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Youth of Balochistan builders of Pakistan's future: CM Bugti

Says students should not become part of any anti-state organization or negative propaganda

QUETTA, (VoM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti met with Balochistan's male and female students selected on scholarships for higher education at universities in different provinces. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on development projects, governance, education, and other important matters. The students also asked the Chief Minister questions on various issues, to which he gave detailed answers.

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that the selection of students from different districts of Balochistan on merit for higher education is a guarantee of their bright educational future. Most of the students selected for the scholarships belong to poor and middle-class families, and the opportunity for them to study at the country's leading universities is an important development.

He said that it was a matter of happiness that the youth of Balochistan were studying in various fields at leading universities across the country. He appreciated the Punjab government's provision of support to Balochistan's students, in addition to university admission, for tuition and hostel fees. On behalf of the people of Balochistan, he expressed heartfelt gratitude to Punjab Chief Minister Ms. Maryam Nawaz Sharif for this initiative.

Mir Sarfraz Bugti urged the students to make discipline, hard work, and merit their guiding principles while studying at universities in other provinces. He said that wherever the youth of Balochistan go, they should promote the spirit of Pakistan through their abilities and positive role, because they are ambassadors of Balochistan and Pakistan.

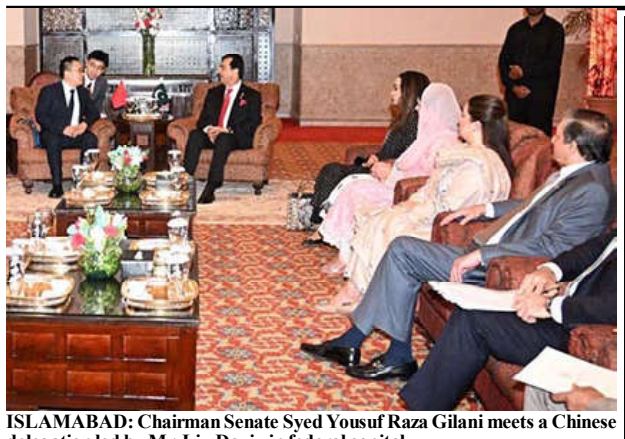
The Chief Minister said that students should not become part of any anti-state organization or negative propaganda and should fulfill the expectations of their parents through education.

He said there is a difference between perception and facts, and anti-state elements attempt to negatively influence the minds of young people in the name of uneven development. Therefore, students need to remain vigilant against such elements.

He made it clear that Pakistan was created to exist forever and would continue to exist until eternity. Those who dream of dividing Pakistan are living in a fool's paradise.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti in a meeting with Balochistan's male and female students selected on scholarships for higher education at universities in different provinces.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani meets a Chinese delegation led by Mr. Liu Daxiu in federal capital.

Pakistan's honor, prosperity source of happiness for every Pakistani: CM Bugti

QUETTA, (VoM Report): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, extending heartfelt congratulations to the entire Pakistani nation, particularly the people of Balochistan, on the occasion of Independence Day, said that August 14 reminds us of the great sacrifices made by our elders to achieve an independent homeland.

Under the inspiring leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, our elders sacrificed their lives and transformed the dream of an independent state into reality. Today, we are breathing in an atmosphere of freedom because of those great sacrifices.

The Chief Minister said that the people of Balochistan celebrate Independence Day every year with national enthusiasm, and this year too, Independence Day events were held throughout the province with great national spirit. The day provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to love for our homeland, national unity, and the development of the country.

Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that he paid tribute to all the great martyrs of the homeland who sacrificed their lives for Pakistan. Expressing solidarity with the families of the martyrs, he said that every child of Balochistan looks upon the great sacrifices of the martyrs and their sacred blood with respect and honor. The nation can never forget the sacrifices of its martyrs and their families.

In his special message to the youth of Balochistan, the Chief Minister said that the future of young people is linked with education, modern technology, artificial intelligence, and Pakistan's development. The youth should play their role in the construction and development of the country and utilize their abilities in a positive direction.

He said that terrorist elements and their facilitators attempt to mislead young people, distance them from the state, and take them down a futile path through false propaganda. However, instead of becoming part of such negative propaganda, the youth should choose the path of education and development.



KALAT: Tribal elders called on Provincial Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langove.

India attempting to politicize recent developments in AJK: Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, (APP): Pakistan on Wednesday reaffirmed its commitment to dialogue and diplomacy to promote peace and stability in the Gulf and Middle East, as the Foreign Office said Islamabad was maintaining sustained engagement with the parties amid continuing regional tensions.

At the weekly press briefing, Foreign Office spokesperson Tahir Andrabi said Pakistan was making all-out efforts to bring the concerned parties back to the negotiating table, stressing that the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had paved the way for peace and stability.

He said that although the Islamabad MoU might not have been fully implemented, the parties would return to negotiations whenever "the rationality of dialogue" overcame the logic of escalation. Pakistan, he added, would continue using direct and indirect channels to offset spoilers and facilitate constructive dialogue on outstanding issues. The spokesperson said Bahrain's Foreign Minister had expressed his intention to visit Pakistan following a telephone conversation with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on August 11. Dar welcomed the proposed visit and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to dialogue and diplomacy.

on August 7, remained the principal focus of the briefing. The summit brought together the leadership of Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye. Tahir Andrabi described the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement, signed during the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Summit as a natural step in the longstanding brotherly relations and strategic ties among the three countries. He said the accord reflected their shared commitment to strengthening collective security while promoting peace, security and stability in the region and beyond.

Governor to address Pakistani community in Dallas on Independence Day

TEXAS, DALLAS (VoM Report): During his official visit to the United States, Balochistan Governor Jafar Khan Mandokhail will address the Pakistani community at a special event being held in Dallas, Texas, on August 14 to mark Pakistan's Independence Day. Pakistani residents in the United States will celebrate their national day with great enthusiasm. In his address, Governor Mandokhail will highlight Pakistan's national identity, internal unity, democracy, and the role of the younger generation. He will also express the resolve that Pakistanis living in different countries can play an important role in the development of the country and in highlighting Pakistan's positive image at the global level. The Balochistan governor's address to the Pakistani community in Dallas will not only highlight the spirit of love for the homeland but will also serve as an important means of further strengthening and improving relations between overseas Pakistanis and Pakistan.

Degrees in hand, jobs nowhere; Balochistan's youth faces growing unemployment

QUETTA (ANN): Unemployment among young people across Balochistan is intensifying day by day. A large number of highly educated young people are forced to go from door to door in search of employment while holding their degrees. The limited number of government jobs, weak private sector and absence of industries have made the crisis even more complicated.

According to economists and social analysts, the unemployment rate in Balochistan is higher compared with other provinces of the country. In particular, a wave of frustration is rapidly spreading among graduate and postgraduate youth.

Speaking to reporters, citizens said, "I completed my master's degree several years ago. Since then, I have submitted hundreds of applications, but I have not received a response from anywhere. There are neither government jobs nor sufficient opportunities in private companies."

The unemployment problem in Balochistan is not limited to educated youth. Skilled, semi-skilled, matriculation-level and intermediate-level young people are also deprived of employment. There are neither industrial zones nor technical institutions capable of preparing young people according to market requirements.

Essential items out of reach as inflation intensifies in Quetta

QUETTA (ANN): The day-by-day increase in inflation in Balochistan's capital, Quetta, has further added to the difficulties faced by citizens, while the lack of effective action against profiteers has caused the prices of essential commodities to reach arbitrary levels. The prices of vegetables, fruits, meat, milk, flour, sugar and other daily-use items are changing almost every day, placing the public under severe financial pressure. Citizens say that implementation of the official price list in markets is virtually non-existent. Most shopkeepers are selling goods at prices of their own choosing, while there appears to be no effective monitoring of rising prices. According to citizens, it has become extremely difficult to manage household expenses on limited incomes. Salaries remain the same, but daily expenses continue to increase.

Public circles have expressed concern, saying that the district administration periodically claims to have taken action against profiteers; however, the situation in the markets remains unchanged. Citizens said that if the official price list is strictly enforced and indiscriminate action is taken against profiteers.

Citizens demand nighttime surveillance to prevent street crimes in Quetta

QUETTA (ANN): The shutdown and malfunctioning of streetlights in the provincial capital, Quetta, have plunged the city into darkness. The lack of lighting on major roads, markets, streets and residential areas at night has not only led to an increase in traffic accidents but has also resulted in a noticeable rise in theft, street robbery and other crimes. In Quetta city as well as other central and suburban areas, streetlights are either completely out of order or in poor condition. Citizens say that complaints have been lodged repeatedly, but no effective action has been taken so far.

Speaking to reporters, a citizen said that it is difficult even to see the roads at night, particularly making the situation dangerous for women and elderly citizens. Several accidents have occurred due to the lack of streetlights.

True progress impossible without equality: PM

ISLAMABAD, (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Wednesday, reaffirmed the government's commitment to equipping Pakistan's youth with modern technological and skill-based education, acknowledging the demands of a fast-paced, tech-driven era.

Speaking at a ceremony marking International Youth Day, the prime minister emphasized the importance of equal educational opportunities for all, particularly talented and deserving students, in line with the vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He noted that without such opportunities, the sacrifices made during the creation of Pakistan would remain unfulfilled.

The prime minister formally announced the commencement of the 'First National Youth Employment Policy', aimed at addressing the country's youth bulge by creating job opportunities. Under the policy, he announced a 35 percent quota for women in the labor force, along with a 10 percent annual quota for young startups, ensuring inclusivity and innovation in the workforce.

The prime minister said today is an era of AI, IT and technology driven, if the latest knowledge in these fields is not incorporated in their daily life, they cannot move ahead and compete with the developed nations.

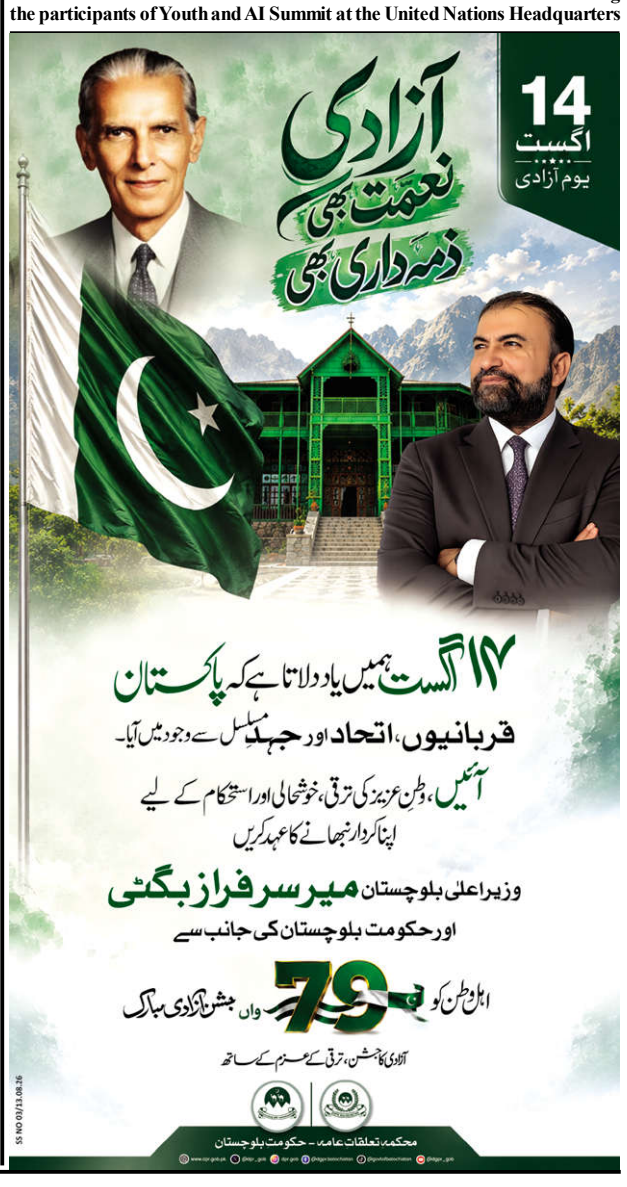
He resolved that the government would commit all its available resources to provide such like opportunities to the youth to excel in different fields, after getting quality education at the world renowned institutions, with the government's assistance.

The ceremony was attended by ministers, parliamentarians, diplomats, teachers and young students.

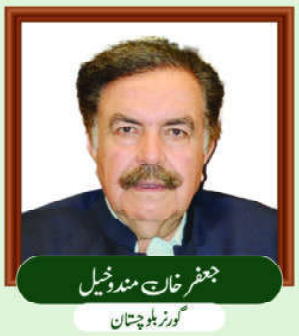
The prime minister underlined the need to end disparity in getting quality education among the elite and the poor classes.



NEW YORK: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail addressing the participants of Youth and AI Summit at the United Nations Headquarters

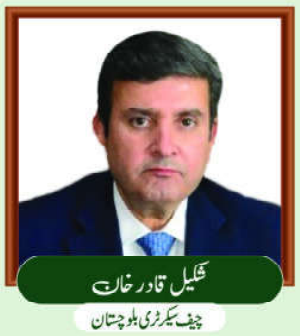






جعفر خان مندوخیل
گورنر بلوچستان

گورنر بلوچستان جعفر خان مندوخیل نے جشنِ آزادی پاکستان کے موقع پر اپنے پیغام میں پوری قوم کو دل کی اتھاہ گہرائیوں سے مبارکباد پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ آزادی درحقیقت انسانی زندگی کا اصل جوہر ہے جو افراد اور قوموں کو خودمختاری کے ساتھ زندگی گزارنے، آزادانہ فیصلے کرنے اور اپنی تقدیر خود تشکیل دینے کا حق عطا کرتی ہے۔ برصغیر پاک و ہند کی تاریخ میں 14 اگست 1947 ایک تاریخی اور یادگار دن ہے، جب پاکستان ایک آزاد اور خودمختار مملکت کے طور پر دنیا کے نقشے پر ابھرا۔ برصغیر کے مسلمانوں نے بے شمار قربانیاں دیکر غلامی، جبر اور استحصال سے نجات حاصل کی۔ آج کا دن ہمیں تحریک پاکستان کے ان تمام شہداء، غازیوں اور رہنماؤں کی عظیم قربانیوں کو خراج عقیدت پیش کرنے کا بھی موقع فراہم کرتا ہے جنہوں نے اپنی جانوں اور مال کی قربانی دیکر ہمارے لیے آزاد وطن حاصل کیا۔ اس ضمن میں ہمارے بزرگوں نے اپنا فرض ادا کر دیا، اب یہ ہماری، بالخصوص نوجوان نسل کی ذمہ داری ہے کہ آزادی کی قدر و حفاظت کریں اور پاکستان کی سلامتی، استحکام، ترقی اور خوشحالی کے لیے بلند حوصلے، قومی جذبے اور حب الوطنی کے ساتھ اپنا کردار ادا کریں۔ پاکستان نے اپنے قیام سے لے کر آج تک ایک طویل اور قابلِ ذکر سفر طے کیا ہے، تاہم ہمیں اب بھی متعدد چیلنجز کا سامنا ہے جو قومی تعمیر و ترقی کی راہ میں رکاوٹ بن رہے ہیں۔ موجودہ حالات اس امر کے متقاضی ہیں کہ پوری قوم ایک مرتبہ پھر تحریک پاکستان کے جذبے کو زندہ کرے اور قومی اتحاد، یکجہتی، برداشت اور باہمی اتفاق و تعاون کو فروغ دے تاکہ ہم سب ملکر ملک کی تعمیر و ترقی کو یقینی بنا سکیں۔ ہمیں ایک ایسے مضبوط، خوشحال، پرامن اور ترقی یافتہ پاکستان کی تعمیر کیلئے اجتماعی کوششیں کرنا ہوں گی جہاں ہر شہری کو مساوی مواقع، انصاف، تعلیم، روزگار اور باعزت زندگی میسر ہو۔ اس مقصد کے حصول کیلئے معاشی استحکام، سماجی انصاف، سیاسی ہم آہنگی، قانون کی حکمرانی اور اداروں کے استحکام کو یقینی بنانا وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے۔ پاکستان کی حقیقی طاقت اس کے عوام، بالخصوص نوجوان نسل کے عزم، صلاحیت اور کردار میں پوشیدہ ہے۔ ہمیں اپنے نوجوانوں کو جدید تعلیم، ہنر، ٹیکنالوجی اور روزگار کے بہتر مواقع فراہم کر کے انہیں قومی ترقی کا مؤثر شراکت دار بنانا ہوگا۔ نوجوان نسل اگر اتحاد، محنت، دیانت اور حب الوطنی کو اپنا شعار بنائے تو کوئی رکاوٹ پاکستان کو ترقی اور خوشحالی کی منزل تک پہنچنے سے نہیں روک سکتی۔ آیئے ہم یہ عہد کریں کہ ہم پاکستان کی آزادی، خودمختاری اور قومی وقار کا ہر حال میں تحفظ کریں گے اور پاکستان کی تعمیر و ترقی کیلئے اپنے حصے کا کردار ادا کرینگے۔



میر سرفراز بگٹی
وزیراعلیٰ بلوچستان

14 اگست ہمیں ان عظیم قربانیوں کی یاد دلاتا ہے جو ہمارے بزرگوں نے قائداعظم محمد علی جناحؒ کی قیادت میں ایک آزاد وطن کے حصول کے لیے پیش کیں۔ یہ دن ہمیں اس عہد کی تجدید کا موقع بھی فراہم کرتا ہے کہ ہم پاکستان کی سلامتی، ترقی اور خوشحالی کے لیے اپنا کردار بھرپور انداز میں ادا کریں گے۔ بلوچستان کے عوام ہر سال کی طرح اس سال بھی بھرپور جوش و جذبے کے ساتھ جشنِ آزادی منا رہے ہیں۔ صوبے بھر میں منعقد ہونے والی تقریبات میں عوام کی بھرپور شرکت اس بات کا واضح اظہار ہے کہ اہل بلوچستان پاکستان سے اپنی محبت اور وابستگی کو دل و جان سے مقدم رکھتے ہیں۔ آج کے دن میں وطن عزیز کے لیے اپنی جانوں کا نذرانہ پیش کرنے والے تمام شہداء کو خراجِ عقیدت پیش کرتا ہوں۔ شہداء کے اہل خانہ کو یقین دلاتا ہوں کہ بلوچستان کا بچہ بچہ ان کے پیاروں کی عظیم قربانی اور مقدس خون کو قدر و احترام کی نگاہ سے دیکھتا ہے۔ ہم ان عظیم قربانیوں کو کبھی فراموش نہیں کریں گے۔ بلوچستان کے نوجوانوں کے نام میرا خصوصی پیغام ہے کہ ہمارا مستقبل تعلیم، جدید ٹیکنالوجی، مصنوعی ذہانت اور ہنر میں ہے۔ نوجوان دہشت گرد عناصر کے گمراہ کن پروپیگنڈے سے دور رہیں اور اپنی توانائیاں تعلیم، تحقیق، ہنر اور ملک کی تعمیر و ترقی کے لیے صرف کریں۔ ہم نے نوجوانوں کے لیے میرٹ پر مبنی بھرتیوں، تعلیمی وظائف، روزگار اور جدید تعلیم کے فروغ سمیت متعدد اصلاحات اور منصوبے شروع کیے ہیں۔ میرا یقین ہے کہ نوجوانوں کو میرٹ پر آگے بڑھنے کے مواقع فراہم کر کے ان کا اعتماد حکومت اور ریاست پر مزید مضبوط کیا جا سکتا ہے۔ دہشت گردی کے ذریعے بلوچستان کے عوام کو ایک لاحاصل جنگ میں دھکیلنے والے عناصر کو شکست کا سامنا کرنا ہوگا۔ پاکستان کی ترقی اور اس کی دائمی فتح کو دنیا کی کوئی طاقت نہیں روک سکتی۔ پاکستان، سعودی عرب اور ترکیہ کے درمیان حالیہ دفاعی معاہدے پر میں صدر مملکت، وزیراعظم پاکستان اور فیلڈ مارشل سید عاصم منیر کو مبارکباد پیش کرتا ہوں۔ پاکستان کی دفاعی صلاحیت، سلامتی اور عالمی وقار میں اضافے کے لیے کیے جانے والے اقدامات کو اہل بلوچستان قدر و احترام کی نگاہ سے دیکھتے ہیں۔ پاکستان کو ترقی کرتا اور دنیا میں اپنا مقام بلند کرتا دیکھ کر ہمارا دل خوشی سے باغ باغ ہوتا ہے۔ میری دعا ہے کہ اللہ تعالیٰ پاکستان اور بلوچستان کو امن و سلامتی کا گہوارہ بنائے، وطنِ عزیز کو ہمیشہ قائم و دائم رکھے اور اسے ترقی و خوشحالی کی نئی بلندیوں سے ہمکنار فرمائے۔

پاکستان ہمیشہ زندہ باد

شکیل قادر خان
چیف سیکرٹری بلوچستان

یومِ آزادی پاکستان ہمارے قومی سفر کا ایک عظیم اور تجدیدِ عہد کا دن ہے، جو ہمیں آزادی کی قدر و قیمت کے ساتھ ساتھ اپنی قومی ذمہ داریوں کا احساس دلاتا ہے۔ 14 اگست ہمیں امن، اتحاد، خودمختاری اور ترقی کے اُس راستے کی یاد دلاتا ہے جس کی بنیاد قائداعظم محمد علی جناح کی قیادت، علامہ اقبال کے تصور اور ہمارے بزرگوں کی بے مثال قربانیوں پر رکھی گئی۔

بلوچستان پاکستان کا اہم اور باوقار حصہ ہے۔ صوبائی حکومت عوام کی فلاح و بہبود، امن و استحکام، تعلیم، صحت، روزگار، بنیادی ڈھانچے اور نوجوانوں کے لیے بہتر مواقع کی فراہمی کے لیے اپنی کوششیں جاری رکھے ہوئے ہے۔ ہمارا عزم ہے کہ بلوچستان کو ترقی، خوشحالی اور مساوی مواقع کے ذریعے قومی ترقی کے دھارے میں مزید مضبوط کردار ادا کرنے کے قابل بنایا جائے۔

میں خصوصاً نوجوان نسل سے کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ پاکستان کا مستقبل ان کے ہاتھوں میں ہے۔ تعلیم، ہنر، محنت، قانون کی پاسداری اور مثبت سوچ کو اپنا کر نوجوان نہ صرف اپنی زندگی بہتر بنا سکتے ہیں بلکہ ملک کی ترقی میں بھی مؤثر کردار ادا کر سکتے ہیں۔

آج کے دن ہمیں یہ عہد کرنا ہوگا کہ ہم قائداعظم کے اصولوں ایمان، اتحاد اور تنظیم کو اپنی قومی زندگی کا حصہ بنائیں گے اور پاکستان کی ترقی، استحکام اور خوشحالی کے لیے اپنی ذمہ داریاں خلوصِ نیت سے ادا کریں گے۔

پاکستانی قوم نے ہمیشہ مشکل حالات کا حوصلے، اتحاد اور عزم کے ساتھ مقابلہ کیا ہے۔ مجھے یقین ہے کہ قومی یکجہتی اور اجتماعی کوششوں کے ذریعے ہم موجودہ چیلنجز پر قابو پاتے ہوئے پاکستان کو مزید مضبوط، مستحکم اور خوشحال ملک بنانے میں کامیاب ہوں گے۔

اللہ تعالیٰ پاکستان کو امن، استحکام، ترقی اور خوشحالی عطا فرمائے اور ہمیں وطنِ عزیز کی خدمت کا موقع اور توفیق دے۔

پاکستان ہمیشہ زندہ باد

گزشتہ 365 دن: بلوچستان میں عوامی خدمت اور ترقی کا نیا سفر

رپورٹ: منظور احمد مگسی

وزیراعلیٰ بلوچستان میر سرفراز بگٹی کی قیادت میں گزشتہ 365 دن صوبے میں عوامی فلاح، ترقیاتی منصوبہ بندی، ادارہ جاتی اصلاحات اور جدید طرز حکمرانی کے حوالے سے اہم اقدامات سے عبارت رہے۔ حکومت نے بلوچستان کے عوام کو بنیادی سہولیات کی فراہمی، نوجوانوں کے لیے روزگار اور ہنر کے مواقع، تعلیم و صحت کی بہتری، خواتین کی معاشی و سماجی شمولیت، زراعت و آبپاشی کے فروغ، توانائی، معدنیات، صنعت، مواصلات، شہری سہولیات اور ڈیجیٹل گورننس سمیت مختلف شعبوں پر خصوصی توجہ مرکوز کی۔ تعلیم کے میدان میں ہونہار طلبہ کے لیے اسکالرشپس، اعلیٰ تعلیم کے مواقع اور بین الاقوامی تعلیمی اداروں تک رسائی کو فروغ دیا گیا، جبکہ آکسفورڈ پاکستان پروگرام کے ذریعے بلوچستان کے طلبہ کے لیے عالمی معیار کی اعلیٰ تعلیم کے دروازے کھولنے کی کوشش کی گئی۔ صحت کے شعبے میں بلوچستان ہیلتھ کارڈ، مستحق مریضوں کے علاج میں معاونت، ہسپتالوں کی بہتری اور جدید طبی سہولیات کی فراہمی کے ساتھ ساتھ صحت کے نظام کو ڈیجیٹل بنانے پر بھی توجہ دی گئی۔ نوجوانوں کو صوبے کا قیمتی اثاثہ قرار دیتے ہوئے فنی تربیت، ڈیجیٹل مہارتوں، فری لانسنگ، کاروباری صلاحیتوں اور بیرونِ ملک روزگار کے مواقع پیدا کرنے کے اقدامات کیے گئے تاکہ نوجوانوں کو باعزت روزگار کے قابل بنایا جا سکے۔ حکومت نے ڈیجیٹل بلوچستان کے تصور کو بھی عملی شکل دینے کی کوشش کی، جس کے تحت سرکاری امور میں ٹیکنالوجی کے استعمال، ڈیجیٹل گورننس، ڈیٹا پر مبنی فیصلہ سازی، بجٹ سازی کی ڈیجیٹلائزیشن اور شماریاتی معلومات تک عوام کی رسائی کے لیے جدید نظام متعارف کرائے گئے۔ اسی طرح حکومت کے ترقیاتی منصوبوں، پالیسیوں اور دیگر اقدامات کو ڈیجیٹل میڈیا پر اجاگر کرنے کیلئے باقاعدہ ڈیجیٹل میڈیا پالیسی کی منظوری دی گئی ہے۔ زراعت اور آبپاشی کے شعبے میں پانی کے بہتر استعمال، ڈیموں، آبپاشی کے منصوبوں، زرعی پیداوار اور لائیو اسٹاک کے فروغ پر توجہ دی گئی، جبکہ توانائی کے شعبے میں شمسی توانائی اور قابلِ تجدید ذرائع کو فروغ دینے کے اقدامات کیے گئے تاکہ دور دراز علاقوں میں بھی بجلی کی ضروریات پوری کی جا سکیں۔ بلوچستان کے معدنی وسائل کو صوبے کی معاشی ترقی کا ذریعہ بنانے کے لیے معدنیات، صنعت اور سرمایہ کاری کے شعبوں میں نئے امکانات تلاش کیے گئے، جبکہ گوادر اور ساحلی بلوچستان کو معاشی سرگرمیوں، تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری کے مرکز کے طور پر ترقی دینے پر بھی توجہ دی گئی۔ شہری سہولیات میں بہتری کے لیے کوئٹہ سمیت مختلف علاقوں میں پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ کے نظام کو بہتر بنانے کے اقدامات کیے گئے، جن میں گرین بس سروس اور خواتین کے لیے پنک بس سروس جیسے منصوبے شامل ہیں۔ خواتین کے لیے محفوظ سفری سہولیات، تعلیم، ہنر، کاروبار اور معاشی خودمختاری کے مواقع بڑھانے کی کوشش بھی حکومتی ترجیحات میں شامل رہی۔ اسی طرح صوبے کے مختلف اضلاع میں سڑکوں، پلوں، پانی کی فراہمی، شہری انفراسٹرکچر اور دیگر بنیادی سہولیات سے متعلق منصوبوں پر کام آگے بڑھایا گیا تاکہ دور دراز علاقوں کو بہتر مواصلاتی رابطوں سے منسلک کیا جا سکے۔ سماجی بہبود کے شعبے میں مستحق افراد، مریضوں، خواتین اور بچوں کے لیے معاونت اور سماجی تحفظ کے اقدامات کو بھی اہمیت دی گئی۔ مجموعی طور پر گزشتہ 365 دنوں میں میر سرفراز بگٹی کی قیادت میں حکومت بلوچستان کی پالیسی کا مرکز انسانی ترقی، عوامی خدمات، نوجوانوں کا مستقبل، معاشی سرگرمیوں کا فروغ اور جدید طرز حکمرانی رہا۔ بلوچستان کے مسائل طویل عرصے سے چلے آ رہے ہیں اور صوبے کا وسیع جغرافیہ ترقیاتی منصوبوں کی تکمیل میں ایک بڑا چیلنج ہے، تاہم گزشتہ ایک سال کے دوران تعلیم، صحت، روزگار، ڈیجیٹل گورننس، انفراسٹرکچر، زراعت، توانائی، معدنیات، خواتین اور نوجوانوں سے متعلق اقدامات نے صوبے کی ترقی کے لیے ایک وسیع سمت متعین کی ہے۔ آنے والے دنوں میں ان منصوبوں کی بروقت تکمیل، شفافیت، میرٹ اور ان کے ثمرات کی بلوچستان کے عام شہری تک رسائی ہی اس ترقیاتی سفر کی اصل کامیابی کا پیمانہ ہوگی۔



Closer Iran-Pak bilateral ties contributing to greater regional stability, security: Pezeshkian

Says Pakistan's commitment to strengthening ties with Iran highly valued

TEHRAN, (IRNA): Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has commended Pakistan's commitment to strengthening ties with Iran, stressing Tehran's readiness to deepen bilateral cooperation across political, economic, trade, cultural and security fields.

President Pezeshkian made the remarks during a meeting with Pakistan's Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi in Tehran on Tuesday evening, highlighting the deep historical, cultural and people-to-people ties between the two neighboring countries.

The Iranian president said the commitment of Pakistan's leadership to strengthening solidarity and expanding relations with Iran was highly valuable to Tehran. He emphasized the need to make better use of the two countries' existing capacities to raise the level of bilateral cooperation, saying Iran was prepared to expand ties in all areas of mutual interest.

President Pezeshkian also underlined the importance of Iran-Pakistan relations within the broader regional context. He called for stronger interaction and greater use of the available potential to expand economic, commercial, cultural and security cooperation.

According to the Iranian president, closer bilateral ties could serve the mutual interests of both nations while contributing to greater stability and security across the region.

Naqvi, for his part, expressed satisfaction with his meeting with President Pezeshkian and said his visit to Tehran was aimed at following up on agreements and understandings reached during the recent visit of Iran's Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni to Pakistan.

The Pakistani minister reaffirmed the longstanding and close relationship between the two countries, stressing that Iran-Pakistan ties were strong and unbreakable.

Naqvi said Islamabad was determined to pursue the comprehensive development of relations with Tehran.

He also emphasized the importance of implementing existing agreements and understandings, describing his visit as part of efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation mechanisms and accelerate the implementation of commitments reached by the two sides.



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in meeting with Pakistan's Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi in Tehran



YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK: Russian President and Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Armed Forces Vladimir is addressing Russian sailors

US forces disable cargo ship breaching Iran blockade

WASHINGTON, (Monitoring Desk): U.S. forces disabled the steering system of a Panamanian-flagged cargo vessel after it allegedly attempted to breach Washington's naval blockade on Iran by sailing toward an Iranian port.

"A US Navy MH-60 helicopter fired two Hellfire missiles into the Vela Nova's engine room after the ship's civilian crew ignored repeated warnings from American forces," the U.S. military's Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a statement. CENTCOM confirmed that the vessel is no longer transiting to Iran and stressed that the maritime restriction remains in full effect.

As of Tuesday, CENTCOM has redirected 55 commercial vessels attempting to run the blockade, disabled three non-compliant ships, and boarded two others.

Earlier Tuesday, maritime security firm Vanguard said the Vela Nova was struck by a missile fired from a helicopter while transiting westbound through the Gulf of Oman about 71 nautical miles (131 kilometers, 82 miles) from the coast of Pakistan.

"The missile struck the vessel, causing a fire that was subsequently extinguished," Vanguard said. All 17 crew were accounted for, it added.

According to the Wall Street Journal, following the attack, the ship appeared to be trying to move its crew to another civilian vessel.

Houthi strikes on cargo ship kill 6 off Yemen: Coastguard

SANAA, (Monitoring Desk): At least six people were killed when suspected attacks by Iran-backed Houthi rebels struck a cargo vessel near the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait off Yemen's southern coast, the country's coastguard said.

The strikes are the latest in a number of deadly attacks against shipping in the entrance to the Red Sea since the Houthis announced a naval blockade of Saudi Arabia last month.

The coastguard from Yemen's internationally recognized government said four sailors aboard the cargo vessel – identified as the "Tihamah" – were among the dead along with two members of the forces deployed during a rescue mission to evacuate the ship. The initial salvo targeting the ship "caused a fire to break out aboard the vessel and inflicted extensive damage, in addition to causing deaths and injuries among its crew, including three Pakistani nationals and one Indonesian national killed," the coastguard said in a statement. A second strike targeted the vessel as rescue workers carried out a mission to evacuate the ship. "The attack struck the site of the rescue operation and resulted in deaths and injuries among the forces participating in the response operation," the coast guard added, saying 10 people were injured over the course of the strikes. The statement came hours after the Yemen government's transport ministry accused the Houthis of launching the strikes that hit the vessel.

The ministry gave a slightly smaller toll, saying four had been killed.

The transport ministry in its statement said it "held the Houthi terrorist militias fully responsible for the deaths, injuries and damage inflicted on the commercial vessel 'Tihamah'.

JD Vance personally asks Kiev to stop strikes on CPC infrastructure

LONDON, (Monitoring Desk): US Vice President JD Vance personally asked Kiev to halt strikes on the infrastructure linked to the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC), the Financial Times reported, citing sources.

According to the report, Vance conveyed Washington's request in a phone call with Vladimir Zelensky on July 31. "Ukraine has not struck tankers near the CPC terminal since then," the newspaper noted. "We very carefully listen to our American partners," a senior Ukrainian official told The Financial Times. Kiev agreed to the Trump administration's request because it was seeking a US licence to produce Patriot interceptor missiles, another source said.

Japan expresses protest to North Korea over launch of ballistic missile

TOKYO, (Monitoring Desk); Japan has protested to North Korea through diplomatic channels in connection with Pyongyang's launch of a ballistic missile, Japanese Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi stated.

"Through diplomatic channels, via the embassy in Beijing, we expressed a strong protest," he told journalists. The head of the defense ministry expressed confidence that the launch was a violation of current UN Security Council resolutions. According to Koizumi, Japan, together with the United States and the Republic of Korea, is currently continuing to analyze information related to North Korea's missile launch.

Deal result of 'new circumstances' in region:

Mecca Agreement beginning of new era of regional cooperation, solidarity: Erdogan

Turkish President says Mecca Joint Defense Agreement "is not limited" to only Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan

ISTANBUL, (Monitoring Desk): The vision in the Mecca Joint Defense Agreement "is not limited" to only Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday, expressing his desire to bring regional countries under the deal.

"Indeed, our vision is not limited to three countries. We want it to expand further and, if possible, one day bring all countries in the region under this framework. This would be one of the most important steps toward achieving lasting regional stability," Erdogan said in an interview with Asharq Al-Awsat, one of the leading Arabic newspapers.

While US-Iran tensions are important to regional developments, the Mecca Joint Defense Agreement should not be viewed merely as a response to them, Erdogan said, adding: "Such an interpretation would fail to properly understand the policies and intentions of our countries." Noting that the agreement does not pose a threat to any country, the president said the deal is open to participation by "all brotherly countries that seek peace, prosperity, and stability in our region." There is a history behind the deal, Erdogan said, pointing to discussions with the other signatories and other regional countries that have been ongoing "for a very long period."

Noting his remarks on remaining in regular consultation with regional countries in order to strengthen peace, stability and security in the region, Erdogan said Ankara has acted "accordingly" in this regard.

"We know the kinds of disasters that externally imposed prescriptions have caused in attempts to resolve the region's problems. For this reason, Türkiye has always pursued a policy aimed at making the will and collective wisdom of regional countries decisive," he said.

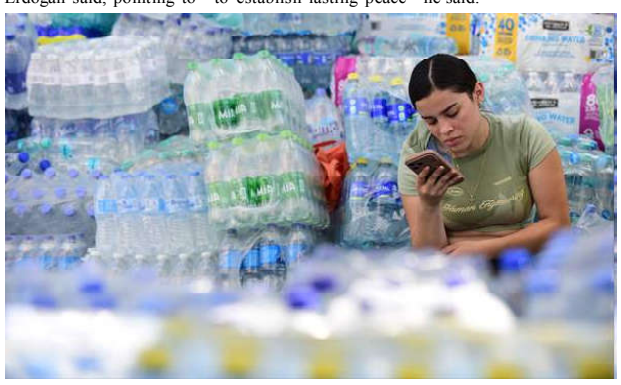
The deal is a representation of "a strategic determination" in response to changing regional circumstances, he said, adding that the trilateral mechanism is not a reaction to "day-to-day developments." "Türkiye has always favored diplomacy over tension, dialogue over conflict, and stronger regional cooperation over division. As a country capable of speaking with all parties and assuming responsibility on difficult issues when necessary, we will continue to do our part to establish lasting peace and stability in our region," he further added.

The agreement is "the result of the new circumstances" and a shared sense of responsibility, Erdogan said.

"We have always favored regional countries taking ownership of regional issues and resolving them themselves," he added.

"The problems of the region should be resolved by the region's own actors, and we can say that we have now taken the first step in that direction," he stressed. Recent developments have highlighted the necessity of solidarity among friendly and brotherly nations, whereas long-term peace necessitates not only an end to conflict but also mutual trust, political will and a shared vision for the future, he noted. The agreement represents more than cooperation among Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, Erdogan said, adding that it is intended as a broader framework for regional stability and remains open to other countries seeking peace and security.

Ankara views the deal as the beginning of a new era of regional cooperation and solidarity, with the possibility of expanding participation in the future, he said.



CALI, COLOMBIA: People receive humanitarian aid packages as members of rescue organizations, together with units of the Colombian National Army, continue search operations among the rubble following the earthquake that struck the city

15 dead, 27 missing as ferry capsizes in Zimbabwe's Lake Kariba

HARARE, (Monitoring Desk): At least 15 people were killed and 27 remained missing after an overloaded ferry capsized on Zimbabwe's Lake Kariba, the country's national disaster management agency said on Wednesday.

The agency said 77 people were rescued after making their way to a small island on the lake. Boats were being dispatched to bring the survivors to safety as search and rescue operations continued.

Zimbabwe's Civil Protection Unit said ticket records showed that 114 adults were aboard the ferry, along with five crew members. The vessel had a stated capacity of 90 people.

However, officials warned that an unknown number of children below the ticketing age may have been aboard but were not included in the passenger count.

The Civil Protection Unit recommended that the incident be officially declared a disaster.

Rescue operations underway

Zimbabwe's state broadcaster, ZBC, released video showing speedboats heading toward what appeared to be an overturned ferry while a helicopter hovered above the area. An underwater search-and-rescue team was also deployed to Lake Kariba to assist with the operation.

Earlier, Zimbabwean police confirmed that a rescue operation was underway but provided few details about the number of casualties or missing passengers.

Mutsa Murombedzi, a local member of Parliament, shared a video she said showed people on the shore waving goodbye to the aging ferry as it began its journey.

She said rural communities rely on the boat to travel across the lake to the town of Kariba, a journey that typically takes about five hours.

According to Murombedzi, some people on the shore expressed concern about whether the ferry would be able to withstand strong waves on the lake.

Lake Kariba, in southern Africa, is shared by Zimbabwe and neighboring Zambia.

Moscow to respond in kind if West seizes Russian commercial vessels: Putin

Medvedev says Russia has right to attack any ships carrying cargo for enemy

YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK, (TASS): Moscow will retaliate if Western countries seize Russian commercial vessels, President and Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Armed Forces Vladimir Putin said.

"If these plans are put into practice, we will have to respond in kind," he warned. Putin emphasized that it wasn't just about the areas where Russian vessels could be seized "but wherever we deem it necessary and appropriate – anywhere, including in the Pacific Fleet's area of responsibility." Addressing Russian sailors, Putin asked them to pay special attention to the matter. "The relevant instruction has already been issued to the Defense Ministry and the Pacific Fleet command has been informed of it, so I will be awaiting proposals in this regard," the head of state said. Putin stressed that while Russia aimed to bolster national security, it remained ready to seek mutually acceptable compromises with its neighbors and friends. "We are ready to do that based on respect for mutual interests," he pointed out.

Meanwhile, Russia has the right to attack any merchant ship in neutral waters if it is transporting cargo in the interests of the enemy, Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev stated. "The vast majority of Western European ships also sail under flags of convenience. So what does that mean? It means that, guided by a fair, symmetrical approach, Russia has the right to attack any merchant vessel of an enemy country in our waters or neutral waters if there are sufficient grounds to suspect that it is carrying cargo for the enemy.



Firefighters work to extinguish a blaze inside a diesel tank following an attack at the Zawiya Oil Complex, west of Tripoli, Libya

Qatar welcomes Türkiye-Saudi Arabia-Pakistan defense agreement

DOHA, (Monitoring Desk): Qatar threw its support behind a new trilateral defense pact linking Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, portraying the agreement as a positive step toward greater regional cooperation and stability.

"We welcome any regional cooperation that strengthens security, stability and defense among the countries of the region," Foreign Ministry spokesman Majed Al-Ansari told a weekly news conference in Doha.

"Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Türkiye are countries with which we have strategic relations and fraternal ties based on a shared destiny and common concerns," he added.

"For the security of our region and the security of the world, we fully positively view any defense framework based on cooperation and good-neighborly relations," Al-Ansari said.

He stressed that "regional security is a collective responsibility that requires regional coordination and cooperation."

Last Friday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif signed the pact in the holy city of Mecca.

The agreement is part of defense cooperation.

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Sukran Kara prepares sheep's wool that she will dye using natural dyes obtained through traditional techniques in Kayseri, Turkiye

Expert doubts US is 'running out of weapons' due to conflict with Iran

MOSCOW, (Monitoring Desk): The United States has amassed a vast arsenal of weapons, which it has historically managed with a pragmatic, businesslike approach. The emphasis has consistently been on maintaining a stable workload for its defense industry. Therefore, claims that Washington is "running out of weapons" due to the conflict with Tehran are simply unfounded, Mikhail Margelov, Vice President of the Russian International Affairs Council, said in an interview with TASS.

"These false reports that circulate - suggesting the Americans have exhausted their supply of ATACMS or Patriots - strike me as more of a public relations stunt orchestrated by defense contractors like Northrop Grumman, Boeing, and others," Margelov remarked.

"They require increasingly larger budgets and more military contracts. Naturally, they might play the victim, feigning hardship and suggesting their arsenals are depleted.



Detlev Paul Kleinschmidt, a German living in Germany, converted to Islam thanks to Hilal Özkara, originally from Kayseri. Kleinschmidt, who became a Muslim by reciting the Shahada (declaration of faith) in a ceremony led by the district mufti Mehmet Yürek, took the name 'Davut'.

Right information delivered at right time can save lives: Chairman Senate

Gilani says healthy mothers and children are the foundation of strong families, productive communities and a resilient Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani Wednesday said that the health and well-being of mothers and children is fundamental to national development, stressing that investment in maternal, newborn and child health is an investment in Pakistan's human capital and future.

Addressing the launch ceremony of the National Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Social and Behaviour Change Communication Campaign as Chief Guest, the Chairman congratulated the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and UNICEF Pakistan, and appreciated the contributions of development partners, healthcare professionals, academia and civil society.

Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani said healthy mothers and children are the foundation of strong families, productive communities and a resilient Pakistan.

He noted that Pakistan has made progress in key health indicators, with infant mortality declining to 47 per 1,000 live births and the maternal mortality ratio improving to 186 per 100,000 live births.

However, significant challenges remain in ensuring timely, affordable and quality maternal and newborn healthcare.

Highlighting the newly launched campaign, he said it promotes three simple but potentially life-saving behaviours: timely antenatal care, skilled birth attendance and essential newborn care.

"The right information, delivered at the right time, can save lives," he said.

The Chairman stressed that awareness must be complemented by quality healthcare services, trained health workers, effective referral systems and affordable treatment.

He also highlighted the importance of initiatives such as the Benazir Nashonuma Programme, particularly for pregnant and lactating women and children during the critical first 1,000 days of life.

He underscored Parliament's role in strengthening maternal and child healthcare policies, legislation and oversight, with special attention to women and children in remote and underserved areas and those affected by poverty, displacement and climate-related emergencies.

Commending UNICEF Pakistan for its continued partnership and technical support, the Chairman called for coordinated efforts by government institutions, development partners, healthcare professionals and civil society to ensure lasting improvements in maternal and child health.

"When we protect our mothers and give our children a healthy start, we invest in the health, strength and future of Pakistan," he said.



ISLAMABAD: The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway, H.E. Mr. Espen Barth Eide calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb meeting with Belarusian Minister of Energy Mr Denis Moroz and his delegation.

SC stays re-polling at 4 polling stations in PB-9 Kohlu, restores Mir Chingez Marri's membership

ISLAMABAD, (APP):The Supreme Court on Wednesday suspended the Election Commission's decision to hold re-polling at four polling stations of Balochistan Assembly constituency PB-9 Kohlu on August 27 and restored the membership of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) candidate Mir Chingez Khan Marri.

A three-member bench headed by Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan heard the case and issued notices to the parties before adjourning further proceedings until the last week of August.

The Election Commission had ordered re-polling at four polling stations in PB-9 Kohlu on August 27. Mir Chingez Khan Marri had challenged the decision before the Supreme Court.

The court suspended the Election Commission's re-polling order and restored Mir Chingez Khan Marri's membership of the Balochistan Assembly.

Drug abuse becomes growing social threat in Quetta

QUETTA (ANN): The number of drug addicts in the provincial capital Quetta has begun to increase at an alarming rate. The presence of intoxicated individuals in various areas of the city, at intersections, in parks, and under bridges is becoming a routine sight, while growing concern is being expressed among citizens over the lack of effective and permanent measures to deal with this serious social crisis.

According to citizens, the most dangerous impact of drugs is being felt by the younger generation. The use of ice (crystal methamphetamine), heroin, hashish, intoxicating pills, and other drugs has distanced numerous young people from education, employment, and normal life. Many young people have become so addicted that they have also become estranged from their families, while people often remain indifferent even when they see intoxicated individuals lying on roads and in public places. A young drug addict, recounting his painful story, said that he initially started using ice at the urging of friends, but now he feels as if his life is falling apart if he does not get it for even a day, adding that there is no one to help him quit. The young man said that his drug use began merely out of curiosity and due to encouragement from friends, but gradually the habit turned into an addiction that has become extremely difficult for him to overcome.

Members of the public say that a major aspect of the drug problem is the lack of adequate rehabilitation and treatment facilities. Complaints have repeatedly emerged that some rehabilitation centers established by the government have limited facilities, while many addicts are unable to access treatment at all.

Govt rejects claims of Balochistan funds diversion under IFRAP

ISLAMABAD/QUETTA, (VoM Report): The government has rejected as baseless recent media reports alleging that the World Bank-funded Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP) was restructured to divert development funds away from Balochistan, maintaining that the approved scope of the project covering all 10 flood-affected sectors remains intact.According to a fact report prepared for the Prime Minister, there has been no diversion of funds outside Balochistan and no compromise has been made on the province's comprehensive rehabilitation under the project.The report stated that the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved IFRAP on January 4, 2023, at a total cost of $400 million, equivalent to approximately Rs88 billion, to support the rehabilitation of 10 sectors affected by the devastating 2022 floods.Under Phase-I, the World Bank is currently providing financing of $245 million. According to the official financing position, the Housing Reconstruction component has received $161 million against its ECNEC-approved cost of $155 million, making it the only component to receive financing exceeding its initially approved allocation during the first phase.For irrigation, the approved cost is $30 million, against which $25 million has been made available. Roads and bridges were approved at a cost of $50 million, while $10 million is currently available under Phase-I. The Hydromet component has an approved allocation of $50 million, against which $40 million is currently financed.The health sector has received $1 million against an approved cost of $5.7 million, while the Financial and Project Management Unit (FPMU) has received $8 million against an approved allocation of $8.5 million. The approved allocations for education at $5 million, Public Health Engineering at $10 million and the Balochistan Livelihoods and Employment Project (BLEP) at $40 million remain part of the broader ECNEC-approved scope of the project.The report also provided an update on the housing reconstruction component, stating that ECNEC had approved the rehabilitation of 68,992 fully damaged houses and 58,016 partially damaged houses. World Bank financing specifically covers fully damaged houses, with eligible beneficiaries receiving Rs400,000 per house in four installments directly.Under the project's owner-driven reconstruction model, one 13 by 16-foot room is considered one housing unit in accordance with the prescribed project standards.According to the Housing Reconstruction Unit's data as of August 10, 2026, construction work has commenced on 74,988 houses, while 26,357 houses have been completed. Financially, Rs22.2 billion had been spent on housing reconstruction by the end of fiscal year 2025-26, while a further Rs15.8 billion has been allocated for the housing component during fiscal year 2026-27.The report further clarified the decision taken by the Project Steering Committee on June 22, 2026.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Health Minister Mustafa Kamal inaugurates health food kiosk at Ministry of National Health Service, Regulation and Coordination.

People of Balochistan deserve quality medical facilities: Bakht Kakar

Says genuine development is not possible without improving the health system

QUETTA (ANN): Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar has said that raising the standard of public health in the province is the government's foremost responsibility and all available resources will be utilized for this purpose. Strengthening the health system in the remote areas of the province is his top priority. The people of Balochistan deserve quality medical facilities, and genuine development is not possible without improving the health system.

He expressed these views while talking to delegations that had come from different areas. The delegations informed the Health Minister about problems being faced at local health centers, including shortages of medicines, lack of staff and the unavailability of basic facilities. Bakht Muhammad Kakar listened carefully to the complaints of the delegations and assured them that immediate measures would be taken where necessary. The delegations appreciated the provincial minister's attention and practical commitment and expressed hope that under his leadership, there would be clear improvement in Balochistan's health sector.

On the occasion, Bakht Muhammad Kakar said that he would maintain an open-door policy to hear public problems on a daily basis so that ordinary citizens could also directly present their complaints. Bakht Muhammad Kakar said that he himself would conduct surprise inspections of hospitals in different districts to assess the situation on the ground.



CALIFORNIA: Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh at State Senate of California during passage of historic resolution on Pakistan-US relations

Parliamentary caucus vows to protect children from tobacco, nicotine addiction

ISLAMABAD, (APP): The Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights (PCCR) and the Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (SPARC) on Wednesday agreed to strengthen tobacco control measures to protect children from tobacco and emerging nicotine products, including vaping and nicotine pouches, through tighter regulations, greater public awareness and stronger enforcement.

A meeting between the PCCR, National Assembly of Pakistan, and SPARC was held at the Parliament House and chaired by Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting and Federal Coordinator, PCCR, Danyal Chaudhary, MNA.

Mr Chaudhary stressed the need for coordinated efforts to protect children from tobacco and emerging nicotine products. He also underscored the importance of raising awareness among children, parents and teachers about the health risks associated with tobacco and nicotine use.

The meeting discussed strengthening health warnings, regulating the sale and display of tobacco products around educational institutions.

MPA Zarak Mandokhail vows to resolve longstanding problems of people

QUETTA (ANN): Pakistan Muslim League (N) central leader and Member of the Balochistan Assembly Sheikh Zarak Khan Mandokhail has said that an integrated strategy is being adopted for the development, peace and public welfare of the province, and the government is making every possible effort to resolve the longstanding problems of the people on an urgent basis.

He expressed these views while talking to various delegations during meetings at his office. Delegations from different districts of the province informed Mandokhail about problems in their areas, the pace of development projects, drinking water, education and the dilapidated condition of local roads.

Sheikh Zarak Khan Mandokhail listened in detail to the complaints of all the delegations and directed the relevant departments that no delay or negligence in resolving public problems would be tolerated.

He said that bringing the underdeveloped areas of the province into the mainstream of development is an important part of the government's agenda. "Our top priority is to ensure that every citizen of Balochistan is provided basic facilities at their doorstep. The prosperity of the people and regional development are also matters of personal interest to me," he said.

He said that he himself was visiting different areas to directly observe public problems and review the progress of development projects. Practical measures are being taken in the province to ensure transparency, good governance and effective delivery of services.

Sheikh Zarak Khan Mandokhail, in conclusion, expressed his resolve to continue making every possible effort at all levels to resolve public problems and to fulfill his political and administrative responsibilities with complete honesty.

Targeting innocent people unacceptable under any circumstances: Ashrafi

ISLAMABAD, (APP): Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) and Secretary General of the International Tazeem-e-Haramain Sharifain Council, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, has strongly condemned the Houthi attack on a non-combatant commercial vessel in the Red Sea and expressed deep grief over the loss of Pakistani lives in the incident.

Ashrafi fully endorsed the condemnation issued by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, stressing that targeting innocent people and commercial vessels was unacceptable under any circumstances.

He expressed profound sorrow over the loss of precious human lives in the attack, including three Pakistani nationals, and extended his condolences to their bereaved families.

The PUC chairman said attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea and Bab al-Mandab posed a serious threat to international peace, maritime security, freedom of navigation and global trade.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor for Sports and Youth Affairs Meena Majeed Baloch distributing prizes among the students.

Development of Balochistan depends on practical measures: MPA

Haji Muhammad Khan Tor Utman Khel says voice of the people is the real guide for government decisions

QUETTA (ANN): Pakistan Muslim League (N) leader and Member of the Provincial Assembly Haji Muhammad Khan Tor Utman Khel has said that Balochistan is entering a new era of development, where the government is giving priority to practical work based on its priorities. The development of Balochistan depends on the practical measures taken by the government and the confidence of the people; therefore, public priorities have been made the basis of policies.

Talking to various delegations, he said that the voice of the people is the real guide for government decisions, and we are committed to making the province a strong center of development, transparency and peace. He said that the problems of the province would not merely be dealt with in files; rather, solutions to people's problems would be sought by going among the public. A new system is being introduced for the immediate redressal of public complaints and effective accountability so that improvement can be ensured at every level.

He said that the real strength of the province is its people, and decisions will be made according to their voice. He said that they would launch only those projects that bring real and positive change to people's lives. "Making Balochistan a strong, stable and modern province is my mission," he said. He added that if public support continues, they would certainly bring about the long-awaited change that has been felt necessary for a long time.

Contraceptive project hit by planning gaps

ISLAMABAD, (Monitoring Desk): The federal government's project for the provision of contraceptive commodities has been found to contain major planning and implementation gaps, a parliamentary panel was informed. The committee was told that the project's PC-I was neither prepared in time nor on scientific grounds to determine the required quantities of contraceptives.

The Senate Standing Committee on Planning and Development was informed that the PC-I had been prepared in 2019 but was not approved until 2021. Health ministry officials also told the committee that the scheme lacked a project management unit necessary for implementation, while key components relating to monitoring, evaluation and oversight had not been incorporated.



GWADAR: MPA Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch giving the keys of scooty to Fatima Kiazai under the economic empowerment of women.

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