

**Foreign Buying Of  
S. Korean Stocks  
Hits 17-month High  
In July**



SEOUL (News Desk) Foreign investors recorded their highest net purchases on South Korea’s benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) in 17 months during July 2025, according to data released by Yonhap and the Korea Exchange (KRX). Offshore investors bought stocks worth 6.28 trillion won (US\$4.52 billion), marking the largest monthly net buying since February 2023, when the total was 7.858 trillion won. This figure was 2.3 times greater than June’s net buying of 2.69 trillion won. After a nine-month streak of net selling from August 2024 to April 2025, foreign investors turned to net buying in May and have maintained this trend for three consecutive months. The surge in foreign investment is attributed to optimism over the South Korean government’s stock market stimulus plans and potential tariff negotiations with the United States. A major contributor was Samsung Electronics’ large-scale supply deal with Tesla, making it the most purchased stock among foreigners with 3.49 trillion won in net buying, or 56% of total foreign purchases on KOSPI. Hanwha Ocean followed with 858 billion won in net buying, driven by expectations of increased U.S. collaboration. The foreign buying spree helped the KOSPI climb 5.7% in July.

**Agriculture Deptt  
Director Generals Review  
Cotton Management  
Activities**

LAHORE (News Desk) On the direction of Punjab Agriculture Secretary Iftikhar Ali Sahoo, senior officials of the Agriculture Department visited various cotton-growing areas on Saturday to meet farmers and assess challenges in cotton cultivation. According to a press release by Punjab Agriculture Information Director General Naveed Asmat



Kahloon, the visit aimed to monitor ongoing field activities related to cotton crop care and management. Officials conducted surveillance and guided farmers on best practices, including crop nutrition and pest control, to improve yield. Field formations were instructed to promptly convey Technical Experts Group recommendations to farmers. Deputy Director Hafiz Muhammad Shafiq and Assistant Director Rashid Sarwar Bhatti joined the visit in Bahawalpur, while Agriculture Extension DG Chaudhry Abdul Hameed visited Bahawalnagar, and Pest Warning DG Dr. Amir Rasool toured Rahim Yar Khan.

**Children In Besieged Gaza Dying At 'an  
Unprecedented Rate': UNICEF**



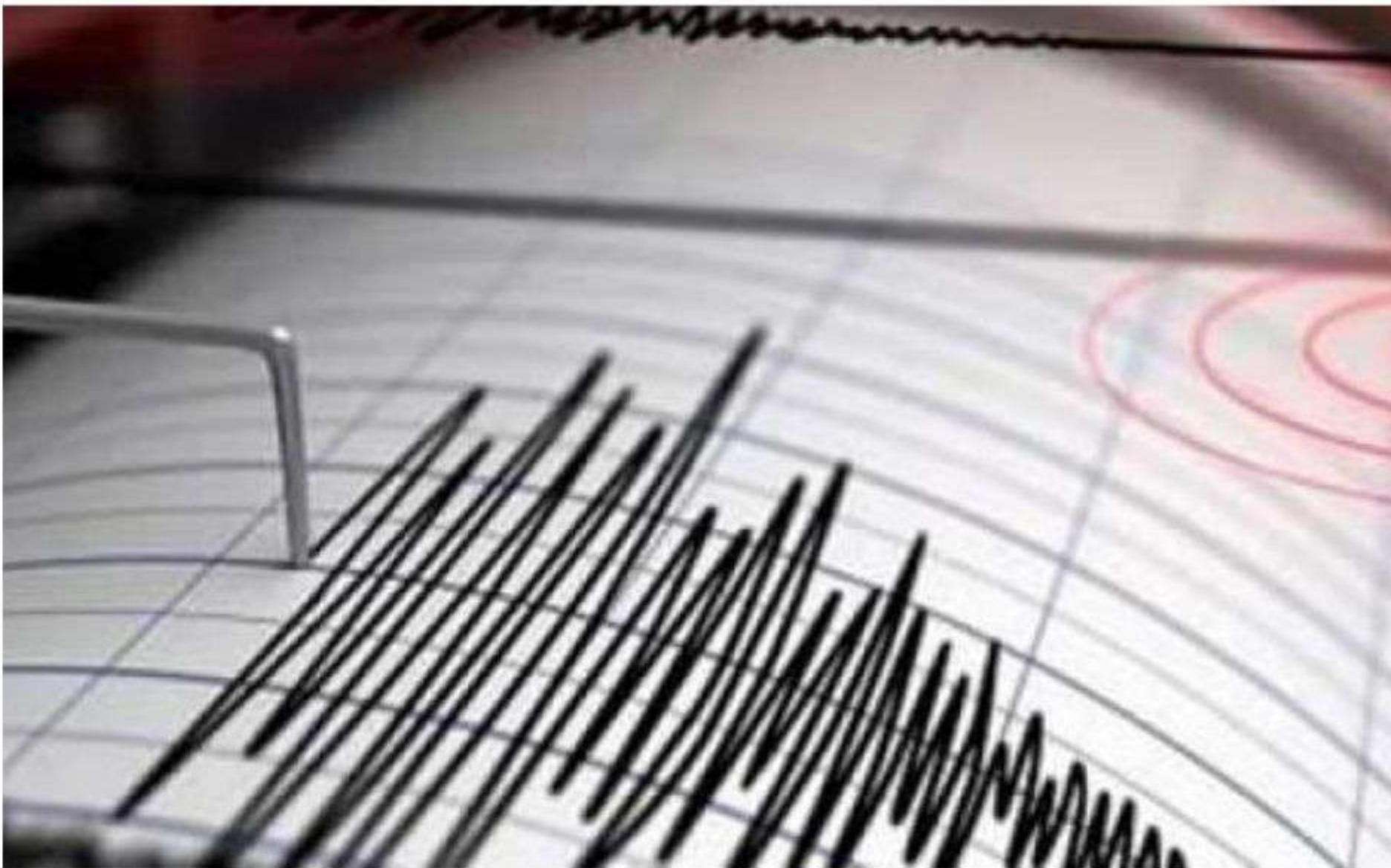
UNITED NATIONS (News Desk) The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has issued a grave warning to the international community, urging immediate action to prevent the mass death of children in the Gaza Strip, where humanitarian conditions continue to collapse under Israel’s ongoing military assault. UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban, speaking at a press briefing in New York following his visit to Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel, described the suffering of children in Gaza as “unprecedented” and said the enclave is now at imminent risk of famine. Chaiban emphasized that the war has led to severe shortages of basic life-sustaining goods, pushing Gaza toward a humanitarian catastrophe. He noted that more than 100 people have been killed and hundreds injured near food convoys and Israeli-militarized distribution zones in just the past two days. One in three people in Gaza are going without food for days, and desperation has become deadly. Highlighting the visible signs of deep suffering and hunger among families, Chaiban said, “This is not a natural disaster—children are being starved, bombed, and displaced.” Since the start of the war, over 18,000 children have been killed, averaging 28 child deaths per day.

**City Experiences Partly Cloudy,  
Humid Weather**

LAHORE (News Desk) Partly cloudy and humid weather conditions prevailed in Lahore on Saturday, with the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) predicting similar conditions along with chances of scattered rain in the next 24 hours. Officials noted that a temporary halt in rainfall has resulted in a noticeable increase in the city’s temperature compared to recent days. The minimum temperature was recorded at 28°C, while the maximum reached 34°C, with humidity levels peaking at 81 percent. Wind speeds were measured at six kilometers per hour. In a related development, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has issued an alert ahead of the sixth monsoon spell. According to PDMA officials, rainfall is expected to begin from August 5, 2025, affecting various parts of the country including Lahore. The rains are forecasted to potentially cause medium to high-level flooding in major rivers, particularly the Chenab and Jhelum.



**Earthquake Of Magnitude 6.7 Strikes Kuril  
Islands, No Tsunami Threat**



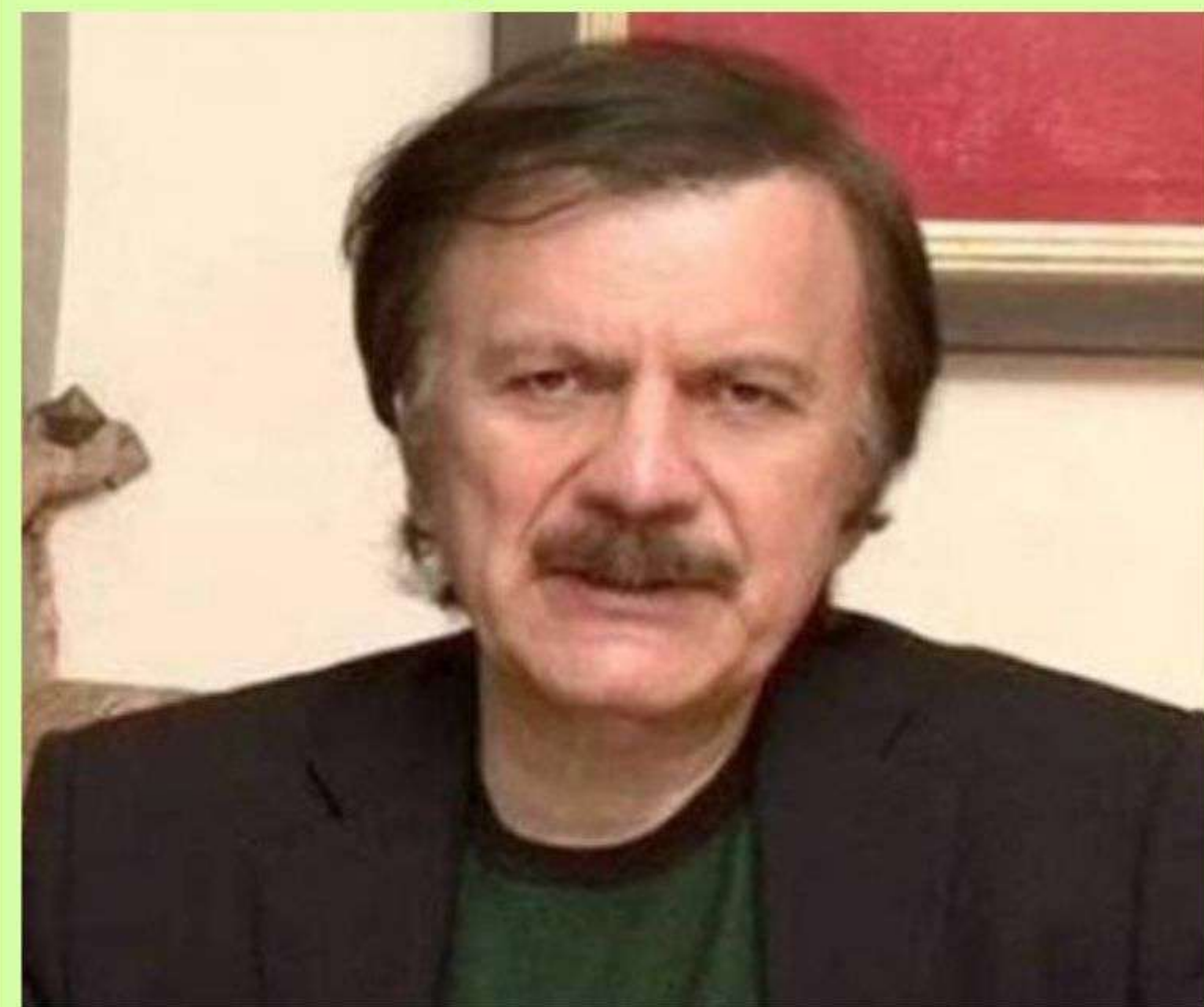
MOSCOW (News Desk) A powerful earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale struck Russia’s Kuril Islands on Sunday, according to the German Research Centre for Geosciences. Initially reported at 6.35 magnitude with a depth of 10 kilometers, the quake was later updated to 7.0 magnitude by both the United States Geological Survey and the Pacific Tsunami Warning System. Despite its strength, no tsunami warning was issued. In a related seismic event, the Krasheninnikov Volcano in Russia’s Kamchatka region erupted for the first time in 600 years. The eruption was confirmed by Russian state media and scientists, with experts suggesting a possible link to the region’s recent seismic activity. The volcanic eruption followed an earlier 8.8 magnitude earthquake last week, which triggered tsunami alerts in countries including Japan, Indonesia, Australia, the United States, and Chile. Olga Girina, head of the Kamchatka Volcanic Eruption Response Team, confirmed the historic nature of the eruption, stating, “This is the first historically confirmed eruption of Krasheninnikov Volcano in 600 years.” She also noted that the event may be connected to Wednesday’s powerful earthquake, which was also followed by an eruption of the highly active Klyuchevskoy volcano nearby.

**GCC's Total GDP At Constant  
Prices Exceeds \$456 Billion**

MUSCAT (News Desk) The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries at constant prices increased by 3.3% by the end of the fourth quarter of 2024, reaching USD 456.3 billion compared to USD 442.3 billion in the same period of 2023. According to recent data from the Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC STAT), non-oil activities played a dominant role in this growth, contributing 70.6% to the GCC’s real GDP by the end of Q4 2024. Meanwhile, oil-related activities accounted for the remaining 29.4%. The report also noted a quarterly growth of 1%, with real GDP increasing from USD 452.2 billion in Q3 2024 to USD 456.3 billion in Q4. The figures highlight the region’s ongoing shift towards economic diversification and reduced dependence on oil revenues.



**Haroon Akhtar Reviews  
NFC Operational  
Performance**



LAHORE (News Desk) Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Industries and Production, Haroon Akhtar Khan, visited the National Fertilizer Corporation (NFC) head office on Saturday to evaluate its operational performance and share his vision for industrial growth. During the visit, he received a comprehensive briefing on NFC’s production capabilities, challenges, and future prospects. Touring the facility, he interacted with technical staff and management to review the corporation’s overall operations. Haroon Akhtar highlighted his strategic priorities, focusing on the modernization of state-owned enterprises to improve productivity and competitiveness. He emphasized the fertilizer sector’s critical role in ensuring agricultural sustainability and economic resilience, stating, “The National Fertilizer Corporation plays a key role in supporting Pakistan’s agricultural backbone. It is imperative that we strengthen such institutions through innovation and a forward-looking industrial policy.”

**FOBC Utilizes Burn  
Centre To Launch  
Public Awareness  
Campaign**

KARACHI (News Desk) Friends of Burns Centre (FOBC) has launched a public awareness campaign by utilizing the outer walls of its facility to educate visitors and the general public about burn prevention and safety. According to a press release, the centre’s exterior now displays a series of eye-catching vinyl posters illustrating real-life burn hazard scenarios alongside safety tips. These posters are designed to be informative and visually engaging, serving as constant reminders of how simple precautions can prevent burn injuries. The initiative underscores FOBC’s commitment not only to provide 100% free treatment to burn victims but also to promote awareness under its mission of “Prevention from Burn Injury,” the statement added.

**Gomal, FATA  
Universities Vow To  
Boost Academic  
Collaboration**

Dera Ismail Khan (News Desk) Vice Chancellor of Gomal University, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, and Vice Chancellor of FATA University, Prof. Dr. Mohsin Nawaz, held a detailed meeting to enhance academic cooperation between the two institutions. Discussions focused on joint research, faculty exchange, student training, and collaborative academic ventures aimed at improving the quality of higher education in the region. Dr. Zafar Iqbal emphasized the partnership’s potential to drive academic innovation and regional development, while Dr. Mohsin Nawaz highlighted the importance of shared expertise for uplifting underserved areas of southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Both leaders committed to launching joint programs and research projects, marking the meeting as a key step toward long-term educational collaboration.