

## Six terrorists killed in North Waziristan IBO

North Waziristan (News Desk) Six terrorists were killed and six others injured during a security forces operation in the Spin Wam area of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province's North Waziristan district on November 9, 2024. The operation, carried out on the bases on intelligence information, targeted a group of terrorists known for attacks on security forces and civilian killings, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) reported. During the operation, security forces successfully hit the terrorists' hide-

outs, leading to the death of six individuals and the recovery of weapons and ammunition. The terrorists were reportedly involved in terror attacks on security personnel and the killing of innocent civilians. President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif commended the security forces for their successful operation. President Zardari praised the forces for their professional expertise and quick action that led to the elimination of terrorists in the area. He reiterated Pakistan's national resolve to defeat

terrorism, stating that the forces would continue their operations against extremists until the menace is completely eradicated. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif echoed similar sentiments, stressing that the war against terrorism would continue until its complete eradication. He added, "The nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the security forces in their battle against terrorists and those who spread chaos." Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has also praised the country's security forces for

their successful operation in North Waziristan, which resulted in the elimination of six terrorists and the injury of six others. The operation is seen as a significant victory in the ongoing fight against terrorism in the region. In a statement, Bilawal expressed his support for the security forces, saying, "This is a significant victory for our security forces and reflects their ongoing commitment to combating terrorism. He also highlighted the importance of intelligence-based operations in securing the nation



Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar departed from Medinah for Riyadh to attend the OIC Foreign Ministers Meeting

## Punjab reports 79 new dengue cases: health department

Lahore (News Desk) The Punjab Health Department reported 79 new dengue cases across the province on Sunday, observing a slight decline, according to the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP). According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), dengue is a viral infection transmitted to humans through the bite of infected mosquitoes. About half of the world's population is now at risk of dengue with an estimated 100-400 million infections occurring each year. In Pakistan, the majority of new cases were recorded in Rawalpindi, with 65 cases, followed by four cases in Chakwal, and two in Sialkot. One case each was also reported in Lahore, Attock, Faisalabad, Sahiwal, Kasur, Chinot, Gujrat, and Okara. A total of 6,838 dengue cases have been recorded across Punjab in 2024 so far, APP reported. Health Department officials said that hospitals were fully stocked with essential medicines and ready to manage the growing number of patients. Health officials urged residents to maintain cleanliness and eliminate stagnant water around their homes to help curb the spread of dengue. They also emphasised the importance of preventive measures and sought public cooperation with health teams working in high-risk areas. While many patients who contract a dengue infection show no symptoms or fall ill only mildly, the virus can occasionally cause more severe cases and even death, according to the WHO.

## 3,000 Indian pilgrims granted visas for Guru Nanak's 555th anniversary



Islamabad (News Desk) In celebration of the 555th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi has issued visas to over 3,000 Indian pilgrims. According to a spokesperson for the Pakistani High Commission, the visas, valid from November 14 to November 23, were granted under the 1974 Pakistan-India religious tourism agreement. The Indian pilgrims will enter Pakistan via the Wagah border on the morning of November 14, and the main event will take place at the Gurdwara Janam Asthan in Nankana Sahib on November 15, Express News reported.

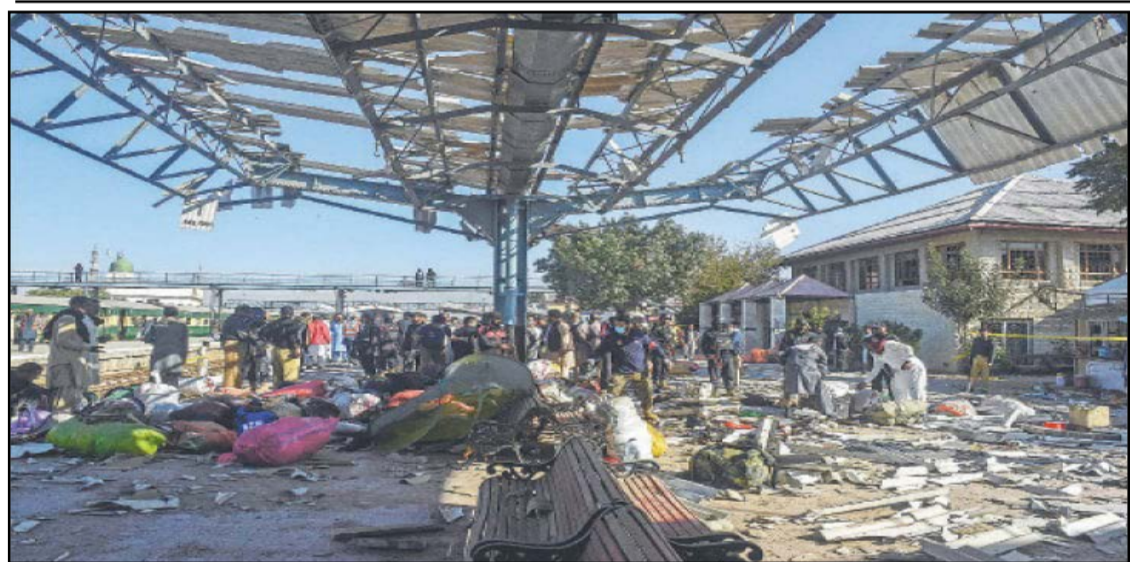
## World leaders condemn suicide bombing at Quetta railway station

ISLAMABAD: (News Desk) World leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Malaysian Premier, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Turkish foreign minister and British High Commissioner on Saturday conveyed their condolences to President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif following a devastating terrorist attack at Quetta railway station. The suicide bombing also drew condemnation from political and religious leaders from across Pakistan.

In a letter, President Putin expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy, which claimed the lives of several civilians, including women and children, and left many others injured. He strongly condemned the "barbaric crime," calling for justice for those responsible. He underscored Russia's solidarity with Pakistan in the fight against terrorism, reaffirming Russia's commitment to close cooperation with Pakistani authorities in combating extremism and protecting citizens from violent acts. "We are determined to

continue close cooperation with our Pakistani partners against all forms and manifestations of terrorism," Putin wrote. He expressed Russia's determination to assist in the fight against heinous crimes. Also, the US mission to Pakistan extended condolences to the victims and their families and assured Islamabad of assistance in the fight against terrorists. In a condolence message, the US mission stated: "We extend our deepest condolences to the victims and their families. We will continue to stand by Pa-

kistan in preventing such acts of terrorism against civilians and soldiers." Malaysian PM conveys sympathies Prime Minister of Malaysia Anwar Ibrahim conveyed his heartfelt condolence and sympathies over the incident. "On behalf of Malaysia, I extend our deepest condolences to the people of Pakistan, who mourn this senseless and devastating loss," the Malaysian PM wrote on X. Malaysia stands firmly in solidarity with the government of Pakistan in its steadfast fight against terrorism, he added.



The roof of a platform of Quetta railway station is ripped off and passengers' belongings are scattered on the floor

## PTI rallies want NRO-like relief for Imran, say PML-N leaders

LAHORE: (News Desk) The federal and Punjab information ministers have said the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) is holding rallies to secure NRO-like relief for its supreme leader Imran Khan. "PTI rallies in Lahore, Sangiani, and D-Chowk were unsuccessful. It is holding rallies solely to

secure an NRO for the PTI founder," Federal Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said while talking to reporters here on Saturday. The minister called for improved law and order in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, accusing the PTI of attempting to sabotage the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) con-

ference last month. "The PTI founder encourages the party for protests and unrest to seek personal release," he alleged, adding that creating divisions and hatred in society was actually a plot orchestrated by the outsiders. "No political leader or party stands above Pakistan. We are empowering the youth according to Alla-

ma Iqbal's vision." Those involved in the events of May 9 aimed at destabilising Pakistan through their conspiracies, he said. Mr Tarar questioned why under the PTI rule, KP had been prevented from focusing on education, health, and youth affairs. He alleged that those funding PTI were working for Israel.

## 26 martyred in Quetta railway station explosion

QUETTA: (News Desk) At least 26 people, including 16 security personnel, lost their lives and 61 others were injured in a suicide bombing at a Quetta railway station on Saturday, police and other officials said. The bomber detonated the explosive on the platform, where large crowds were awaiting the Peshawar-bound Jaffar Express. Officials said the attacker arrived as a passenger carrying a bag, moved into the crowd and detonated the bomb, killing and injuring nearly 100 people. Fifteen people died at the scene, with many more injured. Police, Frontier Corps personnel and rescue teams rushed to the site to shift the victims to the Civil Hospital, where an emergency had been declared.

## Former ANP leader Zahid Khan reportedly set to join PML-N

Islamabad (News Desk) Zahid Khan, the former spokesman and senior politician of the Awami National Party (ANP), has made the decision to part ways with the party and reportedly join the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). Zahid, who previously served as a Senator twice—from 1997 to 2003 and again from 2009 to 2015—will officially announce his move to PML-N on Sunday (today) in a press conference, several media outlets reported. He is expected to be joined by Federal Minister for Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs, Engineer Amir Muqam, during the event. Throughout his political career, Zahid Khan held significant positions, including membership on various Senate committees such as Communications, Information Technology & Telecommunication, and Parliamentary Affairs. Additionally, he chaired the influential Senate Committee on Water and Power. Earlier this year, in September, Zahid made headlines by announcing his intention to quit politics, citing a shift in the political landscape that made it increasingly difficult for him to continue his career in politics.

## PTI expects, ministers reject Trump's role in Imran's

WASHINGTON: (News Desk) Since Donald Trump's election to the White House, US media have highlighted the global issues the new president may prioritize during his early days in office and Pakistan has been notably absent from this discussion, while both opposition and government leaders in Pakistan are embroiled in a heated debate over whether Trump will pressure Islamabad to release Imran Khan and other political prisoners. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif expressed skepticism, claiming that PTI leaders were making exaggerated claims. "We don't think Trump will call for the PTI founder's release. Let's wait for 15 to 20 days and see what stand he takes," he said. A senior US diplomat who negotiated the peace deal with the Taliban, whether the president-elect would intervene to secure Mr Khan's release, he replied, "It is too early to say definitely. But I expect him to pay attention to Pakistan and to Imran Khan's unwarranted and unjustified incarceration."

## Smog tightens chokehold on more Punjab cities

LAHORE: (News Desk) The relentless smog that has smothered several Punjab cities appeared to be spreading its toxic grip across other parts of the country on Saturday while wreaking havoc on transportation and triggering lockdown-like restrictions. As Lahore remains the most polluted city on the global charts, the dense haze shows no sign of letting up, grounding train schedules, causing motorways to shut down, and impacting daily life.

Following Lahore, other cities rank high on the pollution scale. Multan leads with an alarming 2135 AQI, while Peshawar, Islamabad, and other cities also report high pollution levels. On Saturday, air movement around Lahore was recorded at 4 km per hour, while Multan's was at 6 km per hour, moving north to south. The smog continues to worsen due to easterly winds from Indian regions including Chandigarh, Saharanpur, Delhi, Haryana, Jaland-

har, Jaipur and Jodhpur. According to meteorologists, the intense smog is expected to persist for the next two to three days, although a shift in wind direction from west to east around 3 pm might bring some relief. Meanwhile, in response to the worsening situation, authorities have shut down various parts of the motorway network. The M-5 Motorway from Multan to Zahir Peer has been temporarily closed due to reduced visibility.

To ensure public safety and secure travel, motorway authorities have imposed travel restrictions. According to the motorway spokesperson, motorways are closed to protect public safety and ensure secure travel. Road users have been advised to travel during daylight hours, with the most favourable travel times being from 10 am to 6 pm, when fog conditions are less severe. Drivers are encouraged to use fog lights both in front and behind their



vehicles for better visibility. Motorway police urge road users to avoid unnecessary travel and refrain from speeding. It is also recommended to

maintain a safe distance from the vehicle ahead, given the reduced visibility. For assistance and information, motorists can contact the helpline at 130.