

Tehran (News Desk) – Welcoming the Minister of Commerce and his delegation, Mr. Atabak extended condolences and sympathies for families affected by the recent floods in Pakistan. He highlighted that since Dr. Pezeshkian's visit to Pakistan, bilateral trade has improved significantly and the trade target of 10 billion dollars is achievable through mutual efforts and enhanced people-to-people contact. Mr. Jam Kamal Khan thanked the Iranian Minister for acknowledging the devastating flood impact and noted that the visits on both sides reflect a progressive approach toward achieving trade targets. Ahead of tomorrow's Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting, both ministers emphasized the need to remove impediments to trade activities. Pakistan's trade figures with Iran have reached 3 billion dollars, marking significant progress. Both leaders stressed the importance of barter trade, signing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and activating border markets to further enhance trade. They also agreed to finalize a shared list of commodities and improve interconnectivity through upgraded road, rail, and port infrastructure. Mr. Kamal highlighted Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's vision of facilitating the private sector, noting a recent rise in Pakistani rice and meat exports to Iran. The Iranian delegation included Mr. Dehghan Dehnavi, Head of the Trade Promotion Organization; Mr. Abdol-Sadeh Neisi, Director General of the East Asia Office, Trade Promotion Organization; Mr. Moftah, Deputy Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade; Mr. Ghanbari, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Hassanzadeh, Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Iran; and Mr. Safari from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Islamabad (News Desk) – Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) is taking all possible measures to provide relief and rehabilitation to flood-affected families, said Managing Director Senator Captain Shaheen Khalid Butt during an online meeting reviewing PBM's relief activities. Director General PBM Projects Professor Dr. Zeeshan Danish, Director Projects Qasim Zafar, and other officials attended the session, where briefings from all provincial and regional directors were received regarding ongoing support efforts. PBM staff, in coordination with local administrations and welfare organizations, are providing food, dry milk, medicines, tents, clothing, and other essentials to affected districts. Under the "Khana Sab Kay Ley (Food for Everyone)" initiative, PBM is delivering meals and relief goods via mobile food trucks and offering temporary shelter in shelter homes. Senator Captain Shaheen directed officers to serve flood victims with utmost dedication and to focus on their economic rehabilitation once immediate needs are met. He emphasized arranging temporary accommodation and food through district offices, Sweet Homes.



active role in enhancing trade volume, adding that the government is fully committed to supporting and facilitating businesses with Iran. He highlighted mutual cooperation in services, agriculture and animal husbandry, scientific research, and food security as areas that can bring regional benefits. Regional connectivity through roads, rail, maritime, and air transport was described as a potential game-changer that could serve as a gateway to Central Asia, South Asia, and the Middle East, creating job opportunities and stimulating economic activities. Ms. Farzaneh Sadegh welcomed the participants and stressed the importance of the forum, stating that the deliberations would lead to future roadmaps with follow-ups that are expected to yield results. She also highlighted steps needed for ease of business, visa facilitation, border markets, and improvements in the banking sector. Both leaders, while co-chairing the meeting, noted that in the present scenario, both countries could benefit from shared experiences in water management, disaster management, and addressing environmental changes.

Islamabad (News Desk) – A bilateral consultative meeting on the cashless economy was held between the United Arab Emirates and Pakistan, represented by His Excellency Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, UAE Minister of State for Financial Affairs, and Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, Pakistan's Minister of State for Finance. The UAE side provided a detailed briefing on digital payments and collections, sharing insights into the Emirates' experiences related to the digital economy, while the Pakistani team elaborated on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's vision for a cashless economy and updated on the progress made so far. The meeting agreed to continue cooperation at the technical team level on various aspects of the cashless economy and discussed the Prime Minister's initiatives to promote the digital economy. Progress in overall cooperation between the UAE and Pakistan in modern governance was also reviewed. Minister of State Bilal Azhar Kayani expressed gratitude to the UAE leadership for their support in knowledge and experience exchange, particularly in the cashless economy and other sectors. The meeting was attended by UAE officials including His Excellency Ali Abdullah Sharafi, Assistant Undersecretary for International Financial Relations; Director Ms. Suraiya Hamid Al Hashmi; and Mr. Ibrahim Al Ali from the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs. The Pakistani delegation, led by Minister Bilal Azhar Kayani, included Mr. Jameel Ahmad, Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan; Mr. Imdadullah Bosal, Secretary Finance; Mr. Zarrar Hasham, Secretary IT; Mr. Faisal Tirmizi, Pakistani Ambassador to the UAE; other senior officials; and members of the Karandaz team.

Chengdu, China (News Desk) – On the 128th day since the ceasefire with India, President Asif Ali Zardari, constitutionally the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of Pakistan, visited the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), China's flagship aerospace and defence conglomerate involved in designing and producing a wide range of military and civilian aircraft. During the visit, President Zardari toured the entire AVIC complex, which produces the J-10C fighter jet that played a key role in the recent conflict, and met with engineers and scientists to discuss innovation, production, and future technologies. He was briefed on AVIC's advanced capabilities, including the J-10 fighter jet, co-production of the JF-17 Thunder with Pakistan, progress on the J-20 stealth 5th-generation fighter, unmanned aerial vehicles, fully automated units, and integrated command-and-control systems for multi-domain operations. President Zardari noted that the J-10 and JF-17 have significantly strengthened the Pakistan Air Force, as demonstrated during May 2025's Ma'raka-e-Haq and Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos, and praised AVIC as a symbol of China's technological advancement and the enduring strategic partnership between Pakistan and China. The visit marked a historic first, as no foreign head of state had previously toured the AVIC complex. President Zardari was accompanied by Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, First Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi, and China's Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong. He reaffirmed that Pakistan and China will continue to expand collaboration in defence production and aviation, further deepening their all-weather strategic cooperative partnership.

Tank (News Desk) – A four-day anti-polio campaign commenced in District Tank on Monday under stringent security arrangements. According to police officials, a large number of personnel from the police, Frontier Corps (FC), and other law enforcement agencies have been deployed across various union councils to ensure public safety and maintain law and order during the campaign. Before deployment, the Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) conducted thorough sweeps of sensitive and key locations.