

A portrait of Dr. Naveed Anjum, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera against a solid blue background.

***PM Shehbaz Sharif
Condemns Israeli Attack on
Qatar, Expresses Solidarity
with Qatari Amir***

Islamabad (News Desk) – Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif held a telephone conversation with His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar, strongly condemning today's unlawful bombing in Doha by Israeli forces, which resulted in loss of lives and damage to civilian property. The Prime Minister expressed deepest sympathies and solidarity with the Amir, the Qatari Royal Family, and the people of Qatar, terming Israel's attack a dastardly act and a blatant violation of Qatar's sovereignty that threatens regional peace and stability.



Pakistan Reaffirms Commitment to SME Cooperation at the 8th D-8 Meeting of Governmental Bodies



UAF Experts Devise Policy on GM and Non-GM Corn to Boost Maize Yield in Pakistan

FAISALABAD (News Desk) The University of Agriculture Faisalabad is devising policy recommendations on Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM corn in Pakistan: challenges and opportunities meant to tap the potential that will base on experts and stakeholders advice on scientific bases. In this regard, a consultative meeting was arranged by Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics (PBG) that was presided over by UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ali, while Chairperson National Seed Development And Regulatory Authority Dr Asif Ali, Dean Agriculture Prof Dr Ghulam Murtaza, Chairman PBG Prof Dr Azeem Iqbal, Chair Agriculture Policy Prof Dr Asif Kamran, Dr Muhammad Aslam, Dr Khalid Aziz from Rafhan Maize, Ch Asif Ali and other notables spoke on the occasion. Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ali said maize is the third most important cereal crop in the country after wheat and rice. He added that we have to adopt such technologies that will increase productivity and cope with climatic changes. He said that in the financial year 2025, maize cultivation in Pakistan is estimated at 1.44 million hectares. Production of maize is estimated at 8.24 million tonnes marking a decline from the previous year's 9.74 million tonnes, primarily due to reduced sowing. Chairperson National Seed Development And Regulatory Authority Dr Asif Ali praised the university initiatives for mapping out recommendation on corn. He said that in the face of agricultural challenges we have to come up climate-resilient technology. Prof Dr Ghulam Murtaza said the crop remains sensitive to shifts in input costs, market incentives, and climatic variability, demanding targeted interventions to ensure long-term sustainability and growth. Dr Azeem Iqbal stressed upon the need to collaborated efforts to address the challenges of food security by increasing per acre production that will ultimately resulted in boosting farmers' incomes. He said that discussed on the said policies would bring tangible results. Dr Asif Kamran said that they are consulting with stakeholders to formulate corn policy in order to increase yield and combat different issues for agricultural uplift. Dr Muhammad Aslam briefed about issues facing the maize crop.

Islamabad (News Desk) – Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif received Turkish Defence Minister Mr. Yasar Güler, co-chair of the Pakistan-Türkiye Joint Ministerial Commission, at the Prime Minister House, emphasizing the historic and fraternal ties between Pakistan and Türkiye rooted in shared history, culture, and mutual respect. The Prime Minister expressed satisfaction with the positive trajectory of bilateral relations and Pakistan's commitment to strengthening cooperation with Türkiye in trade, investment, technology, and defence. Recalling his recent meeting with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the SCO Council of Heads of State in China, PM Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed the importance of frequent engagement at all levels to build closer Pak-Türkiye relations and highlighted the target of achieving USD 5 billion in bilateral trade. He also invited Turkish companies to expand investment in Pakistan under the country's investor-friendly policies. Both sides reiterated strong support for each other's core national interests and agreed to continue working to further elevate the strategic partnership. The meeting concluded with a dinner hosted by the Prime Minister for the Turkish delegation.

Islamabad (News Desk) – Federal Minister for Water Resources, Mr. Muhammad Mueen Wattoo, held a meeting with a World Bank delegation led by Ms. Meskerem Brhane, Regional Director for ‘Planet’ in the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, to address challenges in Pakistan’s water sector and explore collaborative solutions. The discussions focused on increasing floods, water scarcity, and climate resilience, emphasizing integrated water resources management, improved land use planning, and coordination between federal and provincial governments. Both sides highlighted the National Flood Protection Plan IV and the World Bank’s Pakistan Country Partnership Framework FY2026-2035, aligning priorities on flood resilience, agricultural water productivity, and water use efficiency to ensure long-term food security. The Ministry and World Bank agreed to follow-up discussions to identify practical solutions in infrastructure, management, and governance, and stressed the importance of consolidated monitoring and investment in water resource measurement to create a publicly accessible, data-driven platform for enhanced national water management. The discussions focused on increasing floods, water scarcity, and climate resilience, emphasizing integrated water resources management, improved land use planning, and coordination between federal and provincial governments. Both sides highlighted the National Flood Protection Plan IV and the World Bank’s Pakistan Country Partnership Framework FY2026-2035, aligning priorities on flood resilience, agricultural water productivity.