegal occupation and violence of India for last many decades. The Civil Development Authority (CDA) took the lead in this regard, and designed and executed the branding campaign to remind the world about the Indian atrocities against the innocent and unarmed Kashmiris. "It is not just a symbolic act, but a

reminder that Kashmir remains a central issue to human rights and international justice," a CDA spokesperson told APP on Monday while highlighting objectives of the campaign which was launched in line with the directives of Chairman CDA and Chief Commissioner Islamabad Muhammad Ali Randhawa. The campaign is part of Pakistan's national observance of Youm-e-Istehsal, commemorated annually on August 5 to protest India's illegal revocation of Articles 35-A and 370 of the Indian constitution. The spokesperson said the campaign will continue throughout the week, alongside rallies, seminars, and public awareness drives planned in collaboration with civil society and media organizations. He said the banners and flyers containing powerful messages and slogans have been displayed across the city including D-Chowk, Constitution Avenue, Blue Area, Jinnah Avenue, Srinagar Highway, Islamabad Expressway, Faizabad, Zero Point, and G-9, declaring unwavering support for Kashmiris' right to self-determination. The displayed messages have caught the attention of motorists and pedestrians, turning concrete spaces into voices of resistance and remembrance. "The messages inscribed on banners and flyers both in English and Urdu reflect Pakistan's commitment to the Kashmir issue," said Raza, a motorist crossing Sec-enth Avenue Interchange. —APP

agenda of strategic colonization and cultural erasure. Hussain accused New Delhi of historically relying on the installation of loyalist elements and the fabrication of narratives to control the region, but asserted that such tactics have never succeeded in earning the genuine trust of the Kashmiri population. "Despite decades of state oppression, the people of Jammu & Kashmir continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience and have sustained a peaceful indigenous movement rooted in the pursuit of dignity, justice, and the internationally recognized right to self-determination," he said. Mushtaq Hussain concluded by emphasizing that Kashmir's destiny cannot be dictated by force or fear. "The path to lasting peace in South Asia lies in justice for Jammu & Kashmir and recognition of the Kashmiri people's right to determine their own future," he added. —APP

Giani calls August 5 Dark Day in modern history

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Younis Raza Giani on Monday called August 5 one of the darkest days in recent history, marking the anniversary of India's move to revoke the special status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) in 2019. In his message, he said that on this day in 2019, the Indian government unilaterally and constitutionally revoked the special status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), stripping the Kashmiri people of their fundamental rights and converting the entire valley into an open-air prison. He added that the Indian authorities imposed one of the longest lockdowns in history, confining millions of Kashmiris to their homes and subjecting them to severe restrictions, oppression, and brutality. "Whether elderly or young, women or children, no one was spared from the state-sponsored tyranny. Countless people were arbitrarily detained, and the valley was plunged into a state of absolute siege," he said. "Such cruelty has few parallels in contemporary human history." Giani said that these inhumane measures sparked widespread concern across the globe. Numerous international organizations and human rights bodies raised serious questions about India's actions and its human rights record in IIOJK. He warned that India's repressive policies have endangered regional peace and erected significant barriers to progress, prosperity, and stability in South Asia. Reaffirming Pakistan's long-standing and principled stance, the Chairman said, "Pakistan has consistently advocated for a peaceful and just resolution of Kashmir dispute in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people. We firmly believe that war is not a solution — all conflicts must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy." The Chairman further stressed that India's expansionist ambitions and hegemonic designs can never succeed. "Six years have passed, yet the Kashmiri people remain resolute in their legitimate struggle for the right to self-determination. The past six years are written with the blood of innocent Kashmiris who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their freedom," he added. Calling upon the international community, Chairman Giani urged global powers not to remain silent spectators. "The time has come for the world to stand for justice and pressurize India to honor UN resolutions and respect the will of the Kashmiri people," he said. He said that the just and peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute is not only vital for regional peace and security but is also essential for global stability. "India's propaganda and attempts to silence Kashmiris through force will never succeed. The sacrifices of the Kashmiri people will never go in vain. Their struggle for self-determination will prevail. Pakistan stands united with the people of Kashmir and will continue to support them until their aspirations are fulfilled." The Kashmiris are not alone, Pakistan stands shoulder to shoulder with them forever. —DNA

"Kashmir's destiny can't be written

ISLAMABAD: Vice Chairman of the Jammu & Kashmir Islamic Political Party, Mushtaq Hussain, has termed the Indian government's August 5, 2019 move to revoke Article 370 as a "day of betrayal" and a turning point in the painful history of Jammu and Kashmir, saying it was a grave violation of trust and a direct affront to the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people. Mushtaq Hussain, ranked Youm-e-Istehsal being observed across Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir, strongly stated that the abrogation was not merely a constitutional alteration but an aggressive attempt to impose political and territorial control over the disputed region. He said that since October 27, 1947, India aimed at absolute control over Jammu & Kashmir, disregarding repeated international commitments and solemn pledges made before the United Nations regarding a plebiscite

and phased military withdrawal. "Instead of fulfilling its obligations under international law, India has enforced its occupation through policies that undermine the democratic will of the Kashmiri people," he said. Mushtaq Hussain highlighted that the post-August 5 period has witnessed a dangerous escalation in human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary arrests, and suppression of peaceful voices. He also expressed alarm over the demographic changes being enforced through the issuance of domicile certificates to non-residents and the confiscation of property belonging to locals. He criticized certain Indian political figures, particularly those associated with extremist groups, who have publicly stated that "Kashmir's land is more important than its people," a sentiment he described as reflective of an

agenda of strategic colonization and cultural erasure. Hussain accused New Delhi of historically relying on the installation of loyalist elements and the fabrication of narratives to control the region, but asserted that such tactics have never succeeded in earning the genuine trust of the Kashmiri population. "Despite decades of state oppression, the people of Jammu & Kashmir continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience and have sustained a peaceful indigenous movement rooted in the pursuit of dignity, justice, and the internationally recognized right to self-determination," he said. Mushtaq Hussain concluded by emphasizing that Kashmir's destiny cannot be dictated by force or fear. "The path to lasting peace in South Asia lies in justice for Jammu & Kashmir and recognition of the Kashmiri people's right to determine their own future," he added. —APP

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Pakistan earns \$878m by exporting transport services

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan earned US \$878.295 million by providing different transport services in various countries during the first eleven months of the fiscal year (2024-25) as compared to the corresponding period of last year. This shows an increase of 25.06 percent as compared to \$702.303 million earned through the provision of services during the corresponding months of the last fiscal year (2023-24), the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

During the period under review, the exports of sea transport services witnessed an increase of 1.34 percent, going up from \$108.952 million last year to \$109.205 million. Among the sea transport services, the exports of freight services rose by 60.56 percent from \$53.997 million last year to \$86.359 million whereas the exports of other sea transport services, however, decreased by 66.19 percent from \$47.165 million to \$15.946 million, the PBS data revealed.

The exports of air transport also increased by 25.77 percent going up from \$574.910 million last year to \$723.079 million during July-May 2024-25. Among the air transport services, the exports of passenger services decreased by 4.01 percent, from \$409.428 million to \$392.999 million, whereas the exports of freight services surged by 140.89 percent, from \$11.235 million to \$27.065 million. In addition, the export of other air transport services witnessed an increase of 96.45 percent from \$154.245 million to \$303.014 million.—APP

APHC reaffirms resolve against Indian occupation

ISLAMABAD: Senior leader of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) and former Information Secretary Intiaz Wani on Monday said that August 5 is one of the darkest and most painful turning points in the modern history of Jammu and Kashmir. He described the day as a symbol of India's aggressive and unlawful actions aimed at dismantling the disputed region's constitutional, legal, and historical status. In a statement issued on the eve of Youm-e-Istehsal (Exploitation Day), Wani condemned the Indian government's move to revoke Articles 370 and 35A, which granted Jammu and Kashmir limited autonomy under the Indian constitution. He stated that the revocation was a unilateral, unconstitutional, and illegal step carried out under the Modi government's Hindutva ideology. This act was not only an attack on Kashmir's identity but a blatant violation of international law, United Nations resolutions, and universally recognized human rights, Wani said. The APHC leader said the subsequent bifurcation of the region into two union territories under New Delhi's direct control reflected India's colonial ambitions and complete disregard for the aspirations and rights of the Kashmiri people. "The aftermath of this decision effectively turned occupied Kashmir into an open-air prison," he added.—APP



ISLAMABAD: Banner displayed in connection with Youm-e-Istehsal Kashmir along the Express Way in Federal Capital.

14th August: Islamabad set for spectacular celebrations

Randhawa told media that the city will be festooned with national flags, and all government buildings will prominently display patriotic colors. Key roads such as Constitution Avenue, Srinagar Highway, Club Road, and Jinnah Avenue will be illuminated with decorative LED lights and digital streamers. Highlighting the festive

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Muhammad Ali Randhawa, on Monday revealed that the federal capital is gearing up for a grand celebration of Independence Day and Mar-e-Haq with full national spirit and public participation.

In line with the directions of Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, preparations are being jointly carried out by the CDA, Islamabad Administration, and Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) to mark August 14 in a befitting and dignified manner. Randhawa told media that the city will be festooned with national flags, and all government buildings will prominently display patriotic colors. Key roads such as Constitution Avenue, Srinagar Highway, Club Road, and Jinnah Avenue will be illuminated with decorative LED lights and



plans, he said that a series of publiccen-

tered activities will take place across Islamabad. "From flag hoisting ceremonies and cultural shows to fireworks, national songs and painting competitions, debate contests and tableau presentations in schools—every effort is being made to foster unity and national pride," Randhawa said. He added that Islamabad's 279 public parks will be specially decorated and sports facilities like football, cricket, and paddle courts will be activated to encourage youth participation. "We're also focusing on improving the overall aesthetic and cleanliness of the city so families can enjoy these celebrations in a vibrant and secure environment," he noted.

Branding related to Mar-e-Haq and Independence Day will be visible on electric and other buses operating within the capital. To ensure safety, the Chairman confirmed

that stringent security measures are being implemented in coordination with Islamabad Police. These include the establishment of checkpoints at all entry and exit points, increased CCTV monitoring, and deployment of special security teams to safeguard all events.

Speaking about the deeper meaning behind this year's celebrations, Randhawa said, "Mar-e-Haq is not just an event—it represents our national unity, our collective courage, and our readiness to stand by our armed forces against any threat. It's a reminder that we are one resilient nation, proud of its heritage and committed to its future." With Islamabad soon to glow in green and white, this year's Independence Day promises to be a powerful display of unity, culture, and patriotic devotion.—Agencies

Positive economic indicators signal rising global influence

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to the Finance Minister Khuram Shahzad on Monday expressed strong confidence in Pakistan's growing global recognition, pointing out that increasing investment prospects and positive economic indicators reflect the nation's rising global stature and the strengthening of ties with neighboring countries. In an exclusive conversation with a local news channel, Advisor Khuram Shahzad praised Prime Minister Shabbaz Sharif's economic policies and their role in Pakistan's economic revival. He described the positive economic indicators as a testament to the growing trust of countries in Pakistan, highlighting the strengthened regional relationships as a significant benefit for the country's future. Khuram Shahzad further lauded the strengthening of Pak-Iran relations, emphasizing the 13 Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) signed across sectors like tourism to culture. He noted that these top-level commitments would bring substantial benefits to Pakistan, fostering closer regional ties and driving economic growth. Shahzad emphasized that the top-level commitments between Pakistan and Iran would accelerate cooperation, particularly in the oil and gas sectors.—APP

People cautioned to be vigilant during rains

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Director of the Meteorological Department, Anjum Nazeer Zaghum, cautioned the public to stay vigilant as heavy rainfall and strong winds are expected until August 7 and predicted that by the end of August, the rain would shift towards the southern parts of the country. In an exclusive conversation with a local news channel, Anjum Nazeer Zaghum explained that while Karachi will experience light to scattered rainfall, other cities, including Galyat and the northern parts of the country will brace for heavy rainfall, which could lead to disruptions in daily life. Zaghum further noted that heavy rainfall is expected in Punjab, Islamabad, Murree and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) with the risk of landslides in hilly areas. He urged the public to take necessary precautions and stay informed about weather updates, especially in regions prone to severe weather impacts.—APP

35 shops sealed for overpricing sugar in ICT

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad's district administration has intensified its efforts to control sugar prices across the city and officials sealed 35 shops and arrested four individuals for selling sugar above the official rate. According to the spokesman of ICT administration, the authority to ensure sugar is available to residents at the government-set price of Rs172 per kilogram. In this regard, Assistant Commissioners and Price Control Magistrates visited various markets across the federal capital to check compliance. During these operations, several retailers were found either overcharging or refusing to sell sugar, claiming unavailability. Officials confirmed that 35 shops were sealed and four persons arrested in one day alone. Deputy Commissioner Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon, said the government is making sure that sugar is supplied to retailers at wholesale market rates. He added that action is being taken against those who falsely claim shortage or withhold stock to create artificial price hikes. To streamline sugar availability, a focal person has been appointed to oversee and ensure timely supply to retailers. Irfan Memon stated that sugar sale stalls are also operating across the city where citizens can buy sugar at Rs172 per kilogram.

He urged residents not to purchase sugar at inflated prices and to report such incidents to the administration. "Public cooperation is essential. We request citizens to inform us about retailers who are overcharging or hoarding stock," the Deputy Commissioner said. The administration's focus remains on stabilizing sugar prices and ensuring that it is available to all segments of the population at the notified rates. Meanwhile, the market monitoring will continue in the coming days. Officials are expected to conduct surprise visits to curb any attempt to manipulate sugar supply or pricing. The district administration has reiterated its commitment to keep basic commodities within reach of the public and said that violators will face strict legal action. Authorities have warned traders to follow government pricing rules or risk fines, shop closures, or legal proceedings. The Deputy Commissioner has asked the public to use the helpline and other complaint channels to report violations. The district government has also started collecting data on the daily sugar demand and supply trends to address possible gaps and prevent stock manipulation. DC Memon assured that efforts will continue until fair pricing is ensured across the city.—APP

IG leads tributes on Police Martyrs' Day

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police observed Police Martyrs' Day with solemn tributes and heartfelt remembrance for the 67 valiant officers who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The day began with Quran recitation ceremonies held at various mosques, including at the Police Lines Headquarters, where front wreaths were also laid at the Yagdere-Shuhada (Martyrs' Memorial). A public relations officer told APP on Monday that Inspector General of Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, along with senior officers and the families of martyred personnel, paid their respects at the memorial. Candles were lit to honor the fallen heroes, while national songs and commemorative videos highlighting their sacrifices were released across digital platforms. "Police Martyrs' Day is not just a remembrance of our fallen comrades—it is a day of renewal of our pledge to uphold the ideals they died defending," said IGP Rizvi.—APP

Murree becomes dengue epicenter

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RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi has escalated its dengue prevention and control measures, focusing on Union Council Ghail in Murree, which has been identified as the epicenter of the outbreak with 14 confirmed cases. With 34 total confirmed cases across the district including 20 in Rawalpindi and 14 in Murree, the DHA is deploying robust surveillance, strategic interventions, and community engagement to curb the spread of the virus, as confirmed by CEO Dr. Ehsan Ghani.

According to the official data released by DHA, as of August 4, Rawalpindi hospitals have screened 4,076 patients, identifying 3,819 suspected cases, 2 probable cases, and 34 confirmed cases, with 8 patients currently admitted. No dengue-related deaths have been reported this year.

To tackle the outbreak in Murree, the DHA has established control rooms at Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Murree and Basic Health Units in Chashba, Bon, and Danda to manage patient care efficiently, particularly in the Ghail area. The DHA has mobilized staff from multiple sectors, includ-

ing the Clean Punjab program and education department, to execute a detailed work plan targeting hard-to-reach hilly areas. The enhanced surveillance includes rigorous indoor and outdoor checking with the education department and local influencers are driving community awareness and participation. THQ Hospital Murree and Sanli Sanatorium serve as primary referral points, with private hospitals and CHH integrated for timely treatment and monitoring. The data shows that since January 01, vector surveillance has covered 4,113,932 houses, identifying 46,282 dengue larvae-positive sites, and 1,083,685 spots, with 9,880 positive for larvae. All 56,162 detected larvae sites have been eliminated in accordance with standard protocols. Towards punitive actions and enforce compliance, the DHA has filed 1,747 FIRs, sealed 1,090 premises, issued 3,279 challans, and imposed fines totaling Rs. 3,161,500.0

The health authority has urged the residents to cooperate with health teams, maintain clean surroundings, and take precautions to prevent mosquito breeding.—DNA

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The future of cryptocurrency: global trends and Pakistan's position

CRYPTOCURRENCY has evolved from a niche digital experiment into a global financial phenomenon, reshaping economies, investment strategies, and even government policies. As blockchain technology advances, nations worldwide are grappling with how to regulate, adopt, or restrict digital currencies. Pakistan, like many developing countries, stands at a crossroads—balancing the risks of unregulated crypto markets with the potential benefits of financial inclusion and technological innovation.

The cryptocurrency market has matured significantly since Bitcoin's inception in 2009. Major financial institutions, including BlackRock, Fidelity, and JPMorgan, have entered the space, offering Bitcoin ETFs and blockchain-based services. Governments are also taking steps toward regulation: The U.S. has moved toward clearer crypto laws, with the SEC approving Bitcoin ETFs while cracking down on fraudulent schemes. The EU implemented the Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA) framework, providing legal clarity for digital assets. El Salvador remains the only country to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender, despite economic challenges. China maintains a strict ban but is advancing its central bank digital currency (CBDC), the digital yuan. Many countries are exploring CBDCs—government-backed digital currencies—to modernize payment systems and counter crypto volatility. The Bahamas (Sand Dollar) and Nigeria (eNaira) have already launched CBDCs, while the U.S. Federal Reserve and European Central Bank are in advanced testing phases. Decentralized Finance (DeFi) is revolutionizing traditional banking by enabling peer-to-peer lending, staking, and yield farming without intermediaries. However, security risks (like the 2022 FTX collapse) highlight the need for better safeguards. Pakistan has taken a cautious approach to cryptocurrency. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) have issued warnings about crypto risks, and in 2021, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) cracked down on Binance-linked scams. However, despite restrictions, Pakistan ranks among the top countries in crypto adoption (Chainalysis 2023 Global Crypto Adoption Index). Remittances & Financial Inclusion: With over 9 million Pakistanis working abroad, crypto offers a faster, cheaper alternative to traditional remittance channels. Inflation Hedge: The rupee's depreciation and soaring inflation have driven many toward Bitcoin and stablecoins like USDT as stores of value. Youth & Tech Adoption: Pakistan has a tech-savvy youth population, with freelancers and startups increasingly using crypto for cross-border payments. Fraud & Scams: Unregulated exchanges and Ponzi schemes have duped many investors. Money Laundering Concerns: The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has pressured Pakistan to tighten crypto oversight.

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Navigating China-US relations in a multipolar world

CHINA-US relations, arguably the most consequential bilateral relationship of the 21st century, stand at a pivotal juncture. The two global powers—one a long-established superpower and the other a rapidly ascending force—are engaged in a complex web of competition, cooperation, and confrontation. From trade and technology to regional security and climate change, the dynamics between Beijing and Washington carry profound implications for global peace, economic stability, and the emerging world order. Recent years have witnessed a marked deterioration in relations. The trade war initiated during the Trump administration, continued tensions over Taiwan, and a growing race for technological supremacy have defined a new era of strategic rivalry. The Biden administration, while restoring some diplomatic channels, has largely retained a tough posture on China, particularly in matters of national security and economic independence. Yet, despite the increasing friction, both sides are keenly aware that complete decoupling is neither practical nor desirable. China and the US are deeply integrated in global supply chains, financial markets, and climate negotiations. The world's two largest economies remain interdependent to a degree that demands a calibrated approach rather than one driven by ideology or reactionary politics. Taiwan remains the most sensitive flashpoint. For China, it is a non-negotiable issue of sovereignty. For the US, it's a cornerstone of its Indo-Pacific strategy. Miscalculations in this arena could trigger conflict with global consequences. Hence, restraint and clarity in communication are essential. Washington must avoid provocations that are symbolic but strategically damaging, while Beijing must manage nationalistic impulses and reassure the region of its peaceful intentions. Economic competition, too, must be managed with foresight. While safeguarding national interests is valid, weaponizing trade or technology risks dividing the global economy into rival blocs—undermining innovation, growth, and cooperation. Instead of punitive tariffs and blocklists, both nations should work toward fair trade norms and transparent rules that benefit global stability. On the flip side, areas like climate change, counterterrorism, global health, and AI governance offer opportunities for cooperation. The US and China share responsibility as global stakeholders and must lead by example. Multilateral forums like the G20, APEC, and the UN can serve as platforms to nurture cooperation while maintaining healthy competition. The international community, especially emerging economies, has no appetite for a new Cold War. They seek a world where China and the US compete but also collaborate—respecting sovereignty, economic independence, and the rules-based order.

Recognition of State of Palestine: End of Impunity for Israel

Qamar Bashir



Europe could impose sanctions on settlement goods, halt arms trade, and channel reconstruction funds directly to Palestine under state-to-state frameworks, bypassing Israel's control over humanitarian aid and dismantling its stranglehold on Gaza's survival. Most importantly, recognition would allow Palestine to demand humanitarian corridors, international peacekeeping forces, and binding UN resolutions for reconstruction and protection, breaking the decades-long cycle of siege, starvation, and slaughter that turned Gaza and the West Bank into open-air prisons.

IF by September 2025, as promised by a growing coalition of European Union nations, over 100 Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) nations, and key United Nations members, the State of Palestine is formally recognized, it will transform not just the diplomatic landscape but the lives of millions in Gaza and the West Bank. For seventy-seven years, Palestinians have lived stateless, denied protection under international law, treated not as a people but as a problem. This collective recognition would change that overnight, ending decades of unchecked Israeli impunity, shifting the balance of law, morality, and diplomacy, and offering Palestinians their first tangible hope of freedom, justice, and survival. Global recognition would isolate Israel diplomatically like never before, branding it as the lone rejecter of peace among nearly all UN member states, with only the United States and a handful of allies shielding it from sanctions and prosecution. It would give Palestine stronger legal standing before the International Criminal Court and other UN agencies, enabling war crimes investigations into Israel's actions in Gaza and the West Bank and making arms sales and military aid to Israel politically toxic and legally indefensible. Europe could impose sanctions on settlement goods, halt arms trade, and channel reconstruction funds directly to Palestine under state-to-state frameworks, bypassing Israel's control over humanitarian aid and dismantling its stranglehold on Gaza's survival. Most importantly, recognition would allow Palestine to demand humanitarian corridors, international peacekeeping forces, and binding UN resolutions for reconstruction and protection, breaking the decades-long cycle of siege, starvation, and slaughter that turned Gaza and the West Bank into open-air prisons. This historic shift is not theoretical; it is being built, statement by statement, leader by leader, as the world finally breaks decades of silence that allowed Israeli crimes to go unchallenged. On January 20, 2025, at the 19th NAM Summit in Kampala, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres delivered one of his most forceful rebukes of Israeli policy to date, declaring, "The refusal to accept the two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians, and the denial of the right to statehood for the Palestinian people, are unacceptable. The right of the Palestinian people to build their own state must be recognized by all." With over 120 NAM nations present, the call drew unanimous applause, a collective moral judgment against Israel's policies of siege and occupation.

This wave of recognition gained early momentum on May 28, 2024, when Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez formally recognized Palestine, calling it "a historic move towards justice and the only route to achieve peace." Spain joined Ireland, Norway, and 144 other nations that had already acknowledged Palestinian sovereignty, long before the latest atrocities in Gaza forced the world's attention. On July 25, 2025, French President Emmanuel Macron stunned Washington and Tel Aviv by announcing that France would recognize Palestine at the United Nations General Assembly in September, stating, "We cannot resign ourselves to endless war. Recognizing Palestine is not a reward for violence but a step toward peace, justice, and shared humanity." France, a permanent UN Security Council member, shattered the decades-old Western condition that Palestinian statehood required Israeli approval—a condition perpetually sabotaged by occupation and annexation. Just days later, on July 29, 2025, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer convened an emergency Cabinet meeting and declared, "We will recognize a Palestinian state before the UN General Assembly unless Israel takes substantive steps to end the appalling situation in Gaza, agrees to a ceasefire, halts annexation in the West Bank, and commits to a two-state solution." The UK, once one of Israel's staunchest allies, is now preparing to break from Washington's acknowledged Palestinian support, a dramatic shift driven by growing domestic and international outrage. At a high-level UN conference on July 22, 2025, co-chaired by France and the UAE, France's Foreign Minister Jean-Elro Baro described Gaza as "a channel house where corpses look fished and spirits are desperate. The time for half-measures is over. France will fully recognize Palestine by September." The conference saw Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations back this roadmap, while the Palestinian Authority pledged democratic reforms, elections in 2026, an end to militant funding, and Hamas' exclusion from Gaza's future governance—removing long-standing excuses Israel has used to block statehood. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), by mid-2025, more than 38,000 Palestinians have been killed—over 70% of them women and children. More than 80,000 have been wounded. The Israeli bombing campaign has targeted not only Hamas infrastructure but also hospitals, schools, UN shelters, and residential towers. The al-Ahli Baptist Hospital bombing alone claimed nearly 500 lives. The Rafah crossing, Gaza's only lifeline for food and aid, has been bombed multiple times, turning humanitarian relief into a gamble with death. Entire neighborhoods—Shuja'iyya, Jabalia, Khan Younis—have been flattened. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have admitted to using "bunker-busting" bombs and white phosphorus, whose use in densely populated areas may constitute war crimes under international law. The World Health Organization has reported that Gaza's health system has collapsed. Over 1.9 million Gazans—85% of the population—have been displaced, many of them multiple times. They now live in makeshift tents, without access to clean water, medicine, or basic food supplies. And yet, despite this scale of devastation, there has been no credible international intervention. Like Bosnia, the United Nations has condemned, appealed, and failed. The International Criminal Court has opened investigations into potential war crimes, but global power dynamics, particularly the use of the veto in the UN Security Council, have prevented any meaningful pressure or action. But what is more shameful—and difficult to ignore—is the eerie silence of the Muslim world itself. Despite being home to over fifty nations and vast wealth and political influence, the Muslim world has remained largely passive. This silence stems from internal divisions, doctrinal disputes, and a deep-seated fear of diplomatic isolation and political fragility. Many Muslim governments are either entangled in internal crises or are reluctant to jeopardize

outrage and domestic anger over American complicity in supplying bombs used on civilians. Meanwhile, Israel's leadership clings to narratives that no longer withstand scrutiny, claiming Hamas hoards aid while Israeli bombs have destroyed Gaza's infrastructure and decimated leadership. Officials suggest Palestinians can "leave Gaza" for other nations, reducing an indigenous people to permanent refugees, while annexing West Bank land piece by piece. These absurdities expose a truth the International Court of Justice underscored in its July 2025 ruling: Israel is operating an illegal occupation, deliberate starvation, and ethnic cleansing campaign, shielded only by U.S. veto power and Western complicity. For decades, Israel hid behind myths of morality and victimhood, presenting itself as the Middle East's only democracy defending against hostility. That veil has now been torn apart by the undeniable images of slaughtered children, bombed hospitals in Rafah, and the endless stream of refugees fleeing West Bank and imprisoned under siege. The world sees not a beacon of democracy but a state waging systematic war on a stateless people, turning Gaza into a slaughterhouse under a policy of siege and starvation. The coming September session of the United Nations could mark the beginning of the end of Israel's impunity. With NAM nations, including the UK, Ireland, Norway, and more EU states ready to recognize Palestine, history is shifting decisively. Recognition will not immediately free Gaza or rebuild what decades of bombs have destroyed, but it will change the rules of the game. It will make occupation and siege crimes in the eyes of the law, not "disputes." It will finally give Palestinians a sovereign platform to fight for their survival and dignity. This is no longer about politics or negotiation; it is about humanity reclaiming its voice after decades of silence, choosing justice over complicity, choosing statehood over statelessness, choosing life over slaughter. The world has looked into the mirror and seen the cruel face of Israel's actions, and at long last, it is beginning to stand with Palestine, with recognition, law, and morality as its weapon for long-denied peace.

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The Price of Muslim Blood in a Hypocritical World

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IN a world where campaigns to save endangered species and protests against animal cruelty gather global support within hours, the irony grows unbearable when one observes the persistent silence on the merciless slaughter of Muslims—whether in Bosnia in the 1990s or in Gaza today. The same societies that champion animal rights with moral fervor seem numb when Muslim bodies pile up, when their cities are reduced to ashes, or when their women cry out in despair. The hypocrisy is not subtle; it is institutionalized. This double standard has become so entrenched that it no longer stirs conscience or shame. Human rights activists in Europe and the West mobilize instantly when a whale is beached, a dog is abused, or a circus mistreats its elephants. But when Muslim men are summarily executed, children mutilated by airstrikes, or women subjected to systemic abuse, the outrage evaporates. The guardians of global morality fail curiously silent. It is this selective empathy that exposes the deepest cracks in the edifice of international human rights. The atrocities committed against the Bosnian Muslims between April 1992 and December 1995 remain among the darkest chapters in post-World War II history. With the collapse of Yugoslavia, Serb nationalist forces embarked on a systematic campaign of "ethnic cleansing" against Bosniak Muslims. Towns like Prijedor, Foča, Zvornik, and above all, Srebrenica, became killing fields. Over 100,000 Bosnians were murdered—most of them Muslims. In the notorious genocide of Srebrenica, more than 8,372 Muslim men and boys were executed in July 1995 while under the so-called protection of United Nations peacekeepers. The Dutch UN forces stationed there, ill-equipped and politically shackled, watched helplessly as the massacre unfolded. But the horrors were not limited to killings. An estimated 50,000 women, many held in detention camps such as Omarska and Trnopolje, were subjected to rape and sexual slavery as weapons of war. These were not rogue incidents; they were coordinated strategies to destroy a people physically, mentally, and spiritually. And yet, human rights organizations at the time refrained from labeling it genocide until years later, choosing to call it a civil war.

The UN passed resolutions, NATO debated intervention, but the bloodshed continued until Bosnia was shattered. Fast forward to Gaza. The war that began in October 2023 has become the longest and deadliest assault on the Palestinian people in recent memory. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), by mid-2025, more than 38,000 Palestinians have been killed—over 70% of them women and children. More than 80,000 have been wounded. The Israeli bombing campaign has targeted not only Hamas infrastructure but also hospitals, schools, UN shelters, and residential towers. The al-Ahli Baptist Hospital bombing alone claimed nearly 500 lives. The Rafah crossing, Gaza's only lifeline for food and aid, has been bombed multiple times, turning humanitarian relief into a gamble with death. Entire neighborhoods—Shuja'iyya, Jabalia, Khan Younis—have been flattened. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have admitted to using "bunker-busting" bombs and white phosphorus, whose use in densely populated areas may constitute war crimes under international law. The World Health Organization has reported that Gaza's health system has collapsed. Over 1.9 million Gazans—85% of the population—have been displaced, many of them multiple times. They now live in makeshift tents, without access to clean water, medicine, or basic food supplies. And yet, despite this scale of devastation, there has been no credible international intervention. Like Bosnia, the United Nations has condemned, appealed, and failed. The International Criminal Court has opened investigations into potential war crimes, but global power dynamics, particularly the use of the veto in the UN Security Council, have prevented any meaningful pressure or action. But what is more shameful—and difficult to ignore—is the eerie silence of the Muslim world itself. Despite being home to over fifty nations and vast wealth and political influence, the Muslim world has remained largely passive. This silence stems from internal divisions, doctrinal disputes, and a deep-seated fear of diplomatic isolation and political fragility. Many Muslim governments are either entangled in internal crises or are reluctant to jeopardize

ties with Western powers that provide security, aid, and legitimacy to their regimes. Some have even normalized relations with Israel or chosen to remain neutral in exchange for economic benefits. Their silence is not of helplessness, but of compromise—choosing comfort over conscience. The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), representing nearly two billion Muslims, has issued statements, held conferences, and proposed resolutions—but it has failed to translate these into unified diplomatic or economic pressure. In both Bosnia and Gaza, Muslims suffered not only from external aggression but also from the absence of genuine, courageous solidarity from their own brethren. The parallels are stark. In both Bosnia and Gaza, the aggressors were given space by the world's hesitation, by its fear of offending powerful lobbies, or by its deep-seated Islamophobia. In Bosnia, it was Serb nationalism allowed to fester unchecked. In Gaza, it is Zionist expansionism hiding behind the excuse of security. In both cases, Muslim identity itself was marked as a threat—dehumanized, delegitimized, and demonized. What adds insult to injury is the post-conflict whitewashing. Bosnia, after its devastation, was handed the Dayton Accords, which cemented ethnic divisions and rewarded aggression with territory. The international community sent aid, but not justice to Gaza, too, may someday receive reconstruction funds, but at the price of its political voice. The dead will not rise again. The orphans will not forget. And the world will move on, unchanged and unapologetic. What are we left with? A pattern of global silence when Muslims are massacred. A system of international law that selectively applies justice. A media narrative that calls resistance "terrorism" and calls bombardment "self-defense." We are left with the bitter truth that the value of a Muslim life, in the eyes of the global community and shamefully, even among some Muslim leaders—is less than that of an animal in the West. When we look at the ruins of Gaza and the graves of Bosnia, we are witness to the most widespread and present tragedies—we are witnessing the failure of modern civilization. It is not the bombs or bullets alone that destroy nations—it is the silence of those who could have stopped them.

Briefs

PM greets
Cricket team

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday congratulated Pakistan's cricket team on winning T-20 series against West Indies. In his message issued here, the prime minister also congratulated Pakistan's Cricket Board Chairman Mohsin Naqvi and team management. PM Shehbaz Sharif said, "Team work and hard work are key to success." He hoped that the team would prepare for coming matches more diligently and thus winning streak will continue.

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The premier further revealed that a 100-megawatt solar power project in the region would be completed this year. He added that a Danish School would be inaugurated in the next visit, and another one would be established in Skardu. Earlier, PM Shehbaz - accompanied by Minister for Communications, Abdul Azeem Khan, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Ataulah Tarar, Minister for Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs Engineer Anwar Muqim, Minister for Climate Change Dr Musaddik Malik and Adviser Rana Samadullah - touched down in GB on a day-long visit today and was briefed by Governor Mehdi Shah on the flood situation and damages caused by recent rains. The PM was also informed about the progress of the ongoing development projects and the law and order situation in the region. The premier's visit comes on the heels of a series of tragedies caused by relentless monsoon rains, which have caused at least 29 fatalities, including 140 children, across the country. In GB's Behabad Valley, sudden flash floods triggered by cloudbursts swept away tourists and vehicles last week, killing at least six people and leaving several others missing. In Chilas, Skardu and surrounding areas, more than 200 tourists were left stranded as landslides blocked major roads, including sections of the vital Karakoram Highway. Rescue operations by the Pakistan Army and civil authorities managed to evacuate many of those trapped.

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Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK), in complete defiance of international law, norms and principles, as well as the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, the prime minister remarked. Calling Yume-I-Kashmir a sobering reminder of India's rejection of peace and stability and its investment in brutality and unilateralism, he said that the continued denial of the basic human rights, dignity and identity of Kashmiri living under India's illegal and unconscionable occupation was a recipe for regional instability. The prime minister said that India's occupation could not be sustained by any normal means, and it has thus doubled down on a nearly eight-decade regime of state terrorism and oppression. "The brave Kashmiri people have endured this brutality with incredible dignity. Today is a day for all Pakistanis, and all peace-loving people of the world, to salute the unwavering resilience and spirit of sacrifice of the Kashmiri people." He said that the efforts to silence the genuine leadership of the Kashmiri people were part of the wider hegemonic and extremist agenda that informs India's illegal occupation of Kashmir. "The imprisonment of Kashmiri leaders and activists, including Shabbir Ahmed Shah, Muhammad Yasin Malik and Masarat Alam Bhat will never dim the resolve of our Kashmiri sisters and brothers. The continued defiance of Kashmiris in an environment of unending intimidation across the illegal Indian occupation is more proof of the indomitable courage of the Kashmiri people." Prime Minister Shehbaz said.

Pakistan beats West Indies
by 13 runs in third T20I

Mohammad Nawaz gets Player of the Series award
for his outstanding spin bowling performance

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TRINIDAD: Pakistan clinched a 2-1 series win over West Indies with a 13-run triumph in the third and final T20I at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium T20I Ground. Pakistan won the series opener by 14 runs but dropped the second match by two wickets to set up a Sunday night decider at Lauderhill, Florida. After winning the toss and choosing to bat first, Pakistan were rewarded with a powerful performance by Farhan and Ayub. Pakistan went 189 for four as Farhan batted the hosts for 74 runs on 53 balls, smashing five sixes and three fours, while Ayub lasted 19 overs, finishing on 66 from 49 balls with two sixes and four fours. Farhan was caught by West Indies captain Shai Hope at long off from a delivery by Shamar Joseph on the second ball of the 17th over. Hasan Nawaz entered but was retired after only 15 runs, caught by Romario Shepherd at long off from a delivery by Roston Chase on the penultimate ball of the 18th over. Mohammad Harris was out for only two runs by Gudakesh Motie to start the 19th over and Ayub finally exited on the last ball of the penultimate over, Jason Holder's delivery bowled by Sherfane Rutherford at sweeper cover.



Set 190 to win, West Indies struck for 30 runs on the first 10 balls from Hasan Ali and Mohammad Nawaz. The 34-year-old achieved the landmark during the ongoing five-test series against India, marking yet another milestone in his illustrious career. Root featured in his 69th WTC Test, remained the tournament's leading run-scorer, having participated in all four editions since its inception. Root's remarkable WTC record includes 20 centuries and 23 half-centuries at an average of over 52. He topped a star-studded list that includes Steve Smith, Marcus Labuschagne, Ben Stokes, and Travis Head in the top five run-scorers.

This milestone adds to a series of achievements for the former England captain. Earlier in Manchester, Root surpassed legends Rahul Dravid, Jacques Kallis and Ricky Ponting to become the second-highest run-scorer in men's Test cricket. He is now joint-fourth on the list of most centuries in Test cricket, with 38, sharing the spot with Kumar Sangakkara. Additionally, Root holds the record for the most catches as an outfield player in the format, a feat he achieved during the current series.

17th over and his replacement, last-ball hero Holder from the win a night earlier, was bowled out by Sufyan Muegem two balls later for a duck, leaving the hosts 41 runs shy with 16 balls remaining. Rutherford smashed a six to reach a half-century with seven balls remaining before exiting on 51 as West Indies couldn't pull off another last-over comeback.

Mohammad Nawaz was awarded Player of the Series for his outstanding spin bowling performance throughout the T20I series. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi congratulated the national team on their 2-1 T20I series victory against the West Indies in the United States. Commending the team's performance, Naqvi praised the players for their teamwork, determination, and fighting spirit throughout the three-match series. "Congratulations Team Pakistan on a fantastic T20I series win against West Indies in the USA. Great teamwork, determination and spirit on display. Proud of our boys for making the nation proud on international soil. Keep the momentum going," Naqvi said in a statement. This defeat marked West Indies' second consecutive T20I series loss, while Pakistan celebrated a well-fought series triumph on foreign soil.

India beat England in 3rd Test
Historic India-England Test
series breaks multiple records

India top the chart with 28 scores over fifty, while England follow with 22



1928-29 Ashes series, where English and Australian batters amassed a combined total of 6,006 runs. The previous benchmark for the most fifty-plus scores in a five-match series was 49, set during the 1920-21 Ashes series. Another notable record was during the 1993 Ashes, which produced 50 fifty-plus scores, but over six matches, making the ongoing India-England series first to reach this figure within five Tests. Meanwhile, England's batter Joe Root also etched his name in history on Sunday by becoming the first player to score 800 runs in the ICC World Test Championship (WTC). The 34-year-old achieved the landmark during the ongoing five-test series against India, marking yet another milestone in his illustrious career. Root featured in his 69th WTC Test, remained the tournament's leading run-scorer, having participated in all four editions since its inception. Root's remarkable WTC record includes 20 centuries and 23 half-centuries at an average of over 52. He topped a star-studded list that includes Steve Smith, Marcus Labuschagne, Ben Stokes, and Travis Head in the top five run-scorers.

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LONDON: The ongoing five-match Test series between India and England has made history by producing 50 scores of fifty or more - the most ever recorded in a single Test series. The series has seen 19 centuries and 31 half-centuries so far. India led the tally with 28 fifty-plus scores, while England has contributed 22. This remarkable achievement also coincides with another milestone, the highest aggregate of runs scored in a five-match Test series. The previous record belonged to the

Azadi Cup
Tenpin
Bowling C'ship
to begin Aug 8

ISLAMABAD: The Azadi Cup Tenpin Bowling Championship will take place from August 8 to 14 at the Leisure City Bowling Club in Saba Gold Mall, Islamabad, the Pakistan Tenpin Bowling Federation (PTBF) said in a statement on Monday. The PTBF has formed an organising committee to oversee the event, with Ijaz Ur Rehman appointed as chairman and Lt. Col. (Retd) Kamran Khalid Jinnah named organising secretary. Held in connection with Pakistan's Independence Day celebrations, the tournament aims to promote tenpin bowling as a mainstream sport in the country and will feature top players from across the nation. - Agencies

Road to FIH Hockey World Cup 2026:
Euro Hockey C'ship Preview

The women's competition begins on August 9 with Pool A teams in action. Netherlands vs Ireland will start off the competition, followed by hosts Germany taking on France later in the evening

ISLAMABAD: The Men's and Women's Euro Hockey Championship 2026 will be hosted by Mönchengladbach, Germany starting August 8. Meanwhile, Europe's premier hockey tournament running August 8 to 17, with the champions punching their tickets to the FIH Hockey World Cup Belgium & Netherlands 2026, said a press release. Both men's and women's tournaments will feature 8 teams, split into Pool A & B, with the top two from each pool advancing to semi-finals while the bottom two teams will play for classification and world ranking points. Women's Pools: Pool A: France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Belgium, England, Scotland, Spain. Men's Pools: Pool A: Austria, Belgium, Netherlands, Spain; Pool B: England, France, Germany, Poland. The men's tournament will begin the competition with Pool B action on August 8, as England will take on Poland in the first match followed by hosts Germany taking on France in the evening. Pool A action will follow on August 9 with Belgium taking on Austria in match one, followed by Netherlands vs Spain. The pool stages for the men's competition will be played from August 8 to 12, followed by positional playoffs and medal matches being played from August 14 to 16. The women's competition begins on August 9 with Pool A teams in action. Netherlands vs Ireland will start off the competition, followed by hosts Germany taking on France later in the evening. Pool B teams will get their competition underway on the following day, August 10, with England taking on Scotland in the first match, followed by Belgium taking on Spain in the second. The pool stages for the women's competition will be played from August 9 to 13, followed by positional playoffs and medal matches being played from August 15 to 17. - DNA

CDA chief directs for early completion of projects

The meeting reviewed progress on key development projects, including Shaheen Chowk, Kashmir Chowk, Faizabad Interchange, the conversion of CDA Model Nursery into the "Gardenia Hub" project, the uplift of Pak Secretariat, installation of modern streetlights, improvement of the solid waste management system, establishment of Islamabad Model Jail

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ISLAMABAD: (August 4, 2025): A high-level meeting was held at the Capital Development Authority (CDA) headquarters under the chairmanship of Chairman CDA and Chief Commissioner Islamabad, Muhammad Ali Raza, to review the progress of various development projects. The meeting was attended by CDA Member Administration and Estate Talat Mehmood, Member Engineering Syed Nafayat Raza, Member Environment Esfandiyar Baloch, Member Finance Bashir Rao, Deputy Planning Dr. Khalid Hafiz, DG Planning Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Additional Commissioner Islamabad Sahibzada Yusuf, Director Development and Finance Bashir Rao, Deputy DG Enforcement and Director DMA Dr. Anum Fatima and other senior officers. The meeting reviewed progress on key development projects, including Sha-

heen Chowk, Kashmir Chowk, Faizabad Interchange, the conversion of CDA Model Nursery into the "Gardenia Hub" project, the uplift of Pak Secretariat, installation of modern streetlights, improvement of the solid waste management system, establishment of Islamabad Model Jail, upgrading of police stations, establishment of a food street in Blue Area, construction of parking plazas, implementation of a cashless system in CDA, Safari Park, Theme Park, cable car, ferris wheel and dancing fountain. Chairman CDA directed that all projects be completed within the stipulated timeframe without compromising on quality and standards. He further instructed that third-party audits be conducted for these projects. Chairman CDA was apprised that several projects had been transferred from PWD to CDA, requiring urgent funding. He

directed the CDA Member Finance and CEO MCI to conduct a financial study of all transferred projects, including the total project cost, funds provided to PWD and expenditure reports. Additionally, the Planning and Engineering Wings were instructed to assess the quality, timeline, and current physical status of these projects to develop a comprehensive strategy for their completion and secure necessary funding. Chairman CDA emphasized the need to expedite the completion of the Islamabad Model Jail, the upgrading of the Police Academy. He also directed an increase in the number of electric buses, rapid construction of charging stations and the early preparation of a feasibility report for an electric tram project in Islamabad. Chairman CDA also directed the allocation of all necessary resources for the construction of IT Facilitation Centers,

installation of digital streamers and aesthetic lighting on major roads, and the planting of environmentally friendly trees. Additionally, he called for the upgrading of all 279 parks in the city. Chairman CDA stressed the immediate operationalization of the Food Street in Blue Area and the full activation of Parking Plaza in Blue Area. He said that he would personally conduct surprise visits to project sites to assess progress and resolve issues promptly. Furthermore, Chairman CDA highlighted ongoing efforts to improve and install the sewage lines in Sector H-14 and Banigala along with measures to enhance water supply across all sectors. He stated that funds collected from the successful auction of commercial plots and shops would be allocated to development projects, water supply, and eco-friendly plantations to address the concerns of Islamabad's citizens.

IBSA
welcomes
Alamgir as
director
of WPA

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Billiards and Snooker Association (IBSA) has warmly congratulated Alamgir Shaikh on his appointment to the Board of Directors of the World Pool Association (WPA). IBSA President Dr. Shehzad Wassem, along with Senior Vice President Saleem Akhtar Rana, General Secretary Muhammad Faheem Anwar Khan, and other officials expressed confidence that his inclusion will play a pivotal role in advancing cue sports across the Asian region. They noted that Shaikh's vast experience and unwavering commitment to the sport will prove invaluable on the global stage. In an official statement, the World Pool Association announced that Alamgir Shaikh has been nominated by the Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports (ACBS) as its new representative to the WPA Board. According to the WPA, "Mr. Shaikh brings with him decades of experience in cue sports administration and has been a driving force in the development of billiards and pool across Asia. We look forward to his valuable contributions to the global cue sports community."

PTI denies
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NYT ad...

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The ad was placed by a group called First Pakistan Global, in collaboration with the Pakistani-American Diaspora, and appeared just two days ahead of the PTI's planned nationwide protests on August 5. On line, the ad sparked an intense debate on the funding behind it, with questions arising over how much the placement had cost - users turned to AI chatbots and public ad sheet sheets to estimate the price tag of a full-page ad in The New York Times, which can run into tens of thousands of dollars.

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He urged the international community, particularly the United Nations, to take immediate and concrete steps to hold Israel accountable for its illegal actions and to protect the religious sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the rights of the Palestinian people, in particular the right to self-determination. "Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering support for the creation of a sovereign, independent, viable, and contiguous Palestinian State based on pre-June 1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital," Spokesperson Khan added.

Trump says
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people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian "genocide," he added. "Because of this, I will be substantially raising the Tariff paid by India to the USA." But he did not provide details on what tariff level he had in mind. For now, an existing 10% US tariff on Indian products is expected to rise to 25% come Thursday.

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that he had been a guest at his brother's house for two days. "My brother went outside at night and told me to take care of the house," the FIR quoted him as saying. He further said that he heard the sound of the gate of the house opening at around 22:00. He said he woke up to wake up. "Using a flashlight, I saw that my niece was at the gate and going out with three people." Upon seeing his niece leaving the house, he fired at the victim and the cartridge ran out, the FIR read. The suspect denied that the victim's mother gave him a pistol, adding, "After chasing them, I deliberately fired at Zahida Bibi out of honour."