

Mohsin Naqvi, US ambassador discuss boosting ties and law enforcement cooperation

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ISLAMABAD—Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi met with Acting US Ambassador Natalie Baker and INL Country Director Lynn Nelson on Tuesday to discuss ways to enhance Pakistan-US cooperation, focusing on law enforcement and security matters.

During the meeting, Ambassador Baker extended condolences for the recent deaths of police and Rangers personnel in Islamabad.

The two officials also reviewed progress on various bilateral initiatives, including the preparations for Pakistan's

hosting of the IOC Champions Trophy. Mohsin Naqvi highlighted Pakistan's plan to modernise the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) along the lines of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The US agreed to support this transformation and provide technical assistance. The Minister also stressed the importance of equipping the Civil Armed Forces with modern tools and weapons to combat terrorism and manage emergencies effectively.

"We welcome US support in enhancing the capacity of our law enforcement agencies. This cooperation is crucial in strengthening Pakistan's response to evolving security challenges," Naqvi said.

Ambassador Natalie Baker reaffirmed US commitment to the law enforcement sector and praised Pakistan's ongoing efforts to improve its police forces. She also expressed her best wishes for the successful organisation of the IOC Champions Trophy in Pakistan.



Pakistan Navy Ship Saif Conducts Exercises with Royal Navy Of Oman



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ISLAMABAD—Pakistan Navy Ship SAIF conducted Joint Patrol and Passage Exercise with Royal Navy of Oman Vessel (RNOV), AL SEEB and Spanish Navy Ship SANTA MARIA. Exercises were aimed to develop synergy and mutual understanding between Navies operating in the region while demonstrating interoperability to undertake Joint Operations.

The exercise between Royal Navy of Oman Ship AL SEEB, Pakistan Navy

Pakistan's envoy meets two US lawmakers in efforts to boost bilateral ties



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WASHINGTON—Pakistan's Ambassador to the US, Rizwan Saeed Sheikh Monday had separate meetings with two American lawmakers and discussed ways to strengthen US-Pak relations, said a Pakistani embassy press release.

With Congressman Tom Kean, a Republican from New Jersey, the Pakistani envoy, besides bilateral ties, had discussion on promoting regional security, and enhancing trade & investment links.

He said that shared values and interests lend a strong foundation to Pak-US partnership. They also explored deepening collaboration with New Jersey, particularly in pharmaceuticals and IT.

With Congressman Kevin Kiley, a Republican from California and a rising leader in Congress, Ambassador Sheikh discussed strengthening bilateral ties, reinforcing the two countries' shared values, and building a prosperous future together.

They also exchanged views on enhancing collaboration with California on trade, investment, IT, and agriculture, the press release said.

Uniting hearts and minds: Religious Education is Paving the Path to Peace in Pakistan

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Religious education plays a crucial role in promoting peace and harmony in societies around the world. In Pakistan where religious diversity is prevalent but sometimes leads to tensions. Religious education has the potential to unite hearts and minds paving the path to peace. The religious education in Pakistan is contributing to peace building efforts and promoting interfaith harmony. Pakistan is a country known for its rich religious diversity with the majority of the population as Muslim.

A land of rich religious heritage is also significant minority communities, including Christian, Hindu, Sikh and others. This diversity enriches the tapestry of the nation, has also been a source of hope and peace in different religions. Religious education has emerged as a powerful tool for promoting tolerance and understanding of peace among different religious groups in Pakistan. Religious education in Pakistan takes place in a variety of settings including schools, colleges, universities and religious institutions.

One of the impactful role of religious education in Pakistan is the promotion of values such as compassion, empathy and respect for others. Religious teachers in madrasahs equipping students with the tools needed to foster mutual respect and understanding of their own religion. In different religious institutions education have a positive impact on attitudes towards people from different religious backgrounds. Moreover, some researches on religious education found that students who received religious education were likely to exhibit tolerance and acceptance towards individuals of other faiths.

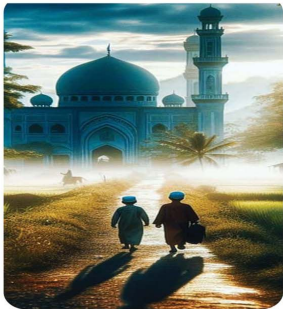
A nation like Pakistan highlights the potential of religious education and build bridges of understanding between religious and formal education communities in the country. An important contribution of religious education in Pakistan is countering extremism and promoting peace. So religious education, teaching values of peace, love and harmony to steer individuals away from radical ideologies and terrorism. Madrasahs students understand their faith and emphasizing the core principals of peace, and

compassion that serve as a powerful antidote to extremist ideologies.

In Madrasahs teaching of critical skills and ethical principles religious equips individuals to critically analyze extremist narratives and reject violence in the name of religion. Religious institutions take initiatives to promote citizenship and peace among students through conducting religious seminars, workshops and debates programs between universities and religious institutions to create opportunities for students.

inherent in other traditions, they are less likely to engage in or support violent actions motivated by sectarian differences.

Moreover, investment in religious education aligns with broader educational reforms aimed at improving critical thinking skills among youth. A curriculum that encourages inquiry and debate fosters not only intellectual development but also emotional intelligence qualities essential for peaceful coexistence. In this light, policymakers must prioritize comprehensive



Court rejects Rupert Murdoch's attempt to hand media empire to eldest son Lachlan



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ISLAMABAD—In a real-life "Succession"-style drama, a Nevada court has rejected Rupert Murdoch's bid to amend a family trust that would have granted his eldest son, Lachlan Murdoch, control of his vast media empire.

The ruling comes after a tense legal battle between the 93-year-old billionaire and three of his children over who would lead News Corp and Fox News when he passes. The case, which has played out behind closed doors, saw a Nevada court commissioner deny Mr. Murdoch's request, stating that both he and his son had acted in "bad faith" and calling the proposed changes a "carefully crafted charade".

At the heart of the dispute is a 1999 family trust established to settle succession plans for Murdoch's media conglomerate. The trust, which governs the future control of News Corp and Fox News, includes a structure that gives the Murdoch children significant voting power. However, the trust also allows for conflicts among the family members,



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UNITED NATIONS—Warning that the humanitarian crises facing the world pose existential threats, Pakistan has called for addressing root causes of the emergencies ranging from foreign occupation to climate action for the assistance and protection of millions of affected people around the globe.

"Conflicts have reached levels not seen since 1945, affecting nearly 308.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection," Ambassador Usman Jadoon, acting permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, told the General Assembly on Monday.

Speaking in a debate on "Humanitarian Assistance", the Pakistani envoy commended the work of the UN aid agencies and personnel in dealing with humanitarian emergencies globally, especially UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, for its "unyielding determination" to conduct life-saving work in Gaza, despite the loss of 228 of the agency's staff members since Oct 7 2023.

Pakistan strongly condemns the Israeli attempts to dismantle UNRWA's operations in flagrant violation of the UN Charter, international law, provisional measures set by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the Court's Advisory Opinion of 19 July 2024, he said, while voicing solidarity with the Palestinian people.

"UNRWA remains essential to protecting this right and delivering essential services to refugees across the region," Ambassador Jadoon said.

"While the death toll is rising due to the daily atrocity crimes being committed by the Israeli regime against the innocent Palestinian people; hospitals, mosques, churches, schools and other purely civilian infrastructure have also not been spared."

Israeli strikes on Syria surpass 300 after Assad's fall, IDF confirms troops in buffer zone

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ISLAMABAD—Israeli warplanes have reportedly carried out more than 300 airstrikes across Syria since the fall of President Bashar al-Assad's regime on Sunday, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR). The airstrikes have targeted several key locations across the country, including military facilities in Aleppo, Damascus, and Hama. The attacks, which have included more than 60 airstrikes overnight between Monday and Tuesday, have caused extensive damage to Syrian military assets, including weapon warehouses, ammunition depots, airports, naval bases, and research centres. Many of these facilities have been completely destroyed.

IDF Justifies strikes to prevent weapons from falling into extremists' hands

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have confirmed that their forces are operating in Syrian territory beyond the demilitarized buffer zone between Syria and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. The IDF has said its strikes are aimed at preventing weapons

from falling into the hands of extremists, particularly as Syria enters a post-Assad era. Nadav Shoshani, an IDF spokesperson, told the BBC that the Israeli military had not approached Damascus as reports suggested but had deployed forces within the Area of Separation near the Golan Heights.

Rami Abdul Rahman, founder of SOHR, condemned the strikes, describing the impact as "destroying all the capabilities of the Syrian army". He also stated that "Syrian lands are being violated". Video evidence of the strikes, including a hit on a Syrian naval port in Latakia, has been verified by the BBC.

The ongoing Israeli operations have raised significant international concerns.

