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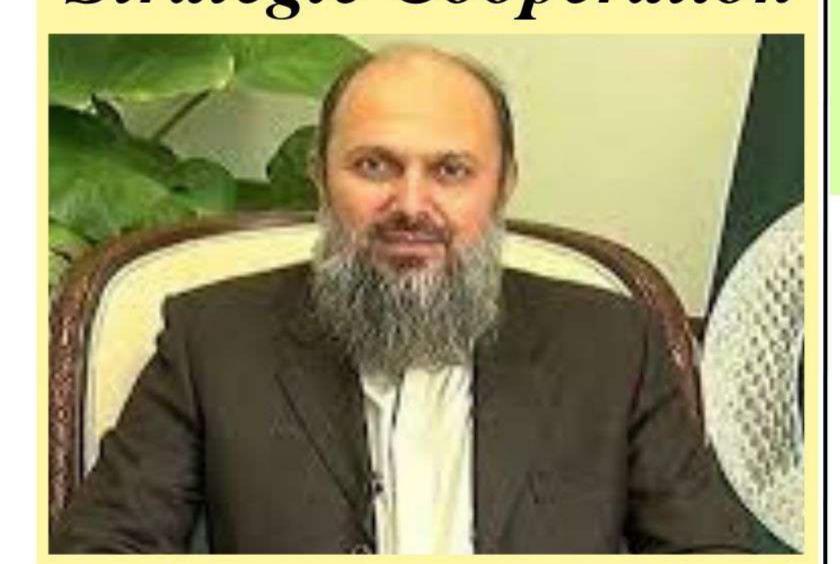
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## Pakistan and Iran Reaffirm Commitment to Regional Peace and Defence Cooperation

Islamabad (News Desk) The Honourable Minister for Defence of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Brigadier General Aziz Nasir-Zadeh, held a bilateral meeting with Pakistan's Defence Minister, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, in Islamabad on August 2, 2025. During the meeting, both sides discussed matters of mutual interest, including regional security, counter-terrorism efforts, and avenues to enhance defence cooperation between the two neighbouring countries. The ministers their reaffirmed commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and promoting peace and stability in the region. Pakistan's Minister appreciated Defence Iran's continued engagement and highlighted the defence diplomacy in importance of addressing shared security challenges. The Iranian Defence Minister expressed gratitude for the warm welcome by the Government of Pakistan and reiterated Iran's intent to build stronger defence ties based on mutual respect, shared values, and trust. The meeting concluded positively, with both leaders expressing optimism about the future of Pakistan-Iran defence relations and pledging collaboration continued regional prosperity and security.

# Pakistan, Romania Eye Stronger Trade and Strategic Cooperation



Islamabad (News Desk) Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan met with Romanian Ambassador Dan Stoenescu in Islamabad on August 2, 2025, to discuss enhanced cooperation in trade, logistics, defense, energy, and culture. Ambassador Stoenescu proposed utilizing Romania's Constanța Port as a direct trade route for Pakistani exports into Europe via the Black Sea and Danube River, which the Minister welcomed as a promising step for diversifying export logistics. Discussions also focused on boosting agri-trade, meat exports, and collaboration in pharmaceuticals, surgical goods, fans, and green energy. Romania offered technological support in solar and wind energy to aid Pakistan's green energy transition. The Minister informed the Ambassador that Pakistan is reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers to attract Romanian through joint investment ventures. Ambassador Stoenescu praised the rapid growth of Pakistan's IT sector and highlighted Romania's interest in Pakistani tech talent, expressing readiness to facilitate professional exchanges. Both sides agreed to strengthen technology sector cooperation. Additionally, they emphasized improving cultural diplomacy, community integration, and visa facilitation. The meeting concluded positively, with both parties committed to further engagements and participation in upcoming trade exhibitions.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz, Sharif receives the President of Iran H.E. Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian at the Prime Minister's House in Islamabad

# Pakistan, Iran Pledge Deeper Trade, Border Cooperation During High-Level Talks Between Trade Ministers

Islamabad (News Desk): In a significant move to enhance bilateral economic cooperation, Pakistan's Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, met with Iranian Minister for Industry, Mines and Trade, Mohammad Atabak, on the sidelines of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's two-day official visit to Pakistan. The high-level discussion marked a renewed commitment from both sides to accelerate trade, remove border bottlenecks, and build trust-based partnerships across priority sectors. The two ministers acknowledged the historic depth of Pakistan-Iran relations, expressing that recent regional and global developments have pushed both nations closer together. Minister Atabak praised the Pakistani government's proactive role in facilitating bilateral trade progress and said: "Without the rapid engagement and determination from you and your team, we wouldn't have reached this stage. The momentum we've built must now be translated into structured trade outcomes." Jam Kamal Khan echoed similar sentiments, noting that both governments, as well as the private sector, have shown strong will and passion to work together. "There's a moment in diplomacy when the iron is hot—and this is that moment. We must act swiftly. Delays only complicate things,"he said. He emphasized that formalities follow passion and political will, and highlighted that Pakistan is ready to deepen its economic relationship with Iran through structured channels like the Joint Economic Commission (JEC), regular B2B exchanges, and sector-focused activist Abdul Hameed Lon, have strongly delegations. Both ministers agreed on the importance of identifying specific sectors such as agriculture, livestock, services, energy, and cross-border logistics for future collaboration.

# UAF Conducts Second Entry Test Across 12 Cities, Over 15,500 Candidates Appear

FAISALABAD (News Desk): The University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) conducted its second entrance test for undergraduate degree admissions on Sunday. Over 15,500 candidates appeared in the test held across 12 cities, including Faisalabad, Lahore, Gujranwala, Layyah, Rawalpindi, Multan, Rahim Yar Khan, Sargodha, Toba Tek Singh, Bahawalpur, Burewala, and Depalpur. Under the directives of UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Zulfiqar Ali, foolproof arrangements were ensured for the candidates and their parents. According to Convener Admission Committee Dr Nadeem Abbas, the university continues to uphold its high standards in academia and student facilitation. Notably, UAF is ranked 34th globally in Agriculture and Forestry by QS rankings and has made significant progress in education, research, and innovation. As the first agricultural institution in the subcontinent, UAF has played a pioneering role in promoting agriculture and ensuring food security.



Islamabad: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan and Iranian Minister for Industry, Mines and Trade Mohammad Atabak during a high-level meeting, both sides reaffirmed commitment to deepening trade, boosting border cooperation and fostering regional economic integration

# Three Medical Stores Challaned Over Drug Act Violations

SARGODHA (News Desk) Three medical stores in Shahpur tehsil were fined on Sunday for violating the Drug Act, according to official sources. Deputy Drug Controller Shahpur, Faheem Zia, inspected several outlets and found that Malik Medical Store was selling and stocking medicines without valid invoices or warranties. Aslam Medical Store faced penalties for improper drug storage and selling allopathic medicines without proper documentation. Hamza Medical Store lacked records for the sale and purchase of controlled drugs and also failed to provide valid invoices and warranties. During the inspection, four suspected substandard drug samples were also collected from Akram Qureshi Pharmacy. The cases have been referred to the District Quality Control Board (DQCB) Sargodha, while samples have been sent to the Drug Testing Laboratory (DTL) Rawalpindi for quality analysis. Further legal action will be taken based on lab results and the DQCB's recommendations.

### APHC Leader Term August 5, 2019, As Unprecedented Catastrophe

ISLAMABAD (News Desk) Leaders of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter, Syed Manzoor Ahmad Shah and Kashmiri condemned the August 5, 2019 decision by India to revoke Articles 370 and 35A, calling it the darkest day in Kashmir's political history. During their exclusive conversation with PTV News, they described the move as an unprecedented catastrophe that stripped Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and autonomy. They asserted that this action is a gross violation of international law and human rights and has intensified suffering, displacement, and political repression in the region. Shah criticized Indian media for spreading false narratives orchestrated by Modi's government to mislead both national and international audiences. He said such propaganda is aimed at hiding the truth and justifying the crackdown in Kashmir. Lon echoed these sentiments, stating that the Indian media falsely portrays peace while ignoring heavy militarization, curfews, and mass detentions.

### 40-bed Extension Inaugurated At Trauma Centre, DHQ Hospital DIKhan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (News Desk) City Mayor of DIKhan, Umar Amin Khan Gandapur, announced the successful addition of 40 beds in the Emergency Block of the Trauma Centre at District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital Dera Ismail Khan. He highlighted this development during the inauguration ceremony on Sunday, stating that it has significantly eased the burden on patients and their families by ensuring timely and efficient emergency medical services. The Mayor emphasized that this expansion is a key part of the region's broader healthcare improvement efforts.