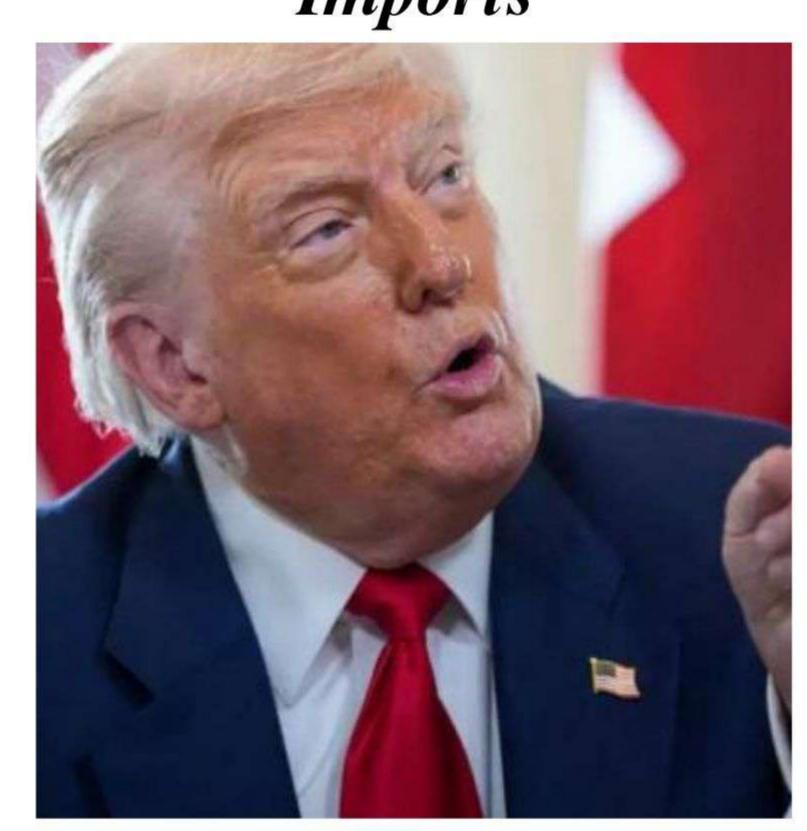


Trump Slaps 25% Additional Tariff on India Over Russian Oil Imports



WASHINGTON Desk) President Donald Trump has imposed an additional 25% tariff on India, raising the total U.S. tariff rate on Indian imports to 50%, in response to India's continued purchases of Russian oil. The executive order, effective from August 27, aligns with Trump's Friday deadline for Russia to make peace with Ukraine or face secondary sanctions. Trump described Russia's actions as a threat to U.S. national security, issuing the order hours after a U.S. envoy met Russian President Vladimir Putin. India condemned the move as unjustified and hypocritical, pointing out that the U.S. and EU also continue Russian imports. The White House warned of potential further action if foreign countries retaliate.

Speakers At Pakistan Embassy Webinar Condemn India's Annexation Of Kashmir



Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C., commemorated Youm-e-Istehsal (Day of Exploitation) on the sixth anniversary of India's illegal and unilateral revocation of Article 370, which stripped Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir of its special constitutional status. The event reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering political, moral, and diplomatic support for the right of Kashmiris to self-determination. The day's observance began with a one-minute silence in solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiris facing systemic human rights violations under Indian occupation. The Embassy organized a special webinar titled "A Threat to Kashmiri Identity", gathering prominent scholars, officials from Pakistan's Embassy and Consulates in the U.S., media, and community members. Messages trom President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Sharif, and Deputy Shehbaz Minister/Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar were read out, reiterating Pakistan's commitment to the Kashmiri cause. Key speakers included Senator (R) Mushahid Hussain Syed, former UN Ambassador Munir Akram, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, and British historian Dr. Victoria Schofield. All strongly condemned India's demographic and political manipulation of Kashmir and warned of its dangerous implications for regional and global peace, especially in a nuclear neighborhood. Pakistan's Ambassador to the US, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, emphasized the significance of the day and called August 5, 2019, a turning point when India unilaterally altered the constitutional status of Kashmir. He highlighted that the international relevance of Kashmir had resurged, particularly following recent clashes with India and the Pahalgam incident.



Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan meets APSGTA delegation; assures full government support for boosting Pakistan's gems and jewelry exports.

Chief Minister Punjab Launches Stateof-the-Art Urban Electric Tram (SRT) In Lahore.



LAHORE (News Desk) — Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif inaugurated Pakistan's first urban electric tram system, the Super Autonomous Rapid Transit (SRT), in Lahore. With a passenger capacity of 320 and a range of 40 kilometers per charge, the state-of-the-art electric tram aims to modernize urban mobility while reducing environmental pollution. The CM personally monitored the SRT's road trial from Ali Town to Muslim Town, reviewed its onboard facilities, and was briefed by Transport Minister Bilal Akbar. Citizens welcomed the initiative, which is already operational in countries like Turkey, China, and Abu Dhabi. Maryam Nawaz announced that similar electric transit systems will soon be introduced in Gujranwala and Faisalabad, promising daily good news and enhanced urban aesthetics for Punjab's major cities.

CM Takes Notice Of Factory Fire Incident, Ordered Immediate Steps To Save Lives

KARACHI (News Desk) — Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah took immediate notice of a devastating fire at a cotton-processing garment factory in the Karachi Processing Zone on Thursday. He directed all fire brigade and rescue agencies to prioritize saving lives and ordered the Karachi Commissioner to conduct a thorough inquiry into the incident. The five-story factory was reduced to rubble, though all employees were safely evacuated, with only one reported injury. The CM praised the swift response of rescue teams and assured full support to affected factory owners and workers.



Multan: August 7, 2025: A special award is being presented to Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani by Mian Salman Mubarak on behalf of Award Roots International.

PM Shehbaz Calls For National Policy To Address Pakistan's Rapid Population Growth

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) — Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday termed Pakistan's 2.55% annual population growth rate as an alarming trend, urging immediate and coordinated national policy action. Chairing a high-level meeting at the PM Office, he stressed the need for comprehensive planning to turn the youth bulge into economic productivity and emphasized empowering women as a key part of human capital. The Prime Minister ordered the formation of a federal-provincial committee to draft a unified population policy and launch a national awareness campaign highlighting the dangers of unchecked growth. He called for collaborative efforts from provincial governments and grassroots engagement for sustainable solutions.

Sharjah Ruler Establishes Sharjah Hospitality Group



SHARJAH (News Desk) - His Highness Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, has issued an Emiri Decree announcing the establishment of the Sharjah Hospitality Group – a new government entity aimed at advancing hospitality services across the Emirate. The newly formed group will function as an independent government body, affiliated with the Sharjah Family and Community Council, with full legal personality and operational capacity to implement its goals and mandates. Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher bint Mohammed Al Qasimi has been appointed as Chairperson of the Group. She will oversee appointments, structural decisions, budgets, and overall The Decree empowers the strategy. Chairperson to establish, merge, or dissolve affiliated entities and committees, and to organizational delegate approve responsibilities as needed. Headquartered in the city of Sharjah, the Group may open branches in other cities or regions across the Emirate. It is tasked with developing hospitality-focused public policies, setting strategic plans, creating internal regulations, and managing affiliated facilities using local and international best practices. The Group's responsibilities will include launching programmes, initiatives, and hospitality projects, managing partnerships across the public and private sectors, ensuring service quality through monitoring and evaluation, and training human resources in hospitalityrelated fields. The Emiri Decree also mandates that the Group will play a vital role in enhancing wellbeing, guest experience, and institutional excellence, aligning Sharjah's hospitality services with global benchmarks.

Games Of Future 2025 Launches Line-up Of 11 Phygital Disciplines

Abu Dhabi, (News Desk): The Games of the Future 2025 is set to take place from 18 to 23 December 2025 at ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi, bringing together the world's top phygital athletes for six days of high-stakes, immersive competition across 11 hybrid disciplines. Organised by ASPIRE, the Local Delivery Authority, in collaboration with Ethara (Event Delivery Partner) and Phygital International (the global rights holder), the tournament features a \$5 million prize pool and is designed to engage both physical and digital audiences worldwide. The disciplines include Phygital Football (video game + real pitch), Phygital Basketball (gaming + live court), Phygital Fighting (e-fighting game followed by physical combat), Phygital Dancing (interactive rhythm game with live moves), Phygital Shooter (video game round plus live laser tag), Battle Royale (last-clubstanding format), MOBA (PC and Mobile), Drone Racing (FPV drone obstacle courses), VR Games (reflex and spatial-awarenessbased virtual competitions), and Battle of Robots (remote-controlled robot fights). Each element of the competition is carefully curated to reflect the evolution of sports in the digital era, positioning the event as the pinnacle of the global phygital sports

calendar.