

## NDMA Handed Over Pakistan School Safety Framework to Education Departments for Nationwide Implementation

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has formally handed over the Pakistan School Safety Framework (PSSF) to Federal and Provincial Education Departments during a high-level meeting at NDMA Headquarters, chaired by Member Disaster Risk Reduction, Muhammad Idrees Mahsud. The PSSE, designed for localized adoption, will be monitored through a comprehensive technical and monitoring mechanism jointly led by NDMA and the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training (MoFE&PT), with representation from Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) and Provincial Education Departments. The Technical Working Group will oversee implementation, vet humanitarian partner activities, ensure alignment with the PSSE, and integrate efforts with post-2022 flood disaster risk reduction and climate resilience strategies. Recognized as a nationally developed and stakeholder-endorsed document, the PSSF will serve as the single reference point for all school safety initiatives. The PSSF E-Checklist was highlighted as an efficient tool for disaster-resilient school audits, enabling better resource allocation and minimizing duplication. The meeting was attended by representatives from MoFE&PT, Federal Directorate of Education (FDE), Provincial and Gilgit Baltistan Disaster Management Authorities, Basic Education Community Schools (BECS), and multiple provincial education departments, alongside partners including UNICEF, Save the Children, UNFPA, PPAE, and GADRRRES.

## Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi pays tribute to the Security Forces for sending three more terrorists of Fitna-e-Hindustan to hell in Zhob

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has praised the Security Forces for eliminating three terrorists of “Fitna-e-Hindustan” in Balochistan’s Zhob district. Commending their professionalism, he said the nation holds their victories against such elements in high regard. The Interior Minister stated that the eliminated individuals were India-sponsored terrorists involved in creating unrest in Balochistan. He said their conspiracy to sabotage peace in the province had been successfully foiled. He emphasized that the nation salutes the Security Forces for thwarting the malicious designs of these terrorists and reaffirmed that the people of Pakistan stand firmly with the forces until the complete eradication of India-sponsored terrorism.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting to review progress on 100 MW Solar Project for Gilgit Baltistan in Islamabad on 12 August, 2025.

## Experts Urge Entrepreneurs to Tap Horticulture Landscape Business Potential

FAISALABAD (News Desk) Horticultural experts at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad on Tuesday said that in view of intensive growth of housing colonies and urbanization, entrepreneurs should tap the benefit from the potential of horticulture landscape businesses that can contribute significantly to economic growth, employment creation and environmental sustainability. They addressed a two-day workshop titled 3D Landscape Design for Entrepreneurs: Turning Passion into Business arranged by the Institute of Horticulture Sciences, University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF). The workshop covered a comprehensive outline including integration of plants in landscape design and landscape business strategies; the use of 3D modeling software, tools and techniques for 3D models. Dean Agriculture Dr Ghulam Murtaza urged the participants to develop expertise in landscape design and maintenance and exploring opportunities in floriculture and ornamental plants. He said that besides developing green strategy, one should also analyze the soil health which is deteriorating with the passage of time. He added that the landscape experts beautify the environment that provides recreational opportunity to the people to get refuge from monotonous routine and depression and to enjoy the nature with freshness in the air. Director Horticulture Dr Ahmad Sattar said that the demand for professional landscape design and maintenance is increasing, particularly in urban areas and housing societies. He added that our diverse climate allows cultivation of a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants. Dr Adnan Younis stressed upon the need to utilize landscaping software to create professional and business development. He added that in the world of increasing urbanization, the demands for landscaping professional was escalating. He added the expanded green net are essential to cope with climate changes issues and for a better tomorrow. The workshop featured esteemed participants, including Director Floriculture Lahore Munawar Hussain Almas; Farwa Batool, Dr. Muzamil Ijaz, and Dr. Umair Shafiq. They engaged in hands-on activities and discussions on 3D landscape design, exploring innovative techniques and trends in landscape architecture. The participants gained valuable insights into transforming outdoor spaces into stunning 3D landscapes, enhancing their skills in design and visualization.

## Local Holiday Notification for August 13 in Islamabad Capital Territory

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – The District Magistrate of Islamabad has announced a local holiday in the Islamabad Capital Territory on August 13, 2025. According to the official notification, all private institutions, schools, colleges, universities, businesses, and offices within the revenue limits of Islamabad will remain closed on the specified date. However, offices of essential services in Islamabad will continue to operate as usual. The notification also clarified that all Federal Ministries, Divisions, and Federal Departments and Offices will remain open on August 13.



The Ambassador of Morocco to Pakistan, Mr. Mohamed Karmoune, called on President Asif Ali Zardari, at Aiwn-e-Sadr

## President for Strengthening Pakistan–Morocco Ties

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – President Asif Ali Zardari has said that Pakistan and Morocco enjoy fraternal relations founded on common faith, shared values, and mutual respect, which should be further strengthened for the mutual benefit of both nations. He made these remarks during a meeting with the Ambassador of Morocco, Mr. Mohamed Karmoune, who called on him at Aiwan-e-Sadr. The President reaffirmed Pakistan’s commitment to enhancing bilateral cooperation in diverse sectors and expressed gratitude for Morocco’s support during the 2022 floods, noting it as a testament to the depth of friendship between the two countries. President Zardari emphasized the importance of boosting economic ties and highlighted Africa’s growing economic prospects, observing that Morocco’s remarkable development positions it to lead regional prosperity. He conveyed his best wishes for the health of His Majesty King Mohammed VI and requested that the Ambassador extend Pakistan’s goodwill to the King and the Moroccan people.

## ATC Orders Property Confiscation, Sentences In May 9 Arson Cases

LAHORE (News Desk) – The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore has sentenced Dr. Yasmin Rashid, Umar Sarfraz Cheema, Mian Mahmood Arshad, and Ijaz Chaudhry to 10 years imprisonment each, along with fines of Rs 600,000 in two cases linked to the May 9 arson and protests. The court also ordered the confiscation of the properties of the convicted individuals. The cases were registered at Shadman and Sarwar Road police stations. Jail warrants have been issued, with the Superintendent of Jail directed to ensure the imprisonment of the convicts.

## Thrilling Volleyball Tournament Organized In Connection With ‘Youm-e-Azadi, Ma’raka-e-Haq’

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (News Desk) – A thrilling “Youm-e-Azadi Ma’raka-e-Haq” Volleyball Tournament was held at Fort Iqbal under the auspices of the Pakistan Army to mark Independence Day, attracting enthusiastic participation from players and locals. Six teams — Faisal Team, Naqash Team, Shani Baloch Team, Israr Team, Desert Hawks Team, and UFSC Team — competed for the title. After a series of exciting matches, Faisal Club emerged as champions, while Israr Club secured the runner-up position. Colonel Qaiser Malik, chief guest of the event, distributed prizes among the winners and top performers, emphasizing that sports are a powerful platform to showcase youth talent and foster positive community activities. He reaffirmed the Pakistan Army’s commitment to supporting healthy engagements across the country.