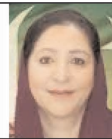




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Prime Minister expresses satisfaction over significant GDP growth in Q1, FY26

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said that significant growth in the country's GDP in first quarter (Jul-Sept) of current fiscal year was encouraging, stating that the government had brought the country from the brink of default to economic stability.

Chairing a meeting of the Federal Cabinet at the PM House, the prime minister emphasized that soon after assuming the charge, the incumbent government had resolved that loss-making state-owned enterprises would be privatized. "The privatization of PIA is an extremely important milestone in this regard." AHe stated that the privatization of loss-making state-owned enterprises was part of the government's vision for economic

reforms. He expressed satisfaction that the privatization of 75% shares of PIA was completed with great success and the bidding process remained extremely transparent.

Furthermore, he described his recent meetings with President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, as extremely beneficial in the context of bilateral relations and mutual consultation. The prime minister further said that a day earlier, he had a pleasant telephone conversation with Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, in which satisfaction was expressed over the pace of economic and strategic relations between the two countries. The prime minister said that discussions were also held regarding further broadening.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding promotion of Industrial sector.

3 Pak Navy Real Admirals promoted



PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Rear Admiral Abdul Munib, Rear Admiral Syed Ahmed Salman and Rear Admiral Faisal Amin of Pakistan Navy have been promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral. "Vice Admiral Abdul Munib was commissioned in Operations Branch of Pakistan Navy in 1992. The Flag Officer is a graduate of Pakistan Navy War College Lahore, National Defence University Islamabad and qualified Naval War College Command Course from USA. The Admiral has an illustrious naval career covering vast experience of various Command and Staff appointments including Commanding Officer of PNS ALAMGIR, PNS LARKANA, PNS AKRAM, PNS AATISH and Commander Surface Task Group-2, Commander 25th Destroyer Squadron and Commander Combined Task Force-151 at HQ US NAVCENT Bahrain. He has also served as Naval Secretary, DG Naval Intelligence.

Arab, Muslim states call for immediate, unhindered supply of humanitarian aid to Gaza

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Ministers of eight Muslim countries-Pakistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, and the United Arab Emirates, on Friday called upon the international community to uphold its legal and moral responsibilities and to pressure Israel, as the occupying power, to immediately lift constraints on the entry and distribution of essential supplies including tents, shelter materials, medical assistance, clean water, fuel, and sanitation support.

In a joint statement, they called for the immediate, full, and unhindered humanitarian aid into the Gaza

Strip without any interference by either party, shelter to protect the population from the



through the UN and its agencies, the rehabilitation of infrastructure and hospitals, and the opening of the Rafah Crossing in both directions as stipulated in President Trump's plan. In this context, they stressed the urgent need to immediately initiate and scale up early recovery efforts, including the provision of durable and dignified

used lack of sufficient humanitarian access, acute shortages of essential life-saving supplies, and the slow pace of the entry of essential materials required for the rehabilitation of basic services and the establishment of temporary housing.

The ministers highlighted that the severe weather has laid bare the fragility of existing humanitarian conditions, particularly for almost 1.9 million people and displaced families living in inadequate shelters. Flooded camps, damaged tents, the collapse of damaged buildings, and exposure to cold temperatures coupled with malnutrition, have significantly heightened risks to civilian lives.

Pakistan regards Taiwan as inalienable part of China: FO

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday reiterated that it would continue to adhere to the One China principle and regard Taiwan as an inalienable part of China. Foreign Office Spokesperson Tahir Andrabi, responding to the media queries on developments related to the Taiwan Strait, said that Pakistan and China were iron-clad friends and all-weather strategic cooperative partners. He reiterated Pakistan's consistent support to China on all matters of its core interests, including Taiwan. "We will continue to adhere to the One.

Inter-ministerial meeting discusses ways to enhance Pak-Iran trade ties

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar on Friday chaired an inter-ministerial meeting which reviewed ongoing cooperation between Pakistan and Iran across a range of sectors. The meeting also discussed the ways to further enhance economic and trade ties with Iran. The deputy prime minister reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to deepening engagement with Iran in key priority areas. The meeting was attended by the Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik.

Islamabad ATC hands double life sentences to YouTuber Adil Raja, 6 others for 'waging war against Pakistan'

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad anti-terrorism court (ATC) handed out two life sentences each to YouTuber Adil Raja, journalists Wajahat Saeed Khan, Sabir Shakir and Shaheen Sehbai, anchorperson Haider Raza Mehdi, analyst Moeed Pirzada and former army official Akbar Hussain in cases related to riots in the country on May 9, 2023.

The riots — during which government and military installations were also vandalised — had erupted following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan.

The prosecution had accused the convicted individuals of "digital terrorism against state institutions" in relation to the



events of May 9, 2023. The cases stemmed from allegations that the accused used digital platforms to incite, facilitate and amplify attacks against state institutions during the May 9 unrest.

Reserved verdicts in the cases were announced by ATC Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra on Friday after the

completion of trials in absentia.

The trials were conducted in absentia at the prosecution's request and by means of invoking the relevant provisions of anti-terrorism laws.

According to court orders issued by Judge Sipra — copies of which are available with Dawn —

DPM visits Bangladesh High Commission to condole death of Khaleda Zia

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar Friday visited Bangladesh High Commission to express his condolences on the passing away of former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia. He conveyed his condolences to Acting High Commissioner of Bangladesh, offered fatcha and recorded his impressions in the book of condolence. He said he had an opportunity to meet Begum Khaleda Zia during his visit to Bangladesh few months ago. In his remarks, he said, "With deep sorrow, I note the passing of Begum Khaleda Zia, former Prime Minister of Bangladesh.





5G Auction next month as Pakistan unveils telecom reforms

NADEEM TANOLI
ISLAMABAD: The federal government has announced a wide-ranging set of reforms for Pakistan's telecom and IT sector, highlighting improved IT export performance, major spectrum expansion, the upcoming launch of 5G services, and new policies aimed at improving internet quality and mobile phone affordability for citizens. Speaking at a press conference, Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima said that recent IT export figures, particularly for November, have shown a positive trend, reflecting gradual stability and growth in the sector. She stated that internet-related disruptions were comparatively fewer over the past year, adding that even during Muharram-ul-Haram, internet restrictions were imposed only in specific areas due to security

concerns. Explaining the reasons behind slow internet speeds, the minister pointed to Pakistan's severe shortage of telecom spectrum. She noted that Pakistan currently operates on only 274 megahertz of spectrum, which is the lowest in the region. Over the past year, the government managed to vacate 606 megahertz of spectrum, while the federal cabinet has approved the release of an additional 600 megahertz, marking a major step toward addressing long-standing capacity issues. Shaza Fatima confirmed that the 5G spectrum auction is scheduled for the coming month, calling it a turning point for the telecom sector. She said that increased spectrum availability will not only enable the launch of 5G services but will also significantly improve existing 4G performance. The minister credited the support of the

Prime Minister and the Finance Minister for accelerating decisions related to spectrum reforms. The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, she said, has completed its groundwork for the 5G rollout. A consultant's independent and neutral report prepared by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority has already been approved. According to the minister, the upcoming auction will cover seven spectrum bands, out of which five bands will be auctioned in Pakistan for the first time, while two bands have previously been auctioned in the country. Acknowledging that the number of 5G-compatible mobile phones in Pakistan remains low, Shaza Fatima announced that the government has decided to introduce a mobile phone leasing policy. The objective of this policy is to make 5G-enabled smartphones avail-

able to citizens through easy monthly installments, ensuring wider adoption of next-generation services. She said stakeholders are being taken on board before finalizing the policy. The minister also revealed that the federal cabinet has approved the Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) policy, paving the way for new operators to enter the market. Currently, Pakistan has three mobile network operators, but the introduction of MVNOs is expected to increase competition, improve service quality, and attract foreign direct investment. She noted that the global MVNO market is valued at 94 billion dollars and is projected to grow to 174 billion dollars by 2032, adding that Pakistan aims to secure its share in this expanding market. Further steps to strengthen digital infrastructure include the

issuance of district-level CVAS licenses by the PTA, which are expected to accelerate fiberization and expand internet access to remote and underserved areas. Shaza Fatima said the government has also abolished Right of Way charges, a move expected to significantly improve internet service quality. She claimed that within three to four months of the spectrum auction, noticeable improvements in service quality will be visible, while 5G services are expected to roll out in major cities within six to seven months. Highlighting improvements in international connectivity, the minister said that three new submarine cables have landed in Pakistan over the past one and a half years. These cables are expected to enhance internet resilience and overall performance across the country. On the

manufacturing front, Shaza Fatima disclosed that 31 million mobile phones have been assembled locally, with 95 percent of the phones used in Pakistan now manufactured within the country. Except for one or two brands, she said, almost all major mobile phone companies are producing devices locally. Under the upcoming leasing policy, these locally manufactured phones will be made more accessible to the general public. Addressing concerns about internet outages, the minister clarified that the last major undersea cable cut occurred in Jeddah, while no cable fault was reported within Pakistan during the past year. She added that some internet shutdowns during the year were carried out due to terrorism-related security situations.

FCCP orders requisition, re-investment of Rs 794.27 mln in treasury bills

PEAK POINT
ISLAMABAD: The Federal Constitutional Court of Pakistan, comprising Chief Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan, Justice Ali Baqar Najafi, and Justice Arshad Hussain Shah, passed an order on Thursday in a series of connected constitutional

and miscellaneous matters, including Miscellaneous Application No. 182/2025. According to a press note released by the Press Information Department on Friday, the Miscellaneous Application was filed by the S.B Complex Owners Welfare Association, seeking re-investment of an

amount lying with the Supreme Court of Pakistan following the transfer of the matter to the Federal Constitutional Court under the Constitution (Twenty-Seventh Amendment) Act, 2025. During the hearing, the Court was informed by Ch. Aamir Rehman, Additional

Attorney General for Pakistan, that a representative of the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP), Mr. Taha Sajjad (Head, Treasury), was present. The NBP representative apprised the Court that the last investment of the amount was made in Treasury Bills on

September 4, 2025, which will mature on November 27, 2025. The amount had not been reinvested thereafter due to the absence of a court order. In view of the above, the Court directed the Registrar of the Federal Constitutional Court to requisition the amount of

Rs. 794,270,000 from the Supreme Court of Pakistan and ordered that the same be re-invested in Treasury Bills through the National Bank of Pakistan in accordance with the law. The Court adjourned the matter and directed that it be re-listed in the first week of February 2026.

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Just a handshake

IT was a handshake that sent a ripple through the region. On Wednesday, National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq and India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar shook hands in Dhaka, where they had both arrived to attend the state funeral of former Bangladeshi prime minister Khaleda Zia, who passed away earlier this week. It was, doubtless, a significant moment which invited attention across three countries. The Chief Adviser of the Government of Bangladesh, Muhammad Yunus, made note of it in a post on his X account, which stated that the two men had "exchanged greetings" during their interaction ahead of the funeral programme organised for Ms Zia. Pictures of the two, somberly attired for the occasion, accompanied his post. Indian media downplayed the event, framing the handshake as a usual nicety at such events and therefore inconsequential. The Pakistani media, noting that it was the first high-level contact between the two nations since the May hostilities, ran with the statement issued by the National Assembly Secretariat, underlining the part where it claimed that the handshake and pleasantries had been initiated by Mr Jaishankar, who reportedly approached Mr Sadiq with an informal acknowledgement.

Words without actions

FAISAL BARI
MOST conversations on educational issues in Pakistan, sooner than later, come to the topic of 'values' in our society — our young people in particular. People lament that values have changed and the change has been for the worse: young people just do not possess the values that older generations held. Empathy, tolerance and community feeling are often mentioned as prime examples of values we need badly but do not have or have lost to a large extent over time. The conversation then focuses on how curricula, textbooks and teaching should be changed to facilitate the inculcation of these values. This is all good — and yes, curricula, textbooks, teachers and teaching should definitely engage with the issue of values. In fact, we have always done that in education. Society has an interest in shaping how young people think and grow up and what they become. This is an essential part of the meaning of the very word 'education'. But we should also remember that children learn much more from what they see adults doing around them and what they read, hear and watch on television, social media and within their social circles. They are shaped by what they see their parents, family elders and teachers do. Children learn from examples and what they see — far more than from what they are told to read/reproduce for assignments and examinations. If the two are not in line, curricula, books, lectures and lessons are likely to fall on deaf ears. Do religious minorities have the rights all citizens should? There are minorities in

Pakistan who are even afraid to divulge their identity lest they be punished for just that. Even majorities have difficulty practising their religion freely. People are afraid to talk about religious issues in public and have internalised fear and self-censorship. A look at newspapers from a few months reveals countless reports of incidents where minorities and even individuals from majority communities have been victims. Those in power have decided to use power to secure their own interests (and longevity) rather than those of the public. If a judge or a few judges are deemed to be too independent or are disliked for one reason or another, the Constitution, law, rules, regulations, practice, everything can be changed to ensure that they are sidelined, are made out to be culprits, have their reputations ruined, or are forced to leave or become ineffective. If a journalist is disliked, we have him/her fired. Programmes are taken off-air, columnists are stopped from being able to write in papers. If a paper is deemed too 'independent' their advertisement revenue is restricted or other normal operations made difficult. Channels are taken off air. If these have required tightening of the laws, it has been done. But often, a call to the relevant newspaper or channel is enough of a threat given how the state has been handling these issues. Children are shaped by what they see their parents, family elders and teachers do. The state has weaponised the law against the citizens and in many domains. There are new laws against posting on social media, there are new

laws against journalists, and laws are tightened around public protests. How the political opposition has been and is being treated is very clear. We need not say more on that. FIRs are used as a weapon. If the state does not like an individual and/or wants to give them a warning, all they have to do is register a case against them under any of the laws mentioned or start an investigation even before an FIR is registered. Even if the investigation is eventually closed or an FIR quashed, there will be months, sometimes years, of appearances before law-enforcement agencies and courts. The expenses and time consumed can be ruinous. The state knows this well but has, sadly, used it and is using it quite effectively against citizens they may not like for some reason. The right to public protest has become almost impossible to exercise and has been nearly criminalised. The use of Section 144 when a protest is expected gives the state the right to register FIRs against those who come out to protest and then face the wrath of the law for months and years. Charges like 'obstruction of law-enforcement officers' or 'resisting law-enforcement officers', 'causing public nuisance', 'obstruction of traffic', etc. are easy to weaponise against protesters and they have been weaponised. Every protest is deemed to be anti-state and a violation of the law. Every dissent is seen as dangerous to the integrity and sovereignty of the state. And then we say we should teach our children values like empathy and tolerance through books and classes. Courtesy Dawn

Between relief and rule of law

HAROON RASHID SIDDIQI
THE recent confrontation between the Lahore High Court (LHC) and the Punjab government has brought into sharp focus a perennial dilemma of governance in Pakistan: how to balance speedy relief for citizens with the constitutional guarantees of due process and judicial oversight. At the centre of this tussle lies the Punjab Protection of Ownership of Immovable Property Act, 2025, a law introduced by the provincial government to curb land grabbing and resolve property disputes within a compressed timeframe of ninety days. Land disputes are among the most common and bitterly contested issues in Punjab. For decades, ordinary citizens — particularly widows, the elderly and the poor — have complained of land mafias, forged documents and endless litigation that drains both finances and patience. Against this backdrop, the Punjab government, led by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, presented the new law as a decisive intervention. The stated aim was to empower the state machinery to act swiftly, restore possession to rightful owners and dismantle the networks that thrive on procedural delays. Maryam Nawaz has publicly defended the law with forceful rhetoric. In her view, the Act represents the state standing with the weak against powerful encroachers. She argues that suspending the law effectively shields land grabbers and frustrates citizens who have waited years — sometimes decades — for justice. According to the government's narrative, the law is not an attack on the judiciary but a practical response to an overwhelmed court system unable to deliver timely relief in routine possession disputes. However, the Lahore High Court, under Chief Justice Aalia Neelum, saw the matter through a very different perspective. Courtesy Tribune

Gilani calls for investment in Balochistan infrastructure to boost connectivity, development



PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday highlighting Balochistan's strategic role in regional connectivity and its rich natural resources, urged investments in infrastructure, trade, minerals, and connectivity to uplift local communities, create employment, and promote shared national progress.

The Senate chairman, addressing the participants of National Workshop Balochistan (NWB-18) at

President's House, said that Balochistan occupied a pivotal position in regional connectivity, linking South Asia with Central Asia and the Middle East.

Its coastline, natural resources, and strategic location make it central to Pakistan's economic future and national security, he added.

Gilani also reaffirmed the state's unwavering commitment to peace, development, inclusion, and constitutional rights of the people of Balochistan. He noted that the Special Investment Facilitation

Council (SIFC) provided an important platform for coordinated investment, while projects like Reko Diq and CPEC-related initiatives would ensure economic growth, capacity-building, and enhanced investor confidence, with due regard to provincial interests.

Gilani emphasised that the people of Balochistan, with their rich culture, history, and traditions, were an inseparable part of the national identity, and called for development, opportunity, and inclusion throughout the province. The Senate chairman also drew attention to the challenges faced by Balochistan due to climate change and natural disasters, including floods and heavy rainfall, causing loss of life and livelihoods. He stressed the need for sustained humanitarian support, rehabilitation, and long-term planning to address climate-induced challenges. He termed the resilience of Balochistan's people amidst the challenges a source of strength and optimism, and called for equipping the youth.

Wajihah Qamar, Turkish envoy discuss expansion of education ties

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training Wajihah Qamar on Friday held a meeting with Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Pakistan Irfan Neziroglu and reaffirmed the two countries' shared commitment to further strengthening bilateral cooperation in the education sector. The meeting, held at the Turkish Embassy, was also attended by Turkish Education Counsellor Mehmet Toyran. Both sides held detailed discussions on strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education and explored opportunities for enhanced collaboration between Pakistan and Türkiye, said a press release.

During the meeting, Ms. Wajihah Qamar emphasized the importance of academic



exchanges, capacity building, and institutional linkages between educational institutions of the two countries. She highlighted Pakistan's commitment to learning from Türkiye's experience in education and skills development.

Ambassador Irfan Neziroglu reaffirmed Türkiye's strong support for deepening educational ties and expressed interest in expanding cooperation through scholarships, joint programs, and exchange initiatives.

The meeting concluded with a shared resolve to further strengthen Pakistan-Türkiye relations.

Fisheries reforms key to boost exports, sustainable revenue: Junaid Anwar

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has called for urgent reforms in the fisheries sector, saying reliable energy supply and lower input costs were critical to boosting exports and generating sustainable revenue.

Speaking at a meeting Junaid Chaudhry said persistent electricity shortages and high energy prices were constraining production and eroding the global competitiveness of Pakistani seafood exporters.

The remarks came after Assistant Fisheries Commissioner Farhan Khan briefed participants on structural gaps and operational challenges facing the sector.

The minister said uninterrupted power supply, affordable feed and efficient power generation were essential to unlock growth and help the fisheries sector gain recognition as a full-fledged industry.

"Pakistan has abundant raw material, including fish, shrimp, crabs, lobsters, squid, cuttlefish and bivalves, which could support value-added processing", he added.

Officials told the meeting that more than 100 fish processing plants, ranging from small units to large commercial facilities, were operating across the country, backed by about 400 registered exporters.

"Most facilities were concentrated in Karachi, with limited infrastructure in Balochistan, while Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab lagged significantly in sectoral development", they added. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2022 report, fish and fish preparations ranked 10th among Pakistan's top export commodities in the 2024-25 fiscal year, accounting for 1.34% of total exports valued at \$32.04 billion. The sector outperformed exports of fruits and vegetables, pharmaceuticals, sports goods and surgical instruments. Globally, fish and fish products are among the most traded food commodities, reaching around 230 countries with a total value of \$195 billion in 2022. Average per capita consumption stood at 20.7 kilograms and is projected to rise further. In Pakistan, fisheries contribute about 1% to gross domestic product and 4%.

Ahsan recalls Sartaj Aziz's meritorious services on his death anniversary

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said that late Sartaj Aziz was a soldier of the Pakistan Movement and one of the architects of modern Pakistan, whose services to the country would always be remembered.

Addressing a gathering held here to honour and mark the second death anniversary of former finance minister Sartaj Aziz, the minister said the deceased was a wise, honest and far-sighted leader. "Pakistan today needs many more statesmen of his calibre to navigate the country through challenging times," Ahsan Iqbal said he had the opportunity to work closely with Sartaj Aziz and personally witnessed his intellectual depth, integrity and commitment to national interest.

"Sartaj Aziz was a sharp economist and a dignified politician who always worked with responsibility and prudence, especially during difficult economic conditions," he added. Recalling his contributions,

'Spectrum-starved country': IT minister says govt to auction 600 MHz spectrum next month

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunications Shaza Fatima Khawaja announced on Friday that Pakistan would auction the 600 megahertz (MHz) spectrum next month to provide better internet speeds and roll out 5G in the country.

In a meeting last week, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) approved the process of auctioning the 600 MHz spectrum within two months.

"The spectrum available for our telecom industry is extremely limited," said the minister while addressing the media in Islamabad, and added that telcos "provide services in the country



using just the 274 MHz".

"We are a spectrum-starved country," she said. "We are a country of 240 million people with only 274 MHz of spectrum," she stated, adding that "Bangladesh, with about two-thirds of Pakistan's population, provides 600 MHz."

The spectrum is the range of radio frequencies that carries wireless signals for mobile phones, the internet, TV, and radio.

Bloomberg report validates govt's economic success, says Ikhtiar Wali

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister's Coordinator for Information Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ikhtiar Wali Khan, stated today that the latest report by the global market data giant "Bloomberg" serves as a solid endorsement of the current government's economic policies. He noted that the significant price reduction in inflation in Pakistan is now being recognized internationally, a result of the tireless efforts of the government's economic team.

Highlighting the latest data, Ikhtiar Wali Khan pointed out that after an inflation rate of 6.1% in November, the further



drop to 5.6% in December represents a major achievement. He emphasized that the current price stability in the country is a clear testament to improved economic discipline and governance. The Coordinator further shared that the most encouraging news for the public is the easing pressure on food prices, with food inflation plunging to a record low of 3.24%.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry presides over a meeting on fisheries sector reforms.

CJP highlights constitutional governance in interaction with probationary officers

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: The Chief Justice of Pakistan has emphasized the importance of constitutional governance, institutional harmony, and public service ethics while interacting with probationary officers from the Civil Services Academy during their visit to the Supreme Court.

As part of mandatory exposure visits to state institutions, a delegation of 136 probationary officers undergoing the 53rd Common Training Programme (CTP) at the Civil Services

Academy (CSA), Lahore, called on the Chief Justice of Pakistan. The delegation was led by Director General CSA, Farahan Aziz Khawaja, and accompanied by faculty members.

During an interactive session, the Chief Justice highlighted the salient features of Pakistan's parliamentary democracy and the trichotomy of powers, outlining the complementary roles of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary in ensuring constitutional governance and upholding the rule of law.

Referring to institutional



coordination and reform, the CJP underscored the role of the National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee (NJP/MC) as a collective forum for justice sector policy decisions. The delegation was informed that by August



2026, courts across the country are planned to be equipped with solar energy systems, e-libraries, clean drinking water facilities, and women-centric infrastructure through funding from the Access to Justice

Development Fund. The probationary officers were also briefed on ongoing reforms at the Supreme Court, including the introduction of e-filing, online issuance of certified copies, and the establishment of a

Public Facilitation Centre operating on a one-window model to enhance efficiency and public convenience.

Drawing on his visits to remote and underserved districts, the Chief Justice stressed the values of patience, empathy, and respectful engagement with citizens. He advised the probationary officers to uphold integrity, fairness, and legality throughout their public service careers, observing that responsive governance begins with respect for the law and the people it serves.