

Islamabad (News Desk) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is taking every possible measure to provide relief and rehabilitation to the flood victims. These views were expressed by the Managing Director of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM), Senator Captain Shaheen Khalid Butt, while presiding over an important online meeting to review the PBM's relief activities for the flood affected families. Director General PBM projects Professor Dr. Zeeshan Danish, Director Projects Qasim Zafar, and other officials attended the meeting. Managing Director PBM also chaired an online session and received briefings from all provincial and regional directors regarding ongoing relief activities for flood victims. The Managing Director was informed that Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal staff, in collaboration with local administrations and various welfare organizations, is providing food, dry milk, medicines, tents, clothing, and other essential items to flood-affected people in the impacted districts. Furthermore, under its project "Khana Sab Kay Ley (Food for Everyone)", PBM is also delivering meals and relief goods to affected individuals using mobile food trucks and is providing temporary shelter in shelter homes. Captain Shaheen issued instructions to the concerned officers to serve the flood victims with utmost dedication and commitment. He also directed that, after meeting the immediate needs of the victims, steps should be taken for their economic rehabilitation. District offices should be mobilized to arrange temporary accommodation and food for flood victims in Sweet Homes and Women Empowerment Centers. PBM's Chief reaffirmed the commitment that flood victims should not feel abandoned in this difficult time. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is doing everything it can to ease their suffering. Senator Captain Shaheen Khalid Butt further stated that effective measures will be taken for the education and upbringing of children orphaned by the floods, and wheelchairs and prosthetic limbs will be provided to those who became disabled. He also emphasized that addressing the immediate needs of food and shelter for flood victims is a critical necessity; all philanthropists and welfare organizations across the country should join hands with the government to fulfill their religious, humanitarian, and national responsibilities.

Islamabad (News Desk) In line with its commitment to prudent use of public resources, the Supreme Court of Pakistan has streamlined and rationalized the security of the Chief Justice of Pakistan, scaling down the number of official vehicles from eight to two, resulting in release of considerable number of security personnel for routine policing duties. The security regime for serving Honourable Judges has also been regulated suitably, making it rational and aligned with the entitlements under the rules. In the same spirit .



Mianyang, China (News Desk) President Asif Ali Zardari today travelled from Chengdu to Mianyang by a high-speed train, covering the journey in around half an hour. During the journey the President was briefed on the train's operations, service, safety systems and environmental advantages. Officials highlighted that China now operates the world's largest high-speed rail network of over 45,000 km of dedicated track, carrying more than 2 billion passengers annually. With trains running at up to 350 km/h, the network links almost all major Chinese cities. China has built a standardised, dedicated passenger system that has become a model of modern connectivity. The President praised China's achievements in sustainable and resilient transport, including pollution-free electric propulsion and earthquake early-warning technologies, describing them as a marvel of railway engineering. He noted that such innovations offer valuable lessons for other countries including Pakistan. The President was accompanied by Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Mr Khalil Hashmi, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr Jiang Zaidong, who is travelling with the President throughout his visit, and Senator Saleem Mandviwalla. On arrival, the President was received by Mr Wu Hao, Vice Mayor of Mianyang.

Islamabad (News Desk) Pakistan's first-ever functioning Trade Dispute Resolution Commission (TDRC) has formally begun operations under the direct vision and leadership of Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, marking a landmark step in the country's trade governance. For the first time since the Trade Dispute Resolution Act, 2022 was passed, the Commission is not only fully appointed but also being operationalized with a clear roadmap. Addressing the newly inducted Members, Jam Kamal Khan emphasized that the TDRC will "transform how trade disputes are resolved in Pakistan" by providing a neutral, efficient and transparent mechanism for both domestic and international stakeholders. The five Members of the newly appointed Commission are Mr. Umar Dad Afridi, Mr. Javed Iqbal Khan, Mr. Muhammad Hamood Ur Rauf, Mr. Muhammad Rauf Khan and Ms. Riffat Inam Butt. Jam Kamal Khan announced immediate measures to ensure the Commission's functionality — including securing dedicated office space, finalizing service and financial rules, launching an online complaint portal, and initiating a nationwide public-awareness campaign. He underscored that the Executive Director General of the Trade Dispute Resolution Organization (TDRO) would extend full support to the Commission. Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Commerce Rana Ihsaan Afzal congratulated the Members and praised the Minister's leadership, noting that the Commission's first-time functionality "reflects the government's commitment to modernizing Pakistan's trade institutions." Members Riffat Inam Butt and Umar Dad Afridi, speaking on behalf of their colleagues Javed Iqbal Khan, Muhammad Hamood Ur Rauf and Muhammad Rauf Khan, welcomed the Minister's directives and pledged to deliver on the mandate. They highlighted that the Commission's operationalization would set new standards of transparency and professionalism in trade dispute settlement, enhancing business confidence and Pakistan's reputation as a fair trading partner. The launch of the TDRC under Jam Kamal Khan's stewardship represents a milestone in Pakistan's effort to improve ease of doing business, protect the trading community and attract investment through predictable, impartial dispute resolution.

Chengdu, China (News Desk) A banquet was hosted in honour of President Asif Ali Zardari by Mr Wang Xiao Hui, Party Secretary of the Communist Party of China in Sichuan Province. The banquet was attended by First Lady Ms Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, Chairman Pakistan People's Party Mr Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Pakistan's Ambassador to China Mr Khalil Hashmi, China's Ambassador to Pakistan Mr Jiang Zaidong, senior Chinese officials, and other distinguished guests.