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SC Adjourns Hearing On Imran Khan's Bail Petitions In May 9 Cases

ISLAMABAD (News Desk): The Supreme Court on Monday adjourned the hearing of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan's bail petitions related to the May 9 cases without any proceedings. A SC two-member bench, headed by Chief Justice



of Pakistan Yahya Afridi, was scheduled to hear multiple bail pleas filed by Imran Khan in connection with the violence and unrest that erupted on May 9, 2023, following his arrest. During the proceedings, Imran Khan's counsel, Barrister Salman Akram Raja, appeared before the court and requested an adjournment of the hearing. Accepting the request, the court postponed the hearing until August 12.

Electricity Likely To Become Cheaper For Consumers Across The Country, Including Karachi



Desk): Electricity prices across the country are likely to decrease by Rs. 1.75 per unit for consumers. The Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has submitted a request under quarterly adjustment for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2024-25. If approved, consumers will receive relief exceeding Rs. 53.39 billion. The quarterly adjustment will also be applicable to government-run distribution companies, including K-Electric. NEPRA (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority) will hold a hearing on the CPPA's request on August 4. If the adjustments for September, October, and November are approved, the relief could increase further up to Rs. 2.10 per unit for these months. NEPRA will make a final decision regarding the prices after the hearing.

Etihad Airways' First Airbus A321LR To Enter Commercial Service On August 1

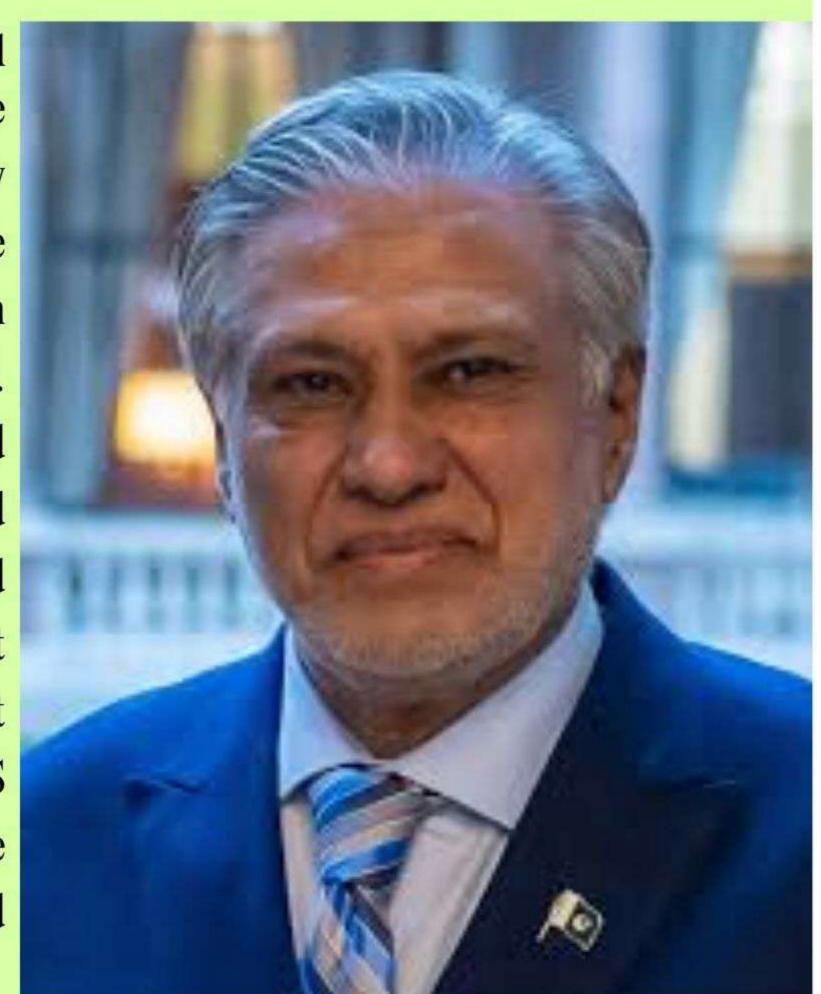
ABU DHABI (News Desk): Etihad Airways' first Airbus A321LR aircraft is set to enter commercial service on 1st August 2025 after undergoing final preparations. The aircraft will initially operate between Abu Dhabi and Phuket, before expanding to serve destinations including Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Copenhagen, Milan, Paris, and Zurich. The arrival of EY3210 supports Etihad's extraordinary growth momentum, with 27 new routes launched or announced this year.



A high-level delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic, led by H.E. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad.

Pakistan Ready For Composite Dialogue With India: Dar

NEW YORK (News Desk): Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar on Tuesday said Pakistan is ready for composite dialogue with India. Addressing a news conference in New York, he emphasized the dialogue will not be limited to the issue of terrorism alone. He reiterated Pakistan has been the biggest victim of terrorism and noted that the U.S. Secretary of State, in a meeting with him, acknowledged Pakistan's sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. He said during this bilateral meeting, the longstanding Jammu and Kashmir dispute was also raised, emphasizing that permanent peace is not possible in the region without resolution of this dispute. He recalled that the US President Donald Trump had also raised this issue multiple times. As regards Indus Water Treaty, Ishaq Dar said Pakistan's stance is very clear. He said the Indus Water



Treaty is binding and no single party can terminate or amend it. He firmly stated that any attempt to divert or block Pakistan's share of water would be unacceptable. Responding to a question, the Deputy Prime Minister made it clear that Pakistan has no plan to recognize Israel. He demanded immediate ceasefire in Gaza and delivery of humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. He reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering support for the establishment of a sovereign and independent Palestinian state with Al-Quds Al Sharif as its capital. Describing his US visit as successful, the Deputy Prime Minister said Pakistan has also raised voice for reforms in the UN Security Council emphasizing that the OIC should be given due representation in the world body.

UAF, Four Brothers Join Hands for Agri Research, Climate-Smart Farming

FAISALABAD (News Desk) — The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) and Four Brothers Group have agreed to launch joint ventures focused on agricultural research and capacity building. This collaboration aims to introduce new technologies and products for farmers to improve food security and combat climate change. The decision came during a meeting between UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali and Four Brothers Chairman Engineer Jawed Salim Qureshi, alongside senior faculty and directors. The joint efforts will target advancements in key crops like cotton, soybean, maize, rice, and wheat. Four Brothers Group committed to offering research grants, internships, and assistantships. Prof. Ali emphasized the importance of academia-industry ties for agricultural growth, while Engineer Qureshi stressed the need for climate-smart agriculture. The delegation also toured Four Brothers' field trials and labs, appreciating their contributions to the agricultural sector.



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres Urges 'urgent' Action To Implement Two-State Solution To Israel-

Palestine Conflict

UNITED NATIONS (News Desk): UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday warned that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has reached a "breaking point," calling for bold political action to salvage the two-State solution and halt what he described as the systemic dismantling of peace efforts. Speaking at the high-level conference on the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine and the implementation of the two-



State solution, the UN chief painted a stark picture of a conflict that continues to take lives, destroy futures, and destabilize the region and the world. He stated that while the conflict has defied generations of diplomacy and resolutions, it is not unsolvable—it demands political will, courageous leadership, and truth. Guterres condemned the October 7 Hamas attacks but stressed that nothing justifies the obliteration of Gaza, the starvation of civilians, mass displacement, settler violence, or the creeping annexation of the occupied West Bank, calling these actions illegal and unacceptable. He warned that unilateral moves are dismantling the building blocks of peace in the Middle East. The three-day conference, co-organized by France and Saudi Arabia and mandated by the General Assembly, includes plenary sessions and roundtables on security, humanitarian needs, reconstruction, and economic viability of a future Palestinian state. Guterres urged Member States to make the event a decisive turning point and reiterated that the two-State solution based on pre-1967 borders with Jerusalem as the capital of both States—remains the only viable path to lasting peace in the region. He concluded by emphasizing its necessity for broader Middle East peace. Other speakers included France's Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot, Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, and Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa. A plenary session is scheduled for 3 PM New York time (Midnight Pakistan time), where Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Senator Ishaq Dar, will address the global gathering.

UAE Reaffirms Commitment To Combating Human Trafficking

ABU DHABI (News Desk): Abdullah bin Sultan bin Awad Al Nuaimi, Minister of Justice and Chairman of the National Committee for Combatting Human Trafficking, has reaffirmed the UAE's steadfast commitment to combating human trafficking, which he described as a violation of human dignity.