

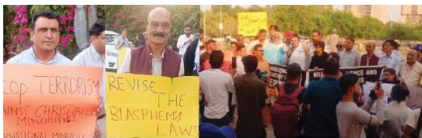
Peaceful Protest Held in Islamabad Demanding Justice for Persecuted Christians

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD – The Pakistan Tehreek Bedari, led by Chairman Naveed Gul of the Glory of God Foundation, organized a peaceful protest in front of the Islamabad Press Club, supported by various religious organizations. The

demonstration called on the Government of Pakistan to take immediate and decisive action following a recent incident in Sargodha's Mujahid Colony. Protesters demanded that the government condemn the ongoing persecution of Christian patriots and urged the registration

of an FIR under the law against abuses. They called for the formation of a high-level judicial commission to ensure a transparent investigation into the Sargodha incident. Emphasizing the state's legal responsibility to protect the life and property of all citizens, they highlighted the



need to stop daily religious also demanded strict punishment for those involved in past attacks. The protesters against Christians, including the burning of houses, property, sacred books, and

places of worship. They stressed that such actions should not be repeated and called for the government to adopt a concrete strategy to prevent such incidents. Chairman Naveed Gul, alongside other Christian organizations, strongly condemned the persecution and abuse of Christians. They urged the Chief Justice of Pakistan, the Prime Minister, and the President to take immediate action. The protest also called for a ban on extremist organizations inciting religious violence and an end to the misuse of Ehsaas religious laws.

Power, Politics, and Justice:

The ICJ's Struggle for Compliance



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The International Court of Justice (ICJ) stands as the paramount judicial institution within the United Nations (UN), its inception dating back to June of 1945 through the UN Charter. Commencing its operations in April of 1946, the ICJ embodies the collective resolve towards peace, justice, and the rule of law. Tasked primarily with resolving legal disputes between nations and providing advisory opinions on matters of international law, the ICJ's efficacy is contingent upon the compliance of member states with its decrees. When a nation opts to disregard the ICJ's judgments, it raises profound concerns regarding the sanctity of international law and order.

Operating within the framework delineated by its statute, which is integral to the UN Charter, the ICJ commands adherence from member states, as articulated in Article 94 of the UN Charter. This provision underscores the binding nature of the ICJ's rulings on member states, with non-compliance potentially resulting in referral to the UN Security Council for enforcement measures. However, the ICJ itself lacks direct



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enforcement capabilities, necessitating reliance on the political will of the international community, chiefly through the Security Council, where geopolitical considerations often hold sway.

Instances throughout history serve to illustrate the challenges inherent in enforcing ICJ decisions, particularly when powerful nations are involved. In the case of Nicaragua versus the United States, hailing from the year of 1986, The ICJ, in its wisdom, adjudged the United States guilty of transgressing international law by aiding the Contras in their insurrection against the Sandinistas and by laying mines in Nicaraguan harbors. Despite the ICJ's verdict, the United States, in its might, spurned the court's authority, declaring it lacked jurisdiction, and thwarted the enforcement of the judgment through its influence upon the United Nations Security Council.

Similarly, in the tale of Iran versus the United States, which unfolded in the year 2018, the ICJ commanded the United States to ensure its sanctions against Iran did not impede humanitarian aid or civil aviation safety. Yet, the United States, asserting its sovereignty in national security matters and renouncing the treaty

underpinning the court's jurisdiction, thereby complicating the execution of the ruling.

Furthermore, we come upon the saga of Libya versus the United States and the United Kingdom in the bygone year of 1992. In this story, Libya, aggrieved by extradition requests related to the Lockerbie bombing, beseeched the ICJ for succor. Though the ICJ issued provisional measures, urging restraint from the accused parties, compliance was lacking, leading to sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council. Thus, these sagas underscore the quandaries of international law and the tribulations faced in enforcing the edicts of the ICJ, particularly when confronted with the obstinance of powerful nations or the convolutions of geopolitical interests.

Yet, while the ICJ proffers a beacon of justice, its radiance is dimmed by the shadows of political machinations and the absence of a robust enforcement mechanism. Nevertheless, let us not despair; for the ICJ remains a bastion of international legal order. To fortify its efficacy, we must rally the collective will of the global community and bolster mechanisms for enforcement. Only then can we uphold the sanctity of justice and repudiate the notion that "Might is right."

China's Rise: Consequences for International Security

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One of the most important geopolitical trends of the twenty-first century has been the growth of China as a worldwide power. China is changing the world order with its quickening economic growth, growing military might, and growing sway over international affairs. This shift challenges long-standing alliances and traditions, with far-reaching repercussions for global security. Concerns over the future balance of power, the likelihood of conflict, and the stability of the international system surface as Beijing demonstrates its interests in Asia and beyond.

Policymakers, academics, and international observers have been deeply engaged in discussion and analysis as a result of China's explosive rise to prominence in the world economy. China used to be an emerging economy, but today it is a powerful force in world politics, with superior military might and economic clout. This current challenges the ancient international order and alters power balances, which has important ramifications for global security.

Global influence and economic power China's economy has grown at an unparalleled rate, making it the second largest in the world. Its ambition to increase its influence through infrastructure projects and business alliances throughout Asia, Africa, and Europe is best represented by the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The expansion of China's economy has noteworthy security consequences as it gives it more influence over participating nations and international trade lines. Additionally, the prevalence of Chinese manufacturing and essential technology gives rise to worries about economic interdependencies and the possibility of coercive diplomacy.

Modernizing the Military and Taking a Strategic Stand Alongside its economic expansion, China has modernized its armed forces completely. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has developed new

skills, emphasizing power projection, cyberwarfare, and cutting edge technologies. China's muscular military strategy centers on the South China Sea, where it has built artificial islands and strengthened its claims, posing a threat to neighboring governments' maritime boundaries and sovereignty. Tensions in the region and throughout the world rise as a result of this military buildup, which forces surrounding nations and superpowers to reevaluate their defense plans and alliances.

Strategic Alliances and Geopolitical Rivals Geopolitical alignments will eventually need to be reevaluated in light of China's ascent. China's rise is seen with growing alarm by the United States, the world's preeminent power historically, which has resulted in strategic rivalry and competitiveness. This rivalry takes place in the Indo-Pacific area, where both countries are attempting to form ties and alliances, Japan, India, and Australia are among the nations in the area that must negotiate difficult diplomatic situations while striking a balance between their security and economic relations with China. Global alliances are reshaped by this dynamic, which also calls for new approaches to international diplomacy and security frameworks.

Stability in the Region and Possibility of Conflict The stability of the region is impacted by China's expanding influence, especially in East Asia. With China's goals of reunification colliding with Taiwan's desire for self-determination and the United States' willingness to defend Taiwan, the Taiwan Strait continues to be a potential flashpoint. The complex balance of power is likewise reflected in the Korean Peninsula, where US partnerships with Japan and South Korea contrast with China's sway over North Korea. The security environment in the region is further complicated by territorial disputes with India and other Southeast Asian countries, which raises the possibility of confrontations with potentially catastrophic global effects.

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Loss of a Visionary Leader Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi's Unwavering Commitment to Peace

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The loss of a visionary leader is always a great tragedy, and the passing of Ebrahim Raisiye is no exception. As a passionate advocate peace and reconciliation in his community, Raisi's unwavering commitment to finding a peaceful solution to conflicts has left a lasting impact on all those who knew him. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi was a man of principle and conviction, someone who truly believed in dialogue and understanding resolve even the entrenched disputes. Born and raised in a conflict-ridden region, he witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of violence and division on his community. Raisiye to dedicate his life to promoting peace and reconciliation.

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testament to his commitment to peace and unity. Ebrahim Raisi tirelessly efforts to build bridges between conflicting parties have had a lasting impact on his community. His ability to facilitate dialogue, mediate disputes, and find common ground helped to foster understanding and cooperation among different groups. He was always willing to put in the time and effort to help others overcome their differences and work towards a brighter future.

Raisi's journey as a mediator started many years ago when he witnessed the destructive effects of conflict on his community. Instead of standing by and watching people suffer, he took it upon himself to bring people together, to listen to their grievances, and to find common ground. Raisi understood that true healing and reconciliation could only come through dialogue and empathy, and he made it his mission facilitate that process. One of the key aspects of Raisi's work as a mediator is his to remain impartial and objective in the face of strong emotions and conflicting interests. He listens to all sides of the story without judgment, allowing each party to express their concerns and grievances openly and honestly.

One of the key principles of mediation is the requirement for the mediator to remain neutral and unbiased throughout the process. Means that a like Raisi must not take sides, show favoritism or have any conceived notions about the parties or the issues hand. By adopting an impartial stance, Raisi can create a safe space for open and honest communication between parties, allowing expressing their perspectives, concerns, and interests without fear of judgment bias. A mediator like Raisi effectively facilitate the negotiation process help the parties explore possible solutions to their dispute.

Raisi can focus on the facts, listen attentively to the parties' concerns, and help them identify common ground and potential areas of compromise. Furthermore,



remaining impartial and objective as a mediator demonstrates professionalism and integrity, which are essential qualities for building trust and credibility with the parties involved. When the parties perceive Raisi as fair and unbiased, they are more likely to engage fully in the mediation process, cooperate with each other, and work towards a collaborative and mutually beneficial outcome. This can ultimately lead to a more successful resolution of the dispute and a stronger sense of satisfaction and empowerment for the parties involved.

Raisi's work as a mediator requires a high level of skill, professionalism, and integrity, particularly when faced with strong emotions and conflicting interests from the parties involved. By remaining impartial and objective throughout the negotiation process, Raisi can create a conducive environment for open communication and constructive dialogue. He had a deep sense of empathy for others, and he always sought to help those in need, whether through his words, his actions, or his resources. He was a beacon of hope and inspiration to many, and his kindness and generosity touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Ebrahim Raisi was a visionary leader, who always had a clear sense of purpose and direction.

He was a man of great vision, who saw the potential for positive change in the world and worked tirelessly to make that vision a reality. He was a great leader, who inspired others to follow his example and work towards a better future for all. Ebrahim Raisi legacy is one of courage, compassion, and commitment. He was a true hero, whose life and work continue to inspire and influence people all over the world. He was a true leader, whose courage, compassion, and commitment to justice and equality will always serve as a guiding light for all who strive to make the world a better place.

PSX gains 41 points

BT NEWS

ISLAMABAD – The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 41.82 points on Thursday, a slight positive change of 0.06 per cent, closing at 74,878.12 points against 74,836.30 points the previous day. A total of 410,575.24 shares valuing Rs 14,922 billion were traded during the day as compared to 408,073,662 shares valuing Rs 16,500 billion



Pakistan Stock Exchange

the previous day. As many as 413 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 161 of them recorded gains and 196 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 56 companies remained unchanged. The three top trading companies

were Fauji Cement with 42,521,383 shares at Rs 22.91 per share, Dewan Cement with 26,322,838 shares at Rs 11.06 per share and Dewan Motors with 25,937,975 shares at Rs 44.72 per share. Service Industries Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 5.728 per share price, closing at Rs 976.41, whereas the runner-up was JDW Sugar Mills with a Rs 37.52 rise in its per share price to Rs 506.52.



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The day was 28th May 1998 when Pakistan became a nuclear state 7th in the world. Now this also emerged debate whether it was the right decision or an offensive measure to become a proud nuclear state. Pakistan achieved this milestone despite numerous obstacles from the global community. In

Pakistan's history, this event holds a place of pride and greatness. To understand the significance and sensitivity one must know about the historical and political scenario of the region.

On top of the list, Pakistan tested her nuclear capability in response to India's 2nd nuclear test days before this which makes it even more appropriate for Pakistan to answer the debate official of

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the Pakistani government, and facts of history always bend toward that this action was a need of time. Pakistan has always been under a state of threat from its potential rival and neighbor India. The situation became more evident when India was undoubtedly a far more conventional power so for survival it was a must-do step. However, survival was a key factor indeed as both nations had fought many wars conventionally but after both states became nuclear a sort of peace has been achieved for almost 25 years now and Pakistan

has now adopted the policy of full-scale deterrence (FSD) with India for peace in the region in recent years Pakistan learned that there are no permanent friends and foes in the international system. The most important lesson for Pakistan was that reliance on external support for the security of the country through alliances, particularly with the US could not be relied upon in the future and Pakistan had to ensure its security through its capabilities.

With great powers comes great responsibility So while there are apprehensions

associated with any country possessing such powerful weaponry, it is important to acknowledge that Pakistan has demonstrated responsible behavior as a nuclear state. It has established robust command-and-control mechanisms designed to ensure the safety and security of its arsenal while adhering strictly to non-proliferation norms.

Contrary to misperceptions surrounding Pakistani possession of nuclear weapons leading solely towards instability in South Asia, history demonstrates otherwise.



KARACHI: A Edhi volunteer sprays water on a bypasser's face along a street during a hot summer day in Karachi on May 30, 2024, amid the ongoing heat wave.