

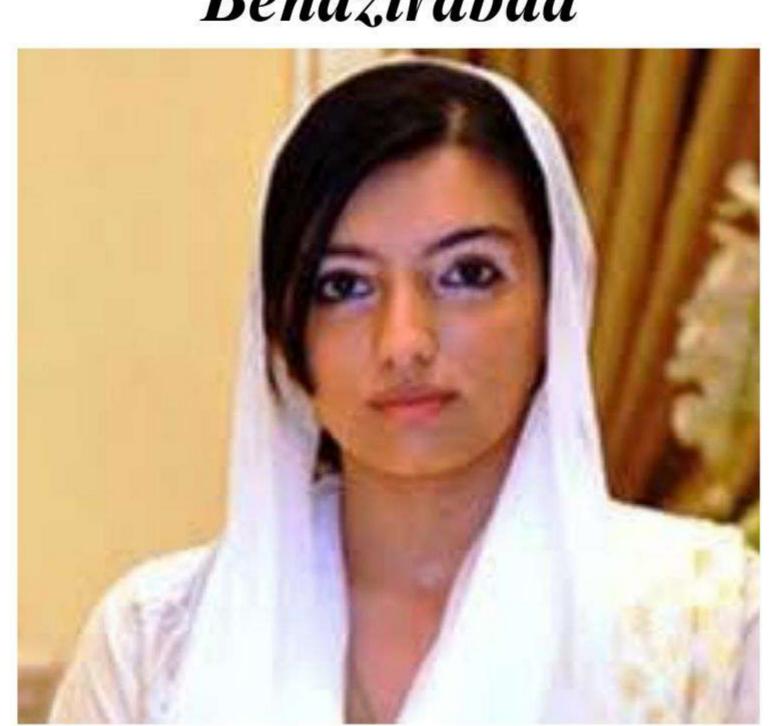
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First Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari Reviews Flood Preparedness in Shaheed Benazirabad



Nawabshah (News Desk): The First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Member of the National Assembly, Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, accompanied by Sindh Health Minister Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho, visited Shaheed Benazirabad district on Wednesday to review preparedness and response measures in areas at risk of flooding. During her visit, she convened a detailed briefing session attended by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, DIG, SSP, and senior officials from the Irrigation Department, Rescue 1122, and the Health Department. She was informed that under a super flood scenario up to 80,000 residents across 95 villages in nine union councils could be affected, while approximately 64,000 livestock may also be at risk, with evacuation efforts already in progress. Areas in Qazi Ahmed and Sakrand, including That, Saeed Kando, Phullel, Khad, Gehram Mari, Bahawal Shah, Mehrabpur, Mari, and Morya Lakho, have been identified as particularly vulnerable. To support relief operations, 59 relief camps have been identified and 11 medical camps have been activated, with arrangements for life jackets, boats, fire brigades, ambulances, dewatering pumps, and ventilators already made. Commending the ongoing efforts, the First Lady appreciated the dedication of the administration, particularly the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, DIG, SSP, Rescue 1122, and health authorities for their commitment to safeguarding lives and livelihoods. Assuring the people of Shaheed Benazirabad that they would not be left alone in this hour of crisis, she emphasized, "This is not a moment for political division but rather a time to stand together as one nation." She directed all stakeholders to intensify relief work and continue working flood-affected collectively to support families, ensuring that every possible step is taken to protect lives and provide timely assistance.

PM's Commerce Coordinator Emphasizes Ethical Trade at PITAD Conference

Islamabad (News Desk): The Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Commerce, Mr. Rana Ihsaan Afzal Khan, attended as the Chief Guest at the conference titled "Ashra Rehmatu Lil Alamin Program" organized by the Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD). The conference, held in observance of the blessed month of Rabi' al-Awwal, focused on deriving lessons from the life of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) to guide ethical trade practices and the modern Halal economy. In his keynote address.



A high-level Palestinian delegation led by Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Chief Islamic Justice of Palestine and Adviser to the President on Religious Affairs and Islamic Relations called on Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony Sardar Muhammad Yousaf in Islamabad

The Embassy Hosts Talk by German Historian Ursula Perlwitz, and Art Exhibition of Pakistani Artists

Abu Dhabi (News Desk) Pakistan Embassy in Abu Dhabi organized an engaging talk with Ms. Ursula Perlwitz, a distinguished German historian and traveler. Born on 23 May 1934 in Hamburg, Ms. Perlwitz resided in Karachi from 1963 to 1968 during her husband's posting with Lufthansa. With a passion for archaeology and languages, she has travelled extensively across Europe, Africa, and Asia. The discussion session was moderated by Dr. Saba Karim Khan, New York University Abu Dhabi. The event was attended by ambassadors & diplomats from various missions and members of the Pakistani community. In her remarks, Ms. Perlwitz fondly recalled her time in Pakistan, highlighting her extensive travels to all parts of Pakistan including Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar, the beautiful northern areas, and former East Pakistan. She spoke of her fascination with Mughal art, her collection of miniature paintings, and her visits to historic sites such as Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa. Recalling the kindness and hospitality of the Pakistani people, she said, "I was curious to go there and was very happy, and I loved it all. Pakistan's culture, cuisine, and strong women left a deep impression on me. Pakistan Zindabad!". During the interactive discussion, she candidly answered questions and expressed her desire to visit Pakistan again soon. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi thanked Ms. Perlwitz for sharing her rich experiences and cherished memories of Pakistan. "Your talk beautifully reflects your happiness and the kindness you found in Pakistan. You were a most charming lady then, as you are now, with a heart of immense beauty. I would encourage you to write a book, as your memories and your unique collection of photographs from the 1960s capture a fascinating chapter of Pakistan's history and your close connection with the country", said the Ambassador. Following the talk, an art exhibition was held at the Embassy, showcasing the artworks of Pakistani artist Tehseen Badar, whose portfolio spans figurative and cultural themes, landscapes, calligraphy, and portraits. The works of Ms. Saima Furqan and Dr. Rabia Sheikh were also showcased during the exhibition. "I found Mr. Tehseen Badar's art captivating and inspiring. Pakistani art and culture hold immense potential, and at the Embassy, we strive to project and promote our artists and their works", remarked the Ambassador.

FBR Proceeds Against its Officers Found involved in Regularization of Smuggled Vehicles

Islamabad (News Desk) In pursuit of its ongoing transformation agenda, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) continues to prioritize transparency, accountability, and institutional integrity. A key pillar of this reform effort is the establishment of internal checks and a policy of zero tolerance towards corrupt practices. This includes profiling of FBR's workforce based on integrity and initiating disciplinary and criminal action where needed. It may be recalled that in order to strengthen control mechanisms and prevent the misuse of auctioned vehicles, FBR in August 2021 introduced the 'Auction Module' in its WeBOC system. This system enhancement was aimed at addressing the issue of multiple vehicles being registered against documents issued by Customs after the auction of confiscated smuggled vehicles. Through this module, Motor Registration Authorities (MRAs) were enabled to verify auctioned vehicle details online before registration, significantly reducing reliance on paper-based manual verifications. The goal was to both strengthen institutional controls and facilitate legitimate buyers. However, despite these reforms, reports emerged in July 2025 regarding misuse of the aforementioned Auction Module. In response, FBR immediately initiated an inquiry into the matter. Since the module's launch, details of 1,909 vehicles had been uploaded into the system. Upon detailed scrutiny, it was discovered that 103 of these vehicles had been fraudulently uploaded using fake user identities. MRAs had already registered 43 out of these 103 smuggled vehicles, effectively granting them an appearance of legal clearance. Based on a digital audit and internal investigations, FBR identified the user IDs through which the fraud was committed. As a result, on 9th July, 2025, FBR suspended one Deputy Collector and one Assistant Collector, whose credentials had been misused in the commission of this crime. The investigation further revealed that this was part of a wider criminal racket involving officials from MRAs and car dealers. Recognizing the gravity of the issue, FBR determined that the matter warranted action beyond internal disciplinary proceedings. Accordingly.

President Zardari, Punjab Governor Discuss Flood Relief and Climate Challenges



(News Desk): President of Islamabad Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari, held a detailed discussion with Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider on Wednesday regarding the devastating flood situation across the province. During the call, Governor Haider briefed the President on the challenges faced by flood-affected communities, particularly in remote and cut-off areas, and underscored the relief efforts underway, noting that the Pakistan Red Crescent Society has expanded its services to almost every part of Punjab, including Lahore, Hafizabad, Kasur, Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Narowal, and Mandi Bahauddin. Relief camps have already been set up, and a water treatment plant is being established in Kartarpur to provide safe drinking water to local residents. The Governor emphasized that officials and volunteers are reaching out directly to affected families, assuring them that the state stands beside them in this difficult hour. President Zardari praised these efforts and reiterated that the people of Pakistan would not be left alone during this crisis, stating, "This is a human tragedy that demands solidarity and urgent response." He further stressed that Pakistan is facing unprecedented challenges due to climate change, noting that swollen rivers and unseasonal rains have created a looming threat of food insecurity across the region. He pointed out that while Pakistan has played no role in creating the global climate catastrophe, "our nation continues to pay a heavy price for it." Calling for international solidarity, the President urged the global community to stand with Pakistan in combating the destructive impact of climate

Parliamentary Secretary Urges Unity to Address Balochistan's Energy Challenges

Islamabad (News Desk): Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Barrister Danyal Chaudhry, called for national unity beyond political divisions to Balochistan's critical energy address challenges during his concluding address at a research dissemination event on rural electrification in Balochistan, organized by the Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED). He emphasized that at this pivotal moment, the nation must rise above political divisions and work collectively to ensure no province is left behind, stressing that the energy gap in Balochistan is a national concern requiring unified action.