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IT exports projected to hit \$4.6bn this year, Prim Minister told

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday chaired a review meeting on the affairs of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication, wherein it was informed that the number of domestic internet connections in the country had surged from 1.9 million in 2024 to 5.10 million this year, and IT exports were expected to touch \$4.6 billion during the current fiscal year. The prime minister said that promoting the IT sector and increasing IT-related exports were among the government's priorities.

He emphasised that Pakistan's youth possessed immense potential in the IT field, which must be fully utilised. PM Shehbaz instructed to accelerate the establishment of Asaan

Khidmat Centres in Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and foster collaboration with provincial governments to launch the facilities across the provinces.

He said that cooperation from provincial and district-level governments should be sought to reduce the digital gap between urban and rural areas in the IT sector. During the briefing on various initiatives for the promotion of IT, it was told that a recent 5G services auction was held in Pakistan, marking the world's largest such auction since 2016, generating \$509 million in revenue for the country. Besides, the "Indus AI Week" was organised in February 2025 to promote Artificial Intelligence, featuring events across 30 cities, participated by over 100 international.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on strategy to increase exports of the country.

Iran FM spokesperson describes proposal to end war with US as legitimate, generous

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IRAN: Iran's proposal to end war with the US and reopen the Strait of Hormuz was legitimate and generous, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said during a press conference on Monday, adding that the US continues to uphold unreasonable and one-sided demands.

"Our demand is legitimate: demanding an end to the war, lifting the (US) blockade and piracy, and releasing Iranian assets that have been unjustly frozen in banks due to US pressure," Baghaei said.

"Safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz and establishing security in the region and Lebanon were other demands of Iran, which are considered a generous and responsible offer for regional security." Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Esmail Baghaei, said on Monday that stability and security in the region have been "undermined" during a press conference following Trump's rejection of Tehran's response to its proposal. He added that the US continued to have "unreasonable demands", adding that Iran's response to Trump's proposal, that Tehran sent to Pakistan yesterday.

Trump rejects Iran peace terms, Tehran warns of new attacks

MAHARA ZAMAN



WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump on Sunday branded Iran's terms for ending the Middle East war "totally unacceptable," raising the likelihood of renewed conflict after weeks of negotiations.

Iran had responded to Washington's latest peace proposal earlier in the day, while warning it would not hold back from retaliating against any new US strikes or permit more foreign warships in the Strait of Hormuz. Trump himself provided no details on Tehran's counterproposal, but in a brief post on his Truth Social platform made clear he was rejecting it. "I have just read the response from Iran's so-called 'Representatives.' I don't like it — TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" Trump said. The back and forth came as Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu — whose forces launched the war on Iran along with the US military on February 28 — insisted the conflict was not over until Iran's enriched uranium was removed and its nuclear facilities dismantled. Tehran publicly maintained its defiant line, despite behind-the-scenes diplomacy. "We will never bow down to the enemy, and if there is talk of dialogue or negotiation, it does not mean surrender or retreat," Iranian President Masoud Peshkesh said Sunday on X. According to state broadcaster IRIB, Tehran's response to the US plan, passed to Pakistani mediators, focuses on ending the war "on all fronts, especially Lebanon" — where Israel has kept up its fight with Iran-backed Hezbollah — as well as on "ensuring shipping security."

Afghanistan issued demarche after 15 police personnel martyred in Bannu suicide attack

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ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office (FO) said on Monday that the Afghan chargé d'affaires was summoned and handed a "strong demarche" over the suicide attack in Bannu, which claimed the lives of 15 police personnel. In a statement, the FO said, "The Afghan chargé d'affaires was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today to deliver a strong demarche regarding the cowardly vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (IED) attack carried out by terrorists of Fitna al Khawarij on the Fateh Khel police post in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Bannu District on May 9."

Fitna al Khawarij is a term the state uses for terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, while Fitna al Hindustani is a term designated by the state for terrorist organisations in Balochistan.

"The ministry conveyed that a detailed investigation into the incident, along with evidence collected and technical intelligence, indicates that the attack was masterminded by terrorists residing in Afghanistan," the FO said.

10-kg bomb defused in Hangu

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BANNU: Timely action by Hangu police foiled a terrorist plot and successfully deactivated a 10-kilogram bomb in Hangu on Monday. District Police Officer (DPO) Hangu Tariq Habib Khan said that the bomb was defused in the jurisdiction of the City Police Station. He said that the bomb was defused after adopting all precautionary measures. The DPO said that the bomb was placed for a terrorist attack, but timely action by the bomb disposal squad (BDS) thwarted such an attack. After receiving the information, a heavy contingent.

Plot to coerce girl into carrying out terrorist attack in Islamabad thwarted, CM Bugti says

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QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti said on Monday that a plot to coerce a girl into carrying out a terrorist attack in Islamabad had been thwarted by intelligence agencies.

The girl, who was reportedly arrested before she could carry out a suicide bombing, will be released to her father under supervision instead of facing trial, he said. The chief minister, in a press conference alongside the suspect, emphatically denounced the perpetrators of exploitation against Baloch women and girls. He stressed that their actions had no connection at all to Baloch tradition or history. "We are faithful to our tradition," he said, adding, "These people have no

connection to Balochiyat and the way they are using



our women in this war is shameful. I am so ashamed that I cannot even tell the media the details." According to details shared by Bugti, the girl's name had initially appeared on social media as a missing person, but an investigation by intelligence agencies ascertained that she was allegedly training at a terrorist camp. Terming the investiga-

tion's results as "very unfortunate", Bugti noted

that the method of exploitation by the terrorists involved "honeytrapping" women, then blackmailing them. In this case, by threatening to kill the girl's father if she did not comply with their orders, the chief minister added. "The plan was to perform a suicide attack in Islamabad," the chief minister said. He contended that the

objective of the attack, which he alleged was orchestrated by agents of India's intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), was to sabotage the improved reputation Pakistan was currently enjoying on the international stage.

The Balochistan CM said the girl perhaps did not know that Islamabad was the target and was to be told at the last minute, commending the intelligence agencies for foiling a major plan.

In addition, he stressed that the girl had been exploited in an egregious way and slammed those who were responsible for it, asking, "They would exploit their own Baloch girls? Their own daughters, their own sisters ... and to please international masters? Can you conceive.

Protecting media workers remains government's top priority: Tarar



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Monday said that protecting media workers remained the government's top priority.

Speaking in the National Assembly on a point of order, he said both the federal and provincial governments are working round the clock to facilitate media channels and address their operational and financial issues to ensure their sustainability.

He further said the matter would be taken up with the Pakistan Broadcasters Association to ensure that no employee loses their job. He stressed that the job security of media workers was a priority, along with improving their service structure and benefits.

SPORTS



First Test: Bangladesh reach 152/3 at stumps, extend lead over Pakistan

Pakistan U-18 hockey trials phase-I completed



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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) Monday completed the first phase of trials for the national Under-18 hockey team at the Naser Bunda Hockey Stadium, Islamabad, ahead of the upcoming U-18 Asia Cup to be held in Kakamigahara, Japan.

Following the conclusion of the initial assessment process, the PHF Selection Committee shortlisted 20 promising players for the training camp, while eight players were placed on the standby list.

The shortlisted squad includes goalkeepers Ghulam Mustafa and Nauman. Defenders are Essam Haider (captain), Hassan Akbar (vice captain) and Uzair Ahmed. Midfielders include Muhammad Adnan, Muhammad Zaman Gujar, Usman Ghani, Muzammil Saeed, Shahidullah and Waqar Naem.

The forwards named in the shortlist are Abdullah Awan, Zonair, Rana Abdul Sami, Salman Yaseen, Adeel Afzal, Farhan Aslam, Yahya Najeib, Muhammad Usman and Shoaib Sultan. Meanwhile, the standby players include Hamza Khalid (goalkeeper), Nauman Hanif, Haneen Noor, Usman Baig, Usman Asghar, Muhammad Zain, Arslan Siddique and Taimoor Shiraz.



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DHAKA: Bangladesh tightened their grip on the first Test against Pakistan after reaching 152/3 at stumps on Day 4, extending their overall lead to 179 runs before bad light halted play during the final session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur, Dhaka, on Monday.

Play had earlier resumed for the final session after lunch, following a washout of the entire second session due to persistent rain.

Resuming their innings at 93-2 in 31 overs, Bangladesh finished the day on 152-3 in 50.3 overs, stretching their overall lead to 179

runs before fading light halted proceedings. Earlier in the day, Pakistan made early inroads through their pace attack. Mohammad Abbas struck first, trapping Mahmudul Hasan Joy lbw for five off 26 deliveries. Hasan Ali then followed up by dismissing Shadman Islam for 10 off 22 balls, an innings featuring two boundaries. After the early setbacks, Mominul Haque and Najmul Hossain Shanto steadied the innings with a composed and disciplined partnership, guiding Bangladesh past the 50-run mark and reasserting control. The pair went on to bring up a century

stand, placing Bangladesh firmly in command. Shanto and Mominul both batted fluently as they reached their respective half-centuries, helping Bangladesh cross 100 runs with growing authority. However, their 105-run partnership was eventually broken when Shaheen Afridi struck, removing Mominul Haque for 56 off 120 deliveries, an innings featuring four boundaries. The dismissal left Bangladesh at 128-3 in 42.5 overs. Despite the breakthrough, Bangladesh remained in a strong position, ending the day with a healthy advantage heading into the final stages of the Test. Skipper

Shanto was unbeaten on 58 off 106 deliveries, having struck six fours, while Mushfiqur Rahim was not out on 16 off 31 balls, including three boundaries. After being asked to bat first, the home side were bowled out for 413 in 117.1 overs in the first innings, courtesy of exceptional batting performances from Mominul Haque, skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto and veteran Mushfiqur Rahim. Recovering from 31-2, Haque and Shanto batted sensibly and nership, with both batters bringing up half-centuries, while the skipper went on to score a century.

Babar Azam resumes training ahead of second Test against Bangladesh



Cricket Stadium after ending day four with a lead of 179 runs.

The hosts recovered well after losing both openers early in their second innings. Mohammad Abbas dismissed Mahmudul Hasan Joy for five, while Hasan Ali removed Shadman Islam for 10 to give Pakistan an encouraging start.

However, experienced batter Mominul Haque and captain Najmul Hossain Shanto rebuilt the innings with a composed partnership, frustrating Pakistan's bowlers and extending Bangladesh's advantage.

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DHAKA: Pakistan star batter Babar Azam has returned to training after recovering from injury and is likely to feature in the second Test against the Bangladesh national cricket team.

Babar took part in batting drills at the Bangladesh Cricket

Board Academy in running exercises Dhaka under the supervision of batting coach Asad Shafiq. The training session was also attended by the team to a knee injury but is not expected to be available for the second Test in Sylhet. Meanwhile, the right-hander Bangladesh strengthened their position in the first Test at Sher-e-Bangla National

and also completed

Razi Sports Academy coaching seminar concludes in Rawalpindi



Australia include uncapped trio on white-ball tours of Pakistan, Bangladesh

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AUSTRALIA: Australia will use the upcoming white-ball tours of Pakistan and Bangladesh to test their depth after naming squads featuring three potential debutants, selectors said on Monday.

All-rounder Liam Scott has been included in the ODI squads for Pakistan and Bangladesh, with Victoria batter Ollie Peake joining him in the Pakistan squad.

T20 specialist Joel Davies has been included in the squad for three T20Is in Chattogram, Bangladesh, starting on June 17.

Mitchell Marsh will captain all squads, with Australia to play three ODIs against Pakistan in Rawalpindi and Lahore from May 30 before travelling to Bangladesh for three ODIs in Dhaka in the run-up to the T20 series.

"It's always exciting to see new players get an opportunity to play international

cricket and be a part of the national team," selector George Bailey said in a statement.

"The blend of experienced players coupled with

with the group for the T20 leg in Bangladesh.

Travis Head, Cooper Connolly, Ben Dwarshuis and Xavier Bartlett will join the squad for the Bangladesh



new or returning players will provide a nice mix for these subsequent tours." Fast bowlers Billy Stanlake and Riley Meredith return for the Pakistan ODIs, while spinner Tanveer Sangha was named in both 50-over squads.

Meredith will also remain ODIs after their Indian Premier League commitments, replacing Peake, Stanlake, Meredith and Matt Short. Left-arm quick Spencer Johnson returns for the T20 component along with Aaron Hardie.

ACTIVIT Margalla Triathlon debuts on Marka-e-Haq Day



boost women's economic participation

The Pakistan Army team secured victory in the team category. In other categories, Saltanat Sambina won the women's sprint solo event, Evgenii Yusuik claimed the Olympic solo title, Enoh Khan won the 5-kilometer free run race, while Mona Khan finished second. The event was jointly organised by Margalla Trail Runners and ACTIVIT and is being seen as a milestone in promoting endurance sports in Pakistan.

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LAHORE: The first-ever ACTIVIT Margalla Triathlon 2026 was held in Islamabad on Marka-e-Haq Day, marking Pakistan's debut Olympic and Sprint-style triathlon.

The event brought together local and international athletes, who competed across swimming, cycling, and running disciplines, showcasing endurance, discipline, and sportsmanship. In the main results, Shahez Khan, widely regarded as Pakistan's leading triathlete, won the individual title, further strengthening his reputation as the country's top endurance athlete with growing international recognition. Experts call for inclusive policies to



Mother's day event highlights women's skills, Love for mothers and community welfare in islamabad

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ISLAMABAD: A Mother's Day event held at Airport Housing Society, Islamabad, brought together more than 50 guest ladies to honour mothers, celebrate their role in society and promote the work of talented women running small home-based businesses. The event was organised by Ms. Tahira Ashfaq in coordination with Ms. Salma Shah, with cooperation from Esshaal Cosmetics and Ms. Uzma. Shazia Yaqoob and Saima Shahid were also key names associated with the programme. The event conveyed the message that no day is complete without mothers because every day belongs to them. Special prayers were offered for deceased mothers, and prayers were also made for the long life, health and happiness of living mothers. Generated Image May 11 2026 1 59PMThe

main purpose of the event was not only to celebrate Mother's Day but also to remind society of the importance of mothers. Speakers and participants discussed the role of mothers in homes, families and society. They also highlighted how today's mothers carry many responsibilities and how previous generations of mothers lived with patience, sacrifice and strength. A key part of the programme was promoting women who work from home to support their families. The organisers said many women prepare handmade items, run small businesses, support their husbands and children, and contribute quietly to society. The event gave these women recognition and encouragement so they could feel confident about their work. Participants said that mothers are the foundation of society and can bring positive change through love, guidance,



education and values. The event was described as a day of love for mothers, a feeling that cannot be fully explained in words. Different activities were also arranged during the programme. A quiz activity conducted by Tahira was one of the engaging parts of the event, and participants took part with interest. The activities helped create a friendly and joyful atmosphere among the women. The organisers also appreciated Cakes N Cake for providing a beautiful and delicious cake for Mother's Day. The cake was praised for

its taste, decoration and presentation. Participants said the cake reflected creativity, hard work and the talent of a hardworking lady. The organisers highly recommended the work and prayed for more success, growth and blessings for the business. The event also carried a wider message of Pakistan Women Empowerment. The women of Airport Housing Society, Islamabad, said they want to support mothers, sisters and daughters who have traditional and cultural skills, especially handmade embroidery,

casual and bridal dresses, handicrafts and other cultural products from different parts of Pakistan. The organisers said Pakistan's handmade products are part of the country's identity and can earn respect, recognition and income for women if promoted properly. They said women's traditional skills are highly valuable and can help improve family income, strengthen communities and support Pakistan's economy. The women empowerment message also called for the identification and registration of skilled women across Pakistan, including women from cities, villages and all provinces. It suggested that handmade embroidery, traditional dresses, handicrafts and cultural products should be promoted through exhibitions, fashion shows and online platforms. The participants also stressed the need to provide women with training in modern

design, packaging, marketing and e-commerce. They said this would help women sell their products in national and international markets. They even further suggested that the government, private sector and overseas Pakistanis should support skilled women through financial help, interest free loans and business opportunities. It also called for a permanent national forum to promote Pakistan's traditional handmade products and guide women entrepreneurs. The organisers said educational institutions, media and social media should play a role in teaching young people about Pakistani culture, traditional skills and handmade products. They said products made by women should be promoted under the "Made in Pakistan" identity to improve Pakistan's image and empower women.

Bannu on Edge: Rising wave of terror rekindles fear amid public calls for peace

By Ehsanullah Khattak
Bannu — a sensitive district bordering North Waziristan — is once again facing an alarming surge in terrorism, leaving residents trapped in fear, uncertainty, and growing anxiety as violence escalates across the region. For years, the district has remained affected by militancy, but recent developments suggest a far more dangerous phase. Unlike the post-9/11 years, when attacks were mostly directed at police stations, security checkpoints, and government installations after long planning periods, incidents are now occurring almost daily. Security personnel are increasingly being targeted through assassinations, kidnappings, and brutal killings. The prolonged conflict

has already claimed the lives of numerous tribal elders, social activists, and peace advocates. Some were accused of being members of "peace committees," while others were labelled as "state agents" before being killed. The pattern of violence has created an atmosphere of fear and mistrust, where anyone raising their voice against the violence and injustice reportedly faced dismissals from service before later being reinstated. These developments strengthened public perception that the crisis extends beyond a simple security issue and involves deeper and more complex factors. The recent attack on the Fateh Kachel police post shocked the entire region after 15 police officers embraced martyrdom. During the funerals, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police, particu-

larly the Bannu police force, openly renewed their resolve to fight terrorism. Regional Police Officer Sajjad Khan and District Police Officer Yasar Afridi reportedly vowed that terrorists responsible for the attack would be brought to justice. Emotional scenes were witnessed as police personnel placed their hands on the Holy Quran and pledged to continue the fight against militants until the end. Reports also suggested that members of the force sought written assurances from senior officials that the blood of fallen officers would not go unanswered and that operations against terrorists would continue without compromise. Following the attack, security operations were launched in several areas of Bannu and its surroundings. Raids were conducted on

suspected militant hideouts, although reports indicated that many militants had already fled before the operations began. This has fuelled concerns that facilitators and informants may be operating within society, warning militants ahead of security actions. Meanwhile, the attack on the vehicle of the Deputy Commissioner of Lakki Marwat within Bannu's jurisdiction, along with the kidnapping of a Central Jail Bannu official, further highlighted the expanding reach of militancy into administrative and urban structures. At the same time, signs of public resistance are emerging from rural areas, where communities are increasingly declaring that they can no longer tolerate more funerals and bloodshed. The growing public rejection of terrorism

reflects both the resilience of the people and their deep desire for peace. Today, Bannu stands at a critical crossroads. On one side, state institutions continue their battle against militancy while on the other, ordinary citizens are striving to unite for peace and stability. Yet the central question remains unanswered: will this fire continue to spread, or is the time finally approaching for it to be extinguished? For many in Bannu, the answer may only become clear in the days ahead. But one reality has become undeniable — sustainable peace cannot be achieved through force alone. It requires public trust, justice, unity, and a long-term strategy capable of restoring stability to a region exhausted by years of violence.

Legal Implications of Artificial Intelligence in Sports Management

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Introduction
Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed the global sports industry by improving performance analysis, injury prediction, talent identification, fan engagement, officiating systems, and administrative decision-making. Despite these advancements, AI creates significant legal and ethical concerns regarding privacy, liability, intellectual property, discrimination, data protection, and governance. This research article examines the legal implications of AI in sports management through analysis of international legal principles, sports governance frameworks, and emerging regulatory challenges. The study highlights the necessity for transparent AI governance, athlete data protection laws, accountability mechanisms, and international sports regulations to ensure ethical and lawful implementation of AI technologies in sports organizations.

Artificial Intelligence has rapidly emerged as a transformative technology in sports

management. Sports organizations, leagues, universities, and professional clubs increasingly rely on AI systems for athlete monitoring, match analysis, injury prevention, scouting, and fan engagement. AI-driven technologies such as predictive analytics, wearable sensors, facial recognition systems, automated refereeing, and generative content creation have reshaped the operational and commercial structure of modern sports.

The global sports industry is expected to witness substantial AI market growth due to technological innovation and commercialization. However, alongside these benefits arise numerous legal concerns regarding athlete privacy, algorithmic discrimination, ownership of data, contractual liability, intellectual property rights, and ethical governance. The absence of uniform international legal regulations creates uncertainty regarding accountability and compliance in AI-driven sports management.

This article critically analyzes the legal implications of AI in sports management and explores the regulatory challenges faced by sports institu-

tions worldwide.

Technical Method:
 This study adopts a qualitative doctrinal research methodology. Data has been collected from academic journals, legal reports, international sports regulations, and published research articles on AI and sports law. Comparative legal analysis has also been used to evaluate international approaches toward AI governance.

Concept of Artificial Intelligence in Sports Management
 Artificial Intelligence refers to computer systems capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence, including learning, reasoning, prediction, and decision-making. In sports management, AI applications include:

- Performance analytics
- Injury prediction systems
- Automated officiating technologies
- Recruitment and scouting
- Tactical decision-making
- Sports broadcasting and media
- Fan engagement platforms
- Athlete health monitoring
- Modern sports organizations increasingly rely on AI-

powered technologies to gain competitive and commercial advantages.

Applications of AI in Sports Management

- 1. Performance Analysis**
 AI systems analyze player movements, biomechanics, and match statistics to improve athlete performance. Clubs use predictive analytics to determine tactical strategies and player efficiency.
- 2. Injury Prevention**
 AI-driven wearable devices monitor physiological indicators such as heart rate, fatigue, and muscular stress to reduce injury risks. Football clubs increasingly rely on AI to predict hamstring injuries and workload management.
- 3. Talent Identification**
 Sports organizations utilize AI algorithms to evaluate player potential through statistical modeling and behavioral analysis. AI assists scouts in identifying future athletes based on performance metrics.
- 4. Officiating and Decision-Making**
 Technologies such as Video Assistant Referee (VAR), Hawk-Eye systems, and automated line-calling rely on AI-supported technologies to improve officiat-

ing accuracy.

- 5. Fan Engagement and Marketing**
 AI enhances fan experiences through personalized content, virtual assistants, automated commentary, and predictive consumer analytics.

Legal Implications of AI in Sports Management

- 1. Data Privacy and Protection**
 One of the most significant legal concerns involves athlete data privacy. AI systems collect extensive personal and biometric information, including:

- Health records
- GPS tracking data
- Heart rate monitoring
- Performance statistics
- Behavioral analytics

The unauthorized collection or misuse of athlete data may violate privacy laws and human rights protections. Athletes may lose control over sensitive personal information collected by clubs, leagues, or technology companies.

Legal Challenges
 Lack of informed consent
 Unauthorized data sharing
 Cybersecurity breaches
 Cross-border data trans-

Commercial exploitation of athlete data

Relevant Laws
 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
 California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)
 EU AI Act

Sports organizations must ensure lawful collection, storage, and processing of athlete data through transparent consent mechanisms.

- 2. Liability and Accountability**
 AI systems may produce inaccurate predictions or erroneous decisions that can harm athletes or organizations. Questions arise regarding liability when AI errors result in:

- Wrong officiating decisions
- Misdiagnosis of injuries
- Contractual disputes
- Discriminatory recruitment decisions
- Financial losses

A major legal issue is determining responsibility when AI causes harm. Liability may fall upon:

- Sports organizations
- Software developers
- Coaches
- Medical professionals
- AI vendors

NDMA hosts National Dialogue to advance anticipatory action against climate disaster



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measures.

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with international humanitarian and development partners, on Monday launched the second National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action in Islamabad to strengthen Pakistan's disaster preparedness systems through forecast-based early action and coordinated climate resilience

The two day dialogue, being held at NDMA headquarters from May 11 to 12 under the National Coordination Forum on Anticipatory Action, has brought together around 200 participants from government institutions, UN agencies, humanitarian organizations, financial institutions, academia, climate experts, private sector representatives and community groups.

NDMA hosts National Dialogue to advance anticipatory action against climate disaster

The event is being organized jointly by NDMA, the World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Addressing the opening session, NDMA Chairman Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik stressed the need for trigger-based anticipatory actions and standardized disaster risk reduction mechanisms under the National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy (NDRRS) 2025-2030 to build a resilient disaster management regime in the country. NDMA hosts National Dialogue to advance anticipatory action against climate disaster

He said anticipatory action must be activated in advance to minimize humanitarian and economic losses.

DPM/FM Dar, US Charge d'Affaires discuss regional situation, Pak-US ties



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ISLAMABAD: US Charge d'Affaires Natalie A. Baker, Monday, called on Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar to discuss the evolving regional situation and the broader Pakistan-US bilateral relationship.

The DPM/FM highlighted Pakistan's role in facilitating

communication between US and Iran, while expressing hope that ongoing diplomatic efforts would contribute to peace and stability in the region and beyond.

He also appreciated ongoing US assistance in the repatriation of Pakistani and Iranian seafarers through Singapore, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

CJP appointed Honorary Bencher of Inner Temple, UK



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ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi has been appointed as an Honorary Bencher of the Hon'ble Society of the Inner Temple, London, one of the four historic Inns of Court in the United Kingdom.

Barrister Saira Kabir Sheikh, King's Counsel at Francis Taylor Building Chambers, London, formally conveyed the appointment during a meeting with the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court of Pakistan on Monday.

During the meeting, Barrister Saira Kabir Sheikh KC congratulated the Chief Justice on the honour and said the development would

help further strengthen existing ties between the Inner Temple and Pakistan's legal and judicial community.

According to a press release issued by the Supreme Court, the meeting was attended by the President and General Secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Director General of the Federal Judicial Academy, Director General (Reforms) Supreme Court of Pakistan and Secretary of the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan.

The participants discussed matters of mutual interest, including judicial education, professional training of lawyers and judges, continuing legal education programmes and opportunities for structured institutional cooperation.

Both sides emphasized the importance of such exchanges in strengthening legal capacity and promoting best practices within the justice system.

The Chief Justice appreciated the role of the Inner Temple in maintaining high standards of legal education and facilitating engagement among legal professionals across jurisdictions.

FBR chairman assures LCCI of maximum facilitation to business community

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LAHORE: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Chairman Rashid Mahmood Langrial and Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President Faheem-ur-Rehman Saigol discussed key taxation, industrial and business-related issues along with the upcoming federal budget proposals submitted by the Lahore chamber.

The LCCI spokesman told the media here on Sunday that during the meeting, the FBR chairman informed the LCCI president that he would visit Lahore chamber before the announcement of the federal budget to brief the business community on the evolving role of the FBR in policy implementation and facilitation. "In its new role the FBR will facilitate the business community to the maximum", he assured. Rashid Mahmood Langrial said that in its new role, the FBR would focus on facilitating the business community while ensuring effective implementation of tax policies.

Naqvi reviews Islamabad Safe City upgradation; chairs special meeting

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Monday visited the Islamabad Safe City Headquarters and chaired a special high-level meeting to review progress on the project to transform Islamabad Safe City into a Capital Smart City-level advanced security system.

During the visit, the minister inspected the ongoing renovation and upgradation work at the Safe City Headquarters. Officials briefed him on the establishment of a state-of-the-art Fusion Center and a modern Control Room.

Mohsin Naqvi directed that the control room be upgraded in line with modern requirements and advanced technology. He also instructed authorities to ensure



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the timely completion of Safe City Phase-II.

The minister emphasized that all relevant agencies will be integrated onto a single platform under the Safe City system. "This project will serve as a significant milestone in providing a safer and more peaceful environment to the citizens of Islamabad," he remarked.

During the briefing, officials said that the Safe City project is being rapidly executed. All necessary equipment.

Traders protest over delay in reconstruction govt-run school



ABDUS SALAM BAITAB

BANNU: The City Ittehad Mutahida Tajiran (United Traders Alliance) has set up a protest camp at the demolished building of Government High School No. 2 against delaying tactics in its reconstruction. The protesters announced that the demonstration will continue until construction work is resumed, stating that they will not allow the future of children to be further jeopardized. According to details, Government

High School No. 2 was demolished three years ago. Funds for its reconstruction were approved and the official design was also sanctioned. However, for a long time, neither have the funds been released nor has construction work begun. In protest against these delays, the traders' alliance and school teachers established a protest camp at the demolished site. While speaking to the media at the protest camp, President of the Traders Association Dr. Abdul Rauf Qureshi, organizer Malik Qasim Khan, Farmanullah Mirakhel, Maulana Qudratullah, Haji Arsalan Khan, Asghar Khan Advocate, Maulana Anwar Shah, Mudassar Khan, Mizaullah Khan, Farooqi, and others expressed deep concern. They stated that it is regrettable that the school was originally constructed during the Hindu era, but has now been demolished by Muslims and left abandoned.

Renowned lawyer has officially launched his election campaign for the position of GS

WAJIHA TAMSEEL MIRZA

MULTAN: District Bar Association Elections 2026-27/Renowned lawyer has officially launched his election campaign for the position of General Secretary in the Elections 2026-27. While interacting with members of the legal fraternity, Ifthikhar Hussain Gill, Advocate High Court, stated that his mission is to uphold the dignity of the bar, protect the rights of lawyers, and work tirelessly for the welfare of young lawyers. He emphasized that resolving the issues faced by lawyers, strengthening bar and bench relations, and introducing modern facilities for the legal community would remain among



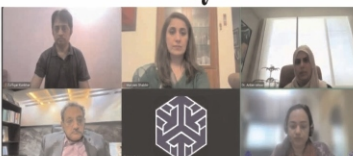
his top priorities. He further added that if elected by the legal community, he would become the voice of every member of the bar and would promote unity, merit, transparency, and justice within the association. The election campaign of Ifthikhar Hussain Gill is receiving an encouraging response from the lawyers' community, while several senior lawyers have also appreciated his vision.

Experts for planned response to climate-induced displacement in Punjab to establish first Climate Observatory for real-time environmental monitoring

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a webinar stressed the need for planned climate mobility strategies, improved data collection and coordinated policy measures to address the growing challenge of climate-induced displacement in the Punjab and other parts of Pakistan. The webinar on "Climate Induced Displacement in Punjab, Pakistan," was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here on Monday. Maryam Shabbir Abbasi, Associate Research Fellow SDPI and Advisory member to Environmental

Justice Council Vermont USA, said climate-induced displacement is often reported in Pakistan as "climate migration," though the terminology varies according to context. She said heavy monsoon rains and unprecedented downpours in 2025 displaced large populations and now National Disaster Management Authority has projected another spell of abrupt rainfall in the Punjab, seeking authorities to adopt preemptive measures. Shabbir said around 523,000 people were displaced during the 2025 floods in six districts of Southern Punjab, which were among the country's cli-



mate change hotspots facing recurring floods, droughts and heatwaves. She identified Muzaffargarh, Dera Ghazi Khan, Jhang and Rahim Yar Khan among the worst affected districts. She noted that rural populations impacted by climate disasters were increasingly migrating to urban areas

and rising infant mortality," she said, adding that media coverage of climate mobility was essential for creating awareness. Highlighted the absence of reliable datasets to track climate migrants in the Punjab, she said factors such as extreme rainfall, riverine flooding, droughts and heatwaves were major drivers of displacement. She warned that displaced populations were often forced to settle in slum areas, which put additional pressure on urban infrastructure. Mehak Masood, Programme Officer at International Organization for Migration, said the term

climate mobility better captured the complexity of the issue. Elaborating that planned movement is considered migration while forced movement due to disasters amounted to displacement, she said climate-induced migration, environmental migration and climate mobility were interconnected concepts reflecting the realities faced by vulnerable communities. Masood said droughts and floods were accelerating displacement across Pakistan and making climate change and migration increasingly interlinked issues. Citing World Bank projections,