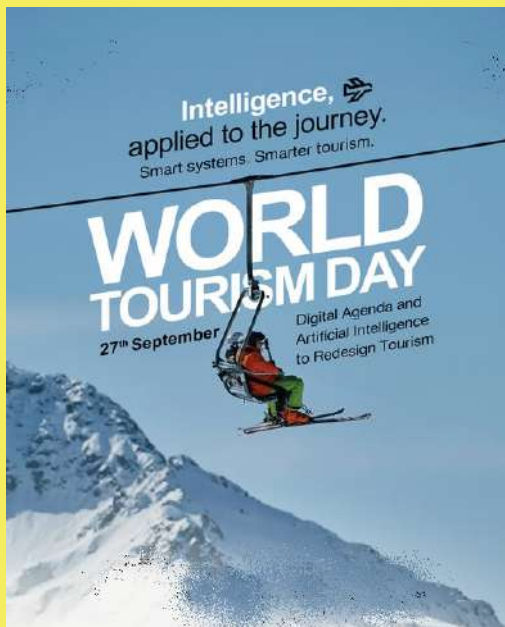


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CM pledges support for Karachi airport expansion, new Sukkur airfield

Sindh will extend full cooperation to the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) for its major aviation development package in the province, including a new greenfield airport in Sukkur and the expansion and modernisation of the Jinnah International Airport (JIAP) Karachi.

This was stated by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Saturday 19 Sep. while chairing a meeting with a PAA delegation led by its Director General Air Vice Marshal Zeeshan Saeed.

According to a statement issued by CM House, the chief minister directed the provincial planning, revenue and works departments and the Karachi and Sukkur administrations to expedite cooperation on land acquisition, land records, road connectivity and regional development alignment.

The meeting participants reviewed four key initiatives — the proposed greenfield airport in Sukkur, the improvement and expansion of the Jinnah International Airport Karachi, the upgradation of Hyderabad Airport, and the transformation of the Civil Aviation Training Institute (CATI), Hyderabad, into Pakistan's first dedicated aviation university.

Karachi airport expansion

The meeting participants were briefed on the ongoing JIAP improvement project, which included upgrading passenger areas — flooring, ceilings, cladding, lighting, signage, counters and parking — with design elements reflecting Indus Valley heritage. The Planning Commission Form 1 (PC-I) and detailed design are under preparation, with a two-year execution timeline.

Officials said that the main runway had already been reconstructed and extended from 3,200 meters to 3,500 meters, along with upgrades to taxiways, airfield lighting and navigational aids.

Future plans include a new 285-foot air traffic control tower and a 10-bay fire station to improve surveillance and emergency response.

For terminal expansion, two options were presented — an expansion from the existing 115,000 square metres to 400,000 square metres with boarding bridges increased from 12 to 25, and a larger long-term plan for 50 bridges and a capacity of 75 million passengers per annum.

Mr Shah directed authorities to align road connectivity and land matters to ensure smooth execution.

New Sukkur Airport

The PAA informed the meeting participants that the existing Sukkur Airport faced airspace, land and expansion constraints. A new greenfield



facility is proposed as a regional gateway for upper Sindh, with a capacity of up to 1.6 million passengers annually and capability to handle wide-body aircraft. It is also planned to serve as an alternate for Karachi-diverted flights.

The feasibility study puts the catchment population at over 29.6 million within three hours of the proposed site.

The PAA said about 3,000 acres would be required and sought the Sindh government's support for acquisition, including a possible public-private partnership model with land equity.

The chief minister asked the relevant departments to examine the PPP proposal and facilitate coordination.

The PAA also presented a plan to upgrade Hyderabad Airport's 7,000-foot runway to 11,500 feet, positioning it as a regional hub and an alternate to Karachi to support agricultural exports and regional connectivity.

The authority flagged unresolved issues related to mutation and encroachment on around 1,473 acres of airport land and sought provincial help.

The PAA proposed converting Civil Aviation Training Institute in Hyderabad into an HEC-recognised aviation university, the first of its kind in the country.

It sought a connecting road between Kotri and Hyderabad and support for utilising existing grey structures at the site.

The chief minister welcomed the university initiative, saying improved aviation infrastructure would strengthen connectivity between Sindh's cities, support trade and investment and improve passenger services.

The meeting was attended among others by Planning and Development Chairman Najam Shah and Karachi Commissioner Syed Hassan Naqvi.





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PIA to launch direct Pakistan-Maldives flights amid fleet expansion

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plans to launch direct flights to the Maldives once new aircraft are added to its fleet, the airline's chief executive said on Wednesday 23 Sep., as the two countries seek to boost tourism, trade and people-to-people links.

PIA CEO Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Amir Hayat made the remarks during a meeting with a high-level Maldivian delegation led by Speaker of the National Assembly Abdul Raheem Abdulla at the airline's head office, according to a PIA statement.

"Direct flights to Maldives will be started as soon as aircraft are added to PIA's fleet," Hayat said, according to the statement.

The delegation is visiting Pakistan as a state guest and includes the Maldivian high commissioner, second secretary, deputy leader and other senior officials.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the launch of direct flight operations between Pakistan and the Maldives, with the move expected to support tourism, trade and greater people-to-people contacts, PIA said.

Abdulla said improved air

connectivity would lead to significant progress in mutual trade, tourism and public contacts between the two countries.

"The launch of direct flights between Pakistan and Maldives will further strengthen the brotherly relations between the two countries," Abdulla said.

PIA has been working to expand and modernise its fleet.

Earlier, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb 'discussed PIA's fleet modernisation' with Boeing Global President Dr Brendan Nelson.

During the meeting, the finance minister welcomed Boeing's confirmation that a revised proposal for the acquisition of new aircraft would be shared with PIA, while options for earlier delivery slots and interim leasing arrangements would also be explored.

Aurangzeb outlined PIA's privatisation and plans to outsource the management of major airports.

He appreciated Boeing's support for aviation-safety capacity, regulatory engagement and the restoration of direct flights to the United States, while underscoring Pakistan's strong long-term aviation growth potential.

Flight from Iran lands in China despite US sanctions threat

A Mahan Air commercial flight from Tehran landed in southern China, a tracking data website said on Wednesday 23 Sep., the day Washington had threatened to 'shut down' Tehran's carriers and punish anyone doing business with them.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent warned this week that any countries which provided Iranian planes with 'landing services' would be 'knocked out of the dollar system', but did not give further details.

Flight IRM093 landed in Guangzhou at 4:39pm (0839 GMT) on Wednesday 23 Sep., according to the tracking website FlightRadar24.

The flight was not listed on the official website of Guangzhou Baiyun airport, which was the location shown as the landing site of the Mahan plane.

Bessent told a CNBC interview on Monday that on Sept 23 'all the Iranian airlines will be shut down around the world', as the war launched by the United States and Israel nears the seven-month mark.

If they land, you cannot provide them with fuel, you cannot provide them with landing services, you cannot sell them tickets or you will be knocked out of the dollar system,' he added.

When staff visited the Mahan Air office in Shanghai on Wednesday 23 Sep. morning, staff said they had received no notice about any flights cancelled, and tickets for the upcoming week were being sold as normal.

Iranian airlines fly regular direct routes into several Chinese cities, including Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.



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IHC voids law allowing agencies to curb travel

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has declared unconstitutional a provision of the Passport Rules, 2021, that allowed the placement of a citizen's name on the Passport Control List (PCL) on the recommendation of government agencies or departments without identifying a competent authority or providing legal safeguards.

Justice Raja Inaam Ameen Minhas, in a detailed judgement, declared the second limb of Rule 22(2)(b) ultra vires the Passports Act, 1974, and Articles 4, 9, 10A and 15 of the Constitution, holding that it was of no legal effect.

The judgement was issued on a petition filed by Moinuddin, who was offloaded at Islamabad International Airport on Dec 18, 2025, while travelling to Saudi Arabia for Umrah. He possessed a valid Pakistani passport, a valid Saudi visa and a confirmed air ticket, but no reason was communicated to him for stopping him from travelling.

The court noted that his passport had never been impounded, confiscated, cancelled or inactivated, nor had its issuance or renewal been refused. The dispute, therefore, centred on the question whether the agency had the authority to restrain a citizen from travelling on a valid passport.

According to the judgement, his name was placed on the PCL on Dec 24, 2024, on the recommendation of NCB-INTERPOL, forwarded by the FIA's Assistant Director (Immigration Wing). The action followed his deportation from the UK after his conviction for causing death by dangerous driving while under the influence of alcohol. He had served a three-year sentence.

The court noted that he had completed his sentence and been deported, while no criminal case, inquiry or investigation was pending against him in Pakistan. He was neither a proclaimed offender nor the subject of an extradition request.

The IHC rejected the justification provided by the passport authorities to retain his name on the PCL that his conduct had adversely affected Pakistan's reputation and that the placement was intended to create deterrence.

The court observed that these grounds were not contained in the Passports Act or the Passport Rules. Rule 21 dealt with refusal of a passport and did not authorise restraint of a citizen who already possessed a valid passport, the judgement stated.

"The refusal of a passport and the prohibition of travel are two separate exercises of power," Justice Minhas observed, declaring that the function of the relevant division and directorate general to "prepare and maintain" the PCL was administrative and did not itself confer jurisdiction to decide whose name could be placed on the list.

The court pointed out that Rule 22(2) referred to individuals whose passport facilities had been refused. Moinuddin had never been refused a passport. It also noted that Rule 22(2)(a) specifically identified the additional secretary of the relevant division as the authority competent to place and remove names in Category A, whereas clause (b) identified no such authority.

The IHC held that neither the directorate general of FIA nor NCB-INTERPOL possessed the authority to place the petitioner's name on the PCL in the circumstances of the case.

It observed that the impugned order merely stated that it had been issued with the approval of the "competent authority" without identifying that authority, the legal provision invoked or the material on which the decision was based.

The court found that the impugned provision provided no competent authority, objective criteria, notice, hearing, reasons or communication of the decision, meaning that a citizen could learn of the restriction only after being

stopped at the immigration counter.

The judgement declared the second limb of Rule 22(2)(b) — allowing PCL placement on the recommendations of government agencies or departments — beyond Sections 8 and 13 of the Passports Act and inconsistent with the Constitution.

About the reasons of "international reputation" and "deterrence", the court held that since the petitioner had completed his sentence and no proceedings were pending against him, the restraint had no "live and proximate nexus with a present necessity".

"Gravity does not supply jurisdiction," it said.

Expressing displeasure over the authorities' failure to comply with an earlier order, the IHC directed them to decide the petitioner's application within one week through a speaking and well-reasoned order.

The court consequently set aside the Jan 26, 2026, order of the agency and declared the petitioner's placement on the PCL on Dec 24, 2024, without lawful authority and of no legal effect.

It directed the authorities to remove his name from the PCL within 15 days of receiving a certified copy of the judgement and not to interfere with his lawful foreign travel on the basis of the impugned placement.

The court clarified that the competent authority could still take action warranted by law after following the prescribed procedure. Copies of the judgement were sent to the Interior Secretary, Immigration and Passports DG and FIA DG for compliance.



Here's a glimpse of Saudi National Day celebrations with its partners, Gerrys dnata celebrate connection, collaboration, and partnership that continue to move it forward together.

PIA and Kam Air ink interline agreement



Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and Afghanistan's Kam Air have signed an interline agreement offering smoother travel for passengers travelling from Afghanistan to the Middle East.

Travellers will be able to book one reservation, avoid rechecking baggage in Islamabad, and skip immigration during airside transit. According to a spokesman, the interline cooperation between PIA, which was privatised earlier this year, and Afghanistan's Kam Air establishes a streamlined transit route connecting Afghanistan to key destinations across the Middle East via Islamabad. The first phase activates the Kabul-Islamabad-Dammam route.

Under the agreement, passengers can book their entire itinerary under a unified reservation, avoiding the need to purchase separate tickets for each leg.

Checked luggage from Kabul is transferred directly at Islamabad International Airport to the connecting PIA flight, eliminating the need to collect and recheck baggage during transit.

Nadra-integrated vaccination proof must for outbound travel, airport authorities say

The spokesman added that Afghan travellers heading to Gulf destinations can bypass immigration clearance in Pakistan as long as they remain airside in transit.

Nadra-integrated vaccination proof

The government has made Nadra-integrated vaccination proof mandatory

for travellers flying out of Pakistan, saying no one will be allowed to leave the country from today without vaccination proof for polio, meningitis, yellow fever and influenza.

The facility for vaccination and online registration will be available at the international departure lounge in the coming days; therefore, passengers must



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reach the airport six hours prior to their flight if they require vaccination on the spot, said a directive issued by the Airport Health Department. Payment for vaccination will be made through the e-Sahulat Nadra platform, the directive said.

For those travelling to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage, the federal government's civil dispensary is the only authorised centre for vaccination.

In order to minimise chaos and inconvenience for Umrah pilgrims, all airlines, including PIA, have been directed to convey these directives to travel agents so that, from now on, only Nadra-integrated vaccination proofs will be accepted for travel.

A PIA spokesman confirmed that no passenger will be allowed to travel internationally without vaccination proof. International travellers should ensure they obtain the proof before travelling, while those bound for Saudi Arabia for Haj and Umrah should get vaccinated only at an authorised government centre.

Umrah pilgrims must obtain a digital vaccination card from Nadra before travelling, the spokesman added.

A new chapter in cargo connectivity



Gerry's announces a new cargo sales partnership, providing access to the extensive global network of Turkish Cargo from Pakistan.

Turkish Cargo is the air cargo division of Turkish Airlines which operates regular scheduled flights linking Istanbul with Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore.

Photo shows Mr. Arshid Wali Muhammad Director Gerry's International signing the agreement with his counterpart recently.

Kenya Airways partners with Sabre to enhance customer experience



New platform will modernise reservations, ticketing and check-in, and advance the airline's move to personalised, offer-and-order-based retailing on Sabre Mosaic

Nairobi, Kenya, 22 September 2026 - Kenya Airways has selected Sabre (NASDAQ: SABR), a leading travel technology company to implement a modern, new retailing platform across the airline. The platform will become the operational and commercial backbone of Kenya Airways' business, supporting reservations, ticketing, inventory management and airport check-in, replacing the airline's current system, which has served Kenya Airways for more than two decades.

The new platform is a major milestone in Kenya Airways' digital transformation. It will provide the technology foundation needed to modernise the airline's retailing capabilities, improve operational efficiency and deliver more personalized and seamless customer experiences. It is a deliberate, forward-looking investment in the airline's long-term commercial and digital capability.

For customers, this technology upgrade will enable a more personalised and flexible booking experience, with tailored fare and ancillary options, greater choice in how they bundle their journey, smoother digital and mobile booking, and faster airport check-in. It will also strengthen how the airline supports customers when plans change, with faster, more intuitive self-service tools and improved real-time rebooking during flight disruptions. Members of the airline's Asante Rewards programme can also expect an upgraded experience under the new platform.

"This partnership marks an important step in Kenya Airways' retailing transformation. Sabre gives us a modern, flexible foundation to move toward personalised, offer-and-order-based retailing, built for the future and for how our customers want to book and travel

today," said Julius Thairu, Chief Commercial and Customer Officer, Kenya Airways.

The move supports Kenya Airways' broader commercial evolution – bringing shopping, booking, servicing, and fulfilment together in a single customer-centric record – and aligning the carrier with standards shaping the global airline industry, including IATA's New Distribution Capability (NDC). Sabre's open, modular technology allows Kenya Airways to modernise in stages and unlock value incrementally as it makes sense for the business. As part of this evolution, Kenya Airways will adopt Sabre Mosaic® Offer Optimisation, introducing continuous learning and dynamic pricing capabilities to help the airline better match traveller demand and deliver more personalised offers.

"I'm incredibly proud that Kenya Airways has chosen Sabre as its strategic technology partner as it upgrades its core systems and advances toward the next generation of travel retailing. Having spent time with the team, I've been impressed by their ambition to transform the airline and continually improve the service they provide to travellers. This decision reflects growing confidence in modular technology that enables carriers to unlock value today while building toward an offer- and- order future," said Niklas Andréen, Chief Commercial Officer, Airline Technology, Sabre.

Fly Jinnah Starts flight from Karachi to Riyadh

Ceremony arranged at Karachi Airport to celebrate flights between Karachi and Riyadh started by Fly Jinnah (FJ).

The airline will operate three weekly flights on this route with Airbus A320 with the frequency increasing to daily flights from October.



Cake cutting ceremony arranged at Peshawar Airport to celebrate (using ATR 72 aircraft) flights between Peshawar and Quetta started by South Air.

Action ordered against PIA, ASF staff for misbehaving with lawmakers

The Senate Rules of Procedure and Privileges Committee on Friday 11 Sep directed Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and the Airport Security Force (ASF) to initiate disciplinary action against staff members accused of misbehaving with senators, saying such conduct damages the credibility of government's institutions.

Chaired by Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, the meeting at Parliament House took up three privilege motions related to alleged misconduct by PIA cabin crew and ASF personnel.

The committee considered a privilege motion moved by Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan Mandokhail regarding alleged misbehaviour by a PIA cabin crew member on flight PK-326 from Quetta to Islamabad on February 7, 2026.

The matter had earlier come before the committee, which recommended that the official concerned contact the senator

and apologise.

Senator Mandokhail informed the panel that no PIA official had reached him, and demanded disciplinary action, including dismissal. Expressing concern over the staff's conduct, Chairman Mehdi cited a recent social media report about alleged cigarette smuggling at Multan Airport. "If true, this is very unfortunate," he said, adding that such behaviour by PIA staff and officials "tarnishes PIA's reputation".

The committee recommended that PIA initiate departmental disciplinary action against the cabin crew member in accordance with the law, and disposed of the privilege motion.

The panel also took up a privilege motion by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri regarding alleged misbehaviour by ASF officials during check-in for Emirates flight EK-601 on July 24, 2026.

Senator Zehri told the committee that during travel to London, an ASF official

searched her hand-carry bag and questioned her about the cash she was carrying.

She said she offered to go to a side office to count foreign currency as per procedure, but the official instead opened her bag at the desk where three other bags were already open for inspection.

"I asked that my bag be taken to the side room, but the duty officer behaved inappropriately and did not listen," she said.

"If a parliamentarian can be treated like this, one can only imagine how ordinary citizens are treated."

A senior ASF officer expressed regret and apologised, assuring the committee the matter would be taken up with the relevant authorities and Pakistan Customs.

The committee recommended that ASF personnel be given proper training in dealing with the public. Senator Mehdi directed that lower-ranking ASF staff be trained in better public conduct. The committee further directed that an inquiry be completed within 15 days and that the officer found responsible be produced before the next meeting.




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Israel-bound flight lands in S. Arabia after 'brawl in cockpit'

Two pilots were wounded after they reportedly fought on board a plane flying from Dubai to Tel Aviv, forcing it to make an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday 30 Sep..

The flydubai plane landed in Tabuk at 9:45am (11:45am PKT), and its "captain and copilot were found to have injuries and were transported to hospital", a statement from the company operating the airport said.

The low-cost carrier had earlier said flight FZ1073 "experienced an incident while en route... The aircraft has landed safely in Tabuk airport and all passengers are safe and accounted for."

Several Israeli media outlets reported that a fight had broken out between the plane's pilots, causing a distress signal to be activated.

Israeli media also reported that two other pilots were travelling on the plane as passengers and had taken over the controls to carry out the emergency landing in Saudi Arabia.

According to data from the Flightradar website, the aircraft suddenly lost altitude during the flight, dropping from nearly 34,000 feet at 0521GMT to less than 17,000 feet a minute later.

The flight from Dubai diverted over Jordanian airspace towards Saudi Arabia, transmitting a general emergency signal before transmitting another emergency signal several minutes later indicating possible unlawful interference, according to flight tracking website Flightradar24.

The Boeing 737 plane then again transmitted the general emergency signal before landing at Tabuk airport, the website said. There were 180 Israelis on board the plane, according to Israel's far-right national security minister Itamar Ben Gvir.

'Blood everywhere'

Yasmin Abu Kasis, whose daughter Miriam was on the flight, said her daughter had told her that she heard screaming and that a man took a knife, put the pilot on the floor, and that there was blood everywhere.



Israel's Channel 12 reported that authorities were investigating whether one of the pilots had attempted a possible suicide by trying to crash the plane, with the other pilot apparently intervening to prevent the crash.

Israel's Kan public broadcaster, Times of Israel and Channel 12 reported that the Israeli military had scrambled fighter jets after fears of a possible hijacking, with the hypothesis later dismissed.

The incident was not believed to have been a hijacking, the Israeli prime minister's office said.

Pilot 'tried to crash' plane

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu alleged that one of the pilots had planned to crash the plane and kill its mostly Israeli passengers.

"During the flight, as they approached the country, one of the pilots stabbed the other pilot, and apparently tried to crash the plane with everyone on board," Netanyahu said in a video message, calling the passengers "heroes" who "prevented a major disaster".

Netanyahu claimed the pilot who allegedly stabbed his colleague "has been arrested and is currently being interrogated by the Saudi authorities".

He credited the Indian pilot of the flight, as well as the aircraft's passengers, with averting the catastrophe.

Netanyahu's office earlier said he had held consultations on the matter and was "monitoring developments".

"The incident is under control, and all measures are currently being deployed in order to return the Israeli passengers safely to Israel," a statement said.

Saudi Arabia turned down a request by Israel to allow its planes to bring back passengers from the flydubai flight, two

security sources said.

The request was made to allow Israeli military planes to bring back Israelis from Saudi Arabia, which has no diplomatic relations with Israel, the sources said.

Later, a second aircraft, also operated by flydubai, took the passengers to Israel and arrived at Tel Aviv airport, TV images showed. It landed on the tarmac of Ben Gurion airport at 1534 GMT (8:34pm PKT).

Flydubai said it was suspending flights to and from Israel following the incident, while an investigation continues.

Iraq seeks exemption from US ban on Iran airlines

The Iraqi government said on Saturday 26 Sep. it is in talks with the United States to seek an exemption from sanctions on Iranian airlines, which have disrupted travel for patients, students and pilgrims.

All Iraqi airports enforced the US ban this week, resulting in major disruption at the airport serving the holy city of Najaf, the main destination in Iraq for Iranian flights.

"The Iraqi government is holding direct talks with the American side to exempt certain Iraqi airports from these measures," the prime minister's media office said.

An exemption, it added, would allow flights to resume "for humanitarian reasons, including medical treatment, education, religious visits, and for the interest of civilians".

Iranian airlines mainly carry Shia pilgrims to Iran's cities or Iranians visiting sites in Iraq. The flights also serve Iraqi students studying in Iran and patients seeking medical treatment there.

Several Iraqis said the enforcement of the US sanctions has left them scrambling, with some fearing they would lose access to medical treatment in Iran or others stranded there and facing a more than 12-hour journey home by land.

Iran airlines resume flights to Iraqi city



A plane operated by Iranian carrier Caspian Airlines receives a water cannon salute upon landing at Al-Najaf Al-Ashraf International Airport.

Iranian airlines resumed flights to Iraq's Najaf on Sunday 4 Oct. after the United States granted Baghdad an exemption allowing sanctioned Iranian carriers to operate to the city, a correspondent said.

Najaf airport official Hussein Muhanna said that "flights between Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Iran have resumed via Najaf International Airport." The first flight was operated by Caspian Airlines with a correspondent at the airport reporting seeing the plane land at 5:15pm.

On Friday 2 Oct., the Iraqi government said it had secured an agreement with the US allowing Iranian airlines, except Mahan Air, to operate 40 daily flights to and from Najaf, which is home to one of the most revered shrines in Shia Islam.

Last month, Iraq enforced the US ban on Iranian carriers, leaving travellers scrambling for solutions, especially at Najaf's airport, which is a major hub for Iranian flights and their main destination in Iraq.

Iranian airlines mainly carry Shia pilgrims to Iran's cities or Iranians visiting sacred sites in Iraq. They also serve Iraqi students studying in Iran and patients seeking medical treatment there.

The US also granted Iraqi Airways, the national carrier, a waiver to fly between Najaf and Iran, with the flights expected to start this month.

Washington's sanctions targeting Iranian airlines are part of its efforts to pressure Tehran's economy, with the two sides still to make peace in the months-long conflict.

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In flight attack on Fly Dubai pilot puts aviation security under strict measures

Israel has some of the world's most stringent air travel security measures. The United Arab Emirates proudly adheres to international aviation safety standards. Yet those safeguards failed to prevent a flight between the countries from taking a dangerous plunge during an alleged attack in the cockpit.

The copilot allegedly stabbed the captain in the cockpit before passengers intervened onboard FlyDubai Flight FZ1073 after taking off from Dubai, UAE with 182 people including eight crew members flying to Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday 30 Sep.

The airplane made a safe emergency landing in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday and the incident is under investigation by Saudi, Emirati and Israeli authorities, with the United States and Oman assisting efforts to determine a motive.

"Until this event, the possibility of a threat originating from a pilot or crew member was not considered a likely scenario. Security efforts have traditionally focused much more heavily on passengers and their luggage," said Eyal Hulata, Israel's former national security adviser. "That will probably change now and crew members will be subject to heavier screening."

Israel's security protocols focus heavily on Israeli airlines and departing flights from Ben-Gurion International Airport. A potential Achilles' heel lies overseas, where procedures for Israel-bound flights vary and are harder for Israeli authorities to oversee.

Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest airport for international passenger traffic, has built some of its appeal around a reputation for safety in a volatile region, said Philip Baum, a visiting professor of aviation security at Coventry University in England.

"They are very conscious of the fact, a little bit like Israel in many respects, that they cannot afford to have a terrorist attack happening on a flight out of there," he said.

Pilot vetting and preflight screening aren't uniform worldwide

Investigators have not publicly identified the object used to stab the flight's captain or said whether it was carried onto the plane or came from inside

the aircraft.

Preflight screening of flight crews should generally "mirror very closely what a passenger goes through," although security procedures vary around the world, said Dave Komendat, a senior security adviser at risk management firm International SOS and former chief security officer for Boeing.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday 29 Sep. that Israel has long-standing agreements with foreign carriers to keep pilots from flying into the country if they are citizens of nations that don't maintain diplomatic relations with Israel.

Israeli authorities have described the FlyDubai copilot as Omani. Israel and Oman do not have formal diplomatic relations, raising questions about how the suspect ended up on the Tel Aviv-bound flight.

"Obviously, there was a loophole here. And we're taking care of that," Netanyahu said Thursday during an interview with Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends."

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Israel will increase security precautions on flights coming into the country whether or not they are operated by Israel. Pilots flying into Israel will be vetted and Israel will know their identities, prime minister's office spokesperson Doron Spielman told The Associated Press.

There were no Israeli air marshals on the FlyDubai flight and the people who helped were civilians, Spielman added.

The International Civil Aviation Organization sets baseline pilot-vetting and licensing standards, while national regulators and airlines can impose additional requirements.

Aviation security expert Menachem Bachrach said Israel relies largely on foreign governments and airlines to vet their own crew members, and Wednesday's incident may point to a compliance lapse rather than a flaw in the procedures.

"Before we're jumping to tighten security, I would just say it's likely that somebody didn't follow the protocols," Bachrach said.

Investigators to look for red flags and

review distress call handling

Israeli flag carrier El Al periodically assesses its pilots' fitness to fly, while other airlines may do so less often, said Arik Arad, chairman of the aviation cybersecurity consultancy CYVIATION and El Al's former head of security at Ben Gurion Airport.

Investigators will want to know whether colleagues previously reported concerns about the copilot and, if so, how the airline responded, Komendat said.

Investigators in the UAE and Israel also are likely to review responses to the distress signal that came from the FlyDubai plane after a steep drop in altitude.

A person who heard the FlyDubai flight's air traffic control communications said a crew member reported a hijacking and requested ambulances. Authorities in Saudi Arabia and Jordan initially refused to clear the aircraft for landing, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The crew member eventually persuaded Saudi authorities to allow the plane to set down at Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Airport in the city of Tabuk.

International aviation standards call for countries to give aircraft facing hijacking or other "unlawful interference" maximum assistance and priority. But the underlying 1944 treaty, the Convention on International Civil Aviation, only requires a country to provide assistance "as it may find practicable," making it a "relatively soft obligation," said Vincent Correia, co-



A view of a Italian navy aircraft carrier, Giuseppe Garibaldi upon its arrival at Tanjung Priok port before its handover to the Indonesian navy.

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director of McGill University's Institute of Air and Space Law.

Standard practice in a serious emergency is to get an aircraft on the ground as quickly as possible at the nearest suitable runway, "regardless of nationality, flight plan or politics," said John Gradek, who manages McGill's Aviation Management Program.

Gradek stressed it's still not clear why the FlyDubai plane took a 180-degree turn as it crossed into Jordanian airspace before heading southwest to Tabuk. It's not unusual for flight crews to bypass the nearest airport in favor of one better-equipped to meet a plane's needs, he said.

Locked cockpits have been central to flight security for 25 years.

Netanyahu said 'the flights injured captain saved the aircraft and everyone on it by resisting the copilot's attacks long enough to open the 737's cockpit door, enabling passengers to subdue the suspect and other FlyDubai crew members to take the controls and land the plane.

Cockpit doors worldwide were reinforced and locked after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to keep intruders out. The FlyDubai incident, and past crashes caused by pilots who wanted to take their own lives, highlight the risk when a threat comes from inside the cockpit.

"The industry itself needs to recognize that flight deck door — whilst installed for very understandable reasons to prevent a suicidal hijacking by a passenger — has also created a fortress into which the good guys cannot gain access to a rogue individual, be it a hijacker or a rogue crew member," Baum said.

Airline personnel know more about aviation security weaknesses and can gain the trust of security workers they regularly encounter, Osprey Flight Solutions Chief Intelligence Officer Matthew Borie, whose company advises airlines on flight threats, said.

"Unfortunately, if an insider with nefarious intent wants to carry out something like this, they may actually be best placed to know where the most vulnerable points are and how to breach them," Borie said.

Yamat reported from Las Vegas, Nevada, and Marcel from New York. Jill Lawless in London, Sam Mednick in Tel Aviv, Israel, and Josh Funk in Omaha, Nebraska, contributed to this report.

Jeddah Airports and SJ Group Extend Partnership to Support KAIA's Transformation



Mr. Chaly Mah, Chairman, SJ Group (L) and Eng. Mazen Johar, CEO of Jeddah Airports (R) at the Signing Ceremony.

Jeddah Airports and SJ Group (SJ) on 23 September 2026 signed an extension of an existing contract agreement to deepen their collaboration and support the next phase of development at King Abdulaziz International Airport (KAIA), with knowledge transfer and the upskilling of Jeddah Airports' aviation professionals at the heart of the partnership. The agreement was signed at the inaugural Passenger Terminal Expo Asia in Singapore, which brought together airport owners, operators and industry leaders from across the region to discuss the future of aviation infrastructure and passenger experience.

Leveraging Jeddah Airports' local expertise and SJ's global experience in aviation planning, advisory and integrated programme delivery, the parties will continue supporting KAIA's expansion programme, balancing capacity growth, operational resilience, sustainability and passenger experience, while building the capabilities to sustain that progress. The collaboration will focus on enhancing project delivery excellence at KAIA through end-to-end programme management, integrated planning and controls, governance frameworks aligned with industry's requirements and digital innovation. The integrated Jeddah Airports-SJ team will coordinate terminal, airfield and airport-wide programmes, strengthening accountability and the management of cost, schedule, risk and interfaces.

Central to the partnership is developing Jeddah Airports' aviation professionals through mentorship,

knowledge transfer and structured training in programme controls, engineering, commercial management, digital delivery and sustainability. The partners will also explore international project exchanges, giving employees exposure to global best practices.

(KAIA). It underlines our commitment to leveraging global expertise alongside national talents to elevate airport efficiency, enhance operational capabilities, and improve the passenger experience."

Eng. Mazen emphasised that Jeddah Airports attaches great importance to knowledge transfer and building national capabilities, contributing to enabling national talents to lead and manage future airport projects with high efficiency and competence, while supporting the objectives of the Kingdom's aviation sector.

Chaly Mah, Chairman, SJ Group said: "Over the past three years, we have worked closely with Jeddah Airports to support KAIA's transformation while safeguarding operations at one of the region's most important airports. This extension reflects the trust and momentum we have built together and our shared commitment to creating long-term value beyond infrastructure delivery. Through knowledge sharing, mentoring and insights from major aviation projects around the world, we aim to strengthen the capabilities needed to deliver and manage increasingly complex programmes. We look forward to continuing our partnership and supporting the next chapter of KAIA's development.



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Thai Airways fire its CEO just after baggage issue

Thai Airways International has fired its Chief Executive Officer. The removal of Chai Eamsiri comes after horrendous baggage issues at Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK). This crisis caused extended cancellations, stranded luggage, and cargo disruption. Chai's tenure had previously been successful. He had led the airline back to profitability, pulling it out of court supervision and back to normal trading on the Stock Exchange of Thailand. Director Samrit Samnang has now taken command.

The Thai Government forced Thai Airways' hand. Government ministers had been mounting increasing pressure on Chai and the airline. The administration's hand reaches further into the airline, with the nation's Ministry of Finance as the leading shareholder and Permanent Secretary Lavaron Sangsrit as the airline's chairman.

The Sacking Came After Thai Airways' Worst Recent Operation Crisis



Chai's sacking ends over 40 years of service with the airline, during which he gradually rose through the ranks and became CEO in 2023. He has a contract to serve as a company director until January 2027, but now has very little practical power.

Chai's fall came after Thai Airways' worst crisis since the airline completed its rehabilitation under Chai. Bangkok was suffering from severe flooding and ground workers couldn't reach the city's airport. This led to a severe staffing shortage. Bags quickly piled up, creating a backlog that has been incredibly hard to clear.

According to Reuters, Chai told reporters, *They didn't give a reason... They*

want to see if there are gaps... mistakes in the work carried out." Thai Tourism Minister Surasak Phanchaoenworakul has also said: *If they don't want to do the job, then resign.*"

Simple Flying has contacted Thai Airways for comment.

The Firing Is A Result Of The Thai Government's Footprint On The Airline

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The Thai government has its fingerprints all over the process. It began with the crisis itself, with the Thai Government intervening by deploying the military and Thailand Post to provide assistance. Phanchaoenworakul then visited the airport and was highly critical of the situation, particularly that Thai Airways staff continued to service partner airlines during the disruption.

Chai fell from his position after a Thai Airways board meeting. The airline is no longer formally a state enterprise but is far from being independent. Lavaron, chief of the Ministry of Finance, chaired this meeting. This government department is the largest individual shareholder at 38.9%.

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Despite its long-haul credentials, Thai Airways mainly flew the superjumbo on regional routes.

All Had Been Well For Thai Airways Before The Baggage Crisis



Chai's scapegoating for the baggage crisis could prove expensive, as he has shown himself to be an incredibly competent administrator. During his tenure, he oversaw the rehabilitation of

Thai Airways following its financial collapse and restructuring.

Chai's work as CEO began in 2023, with passenger numbers rising to 13.76 million that year, a 52.7% increase. Chai also easily exceeded financial goals, achieving

Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) after lease payments of 42.88 billion Thai Baht (\$1.31 billion), more than doubling the rehabilitation requirement of 20 billion Thai Baht (\$0.6 billion).

The airline's successes continued the following year. Revenue, excluding one-off transactions, increased 16.7%. Operating profit also surpassed 40 billion Thai Baht (\$1.2 billion). These successes allowed the carrier to petition the Central Bankruptcy Court to terminate rehabilitation in April 2025. The court approved the petition in June 2025, ending five years of restructuring under court supervision.

PAA, Hermes Aero discuss opportunities for aviation sector cooperation



The Director General of Hermes, Air Transport Organization, Kostas Latrou visited Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) Headquarters and met DDG Works & Development Sumair Saeed. Both sides discussed areas of mutual collaboration and potential opportunities in the aviation sector.

During discussions both sides expressed optimism about enhanced engagement and future.

Chairman SIAL meets PIA representatives

Chairman SIAL Mr. Malik Abdul Ghafoor and CEO, Sialkot International Airport Limited, held a meeting with representatives of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). The meeting focused on further strengthening the existing collaboration, enhancing coordination, and exploring avenues for continued cooperation to facilitate passengers and promote operational efficiency.



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On September 30, 2026, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) was held.

AirSial holds Board of Directors meeting



Mr. Fazal Jilani, Chairman of AirSial and a dynamic, tireless force for the future of Sialkot, at AirSial Board of Directors Meeting recently held in Sialkot. Always inspiring to be in the company of such visionary leaders who are deeply committed to the progress, growth, and bright future of Sialkot, said Mr. M. Yousaf.

Chairman SIAL greet's SCCI President

Chairman, Sialkot International Airport Limited, Mr. Malik Abdul Ghafoor, and Vice Chairman SIAL, Mr. Syed Shahid Raza, met with Mr. Khawar Sapal, the upcoming President of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), and Mr. Majid Raza Bhutta, former President of the SCCI and elected Chairman of the Pakistan Sports Goods Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PSGMEA). During the meeting, the CEO SIAL was also present. The discussions focused on matters of mutual interest, with particular emphasis on further strengthening collaboration, coordination, and institutional engagement between SIAL, SCCI, and the business community.

SIAL hosts BoD meeting

Chairman SIAL, Mr. Malik Abdul Ghafoor, chaired the 158th Meeting of the SIAL Board of Directors. Esteemed members of the Board of Directors attended the meeting. During the meeting, matters pertaining to organizational progress, operational affairs, quarterly performance review, and other matters of mutual interest were deliberated upon.



China opens its first overseas air base in Laos

When China opened its first overseas air force base recently a joint facility in isolated Laos, it was sending a signal: its foreign military foothold is set to grow, according to analysts.

Beijing has long sought to increase its influence across Asia-Pacific, competing with Washington and its allies over crucial shipping routes and undersea resource exploration.

Under leader Xi Jinping, the world's second-largest economy has sought to modernise its military, ramping up defence spending and pressure on Taiwan.

Until now, installations abroad were primarily naval bases.

The Joint Flight Training and Support Centre in Laos is the "first air force base that China has abroad", said Joshua Kurlantzick, a Southeast Asia expert at the Council on Foreign Relations.

He said more will likely be established, in the region and in other nations friendly to China, as it experiments with how to run an air base beyond its borders.

China is "not building one base in Laos and stopping", he said.

The two communist nations said the centre at Ban Keun airfield, north of the Laotian capital Vientiane, was aimed at training Laotian air force pilots.

China's defence ministry added that the site would be "maintained for normal operations by both sides" and did not target any third party.

Security researcher Collin Koh said that China, Laos's largest creditor, was "trying to showcase that it is able to extend itself in defence diplomacy", at least with "amenable countries".

Training Laotian pilots will require China to put military assets there -- whether modest transport aircraft or modern fighter jets.

"From training then you have a (Chinese) military presence," Koh said.

China only spends around a third of what the United States does on its military, according to the SIPRI Military Expenditure Database, and its foreign military footprint is dwarfed by the US, which has several hundred bases around the world.

First overseas base

China opened its first overseas military base in 2017 in Djibouti, an east African nation strategically located near the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

The site has been expanded to include

a sophisticated signals intelligence facility, which has prompted France and the US to consider moving their own bases in Djibouti to avoid Chinese intercepts, according to Kurlantzick.

China has also funded upgrades to the Ream naval base in Cambodia, a staunch ally, situated on the Gulf of Thailand.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and a Chinese military delegation inaugurated a joint logistics and training centre there last year.

Washington says the base, which was originally built partly with US funding, could give Beijing a strategic position near the South China Sea.

Two Chinese anti-submarine corvettes have docked at its port for long stretches, although US and Japanese vessels have also made port calls since the base's revamp.

By contrast the Laos centre will likely be used exclusively by the Laotian and Chinese militaries, Koh said.

Ban Keun could be used as a "convenient stopover" for China's air force, and Chinese personnel may be stationed there, he added.

"We cannot discount the deployment of combat assets in the area in the name of training the Laotian air force." Neither government has released details on the personnel or military hardware to be based at the site.

The US and its regional partners, such as Vietnam and Thailand, will be watching closely for signs of military build-up.

Flight diverted after powerbank explodes mid-air

A Lufthansa flight from Frankfurt to Lisbon was diverted to Lyon in France after a passenger's powerbank battery caught fire, the airline said.

The incident happened on Saturday 26 Sep. while the Airbus A321-200 carrying 198 passengers was heading to the Portuguese capital.

A Lufthansa spokesperson said the crew immediately secured the battery in a protective bag specially designed for lithium batteries, and no-one was injured. The pilot decided to divert to Lyon as a precaution, and the flight landed without incident.

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Islamabad, Beijing activate joint border commission



Mantika Pass (Gilgit-Baltistan): Personnel from GB police and Chinese security forces take part in the 'world's highest joint patrolling exercise', near Khunjerab top.

Pakistan and China on Wednesday 16 Sep. operationalised a long pending joint mechanism for managing their common border, with Islamabad describing the move as a significant milestone in bilateral relations and a step toward closer coordination on border management, trade and cross-border connectivity.

“The inaugural meeting of the Commission was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Islamabad,” the Foreign Office said in a statement.

The meeting was co-led by Li Ya, deputy director general of the Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs at China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Bilal Mahmood Chaudhary, director general for China at Pakistan's Foreign Office.

The FO described the operationalisation of the Pakistan-China Boundary Joint Commission as a “significant milestone for Pakistan-China relations”, saying it would set “the stage for enhanced cooperation in border management, joint border surveys, trade flows and people to people connectivity.”

The commission has its origins in the 2013 Agreement on the Boundary Management System signed during the visit of then Chinese Premier Li Keqiang to Islamabad. Article 45 of the agreement provides for establishment of the joint commission to oversee implementation of the border management arrangements.

The mechanism would provide an institutional framework for dealing with practical issues along the border, including maintenance and inspection of

the boundary, joint surveys, boundary marker issues, management of cross-border facilities and handling of incidents involving the border.

Its activation also gives the two countries a mechanism for regular coordination on a border that is important for movement between Pakistan and China, including through the Khunjerab crossing, and for trade and connectivity linked to the China-Pakistan Economic corridor (CPEC).

The new commission is distinct from the Joint Boundary Demarcation Commission that was established under the Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of March 2, 1963. The earlier commission had a specific and essentially one time mandate to conduct surveys, establish boundary markers, prepare detailed maps and set out the alignment of the boundary.

Its work ended after the signing of the protocol and maps completing the demarcation process. The 1963 agreement was signed in Beijing by then-Pakistani foreign minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and his Chinese counterpart Chen Yi.

It also provided that, following a settlement of the Kashmir dispute

between Pakistan and India, the relevant sovereign authority would reopen negotiations with China on the boundary.

The 2013 agreement, by contrast, established a continuing system for managing the already demarcated boundary, including provisions for dealing with boundary markers and cross-border infrastructure. The agreement says that if a marker cannot be restored at its original location, the joint commission can determine another suitable location, provided the boundary line itself is not altered.

India, which disputes the validity of the 1963 agreement and regards the territory covered by it as part of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, rejected the new mechanism.

“We have seen reports in this regard. Our position on this matter is clear and consistent. There is no boundary between Pakistan and China. We reject the so-called Joint Commission, which is without

any legal basis,” Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal said.

For Pakistan and China, however, the commission provides a new institutional arrangement for managing their border relationship and dealing with practical issues that have emerged since the 2013 agreement, while leaving the broader territorial positions of the parties unchanged.

Textile exports grow 5.55pc

Pakistan's textile and clothing exports rose 5.55 per cent to \$3.379 billion in July-August 2026-27 from \$3.202bn in the corresponding period last year.

The marginal growth in export proceeds was due to elevated input costs, which eroded exporters' competitiveness, and external shocks that disrupted shipments, according to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data released on Friday 18 Sep.

Two major setbacks mainly contributed to slower export growth—the suspension of trade with Afghanistan since October 2025 and falling exports to the Middle East due to the war in the region, especially in the United Arab Emirates.

The PBS data showed exports of readymade garments surged 13.59pc in value and 10.92pc in quantity during July-August FY27, while knitwear increased 4.79pc in value and 9.24pc in quantity. However, bedwear dipped 0.31pc in value and 1.31pc in quantity.

Oil import bill rises 8.35pc in July-August

Towel exports rose slightly by 6.74pc in value and 6.21pc in quantity in 2MFY27, while cotton cloth fell by 7.66pc in value and 10.38pc in quantity. Yarn exports surged 34.80pc 2MFY27 on YoY basis. Exports of made-up articles, excluding towels, rose 6.95pc, while tents, canvas and tarpaulin fell 7.17pc in 2MFY27.

Synthetic fibre imports fell 20.40pc in 2MFY27, while arrivals of synthetic and artificial silk yarn rose 8.02pc.

Raw cotton imports increased by 38.92pc during the months under review, compared with the same period a year earlier. However, imports of second-hand clothes surged by 40.36pc during the month under review.

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Karachi Port connectivity hits milestone

Karachi Port's liner shipping connectivity has reached an all-time high, with its Port Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (PLSCI) score rising to 343 in the second quarter of 2026.

In a statement on Thursday 17 Sep, Maritime Affairs Minister Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry said the PLSCI, based on connectivity data covering around 900 ports worldwide, underscores Karachi Port's growing position in the global shipping network.

Karachi Port's PLSCI score increased from 309.81 in the first quarter of 2026 to 343.02 in the second quarter, the highest score recorded during the period covered by the data, he said.

Mr Chaudhry said the improvement indicated growing connectivity between Pakistan's principal port and international liner shipping services. Stronger maritime connectivity, he added, could support trade flows, improve access to global markets and create greater opportunities for exporters and importers.

According to the data, Karachi Port's PLSCI stood at 329.24 in the second quarter of 2024 before declining to 319.20 in the third quarter and 323.67 in the fourth quarter. It was recorded at 321.70 in the first quarter of 2025 and 321.84 in the second quarter, before falling to 298.56 in the third quarter.

The index then recovered to 321.91 in the fourth quarter of 2025 and 309.81 in the first quarter of 2026, before rising to 343.02 in the second quarter.

The minister said the increase demonstrated progress in strengthening Pakistan's maritime trade connectivity. He also highlighted an improvement in the country's overall Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) ranking from 35th to 34th.

Mr Chaudhry said ports were being positioned to play a greater role in international trade and regional connectivity, adding that improved connectivity at Karachi Port would help facilitate trade and strengthen the country's links with global markets.

He highlighted that the government was focused on improving port services, facilitating shipping activity and creating an environment conducive to trade and investment.

The minister said stronger port connectivity was linked with greater trade opportunities and could help Pakistani businesses connect more efficiently with international markets.

PM of Pakistan pushes for direct shipping lines

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday 10 Sep. said the government was committed to making Pakistan an effective part of regional and global supply chains through trade facilitation.

He was chairing the first meeting of the Trade Facilitation Board.

He said the government was committed to providing all possible facilities to the business community.

"Promoting trade and facilitating business activities is among the top priorities of the government," he said, adding that effective steps should be taken to eliminate unnecessary delays in trade processes, reduce business costs and promote exports.

"The main objective of the board is to remove obstacles in all trade-related procedures. All relevant institutions at high-volume ports should provide facilities to the business community in one place. "A system of joint inspection and joint profiling of various institutions should be promoted. A comprehensive audit of all non-tariff measures should be conducted, and unnecessary obstacles in the way of trade should be removed. Effective measures should be taken to

bring direct shipping lines to Pakistani ports," he remarked.

He said direct shipping facilities will make it easier and faster to deliver products from Pakistani factories to global buyers.

He directed the development of a National Trade Performance Index to measure key indicators, including cargo dwell time, customs clearance, logistics, ship clearance time, post-clearance audit, and pre-clearance.

He called for special steps to increase the share of small and medium enterprises in trade and urged identifying obstacles faced by SMEs by mapping different stages of their trade journey.

"Risk management system should be made more effective to facilitate trade. Controls should be expanded from pre-arrival to post-release stage to speed up the cargo clearance process, and detailed inspection of only high-risk cargo should be undertaken," he continued.

He said: "Use of artificial intelligence should be initiated to make risk management more effective and to speed up the trade process."

The meeting was briefed about the targets of the Time Release Automated System for all ports.



Bouquets were presented to the newly elected office bearers of the Woman Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sialkot during a welcoming gathering at the president office.



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Exports increase 11pc amid soaring deficit

Pakistan's merchandise exports grew by 10.84 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal year (FY27), despite the trade gap widening on the back of rising imports, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics reported on Friday 2 Oct.

In absolute terms, export proceeds stood at \$8.43 billion in July-September, up from \$7.59bn in the corresponding period last year.

Officials noted that the impact of budgetary measures on the export sector may become more apparent in the months ahead. Export proceeds grew despite Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's clear displeasure with exporters' performance.

In September, exports rose by 17.61pc to \$2.94bn, from \$2.49bn in the same month last year, suggesting a revival of the export sector.

Trade gap widens 15.13pc to \$10.79bn in July-Sept

On a month-on-month basis, export proceeds rose 16.07pc.

In FY26, Pakistan's merchandise exports not only missed the annual target by \$4.87bn, but also contracted, reflecting the PML-N-led coalition government's failure to achieve visible improvement over the last four years. Export proceeds also contracted by 5.97pc to \$32.04bn.

The planning ministry had earlier projected that export proceeds would climb to \$60bn by 2030 — a target that has largely remained confined to official documents. More recently, however, the same ministry revised the projection upward, setting a new target of \$100bn by 2035.

Jawed Bilwani, Coordinator of the All Pakistan Exporters Association Forum, said exporters were struggling for survival amid unprecedented challenges, including high manufacturing costs, lack of competitiveness, and the absence of a level playing field.

He highlighted that Pakistani exporters operate on narrow profit margins compared to regional competitors, face higher taxes than other businesses, and endure prolonged delays in refund payments without

compensation. He added that arbitrary FBR deductions, liquidity pressures, and high operational costs were crippling the sector.

The export sector had already been under pressure since February due to the Middle East conflict. The disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz have pushed up shipping costs for exporters and disrupted supply chains. Similarly, exports to Afghanistan have been suspended since October 2025, which is also one of the major export markets.

Trade deficit

According to PBS data, imports rose 13.21pc to \$19.22bn in 1QFY27 from \$16.97bn in the corresponding quarter last year.

In September, import value rose 11.05pc to \$6.49bn from \$5.84bn in the corresponding month last year. Month-on-month, imports increased 11.05pc.

In FY26, the import bill grew by 7.89pc to \$69.59bn against \$64.51bn in FY25.

The trade deficit rose 15.13pc to \$10.79bn in 1QFY27 from \$9.37bn over the corresponding quarter last year. In September, the trade deficit rose 6.15pc to \$3.55bn from \$3.35bn in the corresponding month last year.

Gerry's International visits KCC&I

Gerry's International Pvt. Ltd. has visited the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, where Ken Marshall, Chief Operating Officer – Gerry's International, and Seemab Zaman, General Manager North & Central & Product GM – Centrum Air Pakistan, met with Mr. Muhammad Rehan Hanif, President – Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The meeting focused on Centrum Air's airline product, increasing market awareness, and its direct twice-weekly flights from Karachi to Tashkent, highlighting the opportunities these connections create for enhanced business, trade, tourism, and economic collaboration between Pakistan and Uzbekistan.

The discussion also highlighted the strategic importance of strengthening air connectivity and creating greater awareness of Centrum Air's offerings in the market. Mr. Muhammad Rehan Hanif expressed his support for promoting Centrum Air and its connectivity among the business community.

As the official General Sales Agent (GSA) of Centrum Air in Pakistan, Gerry's remains committed to fostering strategic alliances and contributing towards stronger connectivity and sustainable growth across Pakistan's aviation and travel landscape.



World Tourism Day 2026 Celebrations

Today, on 27 Sep. the world is celebrating World Tourism Day, which aims to highlight the importance of tourism in promoting economy, culture, and mutual relations. On this occasion, the President and Prime Minister have reaffirmed the government's commitment to make Pakistan a safe, attractive, and sustainable tourist destination for the world by appreciating Pakistan's beautiful northern regions, historical and religious sites, and diverse culture in their special messages.

Various seminars and events were organized in Pakistan on this occasion to explore new avenues of tourism at the national and international level.



President of Pakistan urges ethical AI use to boost tourism

President Asif Ali Zardari has underscored the need to align emerging technologies with ethical tourism frameworks to empower local economies.

In his message on the occasion of World Tourism Day 27 Sep. 2026, President Zardari welcomed international visitors to explore Pakistan's diverse landscapes, highlighting a forward-looking vision that blends modern connectivity with traditional values of hospitality.

'We have to develop a tourism sector that embraces innovation while remaining rooted in our values of hospitality, respect and responsibility, President Zardari said.

This year's theme, 'Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism', draws attention to the changes that technology and artificial intelligence are bringing to the way people plan their journeys, discover destinations and experience different cultures.

We must ensure that these changes remain responsible, inclusive and beneficial to people and communities, Mr Zardari said.

Pakistan has a remarkable diversity of landscapes and experiences, from the mountains of the north and the ancient civilisations of the Indus Valley to our Islamic and Gandhara heritage, cities, deserts and coastal areas. Our greatest strength, however, remains the warmth and hospitality of our people,' he said.

According to the president, tourism can create livelihoods, support local businesses and open opportunities for young people and women. It can also bring economic activity to communities across the country.

At the same time, we must protect our natural environment, cultural heritage and traditions for future generations,' he said.

WORLD TOURISM DAY 2026

Pakistan is home to extraordinary landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and diverse tourism experiences. As the world embraces digital transformation, we have an opportunity to harness technology and Artificial Intelligence to showcase our destinations more effectively, enhance visitor experiences, and strengthen our position on the global tourism map.

The digital agenda is reshaping the tourism industry by enabling smarter decision-making, personalized travel experiences, and greater connectivity between destinations, businesses, and travelers. For Pakistan, this transformation presents an opportunity not only to promote tourism but also to drive economic growth, create employment, and support local communities.

As we look ahead, it is important that innovation remains inclusive, responsible, and aligned with our long-term vision for sustainable tourism development. By embracing digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence, we can unlock new opportunities, elevate Pakistan's tourism potential, and create a more connected and resilient future for the industry.



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New tourism projects planned for Neelum Valley

The Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) government is planning to develop new recreational and ecotourism parks, heritage sites and other tourist facilities in Neelum Valley as part of its 100-day transformation programme, officials said.

Tourism, Youth and Culture Secretary Ansar Yaqoob on Friday 11 Sep. reviewed the proposed projects during a visit to Keran, Sharda, Arang Kel and other tourist destinations in the upper reaches of the valley.

Home to lofty, cedar-forested mountains, snow-fed streams and waterfalls and numerous sub-valleys, the nearly 150km-long valley attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists and nature lovers from across the country throughout the year.

Its hospitality sector has also attracted substantial private investment and provides livelihoods to a large number of local people. The sector, however, has suffered heavy losses for three consecutive years amid disruptions caused by tensions along the Line of Control, last year's military confrontation between India and Pakistan and the law-and-order situation during protests by supporters of the now-proscribed Jammu Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC).

Mr Yaqoob reviewed measures to compensate tourism-related people and businesses for their past losses and address their grievances, according to an official statement.

During his visit, he also reviewed progress on tourism village planning and inspected sites for potential recreational and ecotourism projects. Assistant Director Tourism Malik Murtaza briefed him on ongoing tourism activities, proposed schemes and facilities available at different locations. The secretary said all guesthouses and hotels in the valley would be brought under an integrated framework to improve services and promote the hospitality industry on organised, safe and sustainable lines.

He said sites for recreational and ecotourism parks, heritage locations and lease arrangements had been identified and finalised, while additional destinations were being considered for inclusion in development plans. Mr Yaqoob directed officials to accelerate work on tourism projects in Keran, Sharda, Arang Kel and other parts of the upper valley.

Minister pledges better facilities at Mohenjo Daro for tourists

Sindh Minister for Culture and Tourism Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah has directed officials of his department to ensure effective measures for safeguarding Mohenjo Daro. He said facilities at the ancient site would be improved for tourists and other visitors.

"Mohenjo Daro is a great historical and cultural asset of the land of Sindh," he said, after receiving a briefing on the recent excavation carried out by US archaeologist Dr Jonathan Mark Kenoyer and his team of experts on Tuesday 22 Sep.

"Along with protecting our historical heritage, providing better facilities to tourists is also our priority," the minister told the officials.

Facilities for domestic and foreign tourists visiting Mohenjo Daro would be further improved, he said, adding that the Sindh government was committed to

preserving historical heritage and passing on the archaeological remains safely to future generations.

The minister undertook a detailed inspection of various historical sites and archaeological remains at Mohenjo Daro and reviewed the arrangements for the preservation, restoration and maintenance of these sites. He also visited the museum, rest house and stalls set up at the historical site.

Archaeology and Antiquities Director General Abdul Fatah Shaikh and other officials accompanied the minister during his visit.

Later, Mr Shah received a delegation of the employees posted at the site and inquired about their issues relating to their service and benefits. He assured the delegation of measures to resolve their issues.



Lahorites to celebrate 10-day Basant fest



Artisans traditionally throng the River Ravi bed for preparation of kite strings for Basant.

The Punjab capital will celebrate a 10-day-long Basant festival -- from Jan 29 to Feb 7 -- next year, with a one-day break on Feb 5 to mark Kashmir Day, as per the schedule approved by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz.

The chief minister directed the authorities to make arrangements for the 10-day Basant celebration, describing it as a “gift” for the people of Lahore and a means to promote

Punjab's cultural heritage and the traditions of the provincial capital. “Ten-day Basant will promote Punjab's cultural colours and Lahore's centuries-old historic tradition across the world,” Ms Maryam was quoted as saying.

She directed the administration to ensure better arrangements for public safety and convenience during the next year's festival. Ms Nawaz also appealed to people to celebrate the event responsibly, saying the authorities, as well as the public, should set a new example by showing a sense of duty, responsibility and commitment to protecting human lives during the festival.

The announcement marks a major expansion of the cultural festival after the Punjab government revived Basant in Lahore in February 2026 following a prolonged ban.

The festival was held from Feb 6 to 8, 2026, after the provincial government lifted restrictions on kite-flying under a regulated framework.

Basant had been banned in 2007 following deaths and serious injuries, particularly to motorcyclists and pillion riders, caused by hazardous kite strings, besides incidents of aerial firing.

The 2026 celebrations were held under stringent safety measures, including mandatory registration of kite and string manufacturers and sellers, restrictions on kite-flying material and safety requirements for motorcyclists. The chief minister directed the relevant departments to start preparations in advance and ensure

that the extended festivities did not compromise public safety.

'Buddha tree' in full bloom at Lahore park



A Bodhi tree, considered sacred in Buddhism, planted by the Punjab Horticulture Authority (PHA) at the National Bank Park here, has reached full foliage, according to the Director General Ahmad Usman Javaid.

Buddhists hold the fig tree, known locally as the “Buddha tree”, as sacred. According to the Buddhist traditions, Siddhartha Gautama meditated beneath a Bodhi tree for seven weeks without food and water before attaining Nirvana and becoming the Buddha, which means the “Awakened One”.

Mauryan Emperor Ashoka, a patron of Buddhism, is also believed to have meditated under the tree.

The original tree, associated with the Buddha, that was located in Bodhi Gaya, in India's state of Bihar, no longer exists. The tree standing in its place at the Mahabodhi Temple, the world's most sacred Buddhist pilgrimage site, is believed to be its direct descendant.

According to the PHA, a branch of the Mahabodhi tree was taken to Sri Lanka in 236 BC by Ashoka's children. Its descendant, the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi, still stands there.

A sapling of the tree in Sri Lanka was presented to the former president, Ayub Khan, during his visit to the country in December 1963.

Later, former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was then foreign minister, had planted the sapling at the Taxila Museum in January 1964. It is considered

She stressed that the success of the 10-day event would depend on strict adherence to safety regulations and responsible behaviour by citizens.

the closest authentic living link to the Buddha.

The Buddhists revere all religious relics, including the Buddha's bodily remains, and extend the same veneration to the Bodhi tree.

Mr Javaid observed that as a living plant, the tree is seen as a living link to the Buddha and his enlightenment. “Buddhists treat the tree as an individual in its own right and approach it with piety,” he said.

The PHA looks after Bodhi trees in three parks in Lahore: Lawrence Garden, National Bank Park, and Racecourse Park. The species typically blooms in late summer and autumn, from September to November in Pakistan, after shedding part of its canopy. It thrives in full, direct sun.

“The Buddha tree is more than an ornamental plant. It carries history, and we wanted Lahore's green spaces to carry it too,” Mr Javaid said. He added that Pakistan's rich Buddhist heritage, from Taxila to Gandhara, belongs to everyone.

He said the PHA would continue to care for the trees and hoped families and students would visit the parks to learn more.

In a related development, the Bahawalpur Horticulture Agency marked Pilkan Day by planting saplings of the indigenous tree that grows in Cholistan desert, Rohi.

Known locally as Pilu or Paki, Pilkan is traditionally associated with the Rohi. The tree and the desert landscape form part of the cultural heritage associated with renowned Sufi poet Khwaja Ghulam Farid, whose poetry drew extensively on the landscape, flora and culture of the Rohi region.

BHA Managing Director Nayyar Mustafa, along with members of the local peace committee, planted Pilkan saplings to mark the occasion.

The changing mountains climate



On July 30, 2026, an avalanche swept through an international expedition on the 8,051-metre Broad Peak, killing all 10 climbers, among them a beloved Pakistani mountain guide, Sohail Sakhi, and renowned British-Nepali mountaineer Nirmal 'Nims' Purja.

The obvious question, particularly in a year when climbers across the Karakoram range have repeatedly complained of unstable conditions, is whether climate change played a role.

There is no evidence yet to say that it did, at least not directly. Fida Ali Arandu, a veteran Pakistani mountaineer and a member of the Purja's Elite Exped team, believes climate change may have contributed, but also points to another factor: heavy snowfall in the days before the accident and what he considered an overly hurried summit push. His advice is simple: after heavy snowfall, wait, let the mountain settle and only move when conditions are clear.

Naila Kiani, who has climbed 12 of the world's highest mountains, says the question surrounding the serac collapse that triggered the Broad Peak avalanche remains unresolved. Was it the result of a normal accumulation of snow and ice, or had warming temperatures contributed to instability? "We're still trying to analyse" what happened, she says.

Glaciers are retreating, routes are shifting and rockfall and avalanches are becoming more common. Even the traditional seasons are no longer predictable. Is climate change rewriting the rules of mountaineering?

That uncertainty is important. Not every avalanche is caused by global warming. Avalanches have always been part of mountaineering. What is changing, however, is the mountain environment in

which those avalanches occur and, increasingly, the predictability of that environment.

For mountaineers who have spent years travelling through the Karakorams, the changes are becoming impossible to ignore.

Mountains in Flux

Sajid Sadpara has spent nearly a decade climbing major peaks in the Himalayas and Karakorams. He says one of the most obvious changes has been the formation of new glacial lakes and the changing nature of established climbing routes.

On Gasherbrum I this year, something as mundane as leaving a bottle of water outside the tent became an indication of a much warmer mountain. At Camp 1, water that previously would have frozen overnight did not. Climbers wearing heavy down jackets found themselves feeling hot.

Then there were the crevasses. A familiar route between Camp 1 and Camp 2 had changed enough that the team had to find an alternative. The new route took considerably longer. "These changes are happening in front of our eyes," Sadpara says.

Fida Ali has witnessed a similar transformation over decades of travelling through the Karakorams. Glaciers that once appeared stable are retreating; large blocks of glacial ice are breaking away and falling into rivers. Even after August — traditionally the point when temperatures begin dropping and mountain surfaces start to refreeze — rivers, he says, are continuing to swell.

The science supports the broader picture. A 2026 review published in *Natural Hazards*, an academic journal that publishes research on the causes and effects of natural disasters, found within the the Himalaya-Karakoram region widespread retreat and expansion of glacial lakes under a warming climate, with more than 388 documented glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) events across the region. The researchers also identify ice avalanches and extreme precipitation among the important triggers of these events.

For climbers, glacier retreat is not simply an environmental statistic. It changes the route beneath their feet. Snow bridges disappear. Crevasses widen. Ice becomes less predictable. Rock previously held together by frozen ground

becomes exposed. And that can transform a route that has been considered familiar for generations.

When Rock Replaces Ice

Kiani remembers seeing the Baltoro Glacier for the first time in 2018. Since then, she's made multiple trips until her last in 2024. She says the landscape now looks dramatically different. "In several sections where there used to be ice and snow, there is now rock," she says. "These changes used to take decades. And they are now happening in months."

She also experienced increased rockfall on Everest in 2023, an area where she had not expected to encounter such frequent falling rock. Fida Ali knows the danger personally. Last year, while climbing Nanga Parbat, he was struck in the head by falling rock. Bleeding heavily, he managed to descend to Camp 1 and eventually Base Camp himself. For climbers, rockfall can be particularly dangerous because it can be difficult to predict.

The relationship between warming and rockfall is increasingly well documented in mountain environments. As temperatures rise, permafrost — ground that has remained frozen for years or centuries — can thaw. Glaciers also retreat, removing some of the physical support they provide to surrounding slopes.

The consequences are visible far beyond Pakistan. In the French Alps, 2026 has seen an extraordinary number of rockfalls around Mont Blanc. Extreme heat and thawing permafrost were identified as major factors in the destabilisation. In Switzerland, the 2025 collapse of part of the Birch Glacier above the village of Blatten triggered a massive rockslide and destroyed much of the village. Scientists and authorities linked the instability to a combination of glacier retreat, thawing permafrost and geological conditions.

The implication for mountaineering is profound: routes traditionally considered safe during the summer can no longer necessarily be treated that way.

The Season is Changing

Perhaps the most significant consequence for climbers is not simply that mountains are becoming warmer, but that the old calendar is becoming less reliable. For decades, the main Karakoram climbing season has broadly centred around June to August. But Sadpara believes that may have to change. "We are

thinking of changing the season of climbing K2," he says.

He and other climbers are considering earlier spring attempts or moving expeditions towards autumn. Waqar Ali, the head guide at Karakoram Expeditions has reached a similar conclusion from his own experience. He says that, over the past two years, conditions have increasingly failed to conform to the traditional June 15-August 15 window.

This year was a particularly stark example. Persistent storms, heavy snowfall, unstable snow, avalanches and rockfall disrupted expeditions across the Karakoram. No climbers summited K2 or Gasherbrum I during the 2026 summer season, while many teams were unable to find a sufficiently safe weather window on other major peaks.

Weather forecasting itself is becoming more complicated. Sadpara describes checking multiple forecasting services before a Gasherbrum I summit attempt, only to encounter storms and strong winds at the summit, despite apparently favourable forecasts. The problem is not necessarily that forecasts are becoming useless. Rather, rapidly changing conditions can make the margin between a safe forecast and dangerous reality much smaller.

Mountain Boom Vs Changing Mountain

All of this is happening as mountaineering itself is becoming increasingly popular. The release of 14 Peaks: Nothing Is Impossible on Netflix in 2021 brought Nims Purja's extraordinary campaign to climb all 14 eight-thousanders to a global audience. The documentary turned an already growing interest in high-altitude climbing into something far more visible and accessible to millions of viewers.

Purja's death on Broad Peak this year, therefore, carries an additional poignancy. The man who helped bring Himalayan mountaineering into living rooms around the world became one of the victims of the increasingly unpredictable environment he spent his life navigating.

More people are now going into the high mountains, just as the mountains themselves are changing. That creates a difficult paradox. Increased interest brings tourism, employment and income to mountain communities. But it also means more climbers, more infrastructure and greater pressure on fragile environments. Gilgit-Baltistan officials have already begun reviewing trekking regulations, following a series of accidents during the 2026 season.

For the mountaineers themselves, however, the central challenge is more immediate. "The routes are changing," says Sadpara. "Mountaineering is becoming harder and riskier."

Perhaps that is the most important distinction. Climate change is changing the conditions that mountaineers have

spent generations learning to read. The question facing mountaineers is, therefore, about adaptation to that change. It's not simply whether they can climb higher, faster or harder. It is whether they can learn to climb a mountain that is changing underneath them.

Documentary on ill-fated K2 expedition released



Late Mohammad Ali Sadpara

The documentary *The Last First: Winter K2*, which follows the tragedy of the 2021 winter expedition of K2 in which legendary Pakistani climber Mohammad Ali Sadpara, Iceland's John Snorri and Chile's Juan Pablo Mohr Prieto lost their lives while attempting to scale K2 in winter for the first time, has been released for a worldwide audience.

Sajid Ali Sadpara, son of the late Mohammad Ali Sadpara, announced at a press conference in Skardu on Sunday 4 Oct that the documentary had gained international recognition at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival in the US and elsewhere. He said the documentary was now available for international audiences to stream on *Apple TV* from Oct 2.

Directed by award-winning filmmaker Amir Bar-Lev, the documentary takes a look at one of the deadliest seasons on the world's second-highest peak and tells a harrowing story about the race to claim mountaineering's "last great prize". According to a statement issued by the Sundance Film Festival on Sunday, "from the icy heights of K2 to the socio-economic forces shaping modern mountaineering, Amir Bar-Lev's 'The Last First: Winter K2' looks beyond the pursuit of adventure to

the people, power, and ambition behind it".

Mr Sajid said the documentary was an emotional story. "The main character in the documentary is my father, late Mohammad Ali Sadpara, and also my story. I survived the incident. Then, five months after the tragedy, I searched for the bodies above 8,000 metres on K2 and found them and buried them at the peak," he added.

He said it also told the story of the first-ever winter ascent of K2 by a 10-member Nepali expedition, which included Nirmal Purja, who lost his life in the Broad Peak tragedy.

"The film has real footage and was shot on location. It is the first time in history that Pakistani climbers' achievements have been acknowledged internationally. This will also help promote mountaineering in Pakistan internationally," he added.

US-based social media influencer Stephanie Jensen wrote in a Facebook post: "Just watched 'The Last First: Winter K2'. What an absolutely insane story. As a race to the top of K2 unfolds in the middle of winter, Seven Summit Treks commercialises the attempt, selling places on an expedition to one of the world's most dangerous mountains."

The film sheds light on the perilous mission to summit K2 in winter while exploring how commercialisation reshaped the quest.

Beyond the tragedy, it examines deeper issues shaping modern alpinism, including commercialisation, social media pressure, influencer culture and long-standing inequalities within the climbing world.



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Crafts from 100 Pakistani villages on display under one roof



(Clockwise from left): A large number of people throng the Karachi Expo Centre on the opening day of 25th Daachi Arts and Crafts Exhibition; visitors show keen interest in Hala pottery at a stall; and, a handmade jewellery stall dazzles customers.

Celebrating crafts from over 100 villages across Pakistan, the two-day 25th Daachi Arts and Crafts Exhibition opened at the Karachi Expo Centre on Saturday 12 Sep.

The creativity of artisans was on display on over 200 stalls in the shape of the finest pottery from Hala and Multan, painted and carved woodwork, hand blocked and embroidered textiles, brassware and kilims, basketry and folk toys, traditional silver and bead jewellery and organic and preserved fruit products from Hunza.

Other than puppet shows and hands-on pottery making for children, an art gallery and organic food by home-based cooks were also a part of the exhibition.

There were people gathered around one stall tasting powders from different jars. The lady at the stall, who introduced herself as Nabihah Jawad from Karachi, said that they were tasting natural protein powders that she had made herself by crushing various dried fruits. For example, there were jars labelled 'Pistachio Energy', 'Saffron Energy', 'Almond Energy' and 'Panjiri'.

"These can be healthy substitutes for Ovaltine or Milo. You can also sprinkle them over your morning cereals," she said while informing about the price for each. A 200-gram jar of pistachio powder was worth Rs2,500, almond was for Rs2,000 and Panjiri only Rs700.

A beautiful ladies koti (waistcoat) with gold threads and embroidered peacocks beckoned many to Muneeba Farooq's stall. But as soon as the lady from Sheikhpura informed that she was selling it for Rs85,000, all backed off. Right

across was another clothing stall named 'Handmade Closet'. Saiqa Raza there said that she was from Lahore and was very happy to find all her customers from last year returning to her. "I guess our reasonable prices have something to do with that. But our material is of very fine quality as are our hand-embroidered clothes," she smiled.

Ali Raza from Hala at the Hala pottery stall, meanwhile, was openly saying that handmade pottery is not cheap and still he was not short of customers.

An ethnic jewellery stall managed by Ijaz Karim from Hunza had some very pretty rings, lockets, bracelets and bangles to suit different pockets.

Yusra Qasim, who owns the brand Khwaab by Yusra on Instagram, had the biggest and most reasonably priced handmade jewellery stall at the exhibition. Her pearl bracelets with a crochet, pink, red or maroon rose in the middle were selling like hot cakes because they cost only Rs300 each. "You can spray your favourite perfume on the crochet rose and enjoy its fragrance all day," Yusra suggested to a customer. Her other bracelets, necklaces and earrings, too, were not very expensive at under Rs500, which could be the reason for the rush at her stall.

At another stall, Shamim Akhtar from Multan had camel skin lamps. "These camel skin lamps are originally made in Multan and exported all over the world. We have the Cholistan Desert where there is no shortage of camels," she said. The most expensive lamp she had cost Rs7,500 and the least expensive ones cost Rs3,500.

A local, Karachi stall, had the most exquisite unstitched raw silk and chiffon

block print suits. Mohammad Khalid Ansari there said that block-printing may be done on any material but their raw silk suits were the most popular at their stall. Each raw silk three-piece suit came with a Rs9,500 price tag.

Shanzay Baloch of Aries Attire, a Sheikhpura brand, had stitched embroidered kurtas and shirts in the range of Rs13,000 to Rs20,000. "We work for women's empowerment. I have many trained women workers," she shared.

Akbari Abdul Ghafoor from Faisalabad had handmade beads and silk thread kundan bangles which she designed and made with her two daughters Lubna and Rimsha with sets selling for under Rs1,000.

Aimen Noor from Bahawalpur was selling some very pretty and unique clothing hangers decorated with beads and ribbons. A dozen cost Rs5,000.

Sandeep Chauhan from Kashmore had a stall full of khussas with each pair selling for Rs4,000. "My grandfather and his father and grandfather used to make them with their hands. It's an art that came down to us through many generations," he said, adding that he was hopeful to sell all of his 200 pairs by the end of the exhibition.

Rab Dino from Badin had the most colourful tie-and-dye suits, also for Rs4,000 each.

Tahreem Asad and her mother Lubna Asad were selling alphabet blocks, doll bedroom sets and other furniture, which they made themselves. "Our brand is called Needlecraft and through it and our toys we want to promote education for toddlers," said Tahreem.

Metal serving dishes and bowls, drinking glass sets made from white metal, brass and copper were also on offer at a Lahore store run by Rais Ahmed. Each copper glass was selling for Rs3,000 and a dish set for Rs15,000 and more.

To expand the market for craft, Daachi Foundation organises the Daachi Arts and Crafts Exhibitions annually in big cities such as Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad. The exhibitions have helped provide a steady income to artisans and kept their skills alive. In the past the exhibition has extended financial assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic and natural disasters. The stalls offered at each Daachi exhibition are gratis.

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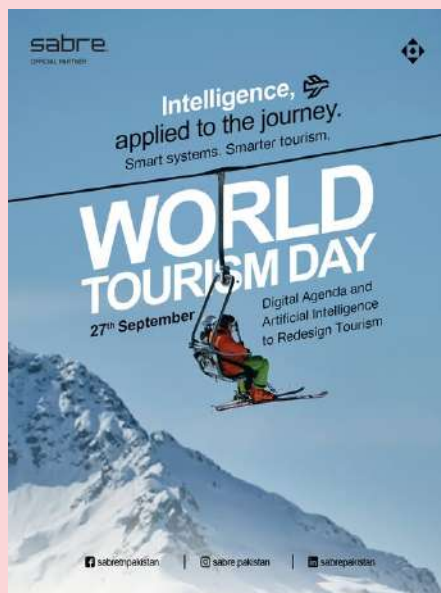
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GB peaks more valuable than oil reservoirs



Reinhold Messner and his wife, Diane, climb a rock to view Nanga Parbat, remembering when he and his late brother, Gunther, climbed that same rock in 1970 before their historic expedition.

Renowned Italian mountaineer Reinhold Messner warned that rapid glacial melting threatens the survival of Pakistan's peaks, declaring the high mountains of Gilgit-Baltistan “more valuable than oil reservoirs in Arab countries”.

Expressing deep concern for the changing environment, the alpinist said some “white mountains” in the region may only survive another 10 to 15 years without better environmental management, pledging that he and his team remain determined to help save the remaining ice.

The 82-year-old issued the warning while celebrating his birthday during a 12-day visit to the mountain areas of GB with his wife, Diane.

The trip, which ran from Sept 6 to Sept 16, culminated in a birthday celebration organised by Nanga Parbat Adventure Pakistan at the Serena Hotel in Islamabad.

Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Ugo Ciarlatani, German Ambassador Ina Lepel and prominent Pakistani mountaineers, including Nazir Sabir and Liver Khan, attended the ceremony to honour Messner's historic achievements.

Beyond his climbing legacy, Mr Messner continues to give back to the region. Mr Khan, a long-time friend, highlighted Messner's ongoing connection to the local communities that aided him during his perilous descent of

Nanga Parbat over 50 years ago.

Over the decades, Mr Messner has helped establish several schools in the Diamer valleys, including one named in memory of his younger brother, Mr Gunther. “I look forward to ... the schools, places where the future is written, where hope grows stronger than loss,” Mr Messner noted.

The return to Pakistan brought profound sentimental reflections for the man widely regarded as one of history's greatest high-altitude climbers.

Days before his birthday, Mr Messner stopped at a rock situated along the Karakoram Highway near Thalichy, which offers a clear view of Nanga Parbat. He climbed the rock again, just as he did in 1970 when he and Mr Gunther first saw the mountain rising in the distance.

For Mr Messner, the region holds both triumph and deep personal tragedy. He and Mr Gunther reached the summit of Nanga Parbat in 1970 via the Rupal Face, but disaster struck during their descent on the Diamir side.

Mr Gunther was swept away by an avalanche and died. Mr Messner survived but lost seven toes to severe frostbite. His claims about his brother's death were vindicated in 2005 when Mr Gunther's remains were finally discovered on the Diamir Face.

Mr Messner was accused by his teammates, including Herrligkoffer, of abandoning his brother solely to gain the bragging rights of traversing Nanga Parbat.

In 1978, Mr Messner returned to summit Nanga Parbat completely alone. Climbing without supplementary oxygen or support from teammates, he opened a new route on the right side of the Diamir Face, completing the first solo ascent of an 8,000-metre mountain.

“To return to Pakistan is to return to the roots of my own becoming,” Mr Messner wrote in a social media post before his arrival. “Here, at Nanga Parbat, I crossed the mountain and lost my brother Gunther, a wound that has never closed but became part of who I am.”



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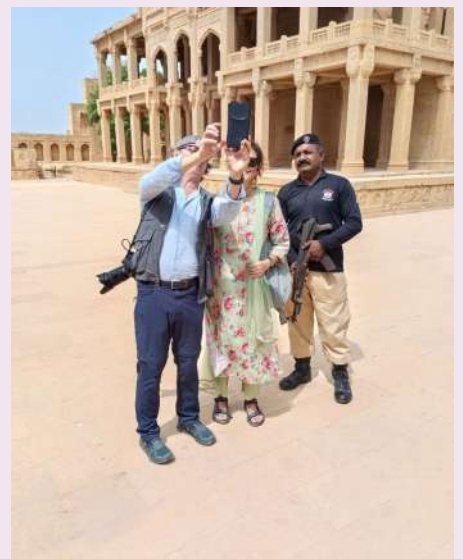
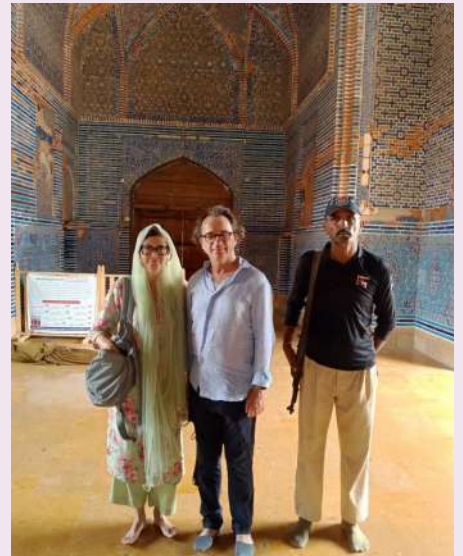
Tourists from Poland visited the World Heritage Site Mohenjo Daro. The administration of Mohenjo Daro warmly welcomed them and ensured their complete protocol and security. The tourists said that Mohenjo Daro was a Metropolitan and well-planned city 5,000 years ago, and they felt very happy to visit the site. They also appreciated the administration for taking full care of them.

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A Delegation of Polish tourists visits the historical ruins of Mohenjo Daro recently, exploring the sprawling brick structures under a scorching sun and highlighting the World Heritage site's enduring allure. Known for its extensive Indus valley architecture, Mohenjo Daro continues to attract global attention for its significance in understanding early urban settlement patterns.

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