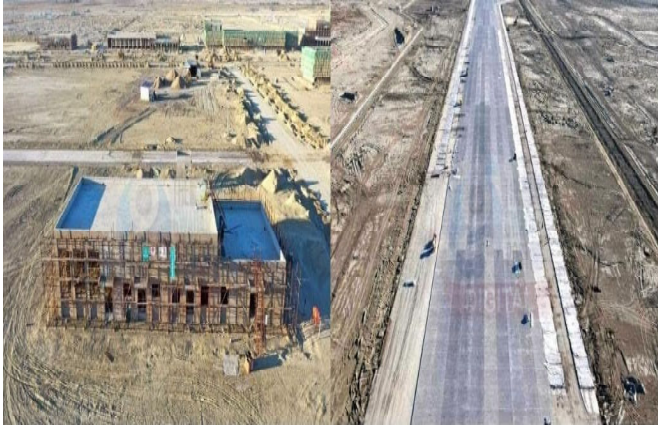


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A view of Gwadar International Airport

Gwadar Airport Emerging as Premier Aviation Hub: Nawaz

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: In a candid address to party workers in Quetta, former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif painted a promising future for Gwadar Airport, declaring it as the frontrunner for Pakistan's premier aviation hub.

Reflecting on the PML-N's commitment to Balochistan's development, Sharif emphasized the extensive network of roads laid

down during his tenure, connecting the province with the rest of the country. He proudly noted the significant reduction in travel hours from Quetta to Gwadar, a tangible outcome of the infrastructure investments.

PMLN Launches Massive Develop

Asserting that his party had spearheaded massive develop-

ment projects in Balochistan, Nawaz Sharif expressed confidence in Gwadar Airport's ascent to national acclaim.

The former premier subtly criticized the incumbent government, without explicitly naming it.

Prime Minister Imran Khan, asserting that the Paki-

sthan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had failed to live up to its promises

of change in the region.

As political sentiments echoed in the hotel's halls, Nawaz Sharif's words resonated with the party faithful, painting a picture of hope and progress for Balochistan under the banner of PML-N.

The event underscored the ongoing political narrative, with leaders positioning their parties as the architects of Balochistan's transformation.

Despite fuel delivery, UN warns Gaza operations 'on verge of collapse'

GAZA: The World Health Organisation (WHO) head has said that the Israeli military incursion into Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza was "totally unacceptable". Reuters reports.

WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a press conference in Geneva that patients and staff must be protected even if hospitals were used for military purposes. "Hospitals are not battlegrounds," he said.

Tedros said the organisation had no reports of the number of deaths and injuries in Gaza for the last three days, making it harder to assess the state of the healthcare system there. He said one WHO staff member had described it as: "No water, no electricity, only bombing, bombing, bombing." Tedros reiterated calls for a ceasefire and better access for aid into Gaza, as well as for the release of Israeli hostages being held there by Hamas.

UN trucks have planned to bring fuel into the Gaza Strip today, an Israeli military spokesman said on Wednesday.

"I know today that there's going to be fuel entering to the UN facilities inside the Gaza Strip," Lt-Col Richard Hecht said in an interview with CNN.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned there is no safe place for the Hamas fighter behind the October 7 attacks and "no place in Gaza" the army wouldn't reach, AFP reports.

"They told us we wouldn't reach the outskirts of Gaza City and we did, they told us we wouldn't enter Al-Shifa (hospital) and we did," he said hours after troops raked the territory's biggest hospital. NEWS DESK



Trapped Coal Miners

Rescue workers on the spot for the recovery of trapped coal miners in Dukki Balochistan. Photo Daily Quetta Voice

Tragedy Strikes: Miner Succumbs to Suffocation

Hussain Zarkoon:

DUKKI: In the heart of the wind-blowing town of Dukki, the tragedy struck the tight-knit mining community.

Rahimullah, a diligent miner and the son of Karimullah met an untimely demise due to suffocation in the depths of the local coal mine.

This is not the first time, a coal miner lost his life such kinds of untoward incidents are the order of the day in the dust-blowing town of Balochistan province.

Miners Community In Distress

Swift action ensued as fellow miners rushed to rescue their comrade, pulling him from the subterranean darkness.

Urgently, Rahimullah was transported to the local hospital, where the gravity of the situation unfolded.

faces etched with determination. Little did Rahimullah's family know that this routine venture would turn into a heart-wrenching ordeal.

As the coal mine's embrace tightened, an unforeseen calamity unfolded, robbing Rahimullah of breath and life.

The mining town mourned, weaving tales of resilience and loss, etching Rahimullah's name into the collective memory of a community forever changed by the somber events in the coal mines of the area.

Despite the medical team's valiant efforts, the grip of suffocation had proven too severe, leaving an irreplaceable void in the community.

As the news reverberated through Dukki, grief draped the town like a heavy shroud.

Rahimullah's legacy, rooted in the toil of the mines, became a poignant reminder of the risks borne by those who extract the earth's treasures.

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7 terrorists killed in KP's Tank district: ISPR

RAWALPINDI: Seven terrorists were killed by security forces in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Tank district, the military's media affairs wing said on Wednesday.

A press release issued by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said security forces conducted an IBO in the general area of Kiri Machan Khet last night after receiving reports about the presence of terrorists.

"During conduct of the operation, intense fire exchange took place between own troops and terrorists as a result of which seven terrorists were sent to hell.

Terrorists hideouts were also busted during the operation," the ISPR said.

"Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed terrorists who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities, including recent target killings of police in Tank and surrounding areas," it added.

The ISPR said a sanitisation operation was being carried out in the area to eliminate any other militants, further said that locals "appreciated the operation and ex-

pected their full support to the security forces in elimination of menace of terrorism".

Pakistan has witnessed an uptick in terror activities in recent months, especially in KP and Balochistan, after the banned militant

Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan ended its ceasefire with the government in November last year.

On Monday, two soldiers were martyred while one terrorist was killed in an exchange of fire between security forces and militants in MirAli area of KP's North Waziristan district.

Last week, a Pakistan Army officer and three soldiers were martyred in an IBO in the Tirah area of KP's Khyber district while terrorists attacked the Pakistan Air Force's heavily guarded M.M. Alam Base on November 4.

On Nov 3, 17 security personnel were martyred in an ambush, bomb blasts and security operation in Gwadar, Dera Ismail Khan and Lakki Marwat. In September, data compiled by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies said the number of militant attacks in August was the highest tally for monthly strikes in almost nine years.

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Balochistan Cabinet Greenlights Information Commission

Manan Mandokhail:

QUETTA: In a significant development for transparency and information access in Balochistan, the Caretaker Information Minister,

Jan Achakzai, announced the approval of the Information Commission by the Balochistan Cabinet.

Achakzai, emphasizing the importance of the commission, revealed his dedication to its establishment, working tirelessly for its Rules of Business approval.

He stated that the appointment of four Information Commissioners for the inaugural Balochistan Information Com-



mission is imminent.

This commitment to transparency and governance priorities was conveyed during a meeting with Mir Bahram Lehtri and

Mir Bahram Baloch, underscoring the government's dedication to fostering openness and accountability in the province.

IMF 2nd tranche 'expected this week'

NEWS DESK: IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on Wednesday said the agreement for the release of the second tranche, amounting to \$3 billion under the Standby Arrangement (SBA) with Pakistan, was expected this week.

"I expect an agreement of the review to come within this week," Georgieva told Bloomberg Television's Haslina Amin in an interview in Singapore.

The confirmation from the top official comes amid reports of the IMF advising Pakistan against creating a group of preferred investors or distortions in the country under the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) and to ensure transparency and accountability in its business deals.

The IMF executive board had approved the much-needed nine-month SBA with Pakistan "to support its economic stabilisation

programme". The approval had allowed for an immediate disbursement of \$1.2bn, with the rest to be phased over the programme's duration—subject to two quarterly reviews.

If the second quarterly review is successful, it will allow for the release of the second tranche worth \$710m.

The IMF's technical staff initiated the first evaluation of the short-term loan agreement on Nov 2, which concluded on Nov 10.

Dawn quoted informed sources as saying the IMF and the Pakistan authorities had covered most of the areas during policy-level discussions and there was a problem area left out. NEWS DESK

The two sides were reported to have had back-and-forth clarifications on Tuesday on the finalisation of the

PM Kakar foresees ML-1 as coming most favourable transit route for region

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar foresees the Main Line (ML-1) railway project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as most favourable transit route for the regional countries.

The prime minister on Wednesday vowed to complete ML-1 on a priority basis, saying the project would also improve connectivity between the country's seaports with its economic zones.

While chairing a meeting to discuss ML-1 here at the PM House, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said the project would contribute to the improvement of communication network in the country.

The prime minister said there existed huge potential for foreign investment in Pakistan Railways and stressed the need for early materialization of its projects. He stressed meeting the targets of the project within stipulated time and directed the formulation of a comprehensive reform strategy



for Pakistan Railways to maximize the benefits of the ML-1.

Emphasizing transparency in the implementation of ML-1, he said, the project would result in the creation of new employment opportunities and reduced travel time and freight rates. The meeting was held in the presence of PM's Special Assistant Jahanzeb Khan, PM's Adviser Ahmad Khan, PM's Special Assistant Jahanzeb Khan, and senior officials of the ministries concerned.

Also, the railway infrastructure damaged by the 2022 flood will be upgraded as per international standards. In the next phase, the 796-kilometre-long rail track from Multan to Peshawar will be laid in line with the requirements of the future. The meeting was attended by caretaker federal ministers including Shamsah Akhtar and Sami Saeed, PM's Adviser Ahmad Khan, PM's Special Assistant Jahanzeb Khan, and senior officials of the ministries concerned.