

PML-N Nominates Rana Sanaullah For Senate Seat



Islamabad (News Desk) — The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) on Monday decided to nominate senior leader and Federal Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan for the Senate. Punjab Senior Minister and PML-N Information Secretary Marriyum Aurangzeb announced the development in a statement on social media platform X, stating that PML-N President Nawaz Sharif had issued the party ticket to Rana Sanaullah for a general seat from the Punjab Assembly. She added that the by-election to fill the Senate seat, which became vacant after the disqualification of Ejaz Chaudhry, will be held on September 9.

Meeting Of The Special Committee On Gender Mainstreaming Held



Islamabad (News Desk) - The 13th meeting of the Special Committee on Gender Mainstreaming, chaired by MNA Dr. Nafeesa Shah, was held on Monday. During deliberations on the Balochistan incident, the Additional IGP informed the Committee that a case was registered almost 30-40 days after a couple, who had contracted a love marriage, was shot dead on the orders of a tribal jirga before Eid ul Adha. The victims were lured by their families under the pretext of a feast, where they were informed of the jirga's decision. After a video of the killings surfaced on social media, the Balochistan Government registered a terrorism case, as no application had been filed by the relatives or locals. The Committee expressed serious concern over delays in prosecution and stressed the urgent need for timely submission of challan. While acknowledging the arrest of several accused, members urged intensified efforts to apprehend the main culprit who remains at large. The Additional Chief Secretary of Balochistan was directed to improve the case-tracking system—from FIR registration to conviction—and to present the refined mechanism in the Committee's next meeting. The meeting was attended by MNAs Aqeel Malik, Shaista Pervaiz Malik, Khawaja Izhar ul Hassan, Shahida Begum, Shahida Rehmani, and Senators Fawzia Arshad and Khalida Ateeb, along with senior officers from relevant Federal ministries, divisions, and provincial governments.

PDMA Officials Emphasizes Shared Responsibility In Fighting Environmental Threats, Managing Rainwater Resources

Islamabad (News Desk) — DG PDMA Punjab Irfan Ali Kathia along with the spokesperson of PDMA Peshawar urged citizens to cooperate with authorities and environmental departments for revising and enforcing policies to mitigate climate change, deforestation, and ensure rainwater conservation. Both authorities emphasized the urgent need for collective responsibility in combating environmental threats and managing rainwater resources effectively, stressing that government bodies, communities, and environmental organizations must work together for sustainable solutions. They underscored the importance of revising policies to address climate change impacts, promote afforestation, and implement safe rainwater harvesting techniques. Irfan Ali Kathia stated that "our collective efforts can help mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and protect our natural resources for future generations," while the PDMA Peshawar spokesperson highlighted the role of public awareness and active participation. He further reported that during the recent monsoon spells in northern regions, ongoing rescue operations included food truck dispatches and the removal of encroachments along riverbanks to reduce flood risks, praising the timely and effective relief efforts led by the Chief Minister of Punjab.



Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan in a meeting with Turkish Student Delegation in Islamabad

NDMA Issues Travel Advisory As Landslides Cut Off Northern Routes

Islamabad (News Desk) — The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has urgently advised citizens to avoid non-essential travel to northern Pakistan, particularly Gilgit-Baltistan, after continuous monsoon rains triggered severe landslides and flash floods. The advisory stressed prioritizing personal safety, warning against unsafe alternate routes as heavy rainfall has disrupted key transport infrastructure, leaving several roads and bridges impassable. In Ghanche District, the Somro and Saltoro bridges collapsed, while Skardu's Baghicha Bridge was damaged and declared unsafe despite an alternate path. In Ghizer, routes from Diyan and Thale Broq remain blocked with no viable detours, while Shandur, Khaltai, Dain, Ishkoman, Hopper to Nagar, Gulmit to Gojal, and Gilgit to Jaglot roads are also inaccessible. In Astore, the Chilm Road is closed except for limited access via Deosai, and traffic remains suspended from Thangol Nala to Shigar and Kargil to Kharmang. The Karakoram Highway has been badly hit by glacial floods and landslides in Gulmit, Gojal, and Hunza, with several bridges buried under debris, halting trade with China through Khunjerab Pass. NDMA said it is coordinating with federal and provincial agencies for emergency response, while law enforcement has been tasked to enforce restrictions, with Section 144 likely in high-risk zones. Citizens are strongly urged to avoid travel to flood-affected areas, comply with local authorities, and rely only on official updates for safety.



Two Suspects Held For Sexual Assault, Harassment Cases In Lahore

Lahore (News Desk) — Incidents of sexual assault and harassment against women are rising in the provincial capital, as police in Sanda and Gulberg arrested two suspects involved in separate cases on Monday. Gulberg SHO Taimoor Abbas Khan said a suspect was apprehended for sexually assaulting a young woman under the pretext of marriage and recording inappropriate videos of her after deceitfully obtaining her number. He had promised marriage, assaulted her seven months ago, filmed the act, and later threatened the victim and her family. The accused has been handed over to the Gender Cell for investigation. In another case, Sanda police arrested a man accused of harassing a woman and pressuring her to establish illicit relations. SP Iqbal Town Dr. Muhammad Umar and SHO Sharjeel confirmed that a case was registered on the victim's complaint, and the accused was taken into custody. Further investigation is underway.

Pakistani Students Explore Ancient Culture and Modern Industry in Jining, China

Jining (China) (News Desk) international online communication activity "Go! Hometown of Confucius" was recently held in Jiaxiang County, Jining City, Shandong province, where five Pakistani students from Jining Medical University visited Wu-Family Temple and Jiaxiang Glove Industrial Park, experiencing the blend of Han Dynasty cultural relics and modern industrial development. At the Museum of Stone Carvings in Wuzhai Village, students observed three of "China's Bests," including the most well-preserved Han Dynasty building known as a "living fossil," the Wu Ban Stele, and China's earliest stone lion sculpture, highlighting ancient cultural exchanges via the Silk Road. Pakistani student Elishba Arshad expressed astonishment at learning about the origins of ancient Chinese cultural stories, while Rehman praised the advanced achievements of Jining Tianjiu Industry & Trade Co., Ltd., a glove manufacturer recognized internationally for its innovation and e-commerce success.

China's Hithium Strikes Energy Storage Deal With Pakistan's IEC To Tackle Power Shortages



- At the China Beijing (News Desk) International Energy Storage Exhibition, Chinese battery giant Hithium signed a landmark partnership with Pakistan's Imperial Electric Company (IEC) to distribute up to 1 GWh of residential and commercial energy storage products across Pakistan, aiming to counter chronic power outages as the country faces an average of 31 blackouts per month. Under the agreement, IEC will launch Hithium's HeroEE home storage systems powered by industrial-grade lithium iron phosphate batteries, while both companies plan to co-develop customized solutions addressing Pakistan's costly generation, weak transmission networks, and reliance on imported fuels. Pakistan spends over \$14 billion annually on oil and gas imports, with electricity prices having surged 155% since 2021, but Hithium claims its systems could cut costs to USD 0.05 per kWh, nearly one-sixth of diesel generation. IEC Group Operations Director Reza termed the deal a lifeline for stable power, while Hithium's Vice GM Yu Jianyong called it a mission to bring affordable energy access to Pakistani families and businesses. The partnership builds on over \$13 billion in Chinese investment in Pakistan's energy sector under the broader China-Pakistan cooperation and could expand into grid-scale storage and renewable projects, signaling a major step toward easing blackouts, high costs, and fuel dependence.