

Pakistani Students Complete China’s Agriculture ‘Thousand Talents Plan,’ Boosting Sino-Pak Cooperation

BEIJING (News Desk) – Pakistani students who participated in China’s Agriculture “Thousand Talents Plan” training program have completed their three-month training, marking a new milestone in China-Pakistan agricultural cooperation. Under the initiative, 292 Pakistani students, including Akbar and Ali, received specialized training at Northwest A&F University, Shaanxi Vocational and Technical College of Agriculture and Forestry, and Yangling Demonstration Zone in fields such as livestock breeding, seed production, disease prevention, and modern agricultural technology. Akbar, who shared his experiences through a social media video series titled “Diary of Studying in China,” praised China’s modern farming methods and hospitality, while Ali highlighted the success of the China-Pakistan Bio-health Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Park, which introduced high-yield wheat varieties suitable for Pakistan. The program combined theoretical learning, technical practice, and cultural exchange, with participants reaching over ten preliminary cooperation agreements with Chinese companies on drone applications and fruit and vegetable planting. Graduates of the program are expected to serve as bridges for technology transfer and innovation, fostering agricultural modernization in Pakistan and strengthening bilateral friendship under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Second Batch of Pakistani Agriculture Graduates Begin Training in China Under PM’s Initiative

BEIJING (News Desk) – The opening ceremony of the second batch of the Prime Minister of Pakistan’s Initiative for Capacity Building in China was held in Chengdu on August 26, launching a three-month training program for 276 Pakistani agricultural professionals. Out of the group, 190 participants will study at Huazhong Agricultural University in Wuhan and 86 at the Institute of Urban Agriculture, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) in Chengdu, with a curriculum focused on agricultural mechanization and fruit and vegetable processing technologies tailored to Pakistan’s development needs. The training emphasizes practical skills and industry placement to enhance productivity and export competitiveness. Speaking at the ceremony, CAAS Deputy Director General Liu Wende highlighted the importance of Sino-Pak agricultural cooperation, while Pakistan’s Consul General in Chengdu, Tanvir A. Bhatti, congratulated the trainees and underscored the program’s role in strengthening rural livelihoods. A training agreement for the batch was also signed, with officials from Pakistan’s Ministry of National Food Security and Research, Sichuan’s Tianfu New Area Agriculture and Rural Affairs Bureau, and CAAS institutions in attendance, reflecting strong bilateral commitment to agricultural collaboration. The ceremony also saw the signing of a training agreement for the current batch and was attended by representatives from Pakistan’s Ministry of National food Security and Research, the Tianfu New Area Agriculture and Rural Affairs Bureau in Sichuan province and the National Nanfan Research Institute (Sanya), CAAS, demonstrating broad support for this international cooperation initiative.

DC Hungu Convenes Jirga After Militant Attack on Tora Wari Check Post

KOHAT (News Desk) – Deputy Commissioner Hungu, Gohar Zaman Wazor, convened a jirga of Darsamand elders following a militant attack on the Tora Wari check post. The jirga, attended by local elders, peace committee members, and district administration representatives, discussed the law and order situation in Hungu and devised a plan to ensure peace in the area. Peace committee members proposed strengthening community-level liaison to monitor miscreant activities and provide timely information to authorities. Appreciating the proposal, the DC assured that all available resources would be utilized to maintain peace, emphasizing the importance of coordination between citizens and law enforcement agencies to counter militancy and restore stability.

DC Muzaffargarh Warns of Record Chenab Flood, Orders High Alert and Evacuation Measures

MUZAFFARGARH (News Desk) – Deputy Commissioner Usman Tahir Jappa announced that a record flood of 900,000 cusecs, the largest in the Chenab River’s history, is passing through Marala and will enter Muzaffargarh district at Rangpur on August 30, marking the most severe flood since 2014. Chairing a meeting on preparedness, he directed all departments to remain on high alert, cancelled officers’ leaves, and instructed officials to stay at duty stations, stressing that protecting human lives is the foremost duty. He urged evacuation of riverine residents, ordered vaccination and fodder arrangements for livestock, stationed Rescue 1122 teams with boats and life jackets at sensitive points, and banned commercial boat services except supervised evacuation. The PDMA was tasked with providing tents, while the agriculture department will deploy bulldozers to assist irrigation works, and NGOs will be engaged for relief. Local MPAs raised concerns over embankment cracks, sewerage backflow risks, and livestock vaccination, while DPO Syed Ghazanfar Ali Shah assured finalized police deployment plans, stressing maximum coordination, mosque announcements, and use of all Punjab Police resources to safeguard lives and property.

Mirpur AJK Admin Imposes Rs 1.16m Fines in Crackdown on Profiteering and Adulteration

MIRPUR (AJK) (News Desk) – In a major crackdown against illegal profiteers and hoarders, the district administration and AJK Food Authority conducted surprise raids at over 187 locations in Mirpur, imposing fines exceeding Rs 1.16 million and warning violators of stringent future action. Chairing a District Price Control Committee meeting, Deputy Commissioner Yasir Riaz directed magistrates to ensure strict checks on daily-use commodities, stressing that price control is directly linked to public health. The meeting, attended by senior officials including SSP Khurram Iqbal and other representatives, reviewed last month’s data showing 79 milk samples tested, with 28 found adulterated, while 185 milk and yogurt shops, 145 restaurant kitchens, and water facilities were inspected. The DC instructed magistrates to prioritize enforcement of official price lists, seal businesses violating hygiene or pricing rules, and initiate heavy fines and cases against offenders. He emphasized regular inspections of hotels, marriage halls, food outlets, and essential goods markets, urging police-assisted surprise checks to ensure provision of pure, quality edibles to consumers across the district.

A group of people, including men and women, are standing on a dirt road that appears to be blocked or damaged. In the background, there are green hills and some utility poles. The scene suggests a rural area affected by infrastructure issues.

*Narowal: Land connectivity of dozens of villages was cut off due to the collapse of the bridge on the connecting road near Norkot. (News Desk)*

CPEC’s Suki Kinari Hydropower Project Provides Vital Flood Relief in Northern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) – The Suki Kinari Hydropower Project, a flagship initiative under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), has extended timely flood relief support to northern Pakistan after devastating monsoon rains and floods since July 2025 caused severe infrastructure damage. Project management confirmed that on July 24, heavy machinery including an excavator and two dump trucks was deployed to Chillas, 128 km upstream, to clear blocked roads and reinforce embankments, while additional equipment was later sent to disaster-hit areas near the dam site. Following the collapse of the Mahandri Bridge on August 19, the project again provided machinery to restore traffic flow and ensure relief supplies reached affected communities. The swift mobilization of resources has been widely appreciated, highlighting the project’s social responsibility and reinforcing the spirit of China-Pakistan friendship under CPEC, which continues to strengthen sustainable development, infrastructure resilience, and public well-being across the country.

Pakistan Urges Accountability Over Nord Stream Pipeline Attack at UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS (News Desk) – Pakistan has called for scrutiny and accountability over deliberate attacks on transnational infrastructure, citing the September 2022 sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines as a “reprehensible act” that must not set a dangerous precedent. Addressing the UN Security Council, Ambassador Usman Jadoon, Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan, stressed that the safety of critical civilian and energy infrastructure must be ensured under international law and through strengthened cooperative frameworks. He underscored the need to bring perpetrators to justice, noting Germany’s ongoing investigation and recent arrest of a suspect. The envoy expressed hope that inquiries would establish facts, address concerns, and reinforce norms of accountability. The debate also heard UN Assistant Secretary-General Miroslav Jenca highlight the environmental fallout, with UNEP estimating the leak released up to 485,000 tons of methane, equal to emissions from 8 million cars annually, making it the largest human-caused methane release in history. He urged against politicization of the findings and called for cooperation in addressing threats to critical infrastructure.

Indonesian Consul Promotes Trade Expo Indonesia During Visit to Sukkur

SUKKUR (News Desk) – Dr. Ahmad Sufyan, Economic Consul of the Indonesian Consulate General in Karachi, visited Sukkur on Wednesday and met with a delegation of the Sukkur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) to promote the upcoming Trade Expo Indonesia scheduled for October, which will feature over 1,460 exhibitors from diverse industries. The meeting emphasized business-to-business linkages, with the Indonesian Consulate pledging to facilitate direct connections and matching sessions for Sukkur’s business community to explore collaborations and introduce Indonesian consumer products into local markets. Highlighting Sukkur’s industrial growth, agricultural productivity, and strategic transport network, Dr. Sufyan said the city holds strong potential for trade and investment partnerships, adding that the initiative will strengthen economic ties between Sindh and Indonesia while opening new opportunities for bilateral cooperation.

KP Governor Kundi Secures Overseas, Aid Support During Spain Visit

BARCELONA (News Desk) – Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi said his visit to Spain and Belgium yielded successful diplomatic and welfare engagements with international aid organizations to ensure swift rehabilitation of recent flood victims, while overseas Pakistanis once again pledged full support for affected families. Addressing a press conference in Barcelona with leaders of Pakistan Federation Spain and PPP Spain, Kundi termed the KP Chief Minister’s claim of “no need for foreign aid” as baseless, questioning whether the province could rebuild devastated districts and highways alone. He noted that thousands of families remain in tent villages, stressed Spain’s continued support for Pakistan’s stance on Kashmir and Palestine .