

Dera Ismail Khan Private Schools Demand Transparent Exam System from BISE

Dera Ismail Khan (News Desk) The Private Education Network (PEN), representing private schools in Dera Ismail Khan, has called on the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) to ensure transparency in the examination system and adopt student-friendly policies in line with other educational boards. In a meeting held here, PEN President Arsalan Sadozai and General Secretary Syed Tariq Abbas Bukhari said that irregularities and injustices being reported in the Dera Board examinations were causing concerns among students and parents. They maintained that such practices would not be tolerated and the association, with the support of citizens and parents, would raise the issue at every forum. The association referred to the Kohat Board’s recent initiative of uploading every student’s answer sheet on its official website, terming it a positive and transparent policy. “This has enabled parents to directly assess the performance of their children, and such practices deserve appreciation,” the leaders noted. PEN leaders demanded that the Dera Board should also introduce a similar mechanism to facilitate students, particularly those belonging to underprivileged and conflict-affected areas, so that they could identify their weaknesses, improve their performance, and move ahead with confidence. The policy, they said, would also help principals and institutions evaluate their teaching standards. The association made it clear that if the demands were not addressed, it reserved the right to adopt all legal and peaceful protest options, adding that a comprehensive strategy would soon be finalized with the participation of all private schools in Dera Ismail Khan.

Pakistan Ambassador Visits STMC and Salma Rehabilitation Center in Al Ain

Abu Dhabi (News Desk) Pakistan’s Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, visited Sheikh Tahnoon bin Mohammed Medical City (STMC) and Salma Rehabilitation Center in Al Ain, where he met hospital leadership and Pakistani patients under treatment. The Ambassador was received by CEO Sultan Mohamed Alkaram and COO Eisa Jaber Al Kuwaiti, along with senior medical staff. During the visit, Ambassador Tirmizi interacted with Pakistani patients, inquired about their health, and conveyed his best wishes for their speedy recovery. He lauded the professionalism and compassion of doctors, surgeons, and paramedical staff, while assuring both patients and hospital leadership of the Embassy’s full support, particularly in facilitating safe repatriation to Pakistan. Ambassador Tirmizi also toured the hospital’s innovative Wellness Oasis, praising its state-of-the-art facilities and the management’s dedication to excellence in healthcare, especially for Pakistani nationals in the UAE.



Federal Minister Orders Inquiry into Freight Train Accident near Renala Khurd

Lahore (News Desk) Federal Minister for Railways, Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, has taken notice of a freight train derailment near Renala Khurd that claimed the life of Assistant Driver Imtiaz, involving several coaches and the locomotive, and has ordered a detailed inquiry to be completed within three days; expressing grief, the Minister stated that “there is no substitute for a human life, whether it belongs to a passenger or an employee,” while a relief train from Lahore was dispatched for rescue operations and he assured strict action against those found responsible to ensure justice.



Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi Pays Tribute to Quaid-e-Azam on 77th Death Anniversary

Islamabad (News Desk) Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has paid rich tribute to the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, on his 77th death anniversary, lauding his extraordinary struggle for the creation of Pakistan and the empowerment of the subcontinent’s Muslims. In a statement issued on Thursday, Naqvi said that Quaid-e-Azam gave the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent a vision, an identity, and an independent homeland. “Jinnah led the Muslims out of bondage and guided them to the goal of a sovereign state,” he noted. Highlighting Jinnah’s unmatched leadership qualities, Naqvi remarked, “His character combined moral integrity, honesty in speech, and steadfastness in action—traits rarely witnessed in history.” He added that through tireless effort, courage, and perseverance, Jinnah transformed a community into a nation. Naqvi emphasized that Jinnah envisioned a Pakistan where every citizen would enjoy justice, equality, and dignity. He praised Jinnah’s stance on minority rights as a pinnacle of ethical statecraft and recalled that Jinnah regarded women as a cornerstone of national development. “Jinnah believed true leadership rose above self-interest to serve the greater national good and considered the state a sacred trust of the people,” Naqvi said. “His vision was for Pakistan to be a fair, dignified, knowledge-loving state founded on equality and mutual respect.”The minister noted that even after 77 years, Jinnah’s philosophy continues to guide Pakistan’s decisions, direction, and national identity. “Faith, Unity, and Discipline remain Jinnah’s greatest bequest to us—they are the spirit of Pakistan,”he concluded.



NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Commends Security Forces for Counterterrorism Success



Islamabad (News Desk) National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Thursday paid a strong tribute to security forces for their successful counterterrorism operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, praising their exceptional professionalism and unwavering bravery. In a statement, the Speaker emphasised that the Pakistan Army, the people, and Parliament stand united in the fight against terrorism. He lauded the forces for eliminating 19 militants operating as Indian proxies, calling the operation a clear reflection of the forces

’strategic acumen and operational excellence. He asserted that those involved in sabotage under Indian patronage would soon be brought to justice, reaffirming the state’s commitment to rooting out all threats to national security. “The entire nation stands as a fortified barrier against these threats,” the Speaker remarked, highlighting the collective resolve to eliminate extremism from the country. He further commended the tireless efforts of security institutions in restoring peace and stability nationwide, describing their sacrifices and achievements as deeply admirable and worthy of the highest recognition.

Pakistani Pavilion Shines at 25th China International Fair for Investment & Trade

Beijing (News Desk) The Pakistani pavilion attracted widespread attention at the 25th China International Fair for Investment & Trade (CIFIT) in Xiamen (September 8–11), with Pakistan’s Consul General in Guangzhou, Sardar Muhammad, attending the opening ceremony and promoting bilateral trade opportunities. Held under the theme “Partnering with China, Investing in the Future,” CIFIT 2025 spanned 120,000 square meters, hosting over 15,000 enterprises and institutions from 120+ countries, with the United Kingdom as guest of honor. Consul General Sardar Muhammad toured Pakistani booths displaying handicrafts, wooden furniture, scarves, sandalwood, and pink salt, making Pakistan’s section one of the fair’s highlights. He met Chinese exhibitors to explore cooperation opportunities and held talks with Ma Guowu, Director of Asian Affairs at Fujian Provincial Department of Commerce, to expand trade between Pakistan and Fujian. Additionally, he met senior executives of leading Chinese firms, including Hithium, reaffirming Pakistan’s commitment to strengthening practical cooperation through business matchmaking, sector-specific dialogues, and active participation in economic events.

South Korea’s Exports Rise 3.8% in Early September Despite Trade Deficit

Seoul (News Desk) South Korea’s exports increased 3.8 percent year-on-year during the first 10 days of September, reaching USD 19.2 billion, driven by strong demand for semiconductors and vessels, according to Korea Customs Service data. In the same period last year, exports totaled USD 18.5 billion. However, the daily average volume of exports fell 8.7 percent year-on-year. Imports surged 11.1 percent to USD 20.4 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of USD 1.2 billion. In August, South Korea’s exports had grown 1.3 percent from the previous year to USD 58.4 billion, supported by solid global semiconductor demand.

BISP, Nutrition International Pilot Project Reduces Anaemia Among Adolescent Girls

Islamabad (News Desk) – The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and Nutrition International have successfully completed a pilot project, “Effectiveness of Adolescent Nutrition Conditional Cash Transfer,” targeting anaemia in girls aged 13–19 across six districts in Pakistan. Implemented from 2023–25, the project provided Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFAS), nutrition education, and quarterly conditional cash transfers to parents, reaching over 100,000 girls. Results showed 99% coverage for iron tablets, over 90% regular consumption, a 34% reduction in mild to moderate anaemia, and significant increases in awareness about anaemia and iron-rich foods. Federal Minister for National Health Services, Syed Mustafa Kamal, emphasized the importance of preventive health interventions and adolescent nutrition in building a healthier, more resilient nation. The pilot leveraged BISP’s Benazir Nashonuma Programme to reach vulnerable and out-of-school girls, combining supplementation, education, and conditional cash transfers. Partners plan to scale up the model nationwide to improve adolescent health and nutrition.