

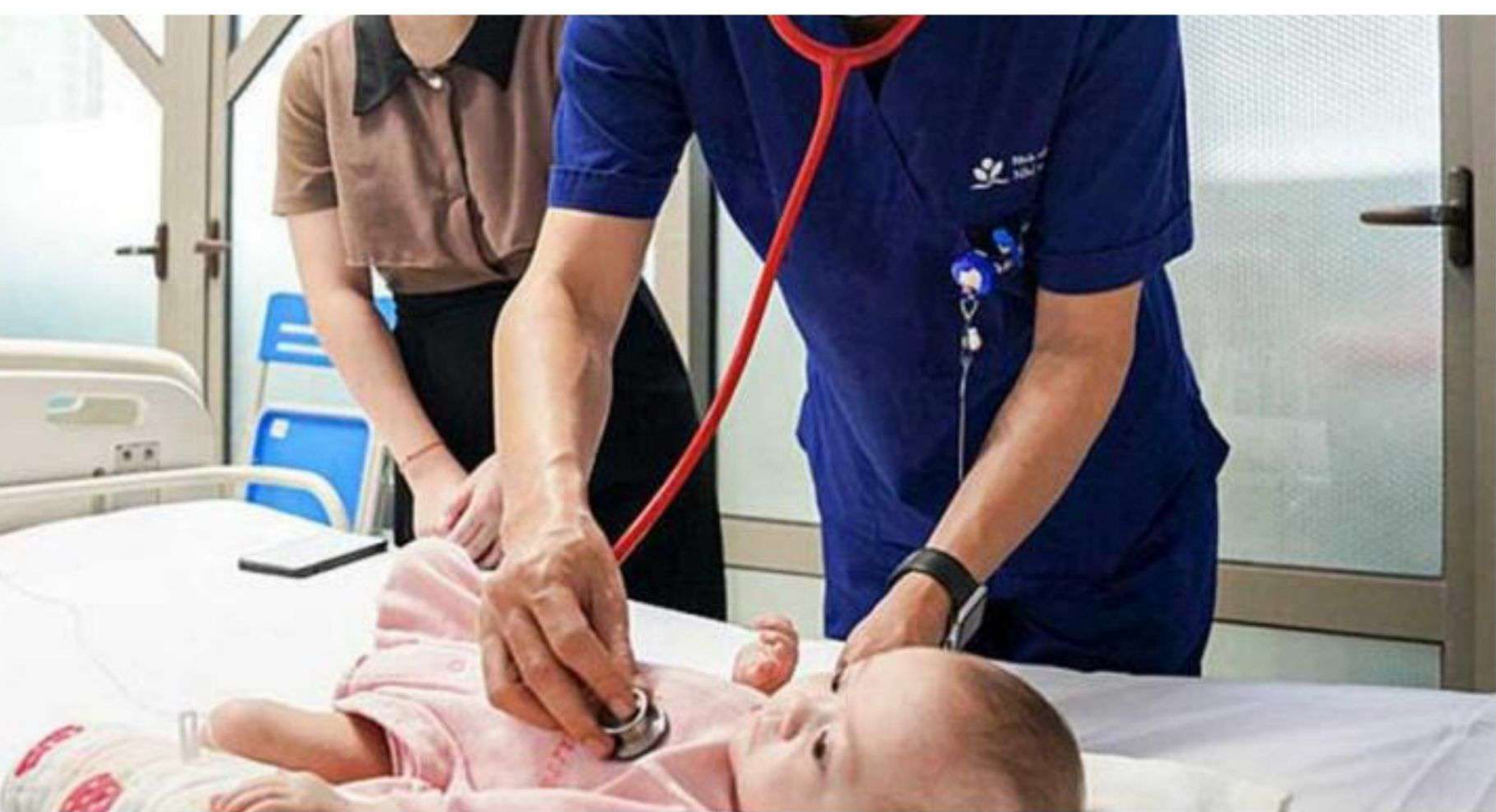
SCO Cultural Exhibition  
Opens in Beijing  
Featuring Rare Pakistani  
Artifacts



BEIJING (News Desk): The exhibition "Collections from Museums of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States" opened at the National Museum of China, Beijing, organized by China’s Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and will run until November 16, 2025, showcasing rare cultural relics spanning thousands of years from across the SCO region; highlights from Pakistan include late Neolithic artifacts such as a globular pot with geometric motifs, a gray ware shallow bowl decorated with swirling fish and water plants, and an intricately carved Indus Civilization seal reflecting advanced trade and administrative systems; the exhibition also features Gandhara art, including a finely crafted Buddha head from Taxila with wavy hair, elongated earlobes, and serene downcast eyes, alongside a Jain ritual tank from the Islamabad Museum decorated with birds, oil lamps, and snakes symbolizing cosmology and natural balance; Chinese visitors remarked that the exhibition provides a window into the shared regional history and Silk Road connections, while Aman Ullah, Director General of Pakistan’s Department of Archaeology and Museums, noted that ten unique artifacts were selected from the National Museum in Islamabad to represent all historical eras and highlight cultural linkages between China and Pakistan.

Russian, Kyrgyz, Turkish  
& Vietnamese Leaders  
Arrive In China For SCO  
Summit

TIANJIN (News Desk): Ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit opening in Tianjin on Sunday, several foreign leaders have arrived in China, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, and Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh; President Putin arrived Sunday morning, marking another visit following his May 2024 state visit, and will later attend Beijing events commemorating the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, while Kyrgyz President Japarov, from one of the SCO’s six founding members, highlighted China-Kyrgyzstan strategic partnership and will also join the anniversary events in Beijing; Turkish President Erdogan, representing Türkiye as an SCO dialogue partner, emphasized cooperation with China on national development, international norms, and trade relations, noting China as Türkiye’s second-largest trading partner and top source of international tourists, and Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh and Armenian Prime Minister Pashinyan also arrived in Tianjin to participate in the summit alongside other visiting foreign dignitaries.



PIC and Vietnam Surgeons Perform 14  
Life-Saving Pediatric Heart Surgeries

Peshawar (News Desk): The Peshawar Institute of Cardiology (PIC), in collaboration with the Pakistan Children’s Heart Foundation and a visiting team of pediatric surgeons from Vietnam, successfully performed 14 complex life-saving heart surgeries on children, including two Afghan patients, marking the first time advanced procedures such as Fontan and Rastelli surgeries were introduced in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during a five-day specialized training workshop; PIC spokesperson Riffat Anjum confirmed the milestone, while Prof Dr Ijaz Hussain, Head of Pediatric Cardiology at PIC, said the collaboration not only gave new life to 14 children but also introduced advanced techniques that will significantly improve outcomes for those suffering from congenital heart defects, especially cyanosis (“blue baby syndrome”), emphasizing the goal of strengthening pediatric cardiac care in Pakistan by working with international experts, whereas Vietnamese Pediatric Surgeon Prof Dr Cao Dang Khang expressed gratitude and love for the people of Pakistan, calling the initiative a fine example of cooperation to provide advanced healthcare to underprivileged children, with the surgeries performed jointly by Prof Dr Ijaz Hussain, Assistant Prof Dr Mujeeb Ur Rehman, and Vietnamese experts Prof Dr Cao Dang Khang, Dr Hoang Quoc Trung, and Dr Le Hoang Anh from the University Medical Center, Ho Chi Minh City.

PMD Forecasts Widespread Rain,  
Thunderstorms and Flash Flood Risks  
Across Pakistan

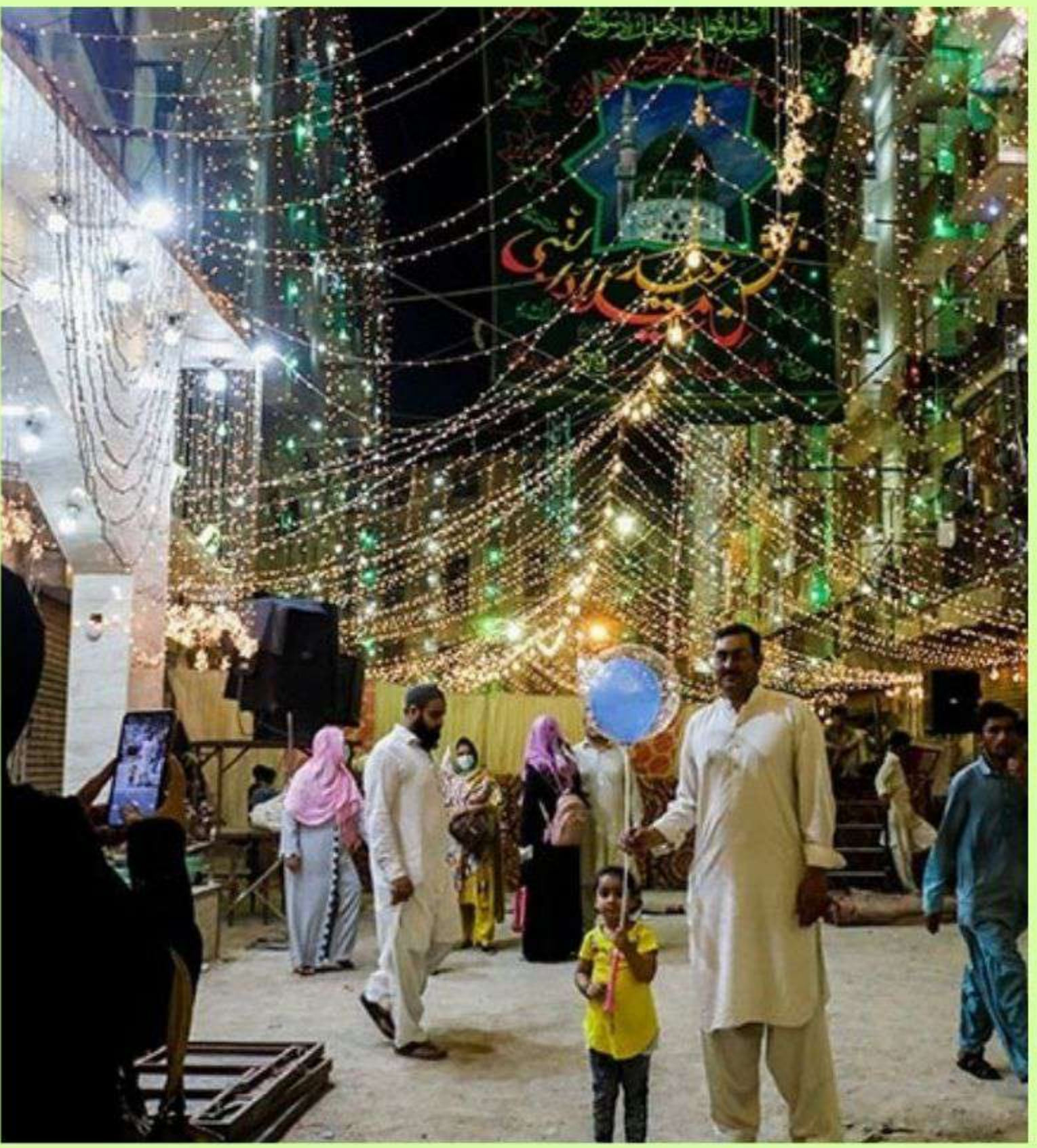


Islamabad (News Desk): The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast widespread rain, wind, and thundershowers across various parts of the country, warning of flash floods, urban flooding, and landslides in vulnerable regions; rain with isolated heavyfalls is expected in Punjab, Kashmir, Potohar, Islamabad, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, while Northeastern Balochistan, Southeastern Sindh, and Gilgit-Baltistan may also receive evening and night showers, with heavy rains on August 30 potentially triggering flash floods in local streams and nullahs of Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Kohistan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Nowshera, Swabi, Murree, Galliyat, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Northeast Punjab, Kashmir, and Dera Ghazi Khan hill torrents, while urban flooding is feared in low-lying areas of Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sialkot, Narowal, Peshawar, Nowshera, and Mardan, and landslides may cause road closures in hilly areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Murree, Galliyat, and Kashmir; cloudy weather with rain-wind/thundershowers is expected in Islamabad and surroundings, Punjab cities including Lahore, Kasur, Okara, Sheikhupura, Sialkot, Narowal, Gujranwala, Gujarat, Mandi Bahauddin, Hafizabad, Murree, Galliyat, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Attock, Chakwal, Khushab, Noorpur Thal, Sargodha, Nankana Sahib, Faisalabad, Jhang, Chinot, Sahiwal, Bhakkar, Mianwali, Bahawalnagar, Vehari, Pakpattan, Bahawalpur, Layyah, Multan, Khanewal, and Dera Ghazi Khan; Khyber Pakhtunkhwa districts such as Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Shangla, Battagram, Peshawar, Nowshera, Mardan, Swabi, Buner, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Haripur, Khyber, Mohmand, Kurram, Bajaur, Orakzai, Tank, Kohat, Karak, Bannu, Waziristan, and Dera Ismail Khan may see isolated heavyfalls; Sindh will remain mostly hot and humid with isolated rain in coastal areas and districts including Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Badin, Tharparkar, and Umarmkot, while Balochistan districts Zhob, Musakhel, Barkhan, Khuzdar, and Lasbela may experience nighttime rain and thundershowers; Kashmir will have intermittent rain-wind/thundershowers with chances of heavyfalls, and Gilgit-Baltistan partly cloudy with isolated rain; in the past 24 hours, isolated rain occurred in Punjab, Kashmir, Murree, Galliyat, and Cherat, with the heaviest rainfall at Lahore Airport (23 mm), Faisalabad (14 mm), Sialkot Airport (13 mm), Okara (10 mm), Sheikhupura (5 mm), Murree and Sahiwal (3 mm each), Hafizabad and Bahawalnagar (2 mm), Cherat (4 mm), and Rawalakot (2 mm), while the highest maximum temperatures were recorded at 43°C in Chilas, Turbat, and Dalbandin, and 42°C in Nokundi.

Chinese President Xi Jinping Holds Bilateral  
Talks at SCO Summit Emphasizing Friendship,  
Cooperation and Multilateralism

TIANJIN (News Desk): Chinese President Xi Jinping is holding intensive bilateral meetings with foreign leaders on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, highlighting the importance of long-standing friendship, practical cooperation, and multilateralism; the summit, from August 31 to September 1, marks the fifth time China has hosted the event and is the largest in SCO history, bringing together leaders from more than 20 countries and heads of 10 international organizations to review achievements, chart the future course, and build a closer SCO community with a shared future; Xi has met Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, stressing China-Egypt brotherhood and mutual support, and lauded Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet for the "ironclad" China-Cambodia friendship, while meetings with Myanmar's Acting President Min Aung Hlaing and Nepali Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli underscored enduring ties and good-neighborliness; practical cooperation was emphasized with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on development alignment, and with Egypt on Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) synergy and green energy, as well as China-Cambodia joint projects ITC and FRC,

Minister Urges Milad-  
un-Nabi Celebrations,  
Seerat Studies to  
Promote National  
Harmony



ISLAMABAD (News Desk): Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, on Sunday stated that celebrating Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) and introducing Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) in educational syllabi will foster national unity, guide youth toward peace, and help counter extremism; speaking to a media channel, he emphasized that including Seerat Studies in curricula would offer meaningful guidance and strengthen harmony within society, while calling for collective efforts to assist flood-affected people, noting that Prophet Muhammad’s (PBUH) teachings inspire compassion, generosity, and solidarity during crises, and urged Ulema to actively promote interfaith harmony in line with the vision of Pakistan’s founder, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

PEC Launches “One  
Person, One Tree”  
Campaign to Boost  
Environmental  
Sustainability

ISLAMABAD (News Desk): The Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) has initiated a nationwide tree plantation campaign, “One Person, One Tree,” to promote environmental sustainability and address climate change challenges; Federal Minister for Science and Technology Khalid Hussain Magsi, along with PEC Chairman Engr. Waseem Nazir, inaugurated the drive by planting saplings, with participation from Senators Abdul Qadir, Dinesh Kumar, and senior PEC officials; Minister Magsi highlighted Pakistan’s vulnerability to climate change and stressed the importance of large-scale plantation following recent floods, calling PEC’s initiative a significant step toward a greener Pakistan, while Engr. Nazir noted the campaign includes a “Plantation and Gratitude Competition,” urging engineers and citizens alike to actively support this national environmental cause.

Four-Day Anti-Polio  
Drive Kicks Off in  
Rawalpindi Targeting  
Over One Million  
Children

RAWALPINDI (News Desk): The Rawalpindi district will launch a four-day anti-polio immunization campaign on Monday, aiming to vaccinate 1,057,756 children across eight tehsils, with 5,188 teams deployed including 4,731 mobile, 263 fixed, and 194 transit teams; the drive will cover Gujar Khan, Kahuta, Kallar Syedan, Kotli Sattian, Murree, Rawalpindi Cantt, Rawalpindi Rural, and Taxila Rural, while CEO Health Authority Dr. Ehsan Ghani expressed confidence in achieving targets through the dedicated workforce, urging public cooperation and support from media, religious scholars, and social influencers.