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This edition of The World Ambassador explores Pakistan's expanding diplomatic engagement with countries including Russia, Romania, Oman and Türkiye, alongside efforts to strengthen trade, defence and regional security cooperation. Our coverage also examines major international developments, humanitarian concerns and the continuing importance of dialogue among nations.

Beyond diplomacy, we focus on issues shaping societies and the future, including climate change, global health challenges, women's empowerment and technological development. Stories on Pakistan's emerging IT sector, economic partnerships, sports achievements and cultural exchange further highlight opportunities for progress and international cooperation.

We hope this edition offers valuable insights, encourages informed discussion and provides a broader understanding of the developments shaping our world.

Thank you for being part of The World Ambassador and for supporting our commitment to meaningful international journalism.

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In an increasingly uncertain world, diplomacy, regional security, economic cooperation and technological change continue to shape international relations. This edition of The World Ambassador explores these developments, highlighting Pakistan's growing engagement with international partners and the challenges confronting the global community.

Our Diplomacy section examines Pakistan's relations with Russia, Romania and Oman, alongside efforts to strengthen defence, trade and security cooperation. The International section highlights global humanitarian concerns, regional security developments and the continuing importance of dialogue and international solidarity.

Pakistan's political, diplomatic and economic priorities also take centre stage, from its engagement with the United Nations to regional security, defence modernisation and stronger economic partnerships.

Beyond politics, this edition explores pressing global challenges, including climate change, healthcare, women's empowerment and technological advancement. Our Sports, Tourism and Economy sections highlight achievements, cultural connections and emerging opportunities for international cooperation.

As the world faces complex and interconnected challenges, constructive dialogue, responsible leadership and collective action remain essential.

At The World Ambassador, our aim is to connect the headlines with the bigger picture and provide readers with a broader understanding of the forces shaping our world.

Welcome to the **October 2026** edition of The World Ambassador.

Wasif Ali Khan

Russian envoy says Moscow remains open to diplomatic settlement on Ukraine

Ambassador Albert P. Khorev outlines Moscow's position on the Ukraine conflict, sanctions, trade and international law

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan



Russian Ambassador to Pakistan Albert P. Khorev has reaffirmed Moscow's stated readiness for a negotiated political settlement to the Ukraine conflict, while saying Russia would continue to protect what it considers its national security interests.

Speaking at a media briefing on October 1, Khorev discussed the military, political, economic and legal dimensions of the conflict, describing it as part of a wider confrontation between Russia and Western countries.

The ambassador said Western sanctions had failed to bring down the Russian economy and argued that the measures had also created significant economic costs for European markets. He said sanctions were accelerating changes in international trade, including greater use of national currencies and alternative economic frameworks involving BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and ASEAN.

Khorev also highlighted the importance of Russia and Ukraine to global agricultural markets, pointing to Russia's role as a major wheat exporter. He argued that restrictions on Russian agricultural trade could have implications for global food security.

On maritime security, the ambassador criticised Western measures targeting vessels described as part of Russia's so-called shadow fleet. He also raised concerns over attacks on civilian vessels in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov.

Khorev said Moscow did not recognise Western-created compensation mechanisms related to Ukraine. He also referred to a June 2026 ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, presenting it as supportive of Russia's position on several Ukrainian claims concerning reparations and maritime resources.

The ambassador said Russia had no intention of escalating into a wider conflict with NATO or European countries and maintained that diplomacy remained the preferred route to resolving the crisis.

The briefing also included discussion of Russia's domestic political developments, with Khorev highlighting parliamentary elections held on September 20 and what he described as strong voter participation despite security challenges.

Before the briefing, participants observed a minute of silence marking the 85th anniversary of the Siege of Leningrad and remembering its victims.

The event concluded with an exhibition on Crimean archaeological artefacts titled Crimean Gold: 'Civilized' Europe Plunders Russian Treasures, presenting Moscow's perspective on the dispute over historical artefacts currently held in European institutions.

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Russia, Pakistan Pledge to Deepen Police Cooperation Against Crime and Cyber Threats

Russian Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev visits Islamabad, holds talks with Mohsin Naqvi and honours Pakistani law enforcement personnel

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan









Russia and Pakistan have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening law enforcement cooperation, focusing on international organised crime, terrorism, extremism, drug and weapons trafficking, and emerging cybercrime threats.

Russian Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev attended a parade of Pakistani police units held in honour of the Russian delegation at Police Lines Headquarters in Islamabad. During the ceremony, he presented awards to members of Pakistan's law enforcement agencies in recognition of their service.

In talks with Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Kolokoltsev highlighted the importance of bilateral cooperation, describing it as rooted in the friendly and mutually beneficial relations between the two countries. He also emphasised Russia's support for cooperation in international law enforcement, including within the United Nations, without politicisation.

The discussions covered efforts to counter international organised crime, terrorism and extremism, alongside the illicit trafficking of weapons and narcotics. Both sides also focused on the growing threat of cybercrime, including telephone scams, phishing and cryptocurrency-related pyramid schemes.

Kolokoltsev stressed the need for timely information sharing, closer coordination through Interpol and the exchange of expertise in cybercrime investigations. He also welcomed existing cooperation in professional training and expressed Russia's readiness to expand development programmes for Pakistani law enforcement specialists.

At the conclusion of the talks, the Russian minister thanked Naqvi for the constructive discussions and reaffirmed Moscow's commitment to further strengthening cooperation with Pakistan's law enforcement agencies.

Earlier, Kolokoltsev visited the Pakistan Monument, one of Islamabad's prominent national landmarks, where he laid a wreath in tribute to those who lost their lives in the fight against terrorism.

The visit highlights the two countries' efforts to broaden cooperation in policing, security and professional training amid evolving transnational crime and digital security challenges.

Oman Foreign Minister to Visit Pakistan for Joint Ministerial Commission

Badr Al Busaidi and Ishaq Dar to co-chair talks in Islamabad, focusing on bilateral ties and expanded cooperation

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan

Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Al Busaidi will undertake a two-day official visit to Pakistan from Tuesday at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

The visit will include the eighth session of the Pakistan-Oman Joint Ministerial Commission, where the two foreign ministers will review bilateral relations and explore opportunities to strengthen cooperation across various sectors.

According to Pakistan's Foreign Office, the meeting will provide a platform to assess the longstanding partnership between the two countries and identify areas for further collaboration. Both sides are expected to discuss issues of mutual interest and ways to expand mutually beneficial engagement.

Al Busaidi is also expected to meet Pakistan's prime minister during his stay, although further details of the anticipated meeting have not been announced.

Pakistan and Oman maintain close relations rooted in historical, cultural and people-to-people ties. Regular diplomatic exchanges and bilateral mechanisms have continued to support cooperation between the two countries.

The Foreign Office described the visit as a reflection of the enduring fraternal relationship between Islamabad and Muscat, expressing confidence that the discussions would give fresh impetus to bilateral cooperation.

The meeting comes as both countries seek to build on their established ties and explore further opportunities for collaboration in areas of shared interest.



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Romania Seeks Stronger Trade and Security Ties with Pakistan

Ambassador Dan Stoenescu highlights maritime connectivity, technology and education cooperation at a press conference in Islamabad.

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan



Romania has expressed its commitment to strengthening economic, educational and technological cooperation with Pakistan, as Ambassador Dan Stoenescu met more than 100 journalists at the National Press Club.

The ambassador highlighted opportunities to expand bilateral trade, investment, information technology and maritime connectivity, building on more than six decades of diplomatic relations.

He particularly referred to a March 2026 memorandum of understanding between the Port of Constanța and Karachi Port Trust, aimed at improving commercial links between South Asia and Europe through the Black Sea and Danube corridor.

Stoenescu also highlighted a Pakistani business delegation's visit to Romania in October and the Pakistan–Romania Business Forum in Bucharest, which explored cooperation in IT, agriculture, shipping, logistics and textiles.

Technology, education and research were identified as other priority areas, with opportunities in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, software development and university partnerships.

Addressing regional security, the ambassador discussed the consequences of Russia's war against Ukraine, warning about risks to Black Sea maritime routes and commercial shipping. He reaffirmed Romania's support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and called for a just and lasting peace under the UN Charter.

During the visit, Stoenescu also planted a tree at the National Press Club as a symbol of lasting friendship between Romania and Pakistan.

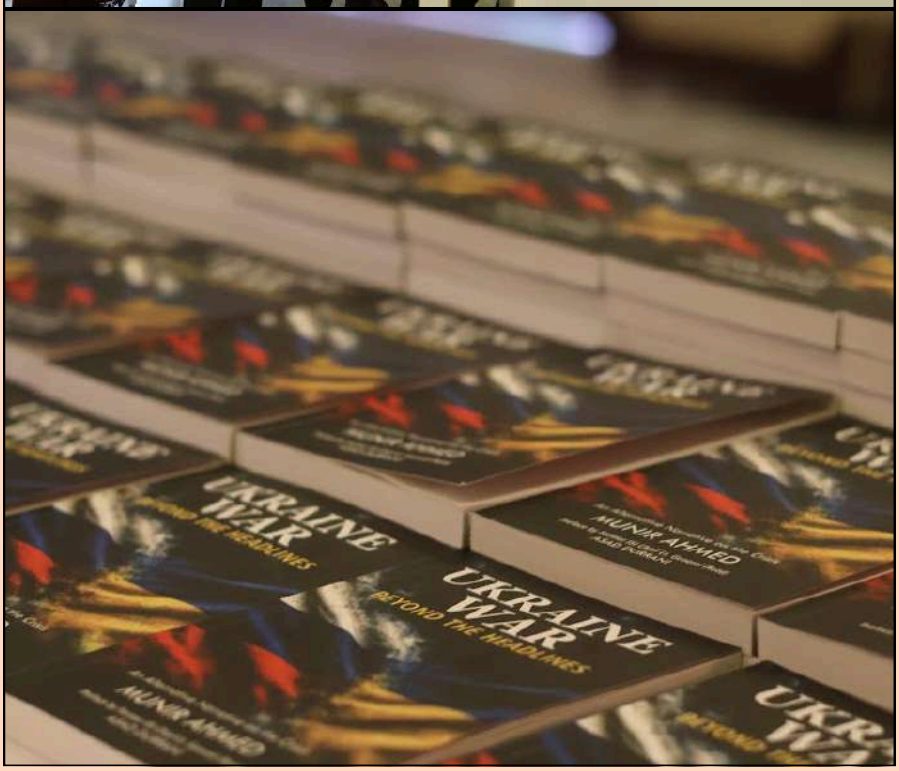


Russian Ambassador Praises Pakistan's Neutrality at Ukraine War Book Launch

Albert Khorev commends Munir Ahmed's publication, criticises Western policies and calls for greater Russia–Pakistan cooperation.

Abid Siddique Chadhry
Islamabad, Pakistan





Russian Ambassador to Pakistan Albert P. Khorev has praised Pakistan's "positive neutrality" on the Ukraine conflict, while criticising NATO's expansion and Western involvement in the war.

Speaking at the launch of Munir Ahmed's book, Ukraine War: Beyond the Headlines – An Alternative Narrative on the Russia–Ukraine Crisis, Ambassador Khorev commended the author's research into the historical roots and geopolitical consequences of the conflict.

He said the book examined NATO's eastward expansion, the 2014 events in Kyiv and European security, drawing on official documents, UN reports and open-source information.

Addressing global food security, Khorev said Russia accounted for 23 per cent of global wheat trade in 2025–26, compared with Ukraine's 7 per cent. He also highlighted Russia's role in barley exports and criticised Western sanctions, warning of risks to international food supplies.

The ambassador reiterated Moscow's position that a lasting settlement must address its security concerns and called for dialogue to end the conflict.

He also expressed Russia's willingness to expand cooperation with Pakistan in energy, agriculture, fertilisers and regional stability, praising Islamabad's independent diplomatic approach.

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Romania's Armed Forces Day in Islamabad Highlights Growing Defence Ties with Pakistan

Diplomats and military dignitaries mark the occasion, reaffirming commitments to bilateral cooperation, regional peace and security

Abid Siddique Chadhry
Islamabad Pakistan

Diplomats, military officials and distinguished guests gathered in Islamabad to mark Romania's Armed Forces Day, paying tribute to the service and sacrifices of military personnel while highlighting defence and diplomatic ties between Romania and Pakistan.

The ceremony underscored the importance of mutual respect, regional stability and continued cooperation between the two countries. Participants highlighted opportunities to strengthen bilateral engagement in defence, military training and security.

The event also reflected the countries' shared interest in promoting international peace and stability, with officials expressing support for further strengthening relations



between Islamabad and Bucharest.

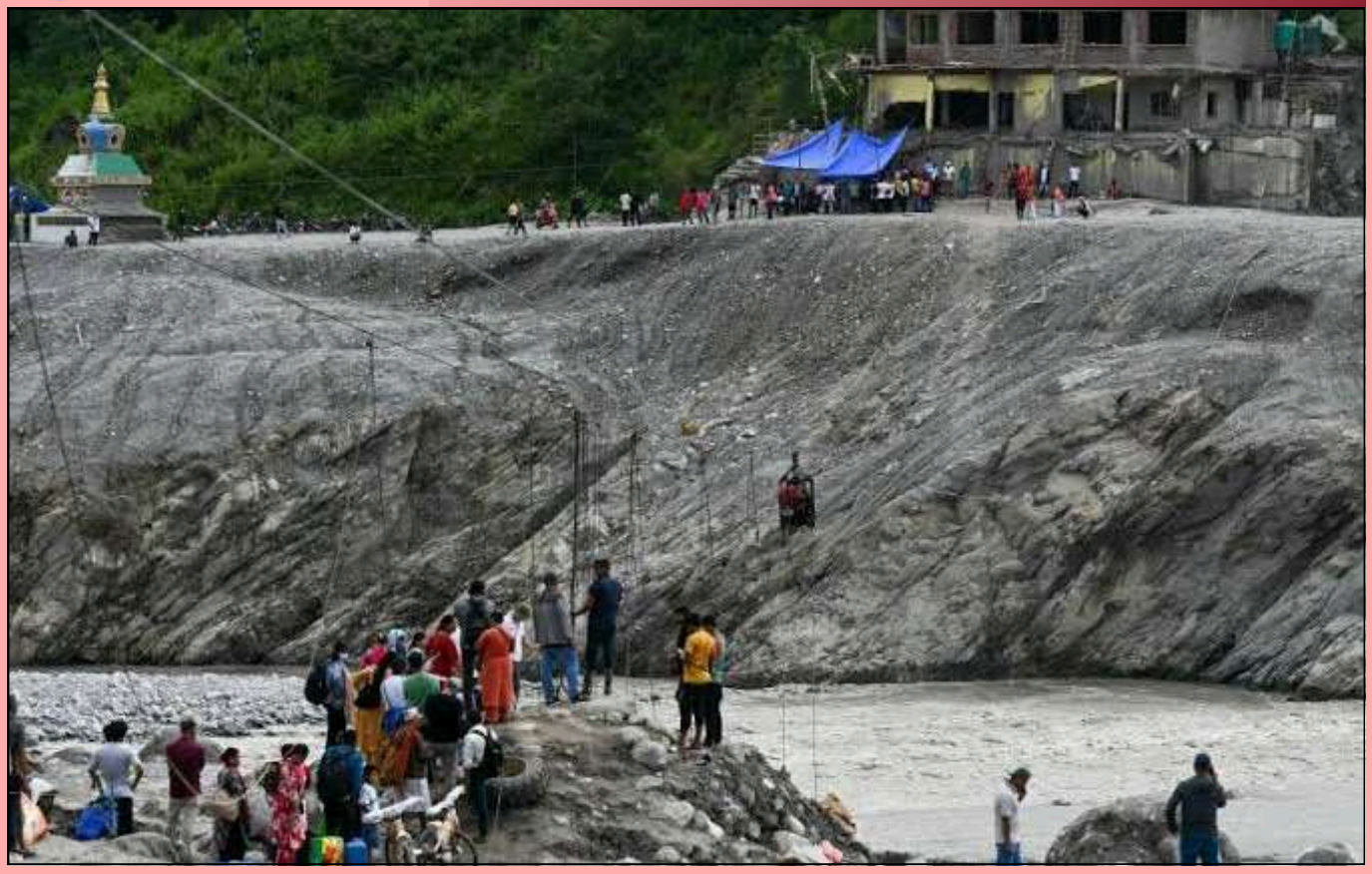
Beyond defence cooperation, both countries see opportunities to broaden engagement in economic relations and cultural exchange, creating additional avenues for closer bilateral ties.

The celebration concluded on a note of friendship, with the slogan "Romania–Pakistan dosti zindabad!" reflecting the spirit of goodwill between the two nations.

The occasion provided an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of sustained diplomatic engagement and explore areas of cooperation for the future.







Flash Floods Sweep Away 45 Houses in Nepal, Five Missing

Rescue teams deploy helicopters in Gorkha district as rising river levels threaten communities still recovering from deadly floods

The World Ambassador
International Desk

Flash floods swept through central Nepal on Sunday, washing away around 45 houses and leaving at least five people missing, officials said, as rescue teams rushed to evacuate residents from affected areas.

The flooding struck Gorkha district, where videos circulating online showed a torrent of dark, debris-filled water surging through a mountainous river valley.

National disaster agency chief Dharam Raj Uprety said a landslide had temporarily blocked the river before the accumulated water broke through, triggering the flood.

The disaster also damaged three hydropower projects and four bridges. Authorities said at least 82 people, including nine foreign nationals, had been rescued from affected areas.

Four helicopters were deployed to support search-and-rescue operations and evacuations as water levels in the Budhi Gandaki River continued to rise. Officials had earlier urged residents to move away from riverbanks and seek safer locations.

Local official Laxmi Gurung, from Chumnubri rural municipality, described the experience as frightening, saying the destruction had brought back memories of earlier disasters. Her house was among those affected, and the area had lost electricity, although she reported no casualties in her immediate account.

The latest flooding comes as Nepal continues to face the consequences of a series of severe natural disasters. Heavy rainfall in late September triggered floods and landslides that killed at least 21 people, according to the disaster agency.

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), based in Kathmandu, said the incident highlighted the different hazards capable of generating destructive floods in Himalayan river systems. Its director general, Pema Gyamtsho, said emergency response remained the immediate priority, but determining the cause of the flooding would be essential to reducing future risks and improving community resilience.

Authorities continued rescue and evacuation efforts as concerns grew over rising river levels and the vulnerability of settlements in Nepal's mountainous regions.



EU Condemns Israeli Settler Attacks on European Diplomats in Occupied West Bank

Washington urges Israel to curb rising settler violence after attacks on diplomats and an American journalist

The World Ambassador
International Desk



The European Union has strongly condemned attacks by Israeli settlers on visiting European diplomats in the occupied West Bank, as the United States called on Israel to take stronger action against a surge in settler violence that also injured an American journalist.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the EU's foreign service said it "strongly condemns the latest attacks by violent settlers in the West Bank, including on European diplomats".

The bloc called for full accountability and effective measures to prevent further violence and harassment against Palestinians, journalists and visiting diplomatic personnel.

It also highlighted growing concerns over attacks during the ongoing olive harvest season, a critical period for Palestinian farmers whose livelihoods depend on access to their groves.

The EU's condemnation came after US Secretary of State Marco Rubio expressed concern over the escalating violence and warned of a potential crisis in the occupied territory.

"We're very disturbed by those images and what we're seeing," Rubio told reporters before boarding a flight to Uzbekistan.

"We've asked the Israelis and continue to ask them to crack down on that stuff," he added, urging Israeli authorities to do more to deter attacks by settlers.

The statements underscore mounting international concern over settler violence in the West Bank and growing calls for accountability and protection for Palestinian civilians, journalists and foreign diplomats.

The occupied West Bank has experienced recurring violence involving Israeli settlers and Palestinians, with attacks during the olive harvest season drawing particular attention because of their impact on farming communities and access to agricultural land.

The EU called for effective preventive measures and accountability, while Washington pressed Israel to strengthen its response to the attacks.

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Morocco's King Mohammed VI Calls for Major Reforms and Stronger Economic Growth

Monarch urges new parliamentary mandate to prioritise youth, regional development, strategic security and fairer migration cooperation

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
New York

Morocco's King Mohammed VI has called for a "real turning point" in the country's development strategy, urging the government and parliament to strengthen economic growth, social justice and public services.

Addressing parliament on Friday, October 9, at the opening of the first session of the 12th legislature, the king said Morocco must respond to global economic changes by accelerating reforms and consolidating its position as an emerging economic power.

He highlighted water, energy and food security, industrial development, digital technology and artificial intelligence as priorities for the country's next phase. He also called for stronger strategic reserves and encouraged private businesses to increase investment, exports and job creation.

The king placed young people at the centre of public policy, stressing the need for equal opportunities in education, skills development and employment. He said young Moroccans should be able to build their futures with dignity, freedom and stability.

Regional development was another key focus. Mohammed VI urged authorities to accelerate decentralisation, transfer greater administrative powers to regional institutions and address delays that hinder public services and investment.





On migration, the monarch said cooperation with international partners had produced results but that recurring crises exposed weaknesses in the existing framework. He called for a more balanced and effective approach, highlighting cooperation with Spain on irregular migration and obstacles to the repatriation of some migrants.

The king also emphasised national identity and civic responsibility, telling parliamentarians that their mandate was a commitment to citizens and required practical action to improve people's lives.

Pakistan, Iran, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia Agree to Strengthen Regional Security Cooperation

Four countries pledge continued diplomatic consultations in Tehran amid concerns over Middle East tensions and conflicts in Palestine and Lebanon

The World Ambassador
International Desk

Pakistan, Iran, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia have agreed to continue diplomatic dialogue and strengthen cooperation on regional peace and security following a four-country meeting in Tehran on Monday, according to a joint statement reported by Iranian media.

The four countries emphasised the importance of sustained consultations, mutual trust and closer coordination to address shared security concerns and promote stability across the region.

The statement highlighted the need for regional countries to develop cooperative approaches to security challenges and work together to prevent further instability.

The meeting brought together senior representatives from the four countries amid heightened tensions in the Middle East. Discussions reportedly covered the regional implications of US and Israeli military actions against Iran, as well as broader security concerns affecting neighbouring states.

The participants also exchanged views on developments in Palestine and Lebanon, according to Iranian media reports.

The talks provided a platform for the four countries to discuss the risks of further escalation and the role of diplomatic engagement in addressing regional disputes.

The joint statement reaffirmed their commitment to continued dialogue, stronger coordination and collective efforts to support peace and security across the Middle East.



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UNHCR highlights Germany's support for refugees and displaced communities

Partnership provides humanitarian assistance, protection and long-term support to forcibly displaced people and host communities

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan

The United Nations refugee agency has highlighted Germany's continued support for people forced to flee their homes, marking German Unity Day with a focus on international efforts to assist refugees and host communities.

The UNHCR said Germany remains one of its largest financial and strategic partners, providing flexible funding and targeted humanitarian assistance to respond to emergencies while supporting longer-term recovery and self-reliance.

The partnership focuses on helping vulnerable communities through emergency shelter, legal assistance and protection services, while also supporting education, infrastructure and access to clean energy.

UNHCR said the cooperation also aims to strengthen host communities by improving access to public services and economic opportunities for both refugees and local populations.

The agency said sustained international support remains essential as displacement continues to affect millions of people worldwide.





Maldives President Begins Pakistan Visit as Countries Mark 60 Years of Diplomatic Ties

Mohamed Muizzu meets President Asif Ali Zardari at state banquet in Islamabad, with both sides seeking stronger economic, diplomatic and cultural cooperation

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan

Maldivian President Dr Mohamed Muizzu arrived in Islamabad on Tuesday for a three-day state visit, accompanied by First Lady Sajidha Mohamed and a high-level delegation, as Pakistan and the Maldives mark 60 years of diplomatic relations.

The visit is the first by a Maldivian president to Pakistan in 11 years and is expected to provide fresh momentum to bilateral engagement.

During the visit, Muizzu met Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari at an official reception and state banquet held in his honour in Islamabad. The Maldivian president thanked Zardari for the hospitality extended to him, the first lady and the visiting delegation.

The engagement highlighted the longstanding friendship between the two countries, which share religious and cultural links and have maintained diplomatic relations for six decades.

Discussions focused on expanding cooperation in economic affairs, diplomacy and cultural exchange. The two sides also emphasised the importance of people-to-people contacts, including educational and professional exchanges, as well as coordination through multilateral platforms such as the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Both countries expressed their commitment to working together on shared priorities, including regional peace, economic development and stronger institutional ties.

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Pakistan confers Nishan-e-Imtiaz on UN chief António Guterres

President Asif Ali Zardari honours Guterres for his international leadership, peace efforts and support for developing countries

Wasif Ali Khan
Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan has conferred its Nishan-e-Imtiaz, one of the country's highest civilian awards, on United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in recognition of his international service, leadership and contribution to global peace and development.

President Asif Ali Zardari presented the award during a special investiture ceremony at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad. It is the first time Pakistan has conferred the Nishan-e-Imtiaz on a serving or former UN secretary-general.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, cabinet members, parliamentarians and diplomats attended the ceremony.

During a meeting earlier in the day, Zardari praised Guterres for promoting dialogue, diplomacy and peaceful resolution of disputes. He also acknowledged the UN chief's engagement with Pakistan and his advocacy for the concerns of developing countries.

The two sides discussed Palestine, peace in South Asia, the Indus Waters Treaty, counterterrorism, Afghanistan, climate change and UN reform. Zardari reiterated Pakistan's support for Palestinian statehood and a two-state solution, while stressing the importance of dialogue in resolving disputes between Pakistan and India.Zardari also highlighted Pakistan's contribution to UN peacekeeping, saying more than 270,000 Pakistani peacekeepers had served in 48 UN missions. He recalled Guterres's support for Pakistan following the devastating 2022 floods and his efforts to mobilise international assistance.



Guterres expressed gratitude for the honour and reflected on his experiences in Pakistan, including the country's hospitality towards refugees, resilience in confronting terrorism and solidarity during times of crisis

Pakistan Imposes Emergency, Governor's Rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

President Zardari signs declaration under constitutional provisions; federal government cites worsening security and accuses provincial authorities of failing to tackle terrorism

Wasif Ali Khan
Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari has signed the summary for imposing emergency and governor's rule in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under Articles 232 and 234 of the Constitution, according to a statement from the President's House.

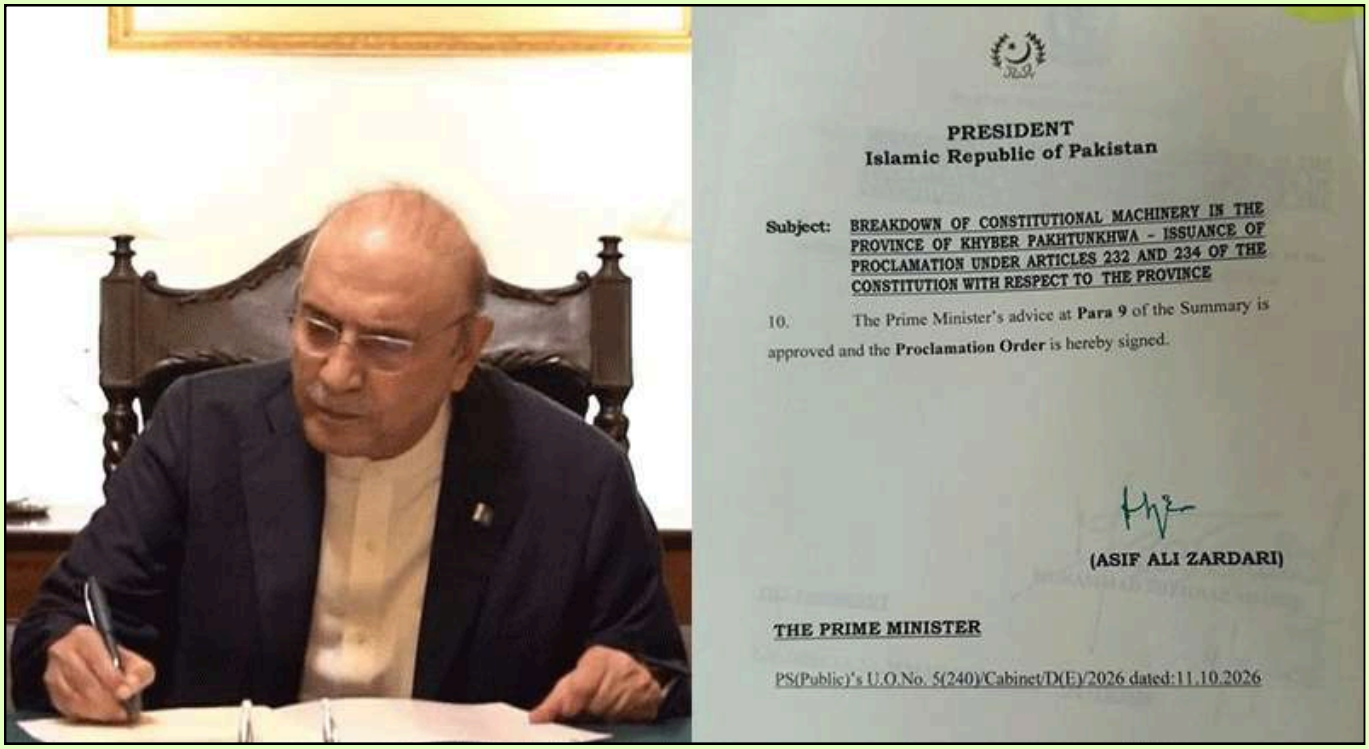
The statement cited an increase in militant attacks on government installations, infrastructure and law enforcement agencies, alleging that the provincial government had failed to effectively address terrorism and lawlessness.

Under the announced measures, Governor Faisal Karim Kundi will perform provincial government functions assigned by the federal government and exercise specified powers of provincial institutions and officials. The declaration states that the chief minister, provincial ministers, advisers, special assistants and advocate general will leave their offices.

Earlier, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif criticised the provincial government during a federal cabinet meeting, accusing it of failing to present a clear position on counterterrorism cooperation with the centre. He also warned against a planned march towards Islamabad, saying the law would take its course.

Sharif said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had received Rs800 billion for counterterrorism efforts but claimed that the provincial police and Counter Terrorism Department had not been strengthened adequately. He said combating terrorism was a shared responsibility as the security situation continued to deteriorate.

The prime minister also referred to Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's role in the matter, saying the situation had reached a critical point and the relevant parties now had to make a decision.



PRESIDENT
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Subject: BREAKDOWN OF CONSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY IN THE PROVINCE OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA – ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION UNDER ARTICLES 232 AND 234 OF THE CONSTITUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROVINCE

10. The Prime Minister's advice at **Para 9** of the Summary is approved and the **Proclamation Order** is hereby signed.

(ASIF ALI ZARDARI)

THE PRIME MINISTER

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Malaysian High Commissioner Visits National Press Club in Islamabad

Dato' Mohammad Azhar bin Mazlan meets journalists during the NPC's "Meet the Press" programme, reaffirming the commitment to stronger relations between Malaysia and Pakistan.

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan

Malaysian High Commissioner to Pakistan Dato' Mohammad Azhar bin Mazlan visited the National Press Club (NPC) in Islamabad to participate in its "Meet the Press" programme, where he highlighted the longstanding friendship between the two countries and the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation.

The high commissioner was warmly received by NPC President Abdul Razzaq Sial, Secretary General Dr Furqan Rao and senior media representatives upon his arrival.

As part of the visit, the diplomat planted a sapling on the Press Club premises and toured various departments, interacting with representatives of the media community.

Addressing journalists, Azhar bin Mazlan underscored the importance of sustained engagement between Islamabad and Kuala Lumpur, emphasising the need to build on their established diplomatic relations and expand cooperation for the mutual benefit of both nations.

He highlighted the close ties between the leaderships of Pakistan and Malaysia, including Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, as an important foundation for further strengthening bilateral relations.

The high commissioner also reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to maintaining close engagement with Pakistan and welcomed continued exchanges between the two countries.

During the interaction, he expressed solidarity with Saudi Arabia following attacks targeting the kingdom and reiterated support for its sovereignty. He also acknowledged Pakistan's diplomatic efforts to promote regional peace, stability and reconciliation.

The visit concluded with an exchange of views between the high commissioner and media representatives on strengthening engagement and fostering closer relations between Malaysia and Pakistan.



Pakistan Tests Extended Version of Fatah-4 Cruise Missile

Military says the test evaluated the weapon system's performance and associated subsystems, as Islamabad continues efforts to advance indigenous defence technology.

Wasif Ali Khan
Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan has successfully test-fired an extended version of its Fatah-4 Ground-Launched Cruise Missile, the military said, in the latest test of the country's indigenous missile development programme.

According to an official statement, the test was conducted to assess the performance of the weapon system and evaluate the technical parameters of several associated subsystems.

The military said the Fatah-4 is equipped with advanced avionics and navigation technologies and is designed to engage targets at extended ranges with a high degree of precision. The latest test also assessed systems intended to improve the missile's accuracy and survivability.

Senior officers of the Pakistan Army, along with scientists and engineers involved in the development programme, witnessed the launch. Their participation reflected the role of Pakistan's scientific and technical community in the development and testing of domestically produced defence systems.

Following the successful test, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, along with the Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces and the chiefs of the other armed services, congratulated the teams involved in the programme.

The leadership praised the technical expertise and efforts of the scientists, engineers and military personnel who contributed to the successful completion of the test.

Pakistan has continued to develop and test indigenous missile and defence systems as part of broader efforts to strengthen its military capabilities and enhance domestic defence production.

The development of locally produced defence technologies has remained an important component of Pakistan's military modernisation efforts. Successive tests allow engineers and defence specialists to assess system performance and further improve the reliability, accuracy and effectiveness of domestically developed platforms.

The Fatah series forms part of Pakistan's wider efforts to advance its indigenous missile technology through research, engineering and technical development. The latest test of the extended Fatah-4 version marks another stage in that process.

The military did not disclose further operational details, including the missile's precise range or other specific technical specifications. It said, however, that the test successfully evaluated important technical parameters of the weapon system and its associated subsystems.

The successful launch underscores Pakistan's continued focus on indigenous research and defence production, with an emphasis on strengthening technological capabilities and developing increasingly advanced domestically produced defence systems.



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Shehbaz Calls for Stronger Economic Partnership with Türkiye

At Türkiye's 103rd Republic Day reception, the prime minister urges Turkish investors to expand joint ventures and create employment opportunities in Pakistan.

Abid Siddique Chaudhry
Islamabad, Pakistan

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has called for stronger economic ties between Pakistan and Türkiye, saying the two countries should translate their longstanding political and strategic friendship into investment, joint ventures and employment opportunities.

Addressing a reception marking Türkiye's 103rd Republic Day in Islamabad, the prime minister congratulated President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the Turkish people, highlighting their historic solidarity and support for Pakistan during natural disasters.

He recalled Turkish assistance following the 2005 earthquake and 2010 floods, including humanitarian projects and the establishment of hospitals, schools and model villages in Pakistan.









On economic cooperation, Shehbaz highlighted the proposed President Tayyip Erdoğan Special Economic Zone in Karachi and encouraged Turkish companies to invest in Pakistan, citing its strategic location and young workforce.

He also referred to the August 2026 Makkah Agreement involving Pakistan, Türkiye and Saudi Arabia, describing trilateral cooperation as an important step towards regional stability.

Turkish Ambassador Dr Irfan Neziroğlu reaffirmed the historic friendship between the two countries, highlighting cooperation in defence, diplomacy and economic development.

Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, federal ministers, parliamentarians and members of the diplomatic corps attended the reception.

UN Warns Global Warming Could Reach 2.8°C by 2100 Under Current Policies

UNEP report says emissions cuts remain far below targets needed to limit warming, as António Guterres urges countries to maintain climate action

Alisha Abid
Lahore, Pakistan

Global temperatures are rising faster than previously anticipated, and current climate policies remain insufficient to prevent severe long-term warming, according to a new report by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The report warns that global temperatures could rise by 2.8 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100 under current policies. If countries fully implement their existing climate commitments, the increase could be limited to 2.6°C.

Even with ongoing efforts to curb global warming, temperatures are projected to rise by 1.7°C to 1.8°C under the report's assessed pathways, highlighting the need for rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The report says the expansion of renewable energy and policies aimed at reducing emissions have not yet put the world on track to meet its climate goals.

According to UNEP, global greenhouse gas emissions would need to fall by 18 per cent by 2030, 45 per cent by 2035 and 69 per cent by 2040, compared with 2025 levels. However, current national plans are projected to deliver reductions of only 5 to 8 per cent by 2030 and 11 to 15 per cent by 2035.



UN Secretary-General António Guterres has urged countries to maintain their efforts to cut emissions ahead of the upcoming COP31 climate conference in Türkiye. He stressed that continued action is essential to limit the risks associated with rising temperatures, including floods, wildfires and other extreme weather events.

Guterres said temporarily exceeding the 1.5°C threshold should not be treated as a reason to abandon climate action. He emphasised that the extent and duration of the overshoot could still be limited, while a return below 1.5°C by the end of the century may remain possible.

Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, countries committed to holding the rise in global average temperatures well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels while pursuing efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C.

The latest findings underline the gap between current national commitments and the scale of emissions reductions required to meet the Paris Agreement's temperature goals.

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Malaysia Hosts First Asia Edition of Global Tipping Points Conference

Kuala Lumpur Declaration endorsed by 521 participants from 37 countries, while researchers announce plans for Asia's first Tipping Points Report by 2028

Wasif Ali Khan
Islamabad, Pakistan

Malaysia has hosted the Global Tipping Points Conference 2026 for the first time in Asia, bringing together more than 500 participants from 37 countries to explore ways to accelerate solutions to climate change, biodiversity loss and other planetary challenges.

Held at Sunway University under the theme "From Understanding to Imagination to Action: Crossing Thresholds for a Thriving Planet", the conference gathered scientists, policymakers, business leaders, health professionals, investors, faith leaders and civil society representatives.

The meeting concluded with three major outcomes, including the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Tipping Points Declaration, endorsed by 521 participants. The declaration calls on governments, businesses, researchers and communities to accelerate positive changes that can support a more sustainable, equitable and resilient future.

Organisers also announced plans to develop the first Asia Tipping Points Report, scheduled for release in 2028. The report will examine regional evidence and opportunities for transformative action across climate, health, nature, food systems and development.

The conference's findings and recommendations will also contribute to preparations for the next Global Tipping Points Conference in 2027, with organisers seeking to ensure that Asian perspectives play a greater role in shaping the global agenda.

The event was officiated by Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, Sultan of Perak, who stressed the importance of connecting scientific knowledge with policymaking and public action. He called for greater international and cross-sector cooperation to address planetary challenges and protect future generations.

Professor Jemilah Mahmood, executive director of the Sunway Centre for Planetary Health and conference co-chair, said climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution were affecting communities worldwide. She highlighted the need to understand societal tipping points alongside changes in the natural world to identify ways communities and institutions could drive positive change.





Professor Tim Lenton, another co-chair and director of the Global Systems Institute at the University of Exeter, said hosting the gathering in Asia was significant as the region faces multiple challenges while offering opportunities for innovation and leadership in building a sustainable future.

The conference also featured the premiere of How to Live on Earth, a documentary presented by Benedict Cumberbatch that explores how humanity can build a safer future by working with nature.

During the closing ceremony, organisers formally handed over leadership of the Global Tipping Points movement to the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, which will help carry the initiative forward ahead of the 2027 conference.

The gathering concluded with calls for stronger collaboration across disciplines and sectors, with organisers emphasising that scientific knowledge must be translated into practical action to achieve lasting progress for people and the planet.



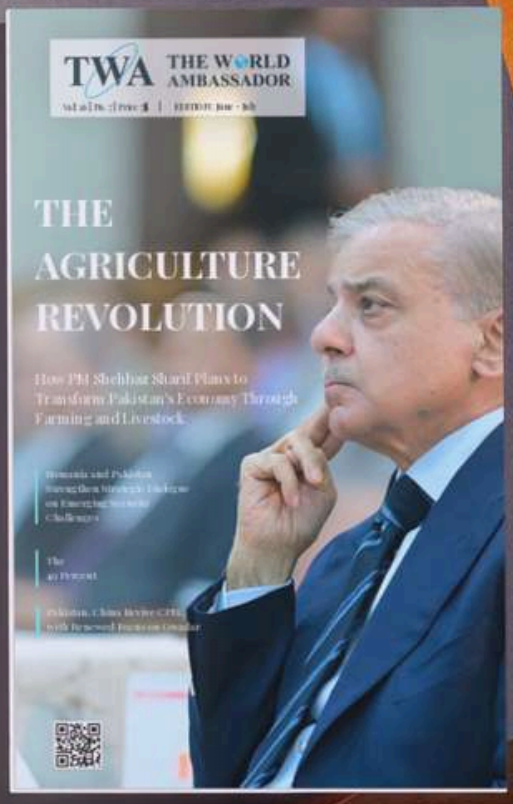






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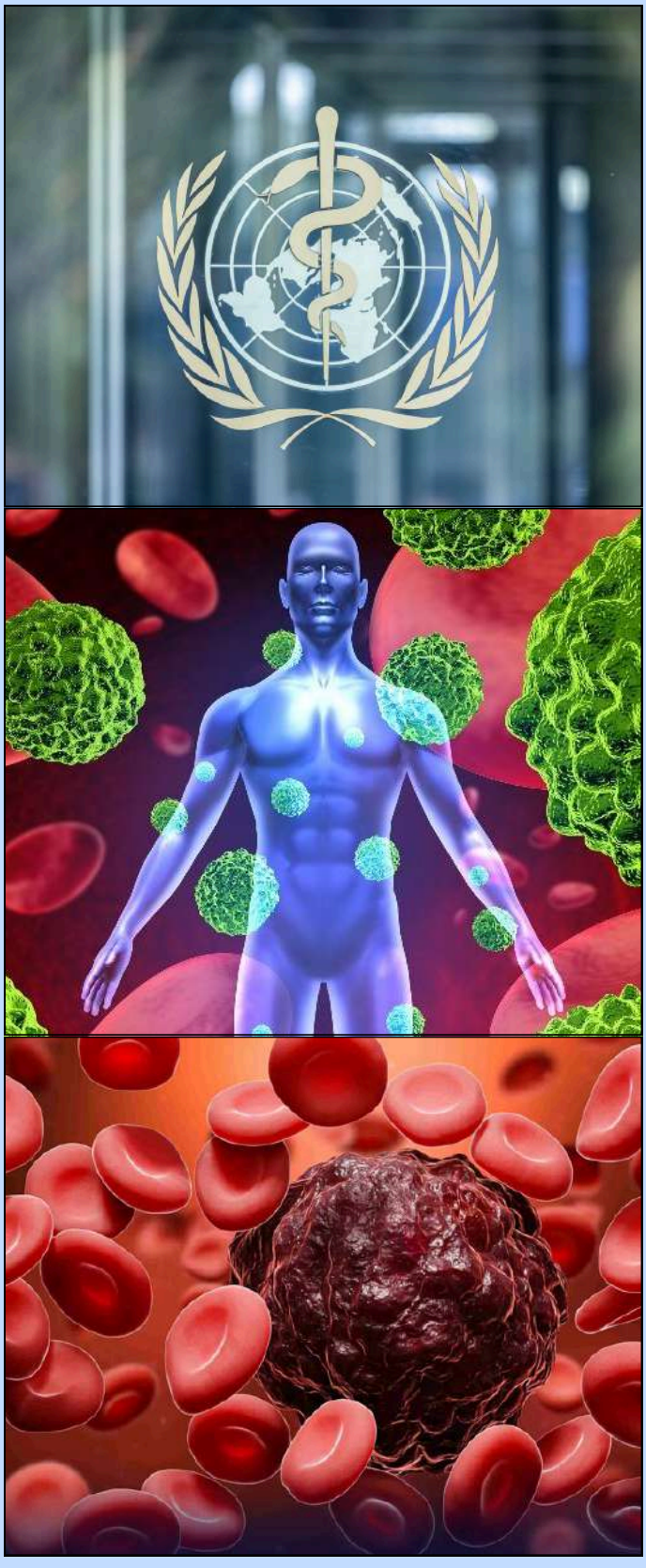
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Global Cancer Cases Could Exceed 35 Million Annually by 2050: WHO

New cases are projected to rise by 77% from 2022 levels, highlighting the need for prevention, early detection and improved treatment

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Global cancer cases could exceed 35 million annually by 2050, according to estimates from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), underscoring the growing burden of the disease on public health.

The agencies reported approximately 20 million new cancer cases and 9.7 million cancer-related deaths worldwide in 2022. Projections suggest that annual new cases could increase by around 77% by 2050 compared with 2022.

Population growth, an ageing population and changes in exposure to cancer risk factors are among the key reasons behind the projected rise, the agencies said.

According to WHO estimates, around one in five people will develop cancer during their lifetime. About one in nine men and one in 12 women are expected to die from the disease.

Lung cancer was the most commonly diagnosed cancer worldwide in 2022, with approximately 2.5 million new cases, accounting for 12.4% of the total. Breast cancer was the second most common overall, while colorectal, prostate and stomach cancers also accounted for a significant share of cases.

The agencies identify tobacco use, alcohol consumption and obesity among the major risk factors. However, the projected increase is expected to vary between countries depending on population trends, socioeconomic development and exposure to risk factors.

Experts say the projections highlight the importance of strengthening cancer prevention, expanding access to early diagnosis and improving treatment services to reduce the disease's future burden and related deaths.

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One in Three Pakistani Adults Has a Mental Health Disorder, National Survey Finds

Landmark study of nearly 18,000 adults reveals widespread mental health challenges, with researchers urging stronger services and early intervention

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Nearly one in three adults in Pakistan is living with a diagnosable mental or behavioural disorder, according to the country's first nationally representative mental health survey, highlighting a major public health challenge affecting millions.

Published in the British Medical Journal, the five-year study surveyed nearly 18,000 adults across all four provinces between 2018 and 2022. Researchers describe it as the most comprehensive national assessment of mental health in Pakistan to date.

The research was led by Professor Raza-ur-Rahman of Hamdard University, Karachi, in collaboration with Brighton and Sussex Medical School in the United Kingdom, the University of South Florida in the United States and psychiatric institutions across Pakistan.

The survey found that 32 per cent of adults were experiencing a mental or behavioural disorder at the time of assessment, while 38 per cent had experienced such a condition during their lifetime.

Around one in five adults met the criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), while more than one in 10 experienced depression. Six per cent reported suicidal thoughts during the month preceding the survey.

Researchers also identified significant social and economic inequalities. Mental health disorders were more prevalent among older adults, people with lower education and income levels, unemployed individuals, and those who were widowed, divorced or separated.

The conditions were associated with substantial difficulties in family life, social relationships and the ability to work, underscoring the wider social and economic consequences of untreated mental illness.

"This survey provides the evidence needed to develop effective mental health policies and services in Pakistan," lead investigator Professor Raza-ur-Rahman said, emphasising the importance of identifying vulnerable groups and addressing unmet treatment needs.

Senior co-author Professor Anjum Memon of Brighton and Sussex Medical School described the research as a landmark development, saying it provides national evidence that had previously been lacking.

Pakistan continues to face major barriers to mental healthcare, including limited specialist services and a shortage of trained professionals. Pakistan Psychiatric Society President Professor Wajid Akhundzada said the findings could help guide policy, workforce training and community-based support.

Researchers recommend integrating mental health services into primary healthcare, investing in community support, training frontline health workers and reducing stigma to improve access to diagnosis and treatment.

The findings provide policymakers with a national evidence base for addressing a largely unmet healthcare need and strengthening mental health services across Pakistan.



From Army Surgeon General to KP Health Adviser: Nigar Johar's New Role

Pakistan's first woman lieutenant general brings decades of military medical experience to a key public health portfolio in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

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Retired Lieutenant General Nigar Johar Khan, a trailblazer in Pakistan's military medical services, has taken on a new public service responsibility as adviser on health affairs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. A former Surgeon General of the Pakistan Army, she brings decades of experience in medicine, hospital administration and military healthcare to a province facing significant public health challenges.

Johar made history in 2017 when she became the third woman in the Pakistan Army to attain the rank of major general. In June 2020, she became the first woman in the country's military history to be promoted to lieutenant general, marking a significant milestone for women in the armed forces.

Born into a military family, Johar is the daughter of Colonel Qadir, who served in the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and the niece of retired Major Mohammad Aamir, also a former army officer associated with the agency. Her parents died in a car accident around three decades ago.

Despite personal adversity, Johar pursued a career in medicine. She completed her schooling at Presentation Convent Girls High School in Rawalpindi and graduated from Army Medical College in 1985. In 2015, she earned a master's degree in public health from the University of Health Sciences, Lahore.

Her career included senior medical and administrative appointments, and she became the first woman officer to command a unit or hospital of the armed forces. She was also recognised for her marksmanship, demonstrating skills beyond her medical specialisation.

As health adviser in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Johar now enters a different administrative environment. The province's healthcare priorities include strengthening hospitals, improving access to essential services, supporting frontline health workers and enhancing emergency response.

Her military medical background may provide experience relevant to healthcare management and institutional coordination. However, the effectiveness of her new role will depend on the policies adopted, available resources and implementation across the province.

For Johar, whose career has repeatedly broken barriers, the appointment represents another chapter in public service. Its lasting significance will be measured by whether her experience contributes to better healthcare access and outcomes for people across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.







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Sri Lankan Woman Turns Baking Hobby into Family Business, Becomes Main Breadwinner

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A baking hobby has become the main source of income for 47-year-old Buddhika Chandani, who has built a family-run cake and pizza business despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and devastating floods.

Chandani, a mother of two, now contributes 95 per cent of her family's income through her home-based enterprise, with her husband and daughters helping manage different aspects of the business.

Her journey began while she was still at school, when she enrolled in a cake-making course offered by Sri Lanka's National Youth Services Council. She started selling cakes from home in 1997, gradually developing her skills and customer base.

The business gained momentum during the COVID-19 pandemic, when demand for homemade food encouraged her to expand into pizza-making. With her daughters helping with cake decoration, new designs and recipe testing, the business grew into a family enterprise.

However, Chandani recognised that expanding the business required more than baking skills. Through the Assistant Government Agent's Office in Hanwella, she joined a women's entrepreneurship programme implemented by UN Women and Chrysalis with funding from the Government of Japan.

The programme provided training in bookkeeping, financial management, pricing and business planning, helping her improve the way she managed the enterprise. She also received an eight-kilogram commercial oven that increased her production capacity and allowed her to accept more orders.

Before receiving the equipment, Chandani said she often had to turn down customers because her existing tools could not meet demand.

Her business subsequently faced further difficulties. As celebrations declined during the pandemic, cake orders fell sharply. She continued promoting her products by giving cakes to friends, hoping to maintain public awareness of her business.

In December 2025, floods inundated her property, leaving the bakery under nearly a metre of water. Determined to protect the equipment that had helped transform her business, Chandani carried the oven provided through the programme onto a bridge to save it from the floodwaters.

After months of cleaning and rebuilding, she reopened the business and resumed production.

Ramaaya Salgado, head of the UN Women office in Sri Lanka, said women entrepreneurs often possess the talent and determination to succeed but face barriers to accessing the resources, skills and opportunities needed to grow. Removing those barriers, she said, can strengthen families, local economies and communities.

Chandani now hopes to open a café-style establishment where customers can enjoy her cakes and pizzas.

Drawing on nearly three decades of experience, she advises aspiring entrepreneurs to learn business management, maintain product quality, begin with available resources and remain persistent through setbacks.

Her experience illustrates how practical training, access to equipment and family support can help women-led businesses grow, recover from crises and contribute to household income.



Pakistan to Compete in Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in November

PHF confirms acceptance of invitation as senior and Under-21 teams prepare for international competition

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Sports Desk



Pakistan's national hockey team will participate in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in November after accepting an invitation to compete in the international tournament, the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) has confirmed.

PHF President Mohiuddin Ahmad Wani said the tournament would provide Pakistan's senior players with an opportunity to compete against international teams and gain valuable match experience.

He said participation in international competitions was important for improving players' skills, assessing team performance and strengthening Pakistan's presence in international hockey.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's Under-21 team is already in Malaysia to participate in the Sultan of Johor Cup. The tournament is expected to provide young players with international exposure and an opportunity to test their abilities against foreign opponents.

The PHF has been seeking more opportunities for both senior and junior teams to compete internationally as part of broader efforts to improve the standard of hockey in Pakistan.

The federation hopes that regular international participation will help develop emerging talent, improve competitive performance and support the revival of Pakistan hockey.



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Babar Azam Becomes Fifth Pakistani Batter to Score 16,000 International Runs

Pakistan star reaches career milestone during tri-series ODI against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi

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Pakistan batting star Babar Azam has become the fifth Pakistani batter to score 16,000 runs across all formats of international cricket.

Babar reached the milestone on Sunday during the opening match of the tri-nation ODI series against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi. He needed seven runs at the start of the match to reach the landmark.

The right-handed batter scored 45 runs off 57 deliveries, hitting six boundaries before being caught off the bowling of Eshan Malinga.

Babar joins an elite group of Pakistani batters who have crossed the 16,000-run mark, including Inzamam-ul-Haq, Younis Khan, Mohammad Yousuf and Javed Miandad.

The achievement adds another milestone to Babar's international career and reinforces his place among Pakistan's leading run-scorers across formats.

Shahid Afridi Expresses Grief over Peshawar School Tragedy, Multan Train Accident

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Former Pakistan captain offers condolences to victims' families and prayers for the injured

Former Pakistan cricket captain Shahid Afridi has expressed grief over the loss of lives in a school roof collapse in Peshawar and a train accident near Multan, extending his condolences to the affected families.

In a social media statement, Afridi described the deaths of innocent children and other people as an irreparable loss, saying his thoughts and prayers were with the victims and their families during the difficult time.

He prayed for the forgiveness of those who lost their lives, strength and patience for their grieving relatives, and a speedy recovery for the injured.

The two incidents have caused widespread grief. According to the reported figures, a roof collapse at a private school in Peshawar's Deir Colony claimed the lives of 33 children and two teachers, while 50 people were injured.

In a separate incident near the Sher Shah Bridge in Multan, a train derailed, leaving seven people dead and more than 50 injured, according to the report.

Afridi's message joined the expressions of sympathy following the tragedies, which have renewed concern over public safety and the protection of lives.

Pakistani Fighter Sherbaz Marri Wins Gold at Nomad MMA Championship in Kazakhstan

Pakistan secures second place overall with four gold and three bronze medals at international mixed martial arts competition

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Pakistani fighter Sherbaz Marri has won a gold medal at the Nomad MMA Championship in Kazakhstan, bringing international recognition to Pakistan and Balochistan.

Marri thanked the Balochistan government and the Pakistani nation for supporting him following his achievement at the international competition.

Pakistan also secured second place overall at the championship, winning four gold medals and three bronze medals through its athletes' performances.

The results highlighted the potential of Pakistani fighters in mixed martial arts and the importance of providing young athletes with opportunities, training and institutional support to compete internationally.

Marri's victory adds to Pakistan's sporting achievements and highlights the contribution of athletes from Balochistan to the country's representation on the international stage.

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French tourist calls Peshawar the most memorable part of her Pakistan visit

Mathilde Lostalniao explores Peshawar's historic sites, traditional markets, architecture and cuisine during cultural tour

Maaz Ali Khan
Peshawar, Pakistan





A French tourist, Mathilde Lostalniao, has described her visit to Peshawar as the most memorable part of her trip to Pakistan, highlighting the city's history, culture and hospitality.

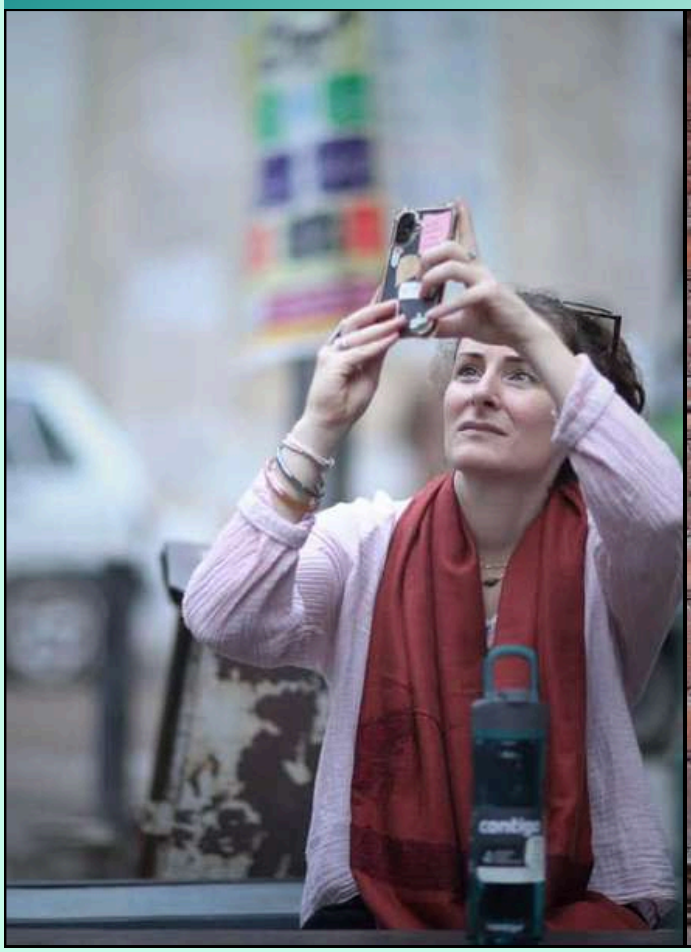
With the support of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority and Tour de Peshawar, Mathilde visited the Peshawar Museum, Sethi House, the old city and several historic markets, experiencing the city's traditional architecture and cultural heritage.

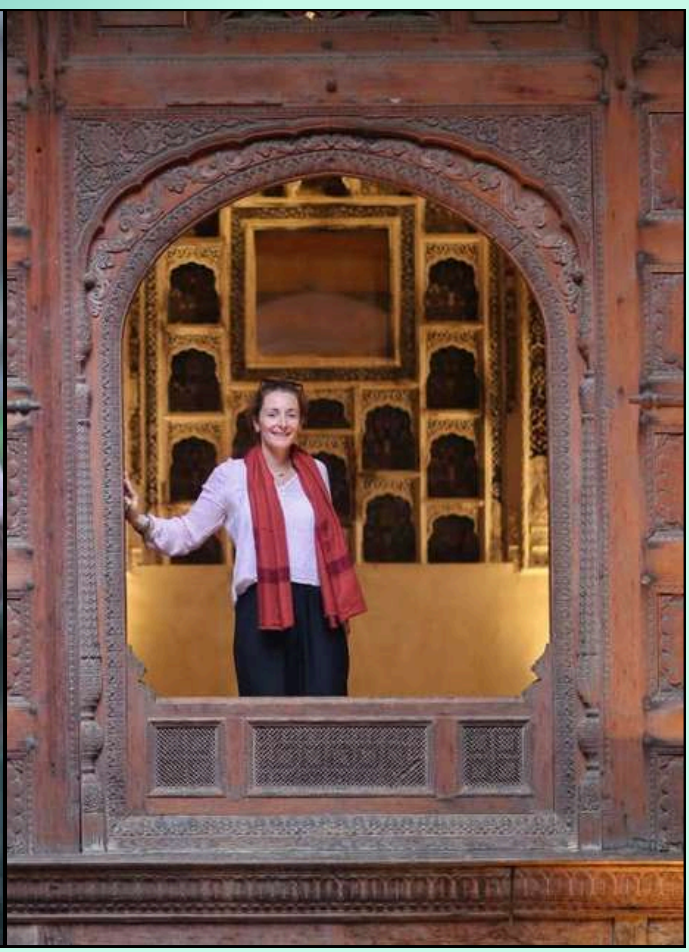
Tourism Police also assisted during the visit, while traditional Peshawari cuisine and qahwa added to the tourist's experience.

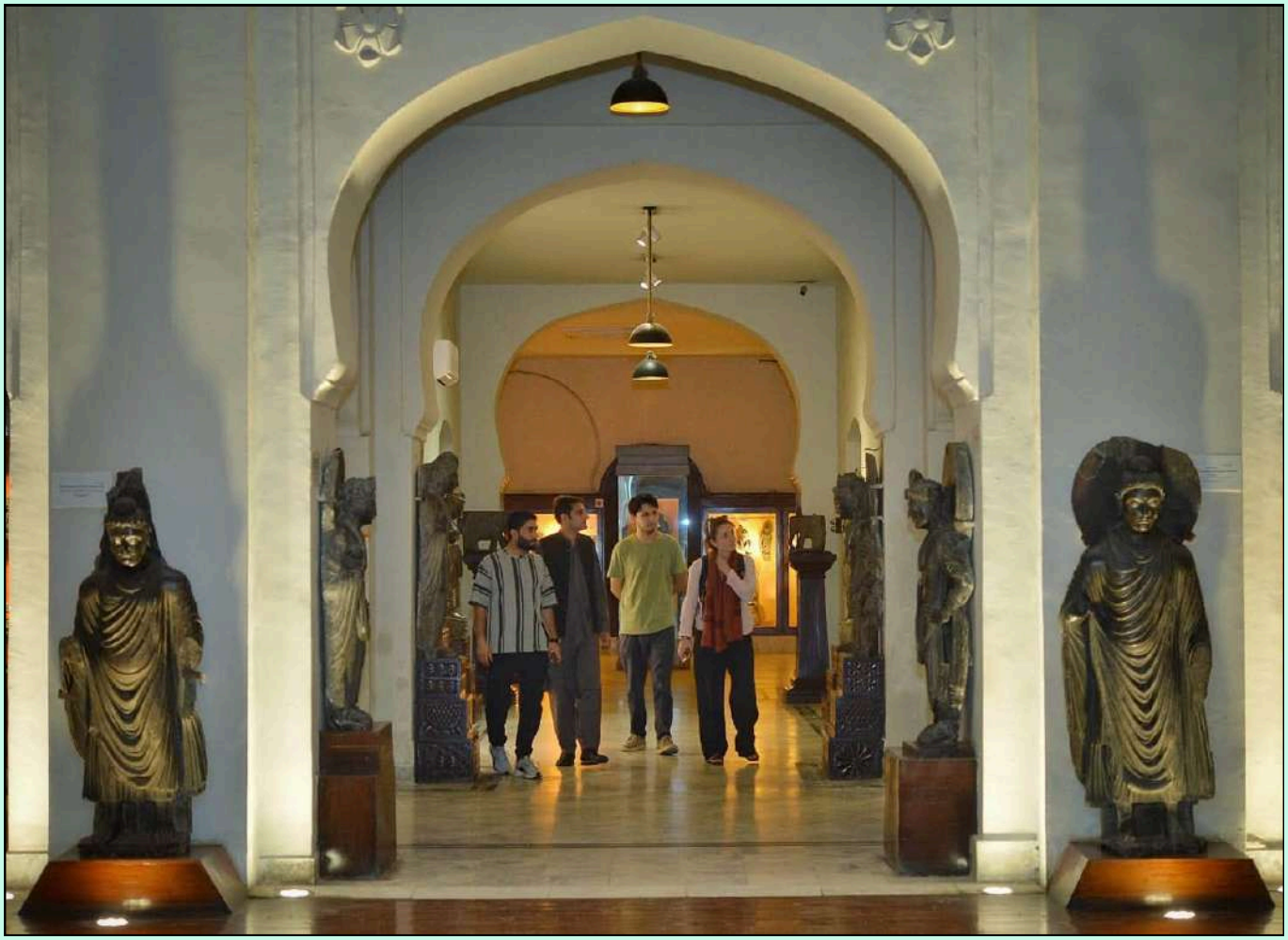
Mathilde praised the hospitality of Peshawar's residents and said the city was more than its historic buildings and old markets, describing it as a place where history could be experienced through its traditions, culture and people.

She thanked the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority for its support and cooperation during her visit.











Karachi to host World Culture Festival with artists from 150 countries

Sajid Ali
Lahore, Pakistan

Pakistan's World Culture Festival has emerged as an important platform for promoting the country's cultural identity and soft image internationally, Sindh's Culture and Tourism Minister Zulfiqar Ali Shah has said.

Speaking at a press conference in Karachi, Shah announced that the third World Culture Festival 2026 would run from October 29 to November 22, bringing together artists from around 150 countries.

More than 1,000 international artists and over 500 Pakistani performers are expected to participate in the festival, which aims to promote cultural exchange and present Pakistan as a destination for peace, creativity and artistic expression.

Shah said international artists visiting Pakistan experienced its culture firsthand and returned home with positive impressions. He also claimed that foreign tourist arrivals at Sindh's tourist destinations had increased by around 50 percent over the past three years.

Highlighting Sindh's cultural heritage, the minister described the province as a land of Sufi traditions with a history spanning 5,000 years. He also referred to the poetry of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, which celebrates women's dignity and rights.

Meanwhile, Sindh Chief Secretary Syed Haider Shah said the provincial government planned to transform the area around Karachi's Arts Council into an "Art Village" by improving roads, lighting, seating and public facilities. The initiative aims to create a more accessible and attractive cultural space for residents and visitors, with work expected to be completed before winter.



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Romania, Pakistan seek stronger maritime trade links through Constanța-Karachi route

Fatima Abid
Lahore, Pakistan



A Pakistani business delegation has visited the Port of Constanța as Romania and Pakistan explore closer maritime and commercial cooperation between the two countries.

The visit follows a Memorandum of Understanding signed on March 31, 2026, between the Port of Constanța and Karachi Port Trust, aimed at strengthening links between Pakistan's main maritime gateway and Romania's major Black Sea port.

Romanian officials said the proposed Constanța-Karachi trade route could create new opportunities for exporters, importers, shipping companies and logistics providers while improving connectivity between South Asia and the European Union.

The engagement was facilitated by the Romanian Embassy in Islamabad and Romania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with support from the Pakistan-Romania Business Council and both ports.

The initiative seeks to diversify supply chains, expand market access and turn the port partnership into practical commercial cooperation and increased bilateral trade.

Pakistan Showcases Sports Manufacturing at Africa Sports Expo in Casablanca

Fatima Abid
Lahore, Pakistan

Pakistan has showcased its sports manufacturing industry at the Africa Sports Expo in Casablanca, with Chargé d'Affaires Abdul Razzaque Thebo inaugurating the country's pavilion to promote trade and investment.

The pavilion highlights Pakistan's manufacturing capabilities in hand-stitched footballs, martial arts equipment, sportswear and fitness products, offering international buyers and distributors an opportunity to connect with Pakistani exporters.

Speaking at the inauguration, Thebo said the initiative would help strengthen business-to-business partnerships, expand access to African markets and encourage investment in manufacturing and technology.

Pakistan's participation reflects broader efforts to strengthen economic ties with African countries and expand the global reach of its sports goods industry.



Pakistan, UK discuss expanding trade and investment cooperation

Both sides explore opportunities in IT, agriculture, healthcare, financial services and minerals ahead of upcoming trade talks

Fatima Abid
Lahore, Pakistan

Pakistan and the United Kingdom have discussed expanding bilateral trade and investment in key sectors, with both sides seeking concrete outcomes through upcoming trade negotiations.

The discussions took place during a meeting between Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan and British High Commissioner to Pakistan Jane Marriott in Islamabad.

The two sides explored opportunities to strengthen cooperation in health and life sciences, information technology, agriculture and livestock, financial services, aviation and mineral-related services.

Kamal highlighted the potential for British expertise, technology and investment to support modern livestock practices and strengthen commercial links between the two countries.

Marriott emphasised the importance of incorporating food safety standards and regulatory requirements into sectoral development, enabling Pakistani producers to improve access to the UK and other international markets.

The meeting underscored both countries' interest in strengthening economic ties and identifying practical opportunities for trade and investment.



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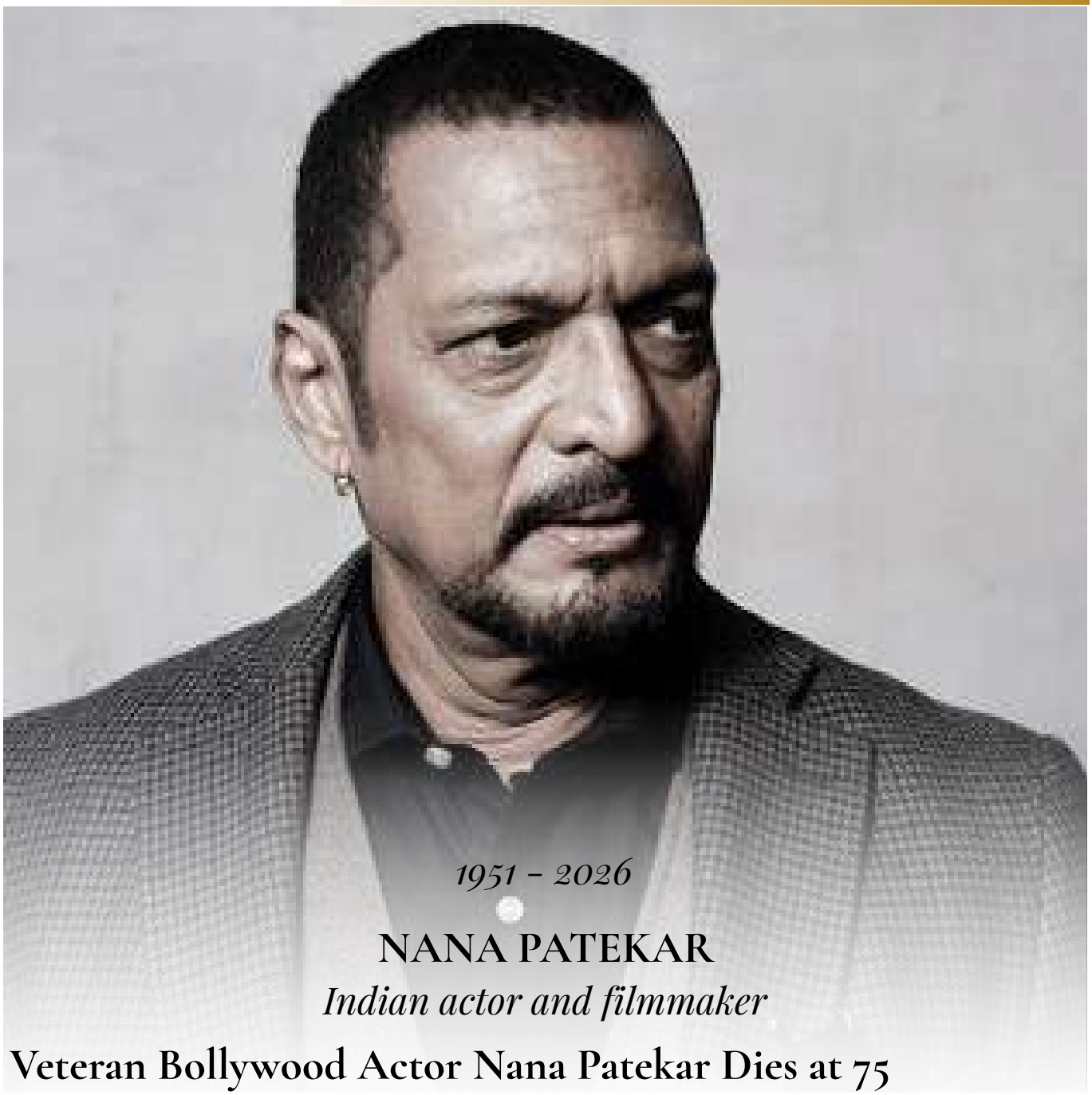
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نمبر شمار	روزانہ بچت	ماہانہ بچت	سالانہ ادائیگی	تعداد قسط	بچت کی جانے والی رقم	مدت پوری ہونے پر میچورٹی کی رقم	خدانخواستہ طبعی موت سے مالی معاونت	خدانخواستہ حادثاتی موت سے مالی معاونت	بچوں کی تعلیم و تربیت کا ماہانہ وظیفہ	آئندہ قسط
1	67 روپے	2000 دو ہزار	24000 چوبیس ہزار	20 اقساط	480000 چار لاکھ اسی ہزار	2000000 بیس لاکھ	چار لاکھ 400000	800000 آٹھ لاکھ	5000 پانچ ہزار	معاف
2	100 روپے	3000 تین ہزار	36000 چھتیس ہزار	20 اقساط	720000 7 لاکھ بیس ہزار	3000000 تیس لاکھ	600000 چھ لاکھ	1200000 بارہ لاکھ	7500 ساڑھے سات ہزار	معاف
3	167 روپے	5000 پانچ ہزار	60000 ساٹھ ہزار	20 اقساط	1200000 بارہ لاکھ	پچاس لاکھ 5000000	1000000 دس لاکھ	2000000 بیس لاکھ	12500 ساڑے بارہ ہزار	معاف
4	333 روپے	10000 دس ہزار	120000 ایک لاکھ بیس ہزار	20 اقساط	2400000 چوبیس لاکھ	10000000 ایک کروڑ	2000000 بیس لاکھ	4000000 چالیس لاکھ	25000 پچیس ہزار	معاف
5	838 روپے	25000 پچیس ہزار	300000 تین لاکھ	20 اقساط	6000000 ساٹھ لاکھ	25000000 دو کروڑ پچاس لاکھ	پچاس لاکھ 5000000	9000000 نوے لاکھ	62500 باسٹھ ہزار پانچ سو	معاف

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Veteran Bollywood Actor Nana Patekar Dies at 75

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Veteran Bollywood actor Nana Patekar has died at the age of 75 after suffering a cardiac arrest at his residence in Goa, Indian media reported.

Patekar was found unconscious at his home in Dona Paula early Thursday and was taken to Manipal Hospital, where doctors attempted to revive him for around 45 minutes. He was declared dead at about 5:20 a.m.

Born Vishwanath Patekar, the actor began his film career in 1978 and became one of the most respected performers in Hindi and Marathi cinema. His notable films included Parinda, Krantiveer, Agni Sakshi, Khamoshi: The Musical, Ab Tak Chhappan and Welcome.

Known for his intense performances and distinctive dialogue delivery, Patekar's career spanned nearly five decades. He received three National Film Awards and the Padma Shri for his contribution to Indian cinema.

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Pakistan Inaugurates Daanish Technology Park to Boost IT and AI Sector

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif says Islamabad facility will support startups, innovation and skills development, with plans to establish similar technology parks across the country.

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Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has inaugurated the National Technology Park in Islamabad, naming it the Daanish Technology Park and describing it as a major step towards technology-driven economic growth and youth empowerment.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony on Saturday, the prime minister said the facility was designed to serve as an integrated technology ecosystem, bringing together startups, incubation centres, innovation hubs, small and medium-sized enterprises, researchers, academics and industry professionals.

He said the park would provide young Pakistanis with opportunities to develop skills in information technology, artificial intelligence and other emerging fields, helping them compete in international markets and contribute to the national economy. He also highlighted the potential to create opportunities for millions of young people, including women.

Shehbaz Sharif stressed that the project's success would depend on the quality of its technology ecosystem and the opportunities it creates, rather than the infrastructure alone.

The facility includes an incubation centre, research and development laboratories, business support offices, an auditorium and a Level III data centre. It is intended to encourage entrepreneurship, innovation and collaboration between businesses and technology professionals.

The prime minister directed the relevant authorities to select an experienced operator through a transparent bidding process. He said national and international IT and AI companies would be invited to participate, adding that the facility should be managed by professionals and industry experts.

He also announced plans to establish similar technology parks in Pakistan's provinces, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan.

Highlighting the wider applications of emerging technologies, the prime minister said IT and AI could contribute to modernising agriculture, manufacturing, mining, industry and government services.

The name Daanish reflects the government's broader initiative to expand educational opportunities for talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Shehbaz Sharif said the technology park would carry forward the same vision by creating opportunities for young Pakistanis.

The project, whose foundation stone was laid in 2017-18, faced considerable delays. The prime minister urged officials to focus on making the facility operational and ensuring that its benefits reach young people and the wider economy.



Pakistan Launches Digital Attestation System to Facilitate Public

Foreign Ministry introduces online document verification from October 12, allowing citizens to upload documents, pay fees and receive attestation certificates by email.

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Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has launched a digital attestation system at its headquarters and regional liaison offices to facilitate citizens and simplify the process of document verification.

According to a ministry spokesperson, the system became operational on October 12 and is available in Islamabad as well as liaison offices in Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta and Gujrat.

Under the new system, citizens can upload their documents online from home and apply for digital attestation without having to visit ministry offices in person. The facility also allows applicants to pay attestation fees electronically.

Once the verification process is completed, the digital attestation certificate will be sent to applicants via email, the spokesperson said.

The ministry said the initiative aims to reduce paperwork, eliminate unnecessary office visits and minimise waiting times, saving citizens valuable time and effort.

The introduction of the online facility is part of broader efforts to modernise public services and make document attestation more accessible and efficient for citizens across the country.



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By Wasif Ali Khan

The Emergency Test

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stands at an important juncture in its journey facing a period that calls for wisdom, patience, cooperation and a renewed commitment to the collective well-being of its people. At such moments, the strength of a society is reflected not only in its ability to face difficulties but also in its capacity to respond with unity, responsibility and a clear vision for the future.

The province has a long history of resilience, cultural richness and community solidarity. Its people have consistently demonstrated determination in the face of changing circumstances. This spirit remains an important foundation for navigating the present situation and building confidence in the days ahead.

Times of uncertainty require thoughtful leadership and a constructive approach from all sections of society. Institutions, communities and individuals share a responsibility to contribute positively to the wider environment. A commitment to mutual respect, understanding and cooperation can help strengthen public confidence and encourage a more stable atmosphere.

Leadership during challenging periods requires careful consideration, effective communication and decisions guided by the broader public interest. Clear direction and a consistent approach can help reduce uncertainty while encouraging confidence among citizens. Equally important is the ability of institutions to work together, recognise shared responsibilities and pursue common objectives with sincerity and professionalism.

Public confidence is an essential element of stability. When people feel that their concerns are understood and their voices are treated with respect, the relationship between citizens and institutions becomes stronger. Maintaining this confidence requires transparency, responsible conduct and a willingness to engage constructively with different perspectives.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's social fabric is strengthened by its traditions of hospitality, respect for elders and close community relationships. These values provide an important foundation for encouraging understanding during difficult periods. Community leaders, educators, professionals and young people can all contribute to promoting a positive atmosphere through responsible participation and a shared commitment to the future.

It is equally important to recognise that the aspirations of ordinary citizens should remain at the heart of every public effort. Families across the province hope for a future marked by greater certainty, dignity and opportunity. Their expectations provide a common purpose that can bring people together beyond differences of opinion or background.

Constructive dialogue remains one of the most effective ways to address differences. Listening carefully, acknowledging legitimate concerns and seeking common ground can help prevent misunderstandings from becoming deeper divisions. A respectful exchange of views does not require everyone to hold identical opinions; rather, it demonstrates a willingness to work towards outcomes that serve the wider community.

The role of responsible communication is also significant. Accurate information, measured public discussion and respect for differing viewpoints can help maintain a balanced atmosphere. In an increasingly connected world, words and public statements carry considerable influence. Communication that encourages understanding and shared responsibility can make a meaningful contribution to public confidence.

The future of the province will depend on the ability of its people and institutions to approach the present moment with perspective and determination. Short-term challenges should encourage a broader vision built around continuity, cooperation and the long-term interests of the community. Every positive contribution, however modest, can help strengthen the

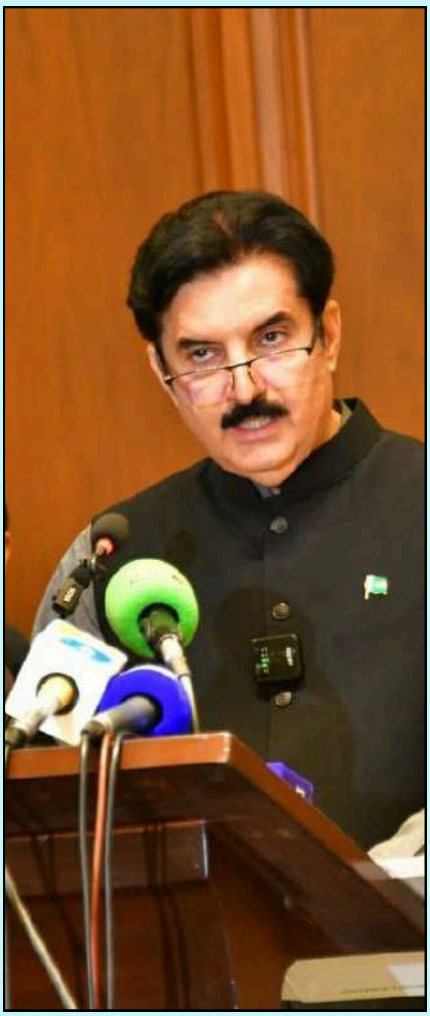
foundations of a more confident society.

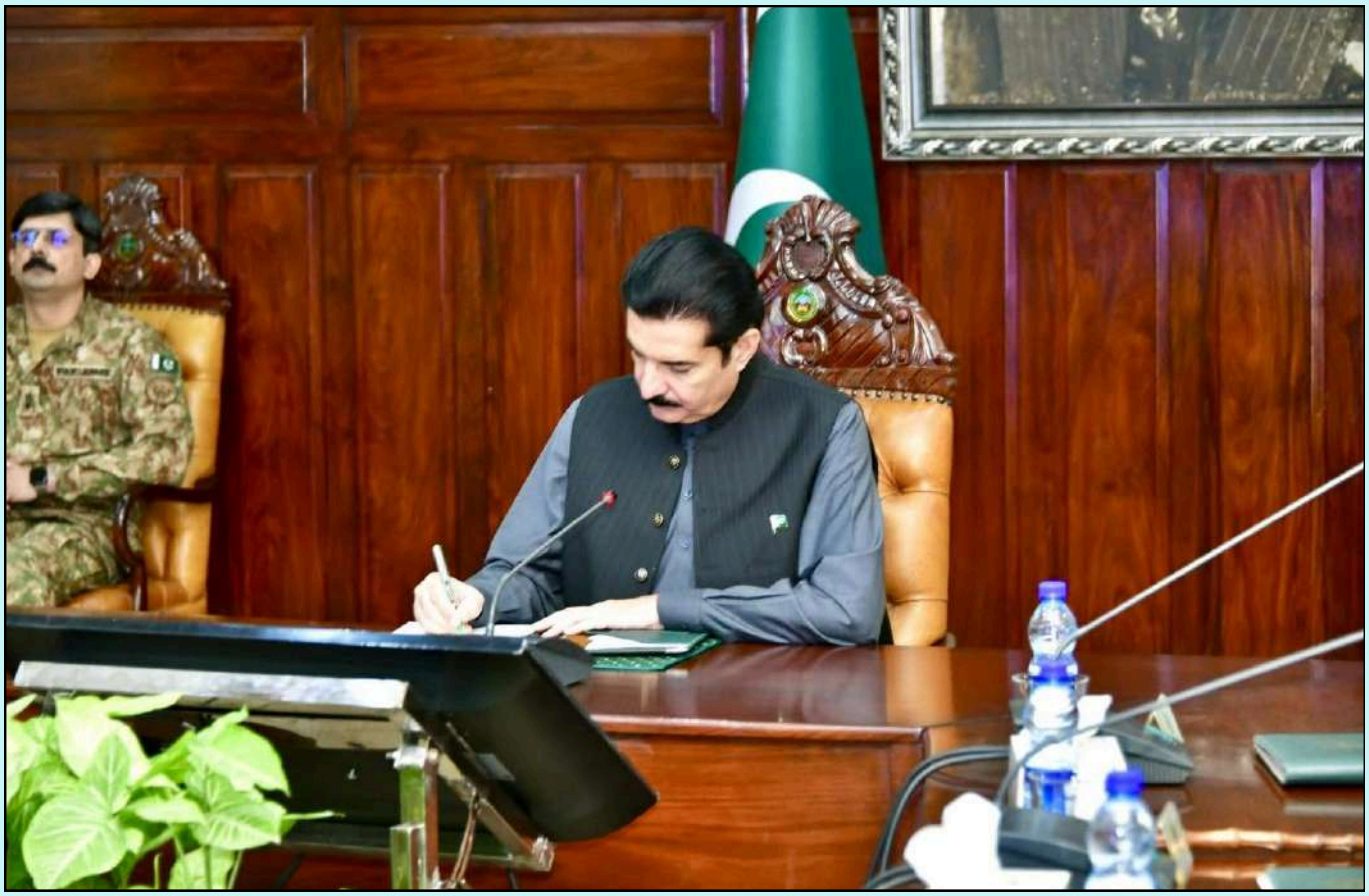
Pakistan's progress is closely connected to the well-being of its provinces. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's stability, social cohesion and continued development are therefore important not only for its residents but also for the country as a whole. A spirit of national solidarity can help reinforce the understanding that the well-being of one region contributes to the strength of the entire federation.

Ultimately, difficult periods test the character of institutions and communities alike. They also provide an opportunity to demonstrate maturity, patience and a commitment to shared values. By placing the public interest above unnecessary division and encouraging cooperation at every level, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa can approach the future with renewed confidence.

The road ahead may require sustained effort, but the province possesses a valuable resource in the resilience and determination of its people. With responsible leadership, constructive engagement and a common commitment to stability, the present moment can become an opportunity to strengthen public trust and reinforce hope for future generations.

The message is clear: unity does not mean the absence of differences; it means the willingness to move forward together despite them. For Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, this spirit of understanding and collective responsibility remains essential to a future defined by confidence, harmony and progress.









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