

**Record Starvation And Malnutrition In Gaza; More West Bank Displacement: UN**



UNITED NATIONS, (News Desk) – The United Nations has warned of unprecedented levels of starvation and malnutrition in Gaza, marking the worst humanitarian crisis since the Israeli war began nearly three years ago. According to the UN World Food Programme (WFP), aid restrictions by Israel have left over one-third of Gaza’s population without food for days, while half a million people are on the brink of famine. The Gaza Health Ministry reported five starvation-related deaths in the past 24 hours, bringing the total since October 2023 to 227, including 103 children. The WFP is calling for at least 100 trucks of aid daily, faster clearances, and safety guarantees for humanitarian convoys. UN Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric revealed that of 16 planned aid missions this week, only four were fully facilitated, with several denied or delayed due to Israeli restrictions, wasting critical time. The crisis is compounded by violence in the occupied West Bank, where Israeli forces and settlers displaced about 100 Palestinians from the Bedouin community of Ein Ayoub in Ramallah, leaving many without shelter.

**Copper Shines As Pakistani Minerals Dominate China-bound Exports In First Half Of Year**

BEIJING (News Desk) – Pakistan’s mineral sector remained the top contributor to exports to China in the first half of 2025, with ores and metals dominating shipments despite some price-driven declines. Data from China’s customs showed copper and its derivatives leading the way, earning \$482.41 million compared to \$504.53 million in the same period of 2024, a drop attributed to lower global prices rather than reduced volumes. Refined copper brought in \$266.67 million, unrefined copper and anodes \$153 million (up from \$132.16 million in 2024), and copper scrap \$36.34 million. Iron ore exports rose 14% to \$39.03 million, driven by demand from Chinese steel mills, while zinc ore fell to \$55.24 million from \$63.04 million, and chromium ore halved to \$31.58 million amid lower stainless-steel output. Officials expect minerals to remain Pakistan’s main exports to China, supported by reduced tariffs under the China–Pakistan Free Trade Agreement and infrastructure upgrades under CPEC. Industry leaders say strong demand from China’s electric vehicle and renewable energy sectors will keep copper and iron ore exports thriving in the coming years.



**PM Youth Excellence Award Conferred on UAF’s Dr. Haroon U Rashid**



FAISALABAD (News Desk) Youth Excellence Award from the Prime Minister of Pakistan has been conferred on Dr. Muhammad Haroon U Rashid, Assistant Professor, the Department of Forestry & Range Management, University of Agriculture Faisalabad on the eve of Youth Day. He received the award from Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad. Prime Minister’s Youth Programme Chairman Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan also attended the ceremony. It is acknowledgment of his outstanding contributions to forest ecology, sustainable land use, and carbon sequestration, as well as internationally acclaimed research in innovative agroforestry systems and biodiversity conservation. The Prime Minster Youth Programme cited his achievements including international fellowships in Germany, USA, and China, pioneering Pakistan’s first scientific project on bamboo-based carbon sequestration, and mobilizing youth for environmental entrepreneurship under the Green Youth Movement — exemplify the spirit of innovation and dedication that this award seeks to honor. Earlier, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research has conferred the Digital Green Talent Award on Dr. Muhammad Haroon U Rashid. Muhammad Haroon U Rashid holds a PhD in Forest Ecology and has contributed significantly to sustainable forestry and climate change mitigation. He worked on the Trees Outside Forests project at Michigan State University under USDA funding, focusing on enhancing green cover beyond traditional forest areas. Currently, he is working on the carbon sequestration potential of bamboo, promoting nature-based climate solutions. As the Focal Person of the Green Youth Movement Club at the UAF, he actively engages youth in environmental stewardship, climate action, and plantation drives, fostering a culture of sustainability and green innovation among students.

**Mohsin Naqvi Pays Tribute To Martyred Major Rizwan Tahir**



ISLAMABAD, (News Desk) – Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday visited the residence of martyred Major Rizwan Tahir in Islamabad to offer condolences to his family, meeting his father Colonel (Retd.) Muhammad Tahir, mother, and brother Major Usman Tahir, praising their courage as “the strength of the nation” and saluting their resilience, while stating that Major Rizwan bravely confronted Indian-sponsored terrorists in Mastung and embraced martyrdom, a sacrifice that would never be forgotten, with Colonel Tahir noting that his son had led numerous intelligence-based operations and eliminated several terrorists; Chief Commissioner Islamabad Muhammad Ali Randhawa and IG Police Ali Nasir Rizvi were also present during the visit.

**Chairman Senate Yousaf Raza Gilani Felicitates Nation On Independence Day**



defending the nation, and reaffirmed Pakistan’s moral, diplomatic, and political support to Kashmiris and Palestinians in their struggles for self-determination. Highlighting the Pakistan People’s Party’s legacy, he credited Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto for initiating the nuclear programme, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto for sacrificing her life for democracy, President Asif Ali Zardari for securing provincial autonomy through the 18th Amendment, and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for promoting Pakistan’s development globally. He emphasized unity, political stability, and investment in youth as key to prosperity, and urged renewed commitment to building a peaceful, democratic, and strong Pakistan in line with the vision of the nation’s founders and martyrs.

ISLAMABAD, (News Desk) – Senate Chairman Yousaf Raza Gilani on Wednesday congratulated the nation on Pakistan’s Independence Day, recalling the sacrifices of forefathers for a free homeland and urging citizens to protect and strengthen the country. He termed the creation of Pakistan a fulfilment of Allama Iqbal’s vision under Quaid-e-Azam’s leadership, and stressed that safeguarding sovereignty is a shared responsibility beyond political affiliations. Gilani paid tribute to the Armed Forces, security institutions, and law enforcement agencies for

**Korea's ICT Exports Surge 14.5% In July**

SEOUL (News Desk) – South Korea’s exports of information and communication technology (ICT) products rose 14.5% year-on-year in July 2025, driven by record-high semiconductor shipments, official data showed Wednesday. According to the Ministry of Science and ICT, outbound ICT shipments reached US\$22.19 billion, up from \$19.38 billion in July 2024, marking the highest export volume ever for the month. Imports increased 9.8% to \$13.32 billion, resulting in a trade surplus of \$8.87 billion in the sector. Semiconductor exports soared 31.2% to \$14.72 billion due to higher memory chip prices and growing demand from global companies investing in artificial intelligence servers.

**SECP notifies Final Amendments In Public Offering Regime**



ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has enforced final amendments to the public offering regime, effective from August 6, 2025. The updated framework, covering the Public Offering Regulations, 2017 and the Public Offering (Regulated Securities Activities Licensing) Regulations, 2017, will govern equity securities, debt instruments, and REIT scheme units offered to the public. The changes aim to enhance IPO efficiency by fostering competition, leveraging technology, improving transparency, and introducing a stronger, more inclusive price discovery mechanism. Key revisions include allowing banks and DFIs to serve as Consultants to the Issue for equity offerings and replacing the single book runner model with an “Eligible Participant” system to encourage wider investor participation. The final notifications are available on the SECP website.

**Tanveer Calls For Immediate Reduction In DAP Prices To Protect Farmers**

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain, has called for an urgent reduction in DAP fertilizer prices to protect farmers, particularly small-scale growers. Chairing a high-level meeting of the Fertilizer Review Committee with industry leaders, provincial agriculture officials, and farmer representatives, he expressed concern over the recent surge in prices, warning that it threatens agricultural productivity and national food security. He urged fertilizer companies to revise pricing, adopt cost-cutting measures, and collaborate with the government to make fertilizers affordable without compromising quality. The minister cautioned that if companies fail to cooperate, the government will consider alternative measures to support farmers. He directed the committee to present actionable recommendations within a week to stabilize prices and ensure uninterrupted supply nationwide.