

Ambassador Rahim Hayat Inaugurates Week-long Photo Exhibition To Mark Youm-e-Istehsal

BRUSSELS (News Desk): Ambassador Rahim Hayat Qureshi on Wednesday inaugurated a week-long photo exhibition at the Consular Section of the Embassy to mark Youm-e-Istehsal. The exhibition sheds light on continuous Indian atrocities and grave



human rights violations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), especially since August 5th 2019, the Pakistan Embassy in Brussels wrote in its official X wall.

NA Speaker Condemns Israeli Aggression Against Iran

GENEVA (News Desk): Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Thursday strongly condemned the recent Israeli aggression against Iran during a meeting with Dr. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Parliament) of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 6th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, held in Geneva from 29–31 July 2025. During the meeting, Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq highlighted the historic and brotherly ties between Pakistan and Iran. He stated, “As neighbours and friends, the two countries are linked through shared aspirations of peace, stability and prosperity.” He reaffirmed the importance of continued collaboration and mutual respect between the governments and peoples of both nations. Speaker reiterated Pakistan’s firm condemnation of unprovoked Israeli aggression against Iran, affirming Pakistan’s unwavering support for Iran’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. He lauded Iran’s measured response to the aggression and appreciated its efforts to prevent the conflict from escalating further. He emphasized that Pakistan earnestly desires to see peace prevail across the Middle East and West Asia. Speaker stressed Pakistan’s consistent advocacy for the peaceful resolution of the Iranian nuclear issue. “Pakistan remains a strong proponent of resolving the Iranian nuclear issue through dialogue, engagement, and multilateral cooperation,” he noted. Both the Speakers acknowledged the constructive role played by the Parliaments of Pakistan and Iran in strengthening bilateral relations. They especially highlighted the significance of the Pakistan-Iran Parliamentary Friendship Groups in fostering deeper parliamentary and people-to-people ties. The leaders agreed to continue efforts to enhance collaboration on regional peace and development through parliamentary diplomacy.



Geneva : Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a meeting with Speaker of the Parliament of Iran Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf on the sidelines of the 6th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva

PAKISTAN AND UNITED STATES SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE LANDMARK TRADE DEAL

Washington (News Desk): In a landmark development, Pakistan and the United States finalized a trade agreement today aimed at boosting bilateral trade, expanding market access, attracting investment, and fostering cooperation in areas of mutual interest. The breakthrough was reached during a meeting of Pakistan’s Finance Minister, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick and United States Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer in Washington, D.C. today. Secretary Commerce Jawad Paul and Pak Ambassador to the United States Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh were also present during the meeting. President Trump announced the trade deal via a post on Truth Social. The agreement will result in reduction of reciprocal tariff especially on Pakistani exports to the United States. This deal marks the beginning of a new era of economic collaboration especially in energy, mines and mineral, IT, cryptocurrency and other sectors. The deal complements Pakistan’s existing efforts of broadening the scope of Pak-U.S. economic ties and to include partnerships at the U.S. states level. The agreement enhances Pakistan’s access to the U.S. market and vice versa. Additionally, the deal is expected to spur increased U.S. investment in Pakistan’s infrastructure and development projects. This trade agreement underscores the commitment of both nations to deepen their bilateral relationship and explore all avenues for strengthening trade and investment ties.

Empowering Youth Through Language – UAF Hosts Graduation of English Access Scholarship Program



FAISALABAD, (News Desk): The University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF), in collaboration with the U.S. Consulate General Lahore, hosted the graduation ceremony of the third cohort of the English Access Scholarship Program at Serena Faisalabad, honoring 200 students who successfully completed a two-year

program focusing on English language learning, cultural awareness, and personal development. U.S. Consul General Kristin K. Hawkin, in her virtual remarks, appreciated the dedication of students and teachers and praised UAF’s partnership in the program, also noting that two UAF teachers visited the U.S. under an academic and cultural exchange initiative. UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zulfikar Ali emphasized the importance of communication and credited the program for significantly transforming the students' confidence and communication skills. Chief Guest Dr. Muhammad Iqbal from the U.S. Consulate acknowledged the efforts of UAF and highlighted that all Access teachers received training from

international trainers in Islamabad, while also sharing upcoming opportunities from the U.S. Department of State. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Director Access Program UAF, stressed the role of communication in life success, and Umar Farooq, Manager Access Program, thanked the Vice Chancellor’s leadership and appreciated Dr. Iqbal’s continued support for



students and educators. The event also featured cultural performances, student reflections, and certificate distributions. The English Access Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, offers free after-school English language training, soft skills development, and cultural exposure to bright youth aged 13–20. Notables including Registrar Dr. Asif Kamran and Deputy Registrar Asif Saddique also attended the event.

Pakistan & US Conclude Deal On Tariffs; Trump Announces Oil Partnership

WASHINGTON (News Desk): Pakistan and the United States on Wednesday finalized a trade agreement that will result in lower tariffs for the South Asian country as well as an agreement in which Washington will help develop Pakistan's oil reserves, according to the two sides. The breakthrough came during a meeting of Pakistan’s Finance Minister, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick and U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer in Washington. Secretary of Commerce Jawad Paul and Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, were also present. The landmark deal was announced by President Donald Trump in a post on Truth Social. "We have just concluded a Deal with the Country of Pakistan, whereby Pakistan and the United States will work together on developing their massive Oil Reserves," the U.S. leader wrote. "We are in the process of choosing the Oil Company that will lead this Partnership." Trump’s social media post did not provide further details. Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar also confirmed the deal's conclusion on social media, without elaborating further. Trump did not mention any agreement on tariffs. But a Pakistan embassy press release said that the agreement will result in a reduction of reciprocal tariffs especially on Pakistani exports to the United States. "This deal marks the beginning of a new era of economic collaboration, especially in energy, mines and minerals, IT, cryptocurrency and other sectors," it said. The deal complements Pakistan’s existing efforts of broadening the scope of Pak-U.S. economic ties and to include partnerships at the U.S. states level. The agreement enhances Pakistan’s access to the U.S. market and vice versa. Additionally, the deal is expected to spur increased U.S. investment in Pakistan’s infrastructure and development projects.

New Genetic Study Identifies Neurological Mechanisms As Key Drivers Of Chronic Cough

LONDON (News Desk): A team at the University of Leicester, working with researchers from the University of Copenhagen and Queen Mary University of London, has conducted the first study of its kind to investigate the genetics of chronic cough. Their findings were published in the European Respiratory Journal. The study included almost 30,000 individuals experiencing chronic cough from multiple population health resources including the UK Biobank, EXCEED Study, the Copenhagen Hospital Biobank, Genes & Health and the eMERGE Network. As the largest and most diverse genetic study of chronic cough to date, researchers uncovered genes involved in neuronal signalling and sensory pathways, revealing a neurological basis for the condition. The findings advance understanding of cough reflex hypersensitivity as a nervous system-mediated process and open up opportunities for the development of new targeted treatments.