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PM urges KP govt to fulfill its responsibilities for law & order, health, education sectors

PEAK POINT
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday assuring the federal government's support for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's uplift, urged the provincial government to fulfill its responsibilities to establish law and order in the province, besides providing education and health facilities to its people.

The prime minister, in a meeting with Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sohail Afridi here, emphasized cooperation between the federal and provincial government for the development and prosperity of the KP's people, calling it essential for provincial law and order too. The prime minister stressed the need to further intensify the provincial government's efforts to establish

peace and security and strengthen its institutions to combat terrorism. He said that the federal and provincial governments would continue joint efforts to eliminate terrorism, urging the provincial government to fulfill its responsibilities for establishing law and order in the province as well as for public welfare. The prime minister said that as the KP government was empowered to ensure the uplift of the education and health sectors, it should take the required measures.

Calling the KP province an important unit of the federation, he said the federal government had always been striving for the betterment of the KP's people and would continue similar within its jurisdiction. Emphasising close relations.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sohail Afridi calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Trump hopeful about Iran deal after Tehran warns of regional war



PEAK POINT
WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has said he's hopeful about the prospects of reaching a deal with Iran even after Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali

Khamenei warned that any US attack on the Islamic republic would trigger a regional war. Asked about the Iranian leader's warning, Trump told reporters: "Of course he is going to say that," before adding, "hopefully we'll make a deal. If we don't make a deal, then we'll find out whether or not he was right." Following the Iranian authorities' response to anti-government protests that peaked last month, Trump has threatened military action and ordered the dispatch of an aircraft carrier group to the Middle East. Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday likened the recent protests to a "coup", warning that a US attack would trigger a broad conflict. "The Americans should know that if they start a war, this time it will be a regional war," he said, telling Iranians they "should not be scared" of Trump's rhetoric. "They (rioters) attacked the police, government centres.

CDF Munir vows to strengthen Pakistan-Libya ties

PEAK POINT
RAWALPINDI: Chief of Defence Staff (CDF) and Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Asim Munir on Monday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations with Libya, according to the military's media affairs wing.

In a statement, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said Libyan Arab Armed Forces Commander-in-chief Field Marshal Khalifa Abu-al-Qasim Hafthar and Deputy Commander-in-chief Lieutenant General Saddam Khalifa Hafthar called on CDF Munir at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi. "During the meeting, both sides exchanged

views on matters of mutual interest, with CDF Munir welcomed the distinguished



particular focus on security dynamics in respective regions and professional cooperation," the statement said. "The discussion underscored the importance of continued engagement and collaboration between the armed forces of Pakistan and Libya," it said.

constructive atmosphere, reflecting the longstanding friendly relations between Pakistan and Libya," the statement said.

Earlier, upon his arrival at Noor Khan Airbase, Field Marshal Hafthar was received by CDF Munir, it added. "The dignitary also paid homage to shuhada and laid wreath at martyrs memorial at GHQ," it added.

In December, Pakistan had signed a multi-billion-dollar deal to sell conventional military equipment to the Libyan army. According to the Reuters news agency, the over \$4 billion deal, one of Pakistan's largest-ever weapons sales, will see arms sold to the Libyan National Army (LNA).

DG UNESCO calls on DPM Ishaq Dar

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Director-General UNESCO, Dr. Khalid El-Enany, called on the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday, marking his first bilateral visit since assuming office. During the meeting, the deputy prime minister congratulated Dr. El-Enany on his election as DG of UNESCO and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to working closely with him to advance UNESCO's goals. He expressed Pakistan's support for UNESCO's initiatives and emphasized continued cooperation in the fields of education.

MQM founder Altaf Hussain hospitalised in London after health worsens

PEAK POINT
LONDON: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) founder Altaf Hussain was shifted to a hospital in London late Sunday after his condition worsened, the party confirmed. According to a statement issued by MQM on Sunday night, physicians carried out an initial assessment of Hussain's health and decided to admit him for further medical care. Hussain, who has been residing in the UK since 1992 after going into self-imposed exile, later acquired British citizenship. Despite living abroad, he remained politically active for years.

'Nobody in Pakistan will be allowed to rationalise violence,' says Asif after attacks in Balochistan

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Monday that the state's bottom line was that "nobody in Pakistan will be allowed to rationalise violence."

"When you try to rationalise violence or dress it up as a freedom movement — it is not acceptable because it is not true. This is a cover to legitimise criminal activities," he said while addressing the National Assembly.

Asif made these remarks while briefing the House on the security situation in Balochistan, where terrorists carried out a large-scale coordinated attack on Saturday. According to the military's media affairs wing, more than 150 terrorists have been killed in retaliatory action.

After Speaker Ayaz Khan said that the state's bottom line was that "nobody in Pakistan will be allowed to rationalise violence."



briefing, he began his address by recalling that the restoration of peace in Balochistan had been "disrupted" several times over the decades. However, he maintained that there had been long spells of peace in the province as well, and development work was also carried out in Balochistan. The defence minister said during the initial decades following

Pakistan's independence, the "overtones of this dis-

used in fanning the flames of terrorism in the province.

"The terrorists' leadership is based in Afghanistan, and they receive support from there," he said.

Asif alleged that the "political element in this movement was hijacked by smuggling in the recent, or slightly distant past." "Billions and trillions of rupees were being lost to smuggling, mainly oil smuggling. This criminal mafia [...] began supporting the movement. And their leadership now comprises these elements," he said. The minister added that commodities destined for Afghanistan or elsewhere through transit trade would return to Pakistan and were sold in markets here. "Our government took strict action to curb this.

Security forces kill 22 more terrorists as tally in Balochistan operations reaches 177



PEAK POINT
QUETTA: Security forces have killed 22 more terrorists, bringing the total number of casualties to 177 in the past three days.

Security sources said the operation against the terrorists, who are linked to "Fitna-e-Hindustan", remains ongoing. They also revealed that security agencies, including intelligence services and the police, are tightening the noose on the terrorists and their facilitators in various regions of Balochistan. The forces are intensifying their efforts to deal with the terrorist threat, and reports of further casualties among the terrorists and their collaborators have also been confirmed. A day earlier, Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti said on Sunday.



SPORTS



Pakistan rout Australia to complete T20I series whitewash in Lahore



PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Pakistan delivered a commanding all-round performance to crush Australia by 111 runs in the third and final T20I at a jam-packed Gaddafi Stadium, completing a memorable series whitewash and reinforcing their dominance in home conditions. More than 32,000 passionate spectators filled the iconic Lahore venue, creating a vibrant atmosphere as Pakistan produced one of their most comprehensive victories against the visiting Australian side. The crowd not only cheered the home team but also applauded quality cricket from both sides,

unchanting slogans of confidence ahead of future global tournaments. After winning the toss, Pakistan posted an imposing total of 207-6 in their allotted 20 overs, courtesy of impressive contributions from the top and middle order. Young opener Saim Ayub led the batting charge with an aggressive 56 off 37 deliveries, striking six boundaries and two towering sixes. Fakhar Zaman provided early momentum with a brisk 10 off seven balls before captain Salman Agha expertly anchored by former captain Babar Azam, who remained unbeaten on 50 off 36 balls, dis-

playing calm authority and ensuring stability through the middle overs. Khawaja Nafay added quick runs with a valuable 21 from just 12 deliveries, while vice-captain Shadab Khan electrified the crowd with a blistering 46 off only 19 balls, smashing five sixes and two boundaries. Faheem Ashraf applied the finishing touches with a quick-fire unbeaten 10, helping Pakistan cross the 200-run mark. Australia's bowling attack struggled to contain Pakistan's aggressive batting display. Ben Dwarshuis was the most successful bowler, claiming two wickets, while Matthew Kuhnemann, Cameron Green,

Matthew Short and Cooper Connolly picked up one wicket each. Chasing a daunting target of 208, Australia's batting lineup collapsed under sustained pressure from Pakistan's disciplined bowling attack. The visitors never recovered after losing early wickets, with Mitchell Marsh, Matthew Short and Matt Renshaw dismissed cheaply. Left-arm pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi set the tone with two crucial early breakthroughs, but it was all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz who dismantled Australia's batting order with a remarkable five-wicket haul, conceding just 18 runs in his four overs.

Pakistan Shaheens squad announced for white-ball series against England Lions



PEAK POINT

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board has announced the 16-member Pakistan Shaheens squad for the upcoming T20 and 50-over series against England Lions in Abu Dhabi. The three-match T20 series will begin on Friday, 20 February, while the five-match 50-over series will be played from 27 February to 9 March.

All the matches are set to take place at the Stadium Oval in Abu Dhabi. The Pakistan Shaheens squad will take part in a seven-day training camp from 11-17 February in Karachi before departing for United Arab Emirates.

Left-hand batter Shamyul Hussain is set to lead the Shaheens in both the T20 and 50-over series, while in the batting department he will be joined by Abdul Samad, Hasan Nawaz, player of the tournament in ACC Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars Maaz Sadaqat and left-hand batter Saad Khan. Pakistan U19 batter Sameer Minhas has also received the call-up for both the series along with his brother Arafat Minhas as the duo make strong strides following their appearances in the ICC U19 World Cup and ACC Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars, respectively.

Australia, PCB support girls' cricket through seventh AHC-Kinnaird Cup



PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Cricket brought together students from public schools and colleges in Lahore as Australia and Pakistan renewed their support for girls' participation in sport.

The seventh edition of the AHC-Kinnaird Girls' Cricket Cup focused on access, teamwork,

and pathways for young players, highlighting cooperation between the two countries at the community level, said a press release issued by Australian embassy.

The Australian High Commission (AHC), in partnership with Kinnaird College for Women and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), hosted the tournament

ment schools and a college academy, the cup provided young players with match experience and exposure that is often limited for girls at the school level. Organisers said the event also reflected steady people-to-people links between Australia and Pakistan through education and sport.

Australia's High Commissioner to Pakistan, Timothy Kane, congratulated the players for taking part and for challenging limits on women's participation in sports. He said cricket allows girls to question social attitudes and encourage inclusion and participation. By equal participation in economic and social life.

Series defeat a 'key World Cup lesson', says Australian captain



Team Pakistan arrives in Colombo ahead of ICC T20 World Cup

PEAK POINT

COLOMBO: Pakistan's national cricket team has arrived in Colombo after travelling from Lahore to take part in the ICC T20 World Cup.

The squad reached the Sri Lankan capital as preparations intensify ahead of the global tournament, which will be jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

The team will take a rest day on Sunday before resuming on-field activities. Pakistan are scheduled to play a warm-up match against Ireland on 4 February, providing the players with an opportunity to fine-tune their combinations and adjust to local conditions ahead of the main event.

The ICC T20 World Cup will be played from 7 February to 8 March across venues in India and Sri Lanka. Pakistan have been placed in Group A, alongside

India, Namibia, the Netherlands and the United States.

Pakistan will begin their World Cup campaign on 7 February with a group match

between Pakistan and India was originally scheduled for 15 February. However, following a government announcement, the national team will no longer play that



against the Netherlands. Their second fixture is scheduled for 10 February, where they will face the United States in what will be a key encounter for early momentum in the group stage. A highly anticipated clash

fixture. Pakistan are set to conclude their Group A matches on 18 February with a game against Namibia, which could prove decisive in determining progression to the next stage of the tournament.

Tehmina Ahmed claims Fatima Jinnah Golf title





IMF resident representative appreciates SDPI's role as policy check-and-balance institution grounded in evidence, independent analysis

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organised its annual strategic policy retreat in Islamabad, bringing together the Institute's faculty and staff for a day long stock-take of institutional performance and priority setting for the year ahead. The retreat focused on an internal SWOT exercise, identification of emerging opportunities, and agreement on policy priorities and institutional initiatives to strengthen SDPI's relevance in

2026 and beyond. As chief guest and observer, Dr Mahir Binici, Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Pakistan, appreciated SDPI's role as a policy check and balance institution grounded in evidence based research and independent analysis. He encouraged SDPI to translate complex research into accessible language for wider public and policy engagement, noting that digital technology and AI enabled tools can help think tanks bridge the gap between technical work and public



understanding. Dr Binici also highlighted the importance of deeper analysis in a more competitive global environment and urged greater engagement with universities, international

organisations, and global networks to strengthen the quality and reach of policy research. Leading the retreat, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director SDPI, out-

lined the objectives of the annual huddle as a structured forum to review performance, learn from experience, and set direction for future policy engagement. He announced SDPI's intent to explore new frontiers of research in response to a rapidly changing policy landscape and reaffirmed the Institute's commitment to producing timely, policy relevant evidence. Dr Suleri also announced the revival of SDPI's Policy Solutions Lab to develop rapid and practical policy recommendations, including the

ability to respond to major policy developments within 72 hours. He emphasised the importance of strengthening strategic communication, digital outreach, and knowledge dissemination to extend SDPI's national and international impact. Dr Ehsan Mehmood Khan, Senior Advisor Emeritus, SDPI, described the Institute as an efficient, credible, and high performing think tank with a strong external reputation built through sustained engagement with national and international stakeholders.

Call for withdrawal of false cases against Chaudhry Majeed

CITY REPORTER

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Realtors Association Progressive Union Group President Atif Jamil Butt has said that Chaudhry Majeed is a well-known and law-abiding business personality who conducts his business entirely within the framework of the law. Such tactics not only damage the reputation of a responsible citizen but are also against the principles of justice. Therefore, the false and baseless FIRs registered against him should be withdrawn and all cases



against him should be closed. In a statement, Atif Jamil Butt further said that Chaudhry Majeed has been carrying out business activities within the legal framework for a long time. His business operates according to national laws, government regulations, and ethical principles, and

the record and transparency of his operations are clear evidence of this. However, it is regrettable that in recent times, various cases have been filed against Chaudhry Majeed that are contrary to the facts, false, and baseless. The purpose of these cases is not only to damage the reputation of a person with a clean character but also to create fear and uncertainty in the business environment. Being a law-abiding citizen and a responsible businessman, he has always cooperated with state institutions and has full faith in the

justice system. Atif Jamil Butt demanded that all false and fabricated cases filed against Chaudhry Majeed be impartially reviewed and immediately resolved according to the requirements of justice, so that the truth comes to light and a respectable citizen is protected from unnecessary mental, financial, and social harm. Justice demands that the law should not be used for personal interests or pressure, and every citizen should be treated fairly without any discrimination.

ANF delegation visits Safe City Islamabad, reviews modern policing systems

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of officers from the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), visited Safe City Islamabad, where they were briefed on modern policing systems and technological initiatives being used to enhance security and crime prevention in the federal capital.

A police spokesperson told APP on Monday that Director General Safe City / DIG Traffic Muhammad Haroon Joya, along with Director IT, facilitated the visit and accompanied the ANF delegation during the tour.

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Delegation was taken on a detailed visit of the central system of Safe City Islamabad, including the Command and Control Center, state-of-the-art camera network and the Police Operations



Center Hall, where they were comprehensively briefed on the working mechanisms and effectiveness of these systems. The delegation was informed that Safe City Islamabad is playing a key role in multiple sectors through modern technological initiatives such as the Police Operations Center, Emergency Control Center, Dispatch Control Center and the "Pukar-15" emergency helpline.

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Age of strategic adjustment

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CANADIAN Prime Minister Mark Carney's speech at Davos was one of the clearest enunciations of the strategic adjustment countries, especially middle powers, need to make when faced with a fracturing superpower in a fractured world. Without naming the US, he stressed the need for middle powers to resist economic coercion by powerful countries by acting together because if they didn't, they will 'not be on the table but on the menu'.

While Carney spoke pointedly about the imperative to adapt, countries have already been adjusting to new geostrategic realities and power shifts in a transforming world. Adjustments are of different kinds, from diversifying trade partners to shifts in geopolitical alignments. Some trends have been accelerated by President Donald Trump's policies, but they were already in evidence in an increasingly multipolar world characterised by structural changes, new power balances and shift in economic power from the West to the rest. Consider how the EU and others have been boosting trade with China and how Beijing has been diversifying its markets. In 2020, China overtook the US to become the EU's biggest trading partner. The EU is also China's largest trading partner, and not as often thought the US. With Washington pursuing a contain-China strategy and tariff war, Beijing has been

diversifying its export destinations away from America, a policy it stepped up after Trump's return to power. This has paid dividends. It accounts for China's record trade surplus of \$1 trillion today with a boom in exports to Southeast Asia and Europe while Chinese exports to the US have declined. The 'strategic' trade and energy partnership between Canada and China is another illustration of countries pursuing trade diversion. As is the recent EU-India free trade agreement. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's visit to China last week marks an effort to upgrade business ties between the two countries. Meanwhile, South-South trade has increased significantly and now accounts for about a quarter of global trade. It has more than doubled between 2007 and 2023 and is projected to rise even further. This indicates the Global South is seeking to chart its own course by leveraging a multipolar environment. How much of the rise in South-South trade is attributable to US tariff policies? It is estimated around 40-45 per cent of the growth since 2018 is due to the disruption caused by US tariffs. Global South countries are trading more with each other and have an increasing number of free trade arrangements between them. They are also investing more among themselves. Their trade with China has increased exponentially and now surpasses that with the

US. Countries are diversifying trade ties and shifting alignments as they adapt to changing global dynamics. On the geopolitical front, Global South nations, with many middle powers among them, have sought greater global influence and a bigger voice through organisations such as the 11-member BRICS, which is a vehicle for political and diplomatic coordination in different areas. They also seek to make their collective influence felt in international affairs through regional organisations such as the GCC and SCO. Meanwhile, middle powers from the Global South have been pursuing policies of multi-alignment while also playing off the China-US rivalry to enhance their leverage. This has made countries such as Turkey, more influential international actors.

A different kind of adjustment is being forced on Europe by Trump's downgrading of the continent, as reflected in his national security strategy, repeated insults of European leaders, disdain of Nato and of course his threat to seize Greenland. The transatlantic alliance is in shambles and the breakdown of trust unprecedented. Although European leaders first tried to flatter and ingratiate Trump, that did not work. The US president only saw it as weakness and pressed his demands on them more forcefully without ceasing his harsh criticism of Europe.

People's influx into Karachi

SHAHID JAVED BURKI

This is an article on the large-scale movements of people in and out of Pakistan and how that has affected various aspects of life in the country since its founding as an independent state in 1947. I have already written about the movement of 14 million people that resulted from the division of the British Indian colony into the independent states of India and Pakistan. India became a predominantly Hindu state while the majority of the population of Pakistan belonged to the Islamic faith. My academic work on this movement suggested that of the eight million Muslims who headed for Pakistan, about 470,000 went and settled in what was chosen to be Pakistan's first capital. The other large movement of people had occurred a decade and a half before the birth of Pakistan. This was to bring farmers from the eastern part of Punjab to the newly irrigated lands in western Punjab and upper Sindh. I will take up a study of this influx of people into Pakistan in a later article. For the moment, I will continue to work on the movement of people in and out of Karachi. The 'out' movement was mostly to the Middle East, another subject for a later article. A building boom resulted from the arrival of 470,000 Muslim refugees from India to Karachi which then was a small seaport on the Arabian Sea. The British administrators of colonial India had expanded the port to handle the surplus grain that had become available from the irrigated lands of Punjab and Sindh. The grain surpluses were shipped to the ports in the eastern parts of India to deal with perennial food shortages in that part of British India. In 1943, a devastating famine had starved to death millions of people in Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. The arrival of 470,000 Muslim refugees to Karachi needed both urgent care as well as long-term accommodation.

Courtesy Tribune

Blue economy resilience rooted in wetland ecosystems: Junaid Anwar



PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry reaffirmed the vital importance of wetlands in safeguarding the Arabian Sea, conserving marine life, and bolstering blue economy.

In his message marking World Wetlands Day, themed "Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage," the minister emphasized that wetlands including mangroves, estuaries, tidal flats, and coastal lagoons, serve as frontline

defenses against climate change impacts like flooding, coastal erosion, and sea-level rise.

Pakistan has over 240 significant wetlands, with some studies identifying exactly 225. These ecosystems cover an estimated 10% of the country's total land area.

"These ecosystems act as natural buffers that protect coastal communities, ports, and infrastructure while maintaining water quality and ecological balance in marine environments," Junaid Chaudhry stated.

He highlighted coastal wetlands, particularly the Indus Delta mangroves, as essential breeding and nursery grounds for fish and marine species, directly supporting fisheries and food security.

"Healthy wetlands are essential for sustaining marine biodiversity and ensuring the long-term viability of livelihoods dependent on fishing and aquaculture," the minister added. Junaid Chaudhry also under-

scored the 2026 theme's focus on traditional and indigenous knowledge in conservation efforts.

"Coastal communities in Sindh and Balochistan have historically practiced sustainable fishing and mangrove protection, contributing to ecosystem resilience," he noted, calling for the integration of this wisdom into modern environmental policies.

Wetlands, he stressed, form the cornerstone of the blue economy by enabling fisheries, maritime trade, eco-tourism, and climate resilience. They reduce disaster risks and boost natural productivity, providing cost-effective paths to economic growth and environmental protection.

The minister renewed calls for heightened public awareness, robust conservation measures, and greater community involvement to protect wetlands for future generations, securing a healthier marine environment and a more resilient national economy.

Tarar reviews progress on Central Monitoring Project, NCF establishment

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar chaired a review meeting on projects being undertaken by the Directorate of Electronic Media and Publications (DEMP).

The minister was briefed on the progress of the Central Monitoring Project and the establishment of the National Centre of Films (NCF). Officials informed the meeting that the Central Monitoring Project, launched in January 2023, is scheduled for completion by June 2026, with its scope being expanded and technology upgraded.

Tarar emphasized the timely completion of the project, noting that the Central Monitoring Unit is aligned with modern requirements and will assist in compiling narrative-related reports and formulating effective strategies.

He added that the initiative would also benefit the private sector by providing facilities to analyze their content.

The DEMP administration assured the minister that all necessary steps were being taken to meet the June 2026 deadline in line with the approved PC-I and work plan.

The meeting agreed to hold regular review

sessions to monitor progress and address any obstacles. Participants were also briefed on the establishment of the National Centre of Films, created through the reorganization of DEMP's Film Wing.

The minister said comprehensive measures would be taken to promote quality film production in Pakistan.

Officials highlighted that the NCF, as custodian of the National Film Policy 2018, ensures coordination with stakeholders in the film and drama industry.

Under the policy, steps are being taken to implement incentives and promote Pakistan's cinema industry internationally through structured linkages, agreements, and participation in global platforms.

The ministry has introduced financial incentives to support the revival of the film industry, including exemptions on cinematographic equipment, tax relief for cinema operators and feature film production, and tax credits under the Film and Drama Finance Fund.

It was further shared that memorandums of understanding had been signed with several countries to encourage cooperation in the film and drama sectors.



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Terrorists only enemies of Pakistan, not 'angry elements': Rana Sanaulah

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs, Rana Sanaulah Khan, on Monday informed the Senate that the perpetrators of recent terrorist incidents in Balochistan were enemies of Pakistan and were acting on the directives of anti-Pakistan elements.

Responding to points raised by Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Raja Nasir Abbas, he said that around 177 terrorists had been eliminated, while 17 personnel of law enforcement agencies and 33 civilians had embraced martyrdom in terrorist attacks in Balochistan. Such elements could not be portrayed as "angry" or aggrieved groups, he added. Giving details, he said that out of the total 17 martyred law enforcement personnel, 10 were police officials, six were Frontier Corps personnel and one was from the Levies. He said the 33 civilians were also martyred after terrorists stormed their homes and residential areas. He went on to say that criminal and terrorist activities could be curbed.

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DG ISPR holds special interactive session with students at Turbat University

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UTHRBALOCHISTAN

TURBAT: Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry held a special interactive session with students and faculty members of the Turbat University.

The faculty, staff, and students warmly welcomed the DG ISPR. During the session, Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif spoke in detail about various aspects of national security, emphasizing the need for the collective efforts of Pakistan's armed forces and civilians to address emerging threats.

The participants, particularly students and faculty, expressed their determination to stand united with the military in defending the country and tackling security challenges.

Faculty members found the session to be highly informative, with several of them noting that it offered valuable insights into the evolving landscape of national security.

Students, too, reflected positively on the session, with many expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to interact with such a prominent figure.

The session concluded with a shared consensus among all attendees on the importance of promoting national unity, awareness, and a positive narrative.

Deputy Commander in Chief of Libyan armed forces calls on the Air Chief

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ISLAMABAD: A high-level defence delegation headed by Lieutenant General Saddam Khalifa Haftar, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Libyan Arab Armed Forces called on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, at Air Headquarters, Islamabad.

The meeting featured wide-ranging discussions on matters of mutual interest, the evolving regional security landscape and prospects for strengthening bilateral military cooperation. During the meeting, Chief of the Air Staff underscored the deep-rooted religious & historical bonds between Pakistan and Libya, while highlighting Pakistan

Air Force's high state of operational readiness, ongoing modernization and Multi Domain capability development. Emphasizing PAF's thrust on indigenization, technological innovation and human resource development, the Air Chief reaffirmed PAF's resolve to share its professional expertise and operational experience with friendly Air Forces while assuring the visiting delegation of PAF's.

KP Governor urges incentives to retain investment in province

PEAK POINT



ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Monday stressed the need for the provincial government to offer effective incentives to the business community so that traders from KP prefer investing within their own province rather than moving to Punjab. He said a comprehensive review of industrial and commercial policies has become the need of the hour to promote economic activities in the province. The Governor expressed these views while addressing the inauguration ceremony of Peshawar-based HBK Hyper Market in Islamabad. On his arrival, he was warmly received by prominent business figures including Chairman HBK Group Imdad Khan Afridi, CEO Dr Mohibullah Afridi, Director

Aamir Khan Afridi, Chairman Revive Pakistan Imran Ali, and others. Governor Kundi said that investment by Peshawar's business community in Islamabad is a positive and welcome development, reflecting a bright and progressive image of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. However, he regretted that compared to Rashakai Industrial Zone, investors in Punjab are being offered more incentives, which is compelling KP investors to shift their businesses.

Young Innovators Gear Up for TEKNOFEST 2026 as Global Success Stories Inspire a New Generation

PEAK POINT

TEKNOFEST: The world's largest aerospace and technology festival, promising to bring together millions of young innovators at the crossroads of history, science, and the future. With TRY 75 million in prizes and over TRY 100 million in financial support, TEKNOFEST 2026 is set to take place in Şanlıurfa from September 30 to October 4, at GAP Airport a city often described as the "zero point of history." Organized under the leadership of the T3 Foundation and the

Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Industry and Technology, TEKNOFEST has become a global platform where ideas evolve into real-world technologies. Applications for the 2026 Technology Competitions, spanning 52 competitions and 127 sub-categories, will remain open until February 20. This year's festival will host competitions in cutting-edge fields such as rocketry, unmanned aerial vehicles, agricultural technologies, artificial intelligence in health, satellite commu-

nications, and air defense systems. Several competitions will debut for the first time, including Electronic Warfare, Advanced Autonomous Systems, Mining Technologies, FPV Drone Tracking, and Technologies for Humanity, offering participants hands-on experience in emerging and strategic technology areas. Since its launch in 2018, TEKNOFEST has received over 4 million applications, becoming a launchpad for students ranging from primary school to postgradu-

ate level. In 2026, thousands more are expected to compete, collaborate, and showcase innovations that could shape the future. TEKNOFEST's international influence continues to grow. A powerful example came recently from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, where a team of Pakistani middle-school students won first prize in the Social Innovation category at the TEKNOFEST aerospace festival. Asma Fatima and Inaya Khan, guided by their teacher Gohar

Khurshed, earned widespread recognition for their achievement and later met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to receive their award. Their success, announced by Pak-Turk Maarif International Schools and Colleges, highlights TEKNOFEST's role in empowering young minds beyond borders. Last year's competitions, held across Istanbul, Ankara, and Izmir, attracted applications from over 333,000 teams and more than one million participants from

81 Turkish provinces and 96 countries. With its ever-expanding scope, TEKNOFEST has earned its reputation as the "festival of firsts", where innovation meets opportunity. As applications open for TEKNOFEST 2026, young technology enthusiasts, dreamers, and future engineers are invited to take part in one of the world's most influential technology events. Those ready to turn ideas into impact can apply through www.teknofest.org before February 20.