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## 23 soldiers martyred, over 200 Taliban killed in cross-border clashes with Afghanistan: ISPR

**PEAK POINT**  
RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan Army has announced that in response to unprovoked attacks launched from across the Pak-Afghan border by Afghan Taliban and India-backed Khawarij militants, over 200 Taliban fighters and terrorists have been killed so far.

Meanwhile, 23 Pakistani soldiers embraced martyrdom during the clashes. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the enemy's actions were aimed at destabilising border regions and promoting terrorism.

However, the Pakistan Army successfully repelled the assault through a timely and decisive response.

The statement added that Taliban forces and Khawarij militants suffered heavy human and financial losses as multiple border posts, camps, and training centers were targeted across the border. Around 21 Afghan posts were temporarily captured and militant camps destroyed.

ISPR confirmed that over 200 Taliban and terrorists were killed and several injured, with significant damage inflicted on the Taliban's infrastructure along



the border.

During the attacks, 23 Pakistani soldiers were martyred and 29 others sustained injuries. The military spokesperson stated that special measures were taken to ensure the safety of civilians

during operations. The Taliban government was warned to eliminate terrorist groups operating from its soil otherwise Pakistan would continue its operations.

The spokesperson further said that the joint efforts of

the Taliban regime and India to destabilise the region had been foiled.

The Taliban Foreign Minister's visit to India amid these provocations was described as a serious threat to regional peace.

Pakistan has demanded immediate and verifiable action from the Taliban government, warning it to stop supporting terrorists or face firm action to protect Pakistani citizens.

The statement reaffirmed that the people and armed forces of Pakistan will not compromise on the country's sovereignty. Pakistan desires peace in

the region but will not tolerate terrorism, vowing to continue countering the joint plots of the Taliban and India.

According to security sources, the Afghan Taliban launched unprovoked attacks on several Pakistani border posts last night while Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi was visiting India. Pakistani forces effectively retaliated, inflicting heavy losses on the attackers.

Earlier, Pakistan captured 19 Afghan posts used to facilitate terrorists to infiltrate Pakistan to carry out subversive activities, security sources revealed.

## Govt, religious party dialogue begins on Fazl request



**PEAK POINT**

ISLAMABAD: JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rahman contacted Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and Rana Sanaullah and said that the matter of protesting religious party should be resolved amicably.

According to sources, negotiations between the religious party and the government have started after Maulana Fazlur Rahman's request. According to reliable sources, the JUI-F chief became

active in the wake of the religious party's protests and poor law and order situation in Punjab. He made a telephone call to Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz.

According to sources, the Maulana also contacted the federal government's representative, Rana Sanaullah, and separately requested both of them that the federal and Punjab governments resolve the issue of religious party's protesters peacefully.

The issue should be resolved amicably and with understanding. The country's situation does not allow conflict, the political stalwart said.

Sources have also claimed that negotiations have begun between the religious party and the government after Maulana Fazlur Rahman's request.

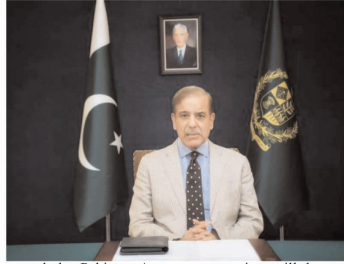
On the other hand, the convoy of protesters has reached Muridke.

## PM strongly condemns Afghan provocation, lauds Pakistan Army's effective response

**PEAK POINT**

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has strongly condemned Afghanistan's provocations in Pakistan's border areas, expressing deep concern over the hostile actions and reaffirming that there will be no compromise on Pakistan's defense.

The Prime Minister paid rich tribute to the Pakistan Army for its strong and effective response to Afghanistan's aggression. "We are proud of the professional excellence of our armed forces," he said. Shehbaz Sharif praised the bold leadership of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, under whose com-



mand the Pakistan Army not only gave a powerful response to Afghan aggression but also destroyed several of their posts, forcing them to retreat.

"There will be no compromise on Pakistan's defense, and every act of

provocation will be met with a strong and effective response," the Prime Minister reaffirmed. "Our defense is in strong hands, and we know well how to defend every inch of our motherland." He said the Pakistan Army has always given a crushing reply to

every form of external aggression and emphasized that the entire nation stands firmly with Pakistan's security forces.

The Prime Minister added that Pakistan has repeatedly provided Afghanistan with information regarding terrorist elements such as Fitnatul-Khawarij and Fitnatul-Hindustan, who are using Afghan soil to launch attacks against Pakistan. "Terrorist organizations are being supported by certain elements within Afghanistan," he stated, expressing hope that the Afghan interim government will ensure its territory is not used by terrorist elements against Pakistan.

## PM Shehbaz, COAS to visit Saudi Arabia from 26th

**PEAK POINT**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir will undertake a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia from October 26, where they will have an important meeting with Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman. This will be their first visit to the kingdom after the historic defence treaty signed between the two brotherly countries in September in Saudi capital. The leaders of the two strongest countries of the Muslim world are expected to discuss latest global situation.

## Qatar says Pak-Afghan escalation can destabilise regional peace

**PEAK POINT**

ISLAMABAD: Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan could have a negative impact in the region.

Qatar has expressed concern over the tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it has been said that both the countries should solve the problems through patience, dialogue and diplomacy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar has said the reduction of tension is inevitable for peace and stability in the region, adding tension between Pakistan and



Afghanistan can have a negative impact in the region.

The Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said that it is committed to the peace and prosperity of the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Dozens of Afghanistans soldiers and foreign terrorists were killed and several their border posts

destroyed in a befitting response from the Pakistan army to the unprovoked firing by the enemies.

According to Pakistan Army security sources, Pakistan's timely action destroyed several border posts in Afghanistan and killed dozens of Afghan soldiers and foreigners.

## UNESCO adopts Pakistan's proposal on countering disinformation

**PEAK POINT**

PARIS: UNESCO has adopted Pakistan's proposal on countering disinformation, misinformation and hate speech to safeguard freedom of expression.

Pakistan's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Ambassador Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, presented the proposal at the 222nd Session of the UNESCO Executive Board currently being held in Paris. Pakistan's proposal received broad cross-regional backing from member states, underscoring a strong global commitment to protecting information integrity in the digital age. It reflects UNESCO's centrality to promoting a safe, reliable, and inclusive information environment that upholds human rights, democratic values, and access to information for all. The UNESCO Executive Board highlighted the new challenges to information integrity presented by emerging technologies.



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# SPORTS



## Pakistan recover to 313-5 after South Africa strike back in first Test

## Babar Azam achieves major WTC feat in first South Africa Test



PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Star Pakistan batter Babar Azam reached a key milestone during the first Test against South Africa at the Gaddafi Stadium on Sunday, becoming the first Pakistani player to cross the 3,000-run mark in World Test Championship (WTC) history.

The former captain is also just the eighth overall player to achieve this remarkable feat. The right-handed batter reached the milestone in his 37th Test match, having already registered 18 half-centuries and eight centuries in the WTC so far.

Apart from the Pakistan batter, the list of players with over 3,000 runs in the WTC includes three England batters, Zak Crawley (3,041), Ben Stokes (3,616) and Joe Root (6,080), who also holds the record for the most runs in WTC history.

The elite list further features four Australian stars, Steve Smith (4,278), Marnus Labuschagne (4,225), Travis Head (3,300) and Usman Khawaja (3,288). Wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan was unbeaten on 60, alongside Salman Ali Agha (49)\* as Pakistan reached 308 for five in 86 overs at the time of filing this story. Earlier, Pakistan's middle order collapsed from 163-1 to 199-5 after a 161-run stand between skipper Shan Masood and Imam-ul-Haq helped Pakistan to recover following an early blow.

**PEAK POINT** Pakistan rode on a brilliant 93 from Imam-ul-Haq to reach 313-5 after a brief fightback from South Africa on the opening day of the first Test in Lahore on Sunday.

Shan Masood hit 76, but Haq missed out on his hundred as Pakistan slumped to 199-5 as four wickets fell quickly.

Mohammad Rizwan, 62 not out, and Salman Agha, unbeaten 52 at the close, rebuilt the innings during an unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 114 in the final session on a spin-friendly Gaddafi Stadium

pitch. Rizwan hit two fours and two sixes in his 12th Test half-century while Agha had two fours and a six in reaching his 10th fifty.

Pakistan dominated most of the first two sessions, but then had a mini-collapse from 163-1 to 199-5 as they lost four wickets for 36 runs, the last three without adding a run either side of the tea interval.

Spinner Prenelan Subrayen trapped Masood lbw for 76, including nine fours and a six, to end a 161-run stand with Haq. Left-arm spinner Senuran Muthusamy then had Haq caught

at short-leg by Tony de Zorzi, after a 236-minute knock that included seven fours and a six.

Next ball — the last before tea — Muthusamy had Saud Shakeel caught and bowled to bring South Africa back into the game at 199-4. Local hero Babar Azam fell for 23, trapped leg-before by off-spinner Simon Harmer after the interval to make it 199-5 and leave a good 10,000 holiday crowd disappointed.

South Africa could have been in a better position had they not dropped Masood on 61 and Haq on 72 with Subrayen the unlucky bowler on both occasions.

With the pitch likely to turn, Masood opted to bat after winning the toss and named specialist spin duo Noman Ali and Sajid Khan in the team. Pakistan lost opener Abdullah Shafique leg before to pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada off the third ball of the day.

South African captain Aiden Markram turned to his spinners in the sixth over and by lunch had used all three — Subrayen, Harmer and Muthusamy.

But there were no further dramas in the opening session as Pakistan reached 107-1 at lunch after Haq had brought up his 10th Test fifty.

## Athletics Federation of Pakistan slaps lifetime ban on Arshad Nadeem's coach Salman Butt



PEAK POINT

LAHORE: The Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP) on Sunday imposed a lifetime ban on Salman Butt, coach of Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem "for gross violations of the AFP Constitution" in an attempt to "uphold transparency, constitutional compliance, and

organizational integrity within the federation". The decision against Butt comes of AFP seeking reasons behind a sharp decline in Arshad's performance where he finished 10th in the men's javelin final at the World Athletics Championship held in Tokyo last month.

office bearer of the Punjab Athletics Association (PAA), for gross violations of the AFP Constitution, on which he himself is a signatory," the press release stated.

"Butt is henceforth barred for life from participating in any athletics activity — whether as an athlete, coach, official, or office bearer — at both national and international levels, inside or outside Pakistan.

Similarly, Habib Shah, former secretary of the Punjab Athletics Association, has been banned for 10 years from participation in any athletics-related activity in any capacity at national or international level, the press release stated.

## Islamabad Ranking Paddle C'ship from Oct 25



LAHORE: Spectators watch first test match between Pakistan and South Africa in Gaddafi Stadium here on Sunday.

## Sciver-Brunt, Ecclestone power England to summit of Women's World Cup

PEAK POINT

COLOMBO: England stamped their authority on the Women's World Cup with a commanding 89-run win over Sri Lanka in Colombo, powered by a classy hundred from Nat Sciver-Brunt and a masterly spell of spin from Sophie Ecclestone.

Put in to bat, England wobbled early but Sciver-Brunt soaked up the pressure well and anchored the innings with a chanceless century to steer her side to a strong 253-9.

Lanka, in reply, were never in the hunt and folded tamely for 164 as Ecclestone spun a web around their batters. Dropped on three, England skipper Sciver-Brunt made the hosts pay a heavy price.

After a watchful start, she shifted gears during the death overs, unleashing a flurry of strokes. Her run-a-ball 117, laced with nine fours and two

sixes, was a commanding innings. The shot that brought up her 10th ODI hundred, a majestic loft over extra cover off Sugandika Kumari, was her best of the day.

"I was just trying to build

the damage had long been done.

Sri Lanka's chase flickered briefly with a 58-run stand between Harshitha Samarawickrama and Hasini Perera, but from 95-1 they crumbled like a deck of



a partnership with the hope of accelerating later. It's important to have a set batter at the back end of the innings. Very happy with the hundred, first one as captain as well," Sciver-Brunt said.

Her innings ended off the penultimate ball, when she miscued Udeshika Prabodhani to long-on, but

cards. Captain Chamari Athapaththu's injury only added salt to the wound. Stretched off with cramps, she returned bravely but could muster only 15 before Ecclestone breached her defence. Ecclestone, the world's top ranked ODI bowler.



# Speaker of Türkiye's Grand National Assembly Arrives in Islamabad to attend third Trilateral Speakers' Conference

**PEAK POINT**  
ISLAMABAD: The Speaker of Türkiye's Grand National Assembly, Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş, arrived in Islamabad today to participate in the Third Trilateral Speakers' Conference, hosted by Pakistan. The Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, warmly welcomed the distinguished guest upon his arrival at Islamabad International Airport. Speaker Sadiq greeted the

visiting dignitary and presented him with a bouquet of flowers as a gesture of friendship and hospitality. Following the arrival ceremony, a meeting was held between Speaker Ayaz Sadiq and Speaker Numan Kurtulmuş, where both leaders discussed bilateral relations, parliamentary cooperation, and regional collaboration under the framework of the trilateral conference. Speaker Ayaz Sadiq said that Türkiye's participa-



in the trilateral forum for Pakistan. He remarked that "the people of Pakistan

and Türkiye are bound by an unbreakable bond of fraternity, affection, and friendship." He added that the people of Pakistan consider the Turkish nation as their brothers and that both countries have always stood shoulder to shoulder through every trial. He further emphasized that Pakistan and Türkiye have consistently supported each other's positions at international and regional forums, reflecting a relationship rooted in trust and soli-

arity. Expressing his gratitude, Speaker Numan Kurtulmuş thanked the Parliament and people of Pakistan for the warm welcome. He said, "The hearts of the people of Pakistan and Türkiye beat together. We consider Pakistan our second home." He expressed joy over his visit and reaffirmed that the everlasting bond of sincerity and friendship between the two brotherly nations will remain strong forever.

## 28 new dengue cases reported in ICT; 24,603 sites inspected in a day



**ICT ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION**

**PEAK POINT**  
ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad district administration carried out inspections at 24,603 sites and confirmed 28 new dengue cases in the last 24 hours as part of its ongoing anti-dengue campaign across the city. According to the spokesman of ICT adminis-

tration, the Islamabad district administration has stepped up its anti-dengue drive to prevent the spread of the virus across both urban and rural areas. According to the latest daily report, surveillance and preventive measures were conducted citywide, covering homes, public places, and open areas. During the past 24 hours,

field teams inspected a total of 24,603 locations, identifying potential mosquito breeding sites. As part of the campaign, spray operations were conducted in 179 houses, while fogging was carried out at 652 different sites across the capital to eliminate mosquitoes. The report stated that 28 new dengue cases were registered during this period. Of these, 15 patients were confirmed from rural areas, and 13 from urban sectors. To ensure medical care, 16 patients were shifted to hospitals for treatment.

## IGP Rizvi reviews security at Faizabad, various duty points across capital

**PEAK POINT**  
ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police Inspector General, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, reviewed security arrangements during his visit to Faizabad and several other duty points across the federal capital. An official told APP on Sunday that during the visit, the IGP Rizvi interacted with officers and personnel of Islamabad Police and other law enforcement agencies deployed at the sites. He lauded their dedication and encouraged them to continue performing duties with commitment. Senior police officers



were also present on the occasion. The IGP Rizvi directed officers to remain fully alert and prepared to deal with any law-and-order situation in accordance with the law. He emphasized that the police would not allow any disturbance to the peace of the federal capital and would utilize all available resources to ensure protection of citizens' lives,

property, and public as well as private assets. He instructed senior officers to brief their teams regularly on handling potential situations and to personally inspect duty deployments. He also directed that all personnel on duty must be fully equipped and officers should frequently visit various areas of the city to ensure compliance with these directives.

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## The real barrier is in the mind

**Dr Naazir Mahmood**  
When I translated Stephen Hawking's 'A Brief History of Time' into Urdu as 'Waqf ka Safar' in 1990 for the Mashal Foundation, science felt like a vast ocean whose waves few in Pakistan dared to touch. The book was difficult to translate, but thanks to my background in electronics engineering and a lifelong fascination with science, the effort succeeded.

It has since gone through multiple reprints. That project, edited by historian Dr Mubarak Ali and supported by Mashal's chairman Dr Pervez Hoodbhoy and vice-chairman Aslam Azhar, sought to bring modern physics and cosmology into the linguistic and cultural reach of Urdu readers. At that time, what we called 'modern science' already seemed dazzling enough but, three and a half decades later, it has leapt into an entirely new dimension. My fascination with science has endured. Every October, I eagerly await the announcement of the Nobel Prizes.

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics, awarded to John Clarke, Michel Devoret and John Martinis for their pioneering work on quantum tunnelling in superconducting circuits, marks a milestone as transformative as any since Hawking's book first appeared. It honours the experiments that made quantum behaviour visible at the human scale, laying the groundwork for quantum

computing -- a field that now promises to redefine information, intelligence and innovation. Back in 1990, physics for most people still meant Newton's motion and Einstein's relativity. The atom was familiar, the Big Bang was fashionable and computers were still viewed as accessories of the West.

Pakistan was then only beginning to glimpse the digital age. Today, the conversation has moved from describing the universe to engineering it at its most fundamental level. The Nobel laureates accomplished what once sounded impossible: they brought the ghostly laws of the quantum world -- the realm of atoms and electrons -- into the macroscopic world of circuits we can hold in our hands. Using superconducting materials cooled close to absolute zero, they built devices in which electrical currents behave as if they were single quantum particles, capable of existing in multiple states and even tunnelling through barriers.

To a non-specialist, quantum theory can sound like fiction. A century ago, physicists discovered that nature behaves very differently at the smallest scales. Particles like electrons or photons can act both as waves and as discrete units. They can exist in two or more states simultaneously, a phenomenon called superposition, and only when we measure them do they 'collapse' into one outcome. The universe, at its core, is governed not by certainty but

by probability. Among its strangest consequences is quantum tunnelling. Imagine a ball rolling toward a hill. If it lacks the energy to climb, classical physics says it will roll back.

But in the quantum world, the ball has a tiny chance of simply appearing on the other side, as if it passed through the hill. That is tunnelling, a direct result of the wave-like nature of matter. The effect is small, but it powers nuclear fusion in the stars, makes flash memory possible, and now forms the basis of quantum circuits that can process and store information in revolutionary ways. Clarke, Devoret and Martinis succeeded in showing that tunnelling isn't confined to atoms; it can be engineered and controlled in laboratory devices. This discovery transformed quantum physics from theory into technology.

It proved that the peculiar principles of the quantum world could be built into machines that promise to solve certain problems exponentially faster than any classical computer could. Quantum computing, once a metaphor for impossibility, is now a frontier of national investment. Google, IBM and other companies already operate experimental processors, while governments from the US to China are pouring billions into 'quantum missions' that will shape their economies, defence systems and industries for decades.

Courtesy The News

## Peace or genocide pause?

**Abbas Nasir**  
WHETHER it is a comprehensive peace or a mere pause in the genocide to secure the release of Israeli hostages will become apparent in the coming days. What is clear is that the perpetrators of ethnic cleansing in Gaza and their backers have learnt a lesson about the significance of the war of narratives. And they aren't wasting any time, given the speed with which they are moving to capture control over the means of propagating and controlling the narrative. A cursory glance at social media platform ownership and control abundantly demonstrates this. A day into the ceasefire has already seen a massive flood of pro-Israel content on all timelines.

With the use of algorithms and AI, the course of discussions is being altered to favour one side and the visibility of the other is being severely restricted. How do those on the other side, despite their staggering numbers, counter this? The surge in support for the just Palestinian cause and the outpouring of outrage in Western cities at the Gaza genocide have been a characteristic response to the Israeli Occupation Forces' (IOF) two-year brutal genocidal campaign in the Gaza Strip. It's difficult to say how any new conflict or renewed genocide will see content freely make its way to social media platforms. Protesters have also found reprehensible the Israeli settler violence against the Palestinians, their displacement, the destruction of their infrastructure and their means of livelihood in the West Bank. These protesters have braved often ruthless police violence (as in Germany) and hundreds of arrests, as we saw in Britain, including of the infirm and elderly, for simply demonstrating with placards in support of an organisation designated 'terrorist', at the behest of the Labour toots of an Israeli arms manufacturer. These street protests have shown how the genocidal Israeli apartheid state has lost the war for the moral high ground after decades of finding many a sympathetic ear for its victimhood narrative.

Courtesy Dawn

## Pakistan committed to protect its national interests, security: President

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari, Sunday, reaffirmed that Pakistan was firmly committed to protecting its national interests, regional sovereignty and security.

He said Pakistan would never accept any controversial or misleading stance on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. "India's illegal claims regarding Kashmir are in direct violation of international law and United Nations resolutions," President Secretariat Press Wing, in a press release, quoted the president as saying.

President Zardari expressed regret over the Afghan leadership turning its back on the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, calling it an injustice to both history and the Muslim Ummah.

He emphasized that terrorist attacks originating from Afghan soil, carried out by the Khwarji had been well-documented by UN reports.

"Pakistan has repeatedly made it clear that the nexus between the Khwarji and Indian elements is targeting Pakistani civilians and security personnel," he added.

The president urged the Afghan leadership to take concrete and practical steps to eliminate anti-Pakistan terrorist elements operating from its territory.

He reiterated that both the Khwarji and Indian-backed terrorism posed the gravest threat to regional peace and stability.

"Terrorism is a shared challenge, and no single country should be left to bear the burden alone," President Zardari further added.

Highlighting Pakistan's long-standing support for Afghanistan, the president reminded that Pakistan hosted Afghan refugees for over four decades, setting an example of Islamic brotherhood and good neighbourly relations.

He said the dignified return of

Afghan citizens, in relation with the restoration of peace, was in the best interest of both nations, adding Pakistan would continue to assist the Afghan people in the fields of education and humanitarian needs.

"Pakistan will not compromise on its national sovereignty," President Zardari asserted, noting that Pakistan had facilitated Afghanistan in every possible way to boost trade, economy and connectivity.

He stressed that mutual cooperation and economic partnership are essential for sustainable peace and development in the region, adding Pakistan sincerely wished for a peaceful, stable, and prosperous Afghanistan. President Zardari further stressed that fraternal relations should be based on mutual respect, security cooperation and commitment to regional peace. He expressed hope that the Afghan interim government would prevent its territory from being used by the Khwarji.

## Ishaq Dar warns terrorists seeking to damage Pak-Afghan ties amid border tensions

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has expressed deep concern over the situation along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, saying that terrorist elements are trying to damage bilateral relations between the two countries.

Dar said Pakistan is "deeply concerned" over recent developments at the border, adding that the Taliban carried out unprovoked firing and committed serious provocations along the frontier.

He clarified that Pakistan's response is aimed at neutralizing extremist groups — Khwarji and Fitna al-Hind — operating from Afghanistan. "Our defensive response is peace-oriented, and Pakistan is taking all precautions to avoid civilian harm," he said.

The foreign minister reaffirmed that Pakistan will take all



necessary steps to protect its sovereignty and its people, expressing hope that the Taliban government will take concrete action against terrorist groups.

Security sources stated that the recent Afghan aggression and Pakistan's response should not be seen as a conflict between the peoples of the two nations. The aggression, they said, was imposed by the Afghan interim government, the Taliban, and extremist factions.

According to the sources, the Afghan aggression is allegedly backed by Indian funding.

## Ayaz strongly condemns Afghanistan's unprovoked aggression at Pakistan border

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has strongly condemned

Afghanistan's unprovoked aggression along the Pakistan border, terming it a blatant violation of international law and human rights. In a statement, the Speaker paid glowing tribute to the Pakistan armed forces for giving a befitting response to Afghan aggression, saying that the nation stands united behind its defenders like a solid rock. "Firing on civilian population by Afghan forces is a grave violation of international law and human rights," he said, adding that such provocations pose a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

Ayaz Sadiq reaffirmed that no



one would be allowed to challenge Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. "Our armed forces are fully prepared to defend the motherland at every moment," he added. He emphasized that Pakistan has always supported a peaceful, stable and prosperous Afghanistan and has hosted over four million Afghan refugees for more than four decades. "Pakistan is a peace-loving country and harbors no aggressive designs against anyone," he said.

## Afghan FM Muttaqi visits India's historic Darul Uloom Deoband

PEAK POINT

NEW DELHI: Amir Khan Muttaqi, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, visited Darul Uloom Deoband, one of the oldest and most prestigious Islamic and academic institutions in the Indian subcontinent, where he was warmly welcomed by scholars, professors and students.

Muttaqi expressed his gratitude for the warm reception and voiced hope for broader relations between India and Afghanistan across various fields.

"The visit has been very positive so far. Not only the scholars and students of Darul Uloom Deoband, but also people from



the surrounding areas have come to welcome me. I thank them for their warm hospitality," he said. "The future of India-Afghanistan relations looks very bright."

Meanwhile, Maulana Arshad Madani, head of Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, stated that India maintains academic and educational ties with Afghanistan, adding: "Our connection with Afghanistan is academic."

## Rana Sanaullah invites all parties to sign Istehkam-e-Pakistan pact



PEAK POINT

FAISALABAD: Prime Minister's adviser and Senator Rana Sanaullah has called on all political parties — including Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) — to come together and sign a Istehkam-e-Pakistan pact.

Speaking at a press conference in Faisalabad, Senator Rana Sanaullah said the bases used for "Modi's Operation Sander" were operational in the neighbouring country. He said Pakistan repeatedly warned the neighbour and told them to choose between Pakistan and the terrorists. He added that yesterday's aggres-

sion began from Afghanistan, and that Pakistan's armed forces were fully prepared to defend the country. The forces destroyed the bases that were being used to operate against Pakistan. He praised the armed forces and said the whole nation salutes them and feels proud.

He credited Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir's leadership for delivering a decisive response to the enemy. He said the Field Marshal's bold policies gave the nation reason to hold its head high and that the country is proud of the armed forces' courage.

Rana Sanaullah recalled that the prime minister had invited political parties to unite on a Istehkam-e-Pakistan on Independence Day. "Today we struck hidden enemy bases and gave a strong response. Now we need internal stability more than ever. I invite all political parties, leaders and parliamentarians to come together and sign the pact of Pakistan," he said. On PTI, the prime minister's adviser said the party should not abandon its narrative but must stand with Pakistan. "PTI should stand with the martyrs and with Pakistan. They should honour the sacrifices and join the Pact of Pakistan."

## Birth and death registration becomes faster, transparent under new NADRA system

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: In a significant step toward digital governance and citizen facilitation, the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has made the process of birth and death registration faster, more efficient, and transparent through a new automated system developed in collaboration with provincial governments.

According to an official statement, the initiative follows the directives of the Federal Minister for Interior and forms part of the government's broader agenda to improve registration services and eliminate inefficiencies in the system.

The ongoing reforms are being implemented under the National Biometric and Registration Policy Framework, which was approved by the Prime Minister on January 1 this year. The framework aims to establish a unified, technology-driven mechanism for the timely recording of vital events.



Chairman Senate of Pakistan Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani in a group photo with participants of 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Barbados.

## Motorways to Islamabad opened as TLP protesters remain camped in Muridke

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: Authorities on Sunday opened the M1 motorway as Tehreek-i-Labbaiq Pakistan (TLP) protesters continued their sit-ins in Muridke and Sadhoke for the third consecutive day, continuing attempts to reach Islamabad to stage a protest in 'solidarity with Palestinians'.

The M1 motorway connects Peshawar to Islamabad, while the M2 motorway connects Lahore to Islamabad and

the M3 motorway links Lahore to Abdul Hakeem in Khanewal district, where it joins the M4 leading to Faisalabad and Multan.

A day ago, the main TLP procession reached Muridke after breaking through police security, hours after violent clashes in Lahore left over four dozen police personnel injured. The marchers then staged a sit-in at Muridke, blocked by trenches dug along the GT Road.

"Citizens can travel on

the Swat Expressway, Hazara Motorway and Hakla DI Khan Motorway," the police said in a traffic alert. "Containers have been removed from all internal and external routes."

The motorway police concluded the alert by stating that information can be received from their 130 helpline and official social media accounts.

Earlier, authorities reopened the M2 and M3 motorways for traffic on Sunday. Roads that have

been reopened today include parts of Margalla Road, Jinnah Avenue and Seventh Avenue, as well as Korang Road to Bani Gala; Jinnah Road to Park Road; Garden Avenue to Tulip Banquet Hall; Chand Tara Flyover to Club Road (Murree Road); Fazzal-i-Haq Road, Nazimuddin Road, Embassy Road; Ninth Avenue from JUP to Shaheen Chowk via internal access from Margalla Road, and others.

TLP spokesperson

Usman Naushahi told Dawn.com that protesters remained in Muridke and Sadhoke, saying, "We have not gone further yet." While internet service is slow in the area, mobile data services are working, according to citizens. Meanwhile, the federal government moved over 1,200 paramilitary personnel to Punjab to intercept protesters, who have been marching on the capital from Lahore via GT Road. Yesterday, police said a gathering of 300 people,

carrying TLP flags, posters, and banners, reached the crossing from Dhoke Abbasi and surrounding areas. The rally chanted anti-government slogans and delivered speeches, provoking people to join the TLP protest. The protesters also blocked the GT Road and refused to clear it when asked by the police. In response, the police used force, arresting 90 protesters and seizing sound systems, while others escaped.