

## Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Meets RCCI Delegation to Boost Exports and Global Trade



Islamabad (News Desk): Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan held a meeting with a delegation of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) led by its President Usman Shaukat to discuss avenues for expanding Pakistan's exports and strengthening the role of industry in global trade, where the minister underlined the government's commitment to supporting the business community and highlighted the importance of creating an enabling environment for exporters, stressing that Pakistan's growth depends on removing unnecessary barriers, reducing costs for industry, and facilitating access to new international markets; he observed that global trade dynamics are shifting rapidly and urged the business community to be proactive in identifying emerging opportunities, noting that Pakistan's industrial and commercial potential can only be realized if industries are empowered to compete globally, remarking that "instead of creating hurdles, we must focus on facilitating our industries, this is the only way Pakistan can capture new markets and boost national revenue"; the RCCI delegation assured full cooperation with the government's trade and industrial initiatives and shared proposals to strengthen Pakistan's presence in international markets.

## KP Cabinet Committee Approves Historic Kalash Marriage Bill for Assembly Presentation

Peshawar (News Desk): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cabinet Committee on Legislation has approved the draft of the historic Kalash Marriage Bill, clearing its path to be presented before the Provincial Assembly for ratification and enactment into law, with Qamar Naseem, Programme Manager of Blue Veins and co-drafter of the bill, confirming that the draft will now move to the provincial cabinet for tabling in the KP Assembly; Naseem termed the development a significant step toward safeguarding the rights of Pakistan's indigenous peoples, appreciating the government's commitment and thanking Wazirzada, Focal Person to the Chief Minister on Minority Issues, the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR), the Local Government Department.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif visits the National Facility for Earthquake Engineering Simulation during his visit of Tianjin University in China. TIANJIN

## Pakistan Secures Four-Year Extension for Seafood Exports to United States



Islamabad (News Desk): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry announced Saturday that Pakistan has received authorization to extend the export of fish and fish-related products to the United States for another four years, a decision that reflects international recognition of the quality of Pakistan's seafood and will provide long-term stability to the sector while bolstering Pakistan's position in the global seafood market and securing access to one of the world's largest seafood importers; the minister explained that the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has classified all Pakistani fisheries listed on its List

of Foreign Fisheries (LOFF) as "comparable" under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), confirming that Pakistan's fisheries meet US standards for protecting marine mammals from incidental mortality and serious injury during fishing operations, with the MMPA requiring fisheries to minimize marine mammal bycatch, adopt conservation practices, and operate sustainably to support healthier marine ecosystems; currently, Pakistani seafood earns about US\$ 2 per kilogram in the global market, but with this international endorsement of compliance, the price is projected to rise, potentially opening new markets in Europe and the Gulf, as in FY 2024-25 Pakistan exported 242,484 metric tons of fish and related products worth US\$ 489.2 million at an average of US\$ 2 per kilogram, and the same volume next year could generate nearly US\$ 600 million; Minister Chaudhry highlighted that Pakistan's successful submission of a comprehensive compliance dossier to NOAA under the MMPA was a critical milestone validating Pakistan's ongoing efforts to regulate commercial fisheries, uphold sustainable fishing practices, and align with international environmental standards, emphasizing that this approval is vital to safeguard Pakistan's multi-million-dollar seafood exports to the US market while simultaneously enhancing the country's reputation for responsible and sustainable fisheries management worldwide, though he also stressed the importance of continuously strengthening protective measures for marine mammal populations, as recommended by NOAA, to ensure the long-term health of marine biodiversity.

## Misbah Khar's Appointment as ISC Ambassador Lauded as Milestone for Pakistan and Women Leadership

Islamabad (News Desk): In recognition of her recent appointment as the Ambassador to the Inter-Parliamentary Speakers Conference (ISC), Ms. Misbah Khar, Adviser to the Chairman Senate, was hosted at a dinner reception by Mr. Yahya Khar in Islamabad, an event attended by several high-ranking dignitaries including Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Senator Amir Chishti, Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, Senator Mushahid Hussain, UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan Mr. Mohamed Yahya, and Former Foreign Secretary Jalil Abbas Gilani, along with parliamentarians, diplomats, and senior officials; participants lauded Ms. Misbah Khar's appointment as a milestone achievement not only for Pakistan but also for women across the region, emphasizing that her selection as ISC Ambassador reflects Pakistan's growing role in strengthening parliamentary diplomacy and advancing international cooperation while also underscoring the increasing recognition of women leaders in global political forums, with this honor marking a significant step forward in highlighting Pakistan's commitment to inclusive representation and the empowerment of women in leadership roles on the international stage.

## Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah Reviews Super Flood Preparations in Kashmore-Kandhkot



Sukkur (News Desk): Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday reviewed preparations for a potential super flood and was briefed by Deputy Commissioner Agha Sher Zaman, who informed that 8 union councils, 38 dehs, and 171 villages with over 206,000 people and 268,225 livestock could be affected; the CM directed immediate evacuation measures, identification of safe zones, and deployment of 21 boats in Kashmore and 15 boats in Kandhkot to transport people, while relief efforts include setting up tent cities, 14 government buildings converted into relief centers in Kandhkot and 10 in Kashmore, along with medical camps at Tori Bund, KK Bund, Ghoraghata, and BS Feeder RD 45 where 24 doctors, 78 paramedical staff, and hospital facilities are available, with Pakistan Navy and Army providing assistance in coordination with PDMA, for which the CM expressed gratitude, stressing that the protection of people, livestock, and barrages remains the top priority, directing strict measures to safeguard bunds and prevent breaches, while also appealing to media to point out shortcomings responsibly without spreading panic as the government works to minimize the impact of the potential disaster.

## PBM MD Vows Merit, Transparency and Equal Rights for Employees

Multan (News Desk): Managing Director Pakistan Baitul Maal (PBM), Senator Capt (R) Shaheen Khalid Butt, expressed grave concern over issues of career management, undue pressure on project staff, and violations of permanent employees' rights, stressing that PBM, being an institution of public trust, must function with transparency and the highest standards of merit in line with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's vision of a "corruption-free Pakistan," affirming that all promotions, appointments, and career pathways would be determined solely on merit with zero tolerance for favoritism or bias; he noted that a transparent, accountable system is vital to enhance PBM's welfare role, ensure professionalism, and provide equal opportunities for employees, declaring PBM as a family where he is the guardian who will not allow injustice, while directing district officers to execute welfare projects to benefit the maximum public, further meeting Assistant Directors from various Punjab districts including Bahawalpur, Muzaffargarh.