

PITB, ITU Sign Agreement to Digitize Fee Collection with PayZen

Lahore (News Desk) Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and Information Technology University (ITU) have signed an agreement to digitize the university’s fee collection system through PITB’s indigenous fintech solution, PayZen. The contract was signed by PITB Director Development & Procurement Ata ur Rehman and ITU Assistant Registrar Mustafa Tirmizi, in the presence of PITB Chairman Faisal Yousaf and ITU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor, along with senior officials. Under the agreement, PITB will develop and maintain PayZen’s web-based platform to facilitate ITU in fee collection via multiple channels, including mobile banking, ATMs, and debit/credit cards. The initiative aims to simplify fee collection while ensuring secure, transparent, and efficient transactions that will strengthen ITU’s revenue streams. PITB will also train ITU staff and provide continuous technical support. Chairman Faisal Yousaf emphasized that PayZen will deliver user-friendly, transparent, and secure financial processes, benefiting both the university and its students.

Defence Committee

Chairman Hails

September 6 as Golden Chapter in Pakistan’s

History

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (News Desk) Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence, Sardar Fatahullah Khan Miankhel, said that September 6 was a golden chapter in the country’s history when the Pakistan armed forces and the entire nation stood united and set an everlasting example of sacrifice. Speaking to APP, he said the day reminded the nation of its pledge to offer every sacrifice for the defence and security of the motherland. He noted that whenever the enemy cast an evil eye on Pakistan, the armed forces responded with courage, bravery, and unshakable faith, and even today, the army, Rangers, police, and other security institutions continue to work tirelessly for the country’s defence. He stressed that the sacrifices of martyrs were a shining chapter of national history that would always be remembered with golden words. Emphasizing that Defence Day was not only for the armed forces but for the entire nation, Miankhel said it teaches the lesson of unity, solidarity, and selflessness. He urged citizens to honor the sacrifices of martyrs and Ghazis by fulfilling their responsibilities at all levels for Pakistan’s stability and progress, adding that the courage and sacrifices of the soldiers would remain a beacon of light for future generations.

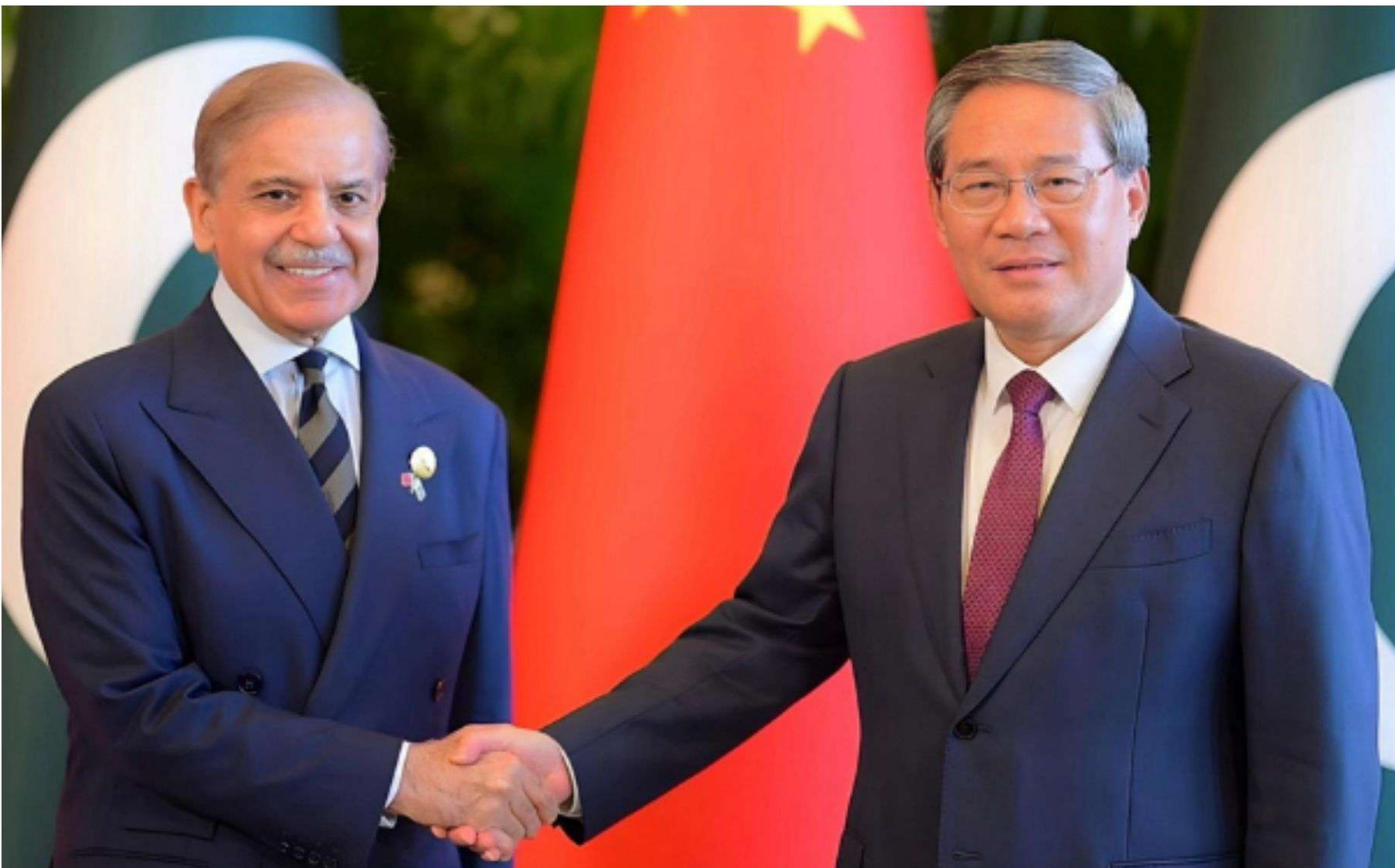
Sindh CM Mourns Loss of Lives in Nawabshah

Passenger Coach Accident

KARACHI (News Desk) Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of lives in a passenger coach accident in Nawabshah on Sunday. He directed the Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad to provide immediate relief to the injured and ensure full cooperation and support for the bereaved families of both the deceased and the injured. The Chief Minister also extended his heartfelt sympathies to the affected families in this tragic incident.

China and Pakistan Launch 2025-2029 Action Plan to Strengthen Strategic Partnership

Beijing (News Desk) China and Pakistan, during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif’s visit to Beijing, released the Action Plan on Building a Closer China-Pakistan Community with a Shared Future in the New Era (2025-2029), marking a new height in their all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and creating unprecedented opportunities for both nations and the wider region. Prof. Cheng Xizhong, Senior Research Fellow at the Charhar Institute, highlighted that the partnership stands as a model in international relations, having grown deeper despite global volatility. He emphasized the Action Plan’s extraordinary economic significance, aiming to boost trade, investment, and industrial cooperation under CPEC, enhance infrastructure, energy, and manufacturing sectors, and promote Pakistan’s industrial upgrading. Prof. Cheng noted that integrated economic cooperation will strengthen resilience in the global economy, while security cooperation will ensure long-term progress against traditional and non-traditional threats. He further underlined that people-to-people exchanges in education, youth, and culture will inject new vitality into bilateral ties. On the global stage, China and Pakistan will coordinate to amplify the voices of developing countries, uphold fairness, and promote multilateralism, while encouraging regional peace through dialogue. He concluded that the Action Plan provides a grand blueprint for advancing political, economic, security, cultural, and people-to-people relations, contributing significantly to regional and global peace, stability, and prosperity.



Chinese Cauliflower Seeds Boost Yields and Incomes for Pakistani Farmers

Beijing (News Desk) Chinese cauliflower seeds are transforming agriculture in Pakistan by offering higher yields, shorter growth cycles, and affordability compared to Western hybrid varieties. Local farmer Mohammad from Punjab shared that his revenue per season has grown by 50% since adopting Chinese seeds, while agricultural experts confirmed that more than 90% of cauliflower seeds in Pakistan are imported, with China now dominating the market. Scientists from Tianjin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, who completed the world’s first cauliflower genome sequencing in 2019, have worked closely with Pakistani technicians to develop stress-resistant varieties suited to South Asia’s diverse climates. By mid-2025, Tianjin’s seed exports had reached 11 tonnes annually, covering 70% of Pakistan’s cauliflower farmland and improving incomes for thousands of farmers. Demonstration bases have been established in over 10 countries, including Pakistan, Vietnam, and France, with more than 800 varieties tested. Experts believe expanding SCO joint research labs could further localize hybrid seed production, reduce costs, and provide even greater benefits to small farmers. Affordable Chinese seeds are not only increasing farmer income but also ensuring that cauliflower remains a staple on Pakistani households’ tables.



BISE Rawalpindi Reschedules SSC Second Annual Exams Amid Weather Challenges

Rawalpindi (News Desk) The Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Rawalpindi has rescheduled the SSC second annual examinations, now set to commence on September 29, 2025, due to adverse weather conditions, recent flooding, and continuous rainfall across Punjab that posed difficulties for students and parents. Chairman Muhammad Adnan Khan stated that the three-week delay was introduced to prioritize student convenience and ensure a more conducive environment for exams, while confirming that the new date sheet will be issued soon. He further clarified that the postponement will not affect the results of either the Matric Second Annual or Intermediate Part-II examinations, as the board will continue all processes according to the planned schedule to safeguard students’academic year.

KP Governor Vows Full Support for Storm-Affected Families in Dera Ismail Khan



DERA ISMAIL KHAN (News Desk) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday said that both the federal and provincial governments are making all-out efforts to ensure timely relief and long-term rehabilitation for victims of natural calamities. He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony at the Commissioner’s Office, where relief cheques were distributed among storm-affected families on behalf of the Prime Minister. The event was attended by Chairman of the National Assembly’s Standing Committee on Defence and MNA Sardar Fathullah Khan Miankhel, Commissioner Dera Division Zafarul Islam Khattak, JUI-F representative Kafeel Ahmad Nizami, and senior PML-N leader Rehan Malik Advocate. Governor Kundi said the people of Dera Ismail Khan are grateful to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for providing financial assistance and emphasized that no shortcomings would be allowed in rehabilitation and resettlement efforts. He added that while lives lost cannot be brought back, financial support will provide some relief to bereaved families. Stressing the importance of unity, he noted that all political forces are working together for the people’s welfare, while health, shelter, and livelihood support will be prioritized to help victims rebuild their lives. He also appreciated Commissioner Zafarul Islam Khattak and his team for their efforts in relief and rehabilitation.

Commissioner Faisalabad Pays Tribute to Martyrs and Pakistan Armed Forces on Defence Day

FAISALABAD (News Desk) Divisional Commissioner Raja Jahangir Anwar has paid glowing tribute to the martyrs and valiant armed forces of Pakistan, stating that their courage and sacrifices have made the country’s defence invincible. In his message on Defence Day and Air Force Day, he said that September 6 is observed to honor the bravery and resilience of Pakistan’s armed forces who, during the 1965 war, defeated an enemy six times larger, setting a historic example of determination and national unity. He emphasized that the martyrs and ghazis offered their lives to protect the homeland, etching a shining chapter in Pakistan’s history. Highlighting the unmatched valor of the Pakistan Air Force (PAF), he said the sacrifices of PAF martyrs would be eternally remembered, as they laid down their lives to defend the nation’s airspace. The Commissioner praised Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah’s vision under which the PAF emerged as a modern and professional institution, on par with any air force in the world. Recalling the 1965 war, he noted that the gallantry of PAF officers and jawans remains a glorious part of national history and lauded the Air Force’s decisive role in counterterrorism operations, including Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad and Operation Bunyan-ul-Marsous .