

DAILY PAKISTAN WATCH

11-13 July 2026

Security

- ◆ **Operation Shaaban Eliminates 75 Militants in Balochistan** — Security forces have killed **75 terrorists since July 5 in Operation Shaaban and other IBOs across Balochistan**, following the attack on Mangi Dam Police Station. Pakistan Army, Frontier Corps and Police tightened cordons in mountainous terrain, conducting multiple ground and aerial strikes. Officials confirmed **39 militants were eliminated in Shaaban alone**, with further clashes in Khuzdar and helicopter operations adding to the toll. The campaign underscores intensified counter-terror efforts in the province. (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Quadcopter Strike Sparks Anger in South Waziristan** — A suspected quadcopter attack in Ladha tehsil killed **Mohammad Nawaz** and injured two children, Aliyan (17) and Zamrud (10). Villagers of Allah Jan Kot blocked Sam Road in protest, demanding a transparent investigation and safeguards against future strikes. The incident follows last week's strike in Birmal tehsil that killed three children. Local sources say **dozens of quadcopter attacks have occurred over the past 18 months**, leaving many civilian casualties. Separately, a police constable was injured in Wana by unidentified gunmen. (*Dawn*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Balochistan's Escalating Security Challenge** — Muhammad Amir Rana observes that despite repeated vows by civil and military leaders to eradicate terrorism, **violence in Balochistan remains geographically dispersed, operationally flexible and strategically deliberate**. He notes insurgent groups like the BLA have expanded into new districts, targeting police posts, infrastructure and economic assets, while revenge attacks continue. Afghanistan's role in cross-border tensions adds complexity, but Rana cautions against blaming external factors alone. He insists **"the state must revisit its security policies in the volatile province"** to address widening gaps with civilians. (*Dawn*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Clashes in AJK's Poonch Leave One Dead** — At least one man was killed and several injured during **fierce clashes between protesters and law enforcement** along the Arja–Rawalakot road in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Poonch Commissioner Sardar Waheed Khan said police were dispatched to restore an abandoned post at Jindala Cross after activists of the **proscribed Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC)** blockaded the route. The unrest follows the alleged abduction and torture of traders' leader Nasir Arbab earlier this month, which had already heightened tensions in the area. (*Dawn*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Punjab intensifies Afghan repatriation drive** — The Foreign Nationals Security Cell of Punjab's Home Department has repatriated **138,342 illegal Afghan nationals** as part of Pakistan's nationwide campaign, which has seen **2.58 million Afghans sent back overall**. Officials said Afghan nationals without valid visas are apprehended, housed in **36 holding centres**, and repatriated via Torkham after legal formalities. The spokesperson stressed that enforcement targets only those residing illegally, urging citizens to report violations via **Emergency Helpline 15**. He

added that public cooperation is vital for the success of this **national mission**. (*The Nation*, [13 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Five Punjab workers killed in Washuk attack** — Armed men riding motorcycles opened fire on shops in **Mashkail town, Washuk district**, near the Pakistan–Iran border, killing five labourers from Punjab, Deputy Commissioner **Abdul Majeed Sarparah** confirmed. The assailants escaped after the shooting, while police and security forces launched a search operation. The incident occurred amid **Operation Shaban**, during which 109 terrorists have been eliminated since July 5. Balochistan has seen repeated attacks targeting Punjabis, including killings in Kalat (2025), Barkhan (2025), Gwadar (2024), Musakhail (2024) and Panjgur (2024). (*The Nation*, [13 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan’s evolving doctrine against Indian-sponsored terrorism** — In his column, journalist **Fahd Husain** argues that Pakistan must abandon its “*defensive mindset*” and adopt a proactive doctrine in response to alleged Indian-backed terrorism. He cites Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and DG ISPR Lt Gen Ahmad Sharif Chaudhry’s recent statements naming India as a sponsor of terror. Husain recalls the May 2025 conflict, where Pakistan’s “**Quid Pro Quo Plus**” retaliation and air superiority inflicted “*serious pain on the Indians.*” He highlights strategist **Lt Gen (retd) Khalid Ahmed Kidwai**’s assertion that Pakistan now reserves the right to “**reciprocate any terror attack with conventional responses against pre-determined adversaries.**” Husain urges a clear narrative combining policy, strategy and doctrine to make India understand the costs of continuing its current path. (*The Express Tribune*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **TTP Operational Summary: 11 July 2026:** The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) **claimed 23 operations across seven districts on 11 July 2026** (25 Muharram 1448 AH). Militant actions heavily focused on North and South Waziristan, resulting in at least eight reported security force fatalities and multiple injuries. TTP tactics included snipers, ambushes, rocket barrages, and targeted attacks on infrastructure—destroying multiple security cameras, a night-vision device, a Wi-Fi unit, and a solar power system. The group also claimed engagements against what it labelled the “Royal Indian Army” in Paroa and Tajori, including shooting down a drone. Non-combat actions involved the temporary detention and elder-negotiated release of two army ration suppliers in Badr. Additionally, the TTP highlighted an alleged military drone strike in South Waziristan that reportedly killed a civilian property dealer and injured his family. (*The Telegram*, 13 July 2026)

Comprehensive Table of TTP Activities (July 11, 2026)

District	Location	Operation Type	Reported Outcomes & Material Damage
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Khushhali)	Ambush on army patrol	3 soldiers killed; 1 military vehicle destroyed.
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Khadri Nawona)	Harassing attack on army post	1 soldier killed, 2 wounded; night-vision camera destroyed.

District	Location	Operation Type	Reported Outcomes & Material Damage
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Patsi Adda)	Sniper attack	2 soldiers killed.
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Patsi Adda)	Harassing attack on convoy	Unspecified casualties reported.
North Waziristan	Shewa (Almarah)	Sniper attack on army post	1 soldier killed.
North Waziristan	Miranshah (Kalo Khel)	Guerrilla operation on army post	Personnel and material losses claimed.
North Waziristan	Razmak (Kond)	Sniper attack on army post	Security camera destroyed; potential casualties.
South Waziristan	Badr (Chaloshti)	Rocket attacks on army post	Unspecified personnel and material losses.
South Waziristan	Badr (Momi Karam)	Guerrilla operation on supply line	Potential casualties reported.
South Waziristan	Badr	Detainment of civilian	Contractor Akhtar Zaman detained; released via tribal elders.
South Waziristan	Badr	Detainment of civilian	Driver Sharif detained; released via tribal elders.
South Waziristan	Sararogha (Partige)	Guerrilla operation (Nishpa post)	1 soldier killed, 1 wounded.
South Waziristan	Ladha (Asman Manza)	Guerrilla operation on brigade	Solar power system destroyed; potential casualties.

District	Location	Operation Type	Reported Outcomes & Material Damage
South Waziristan	Shaktoi (Re Pinge)	Guerrilla operation on army posts	1 security camera and 1 Wi-Fi system destroyed.
Dera Ismail Khan	Kulachi (Loni Road)	Attack on military camp	1 security camera destroyed; potential casualties.
Dera Ismail Khan	Paroa (Fatah Ali Mor)	Armed clash	Claims of thwarting a raid; reported casualties.
Southern Punjab	Dera Ghazi Khan (Taunsa Sharif)	Thermal attack on Peace Lashkar/CTD	Potential casualties reported at Basti Jotar.
Southern Punjab	Dera Ghazi Khan (Taunsa Sharif)	Guerrilla attack on school position	Elite Force/police targeted at Basti Jade Wali; losses claimed.
Lakki Marwat	Tajori (Shadi Khel)	Mortar attack	Potential casualties and material losses claimed.
Lakki Marwat	Tajori (Ali Khel)	Anti-aircraft engagement	Claimed downing of a drone two days prior.
Peshawar	Badh Bera (Armar Bazaar)	Target attack on infrastructure	Police checkpoint security camera destroyed.
Peshawar	Peshawar City (Nasir Bagh Road)	Attack on police checkpoint	1 police officer injured.
Bannu	City District (Kingar Bridge)	Guerrilla attack on checkpoint	1 security camera destroyed; potential casualties.

◆ **TTP Operational Summary: 12 July 2026:** The TTP claimed 14 operations across eight provinces on 12 July 2026. High-intensity clashes in Swat's Matta District reportedly thwarted a joint military

and Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) raid, downing two drones. Ambushes and sniper attacks in North Waziristan and Jamrud allegedly left five soldiers dead, whilst a landmine explosion in Harnai completely destroyed a military tank. Targeted operations also resulted in the assassination of a CTD Sub-Inspector in Bunair and heavy casualties at a joint security camp in Dera Ghazi Khan. Militants continuously targeted state forces with mortars, grenade launchers, and sniper fire.

Comprehensive Table of TTP Activities (12 July 2026)

District	Location	Operation Type	Reported Outcomes & Material Damage
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Ziraki)	Ambush on army patrol	3 personnel allegedly killed; several others wounded.
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Ziraki)	Attacks on two defensive posts	Potential security forces casualties reported.
North Waziristan	Miranshah (Sapalga)	Guerrilla attack on army bunker	Potential casualties claimed.
Swat	Matta District	Armed clash / Counter-raid	Thwated a joint army/CTD raid; 2 drones shot down (1 wreckage captured); reported enemy casualties.
Swat	Matta (Asharay)	Attack on police checkpoint	Reported personnel casualties and material losses.
Khyber	Jamrud (Rajgal)	2 separate sniper attacks (3 days prior)	2 personnel allegedly killed.
South Punjab	Dera Ghazi Khan (Kal Jotar)	GL and hand grenade attack	Targeted a joint CTD and peace militia camp; heavy casualties claimed.
Orakzai	Kalaya (Feroz Khel Tanda)	Sniper attack	1 soldier constructing a new post wounded.
Bajaur	Wara Mamond (Dama Dola)	Mortar attacks	Targeted Sultan Baig post; potential casualties and material losses.
Bunair	Khadukhel (Mandanar, Totali)	Targeted assassination	CTD Sub-Inspector Miskeen Zada killed.

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Quetta	Harnai (Hina Urak area)	Landmine explosion	1 military tank completely destroyed; all onboard personnel killed or wounded

Economy

- ◆ **Neelum–Jhelum Shutdown Extends to 2028** — Pakistan's \$5 billion Neelum–Jhelum Hydropower Project will remain offline until March 2028 after a rock burst crippled its tunnel system, depriving the grid of 969MW of cheap electricity. Consumers continue paying the NJ surcharge despite the outage. Wapda Chairman Lt-Gen (retd) Muhammad Saeed told senators repairs are underway, while lawmakers demanded a probe into possible negligence. The prolonged closure has worsened circular debt and reliance on costly thermal power, highlighting Pakistan's urgent need for new water storage infrastructure. (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan Emerges as Major Solar Importer** — Pakistan's Climate Prosperity Plan (CPP) reveals the country has become the world's third-largest importer of solar panels, with 17 GW imported in 2024, double the previous year. The CPP sets ambitious targets: 60% clean energy by 2030, 50% electricity from renewables by 2035, and 95% by 2040. It urges restructuring costly PPAs, retiring inefficient fossil plants, and modernising grids. The report stresses that shifting to indigenous renewables will ease circular debt, reduce costly fuel imports, and enhance energy security. (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **World Bank Backs Pakistan's Grid Modernisation** — The World Bank has approved \$375.9 million for Pakistan's Grid Stability Enhancement Project, the first phase of the 10-year BEST-PAK programme. Country Director Bolormaa Amgaabazar said investment in advanced transmission technologies will "help lower electricity costs, increase renewable energy share and support economic growth." The project will install STATCOMs, reactors and capacitor banks at key substations, enabling full use of 1,840MW wind capacity. Lead energy specialist Waleed Saleh Alsuraiah stressed "a reliable and modern transmission grid is essential." (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Exchange Firms Channel \$6bn to Banks in FY26** — Exchange companies reported selling \$6 billion to banks during FY26, supported by record remittances of \$41.6bn. Zafar Paracha, General Secretary of the Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan, said inflows averaged \$500m monthly. However, the State Bank closed several firms for regulatory violations, while others surrendered licences, citing over-regulation. Experts noted remittances now exceed export earnings, yet manufacturing investment remains stagnant, limiting export growth. Business leaders warned that without industrial investment, the government's targets of \$60–100bn in exports remain unrealistic. (*Dawn*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Gwadar Port enters global refuelling market** — Gwadar Port has successfully conducted its first commercial bunkering operation, supplying 2,500 metric tonnes of very low sulphur fuel oil to the LNG carrier *Enugu* between July 9–11. The collaborative effort involved the Gwadar Port Authority, National Logistics Cell, Gwadar International Terminals Limited and Vitol Asia, with

Pakistan Customs ensuring safe completion. Officials said this marks the **formal launch of bunkering services**, aligning with the **CPEC vision** to transform Gwadar into a regional trade and energy hub, boosting Pakistan's **blue economy** and local employment. (*Dawn*, [11 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Crypto and Shariah: Dialogue Begins** — Pakistan Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority Chairman **Bilal bin Saqib** said he held a “*constructive discussion*” with renowned scholar **Mufti Taqi Usmani** on the Shariah status of digital assets. The meeting followed a June 10 fatwa declaring cryptocurrency transactions “impermissible” as they were “*merely the recording of fictitious numbers in an account.*” Saqib emphasised that **blockchain, stablecoins and tokenised assets merit careful technical and Shariah assessment**, not a single-lens view. He pledged continued engagement between scholars, regulators and industry experts. (*Dawn*, [11 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Energy City project attracts global interest** — Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs **Muhammad Junaid Anwar** announced that several oil-producing countries are keen to store oil in Pakistan under the government's **Energy City project**, which will allow private firms to lease land for modern storage facilities. He said this model would attract investment and provide reserves for domestic needs during crises. LCCI President **Faheem Ur Rehman Saigol** stressed that Pakistan pays “*approximately \$5 billion annually in maritime freight to foreign operators*” and urged strengthening the national shipping line to retain foreign exchange. (*The Nation*, [12 July 2026](#))

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **Pakistan and Türkiye Forge Social Protection Partnership** — Pakistan and Türkiye signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate in **family affairs, social services, and social protection**, reaffirming their commitment to **women's and children's rights** and to safeguarding the family system in the digital space. Law Minister **Azam Nazeer Tarar** declared hosting the **9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Women** “a distinct honour for Pakistan” and said that “OIC conference hosting is a matter of great pride. Delegates from 57 member states will adopt the *Islamabad Declaration* to advance women's empowerment and inclusive development. (*The Express Tribune*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan's Leaders Stand with Bangladesh Amid Monsoon Tragedy** — President Asif Ali Zardari offered “**heartfelt condolences**” and prayers for victims of the floods and landslides, affirming Pakistan's solidarity with Bangladesh. **Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif** said he was “**deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life and widespread devastation**” and extended condolences on behalf of Pakistan's people. **Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar** praised the “**courage and dedication**” of rescue personnel, armed forces, medical teams and relief workers. Over a million remain stranded as climate-driven rains intensify disasters. (*The Express Tribune*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Indus Waters Treaty Cannot Be Paused** — Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri stresses that the **IWT survived wars and ruptured diplomacy due to built-in safeguards**, including clear allocations, the Permanent Indus Commission, technical rules, and dispute settlement mechanisms. He argues India's 2025 claim of holding the treaty in abeyance has “*no legal standing*”, as **Article XII forbids unilateral suspension or termination**. International precedents, from Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros to Lake Lanoux, uphold treaty procedure over unilateral action. Suleri urges Pakistan to contest

India's move legally, diplomatically and technically, while optimising domestic water use. (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **OIC Women's Empowerment Conference Opens in Islamabad** — Pakistan is hosting the **9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Women**, bringing together 190 delegates from 57 member states under the theme “*Socio-Economic and Political Empowerment of Women in the OIC Countries: Challenges and Way Forward.*” Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said Pakistan would “*utilise this high-level forum to highlight initiatives aimed at women's empowerment and building an inclusive society.*” The two-day moot will conclude with an **Islamabad Declaration** and **Pakistan assuming the OIC chairmanship**. (*Dawn*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Iran Thanks Pakistan for UNSC Abstention** — At a UN Security Council session on Iran's nuclear programme, Tehran rejected the meeting as “*legally unfounded*” and praised **Pakistan and Somalia for abstaining, while commending Russia and China for opposing it**. Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani argued Resolution 2231 had expired in October 2025, leaving “*no legal basis*” for continued reporting or discussion. He accused Western powers of misusing the Council, insisted Iran's nuclear programme remained peaceful under IAEA monitoring, and warned that outside interference in the Strait of Hormuz could heighten tensions. (*Dawn*, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan and UK reaffirm partnership** — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister **Ishaq Dar** met **Lord Aamer Ahmad Sarfraz** in Islamabad, reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to strengthening ties with the United Kingdom. Lord Sarfraz lauded Dar's “*proactive role in advancing regional peace and stability*” and briefed him on challenges faced by the Pakistani diaspora in Britain, while highlighting its contributions. Dar described the diaspora as a “**vital bridge linking the two countries**”, expressing confidence it would continue to expand trade, investment and cooperation. Both sides discussed the UK's evolving political landscape and matters of mutual interest. (*The Nation*, [13 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Dhaka's agrarian reset with Islamabad** — In this editorial, *The Express Tribune* notes that Pakistan and Bangladesh have made “**laudable achievements**” in strengthening ties since the fall of Hasina Wajid's government, signalling a pragmatic regionalism. Aviation and maritime links have been restored, trade has risen by 20%, and new agreements are being inked. An MoU on agrarian trade is expected, with Dhaka seeking rice, lentils, chickpeas, fertilisers and edible oil, while Pakistan will import jute after decades. The editorial stresses that “**all that is desired is to walk the talk**” by easing tariffs and logistics. Both sides also share a vision to revitalise SAARC, with Dhaka suggesting progress without India's participation. (*The Express Tribune*, [13 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Dar, Maldives FM reaffirm friendship** — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister **Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar** held a telephonic conversation with Maldives Foreign Minister **Dr Iruthisham Adam**, exchanging views on regional and international developments. Dar congratulated Dr Adam on the forthcoming **61st anniversary of Maldives' Independence**, while Adam appreciated **Pakistan's role in mediating the Iran-US conflict**. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the **longstanding bonds of friendship and cooperation** between Pakistan and the Maldives, agreeing to remain in close contact. (*The Nation*, [12 July 2026](#))

Politics, Culture, Etc.

- ◆ **Kashmir Martyrs' Day Amid Clampdowns in 'IIOJK'** — On 13 July 1931, **22 Kashmiri Muslims were massacred by Dogra forces while defiantly completing the Azaan**, a defining act of resistance against tyranny under Maharaja Hari Singh. Once a state holiday, the day was erased from the calendar after India revoked Article 370 in 2019. Today, **'IIOJK' remains one of the world's most militarised zones**, with over 900,000 troops enforcing curfews, internet shutdowns, and detentions under UAPA and AFSPA. The anniversary endures despite censorship and demographic engineering. (*The Express Tribune*, [12 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Tribal Districts Resist New Tax Regime** — Protests are mounting in Khyber and other merged tribal districts as leaders demand a **10-year extension of tax exemptions**, warning of a mass movement if ignored. District Amir Shah Faisal Afridi declared taxation unjust without restoring destroyed infrastructure and basic services. Former Federal Minister Hamidullah Jan Afridi vowed to raise the issue nationally, insisting *"the government should first ensure restoration before imposing taxes."* Traders' leader Syed Ayaz Wazir said families struggle for *"two meals a day."* (*The Express Tribune*, [13 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Senate Committee Endorses Blue Passport Privilege for Ex-MPs** — The Senate Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control unanimously approved Senator Abdul Qadir's private bill to grant **gratis official (blue) passports to former MPs, their spouses and dependent children under 28**. Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry supported the move, saying recommendations would go to the federal cabinet. The committee also criticised FBR for shielding senior officials in a case of missing goods, warning that accountability must be transparent. Security and governance issues were also reviewed. (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **TTAP Demands Balochistan Government Step Down** — Opposition alliance Tehreek Tahaffuz Aiyen-e-Pakistan (TTAP) urged the **immediate resignation of the Balochistan government**, citing worsening law and order, massacres of security officials, and failure to protect citizens. TTAP Chairman Mehmood Khan Achakzai lamented that policemen were sent to a dam with inadequate arms, insisting *"in other countries, ministers resign after such incidents."* **Ex-CM Akhtar Mengal** demanded that missing persons be produced before courts, while **Allama Raja Nasir Abbas** declared *"this system has failed completely."* **TTAP vowed nationwide protests from August 5.** (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Punjab University Grants Concession for AJK Applicants** — The Punjab University Admission Committee, chaired by Prof Dr Mahmood Saleem, approved a **special concession for Azad Jammu & Kashmir students**, allowing them to sit the second admission test without paying an additional fee. The committee also directed offices to ensure smooth admissions and constituted a sub-committee to streamline procedures for international students. Additionally, **children of overseas Pakistanis applying under the reserved quota were exempted from the pre-admission test**, except where accreditation councils mandate it. (*The News*, [11 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **PPP Rallies Across Sindh Against India's IWT Abeyance** — The Pakistan Peoples Party staged province-wide demonstrations condemning India's unilateral suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty. Led by Sindh president **Nisar Ahmed Khuhro**, activists marched under the slogan *"marsoon marsoon, Sindhu na desoon"* (*We will die, but we will not give up the Indus*). Khuhro said Bilawal

Bhutto-Zardari had raised the issue globally and vowed to protect Pakistan's water rights. **Minister Saeed Ghani** warned that if deprived of water, *“there would be no option left except war.”* (Dawn, [12 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **JI Announces Kashmir Peace Jirga Initiative** — Jamaat-i-Islami has decided to establish a “grand” Kashmir peace jirga to mediate between the AJK government and the banned Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC). **JI Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman** stressed *“dialogue is the only viable way to resolve the ongoing crisis”* and urged the federal government to act swiftly. A committee led by Liaqat Baloch, including Dr Muhammad Mushtaq Khan and other senior figures, will expand to civil society members. Rehman emphasised *“no compromise can be made on the Kashmir issue.”* (Dawn, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **PTI Leaders Reject NDC's Claim of Dialogue Mandate** — Incarcerated PTI leaders dismissed the National Dialogue Committee's assertion that they had endorsed talks with the establishment, insisting **“Imran Khan alone can decide on talks.”** Sources in Kot Lakhpat jail said NDC members Fawad Chaudhry, Mahmood Maulvi and Imran Ismail met Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Mian Mahmoodur Rasheed, but leaders reacted sharply, stressing the mandate lies with Mahmood Khan Achakzai and Allama Raja Nasir Abbas. Fawad Chaudhry tweeted that dialogue was “the only way forward,” but PTI insiders rejected any deal. (Dawn, [12 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Geo News Transmission Resumes After Suspension** — Geo News returned to air after a **15-day suspension imposed by Pemra** over a regulatory violation during Muharram 10 programming. The regulator upheld its earlier decision, fined the channel Rs10 million, and warned that **any future negligence could lead to licence cancellation.** Pemra noted Geo News had admitted fault and issued an unconditional apology, but insisted violations carried legal consequences. The authority directed disciplinary action against responsible staff and ordered all broadcasters to strengthen editorial monitoring. (Dawn, [11 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Balochistan undergoes sweeping administrative changes** — The provincial government has restructured its administrative units, raising the number of divisions to 11 and districts to 41. A major decision was the **bifurcation of Quetta into East and West Quetta**, divided along the railway line. Mastung district was shifted from Kalat to Quetta division, a move opposed by senior politician **Nawabzada Haji Lashkari Raisani**, who argued it violated the 1948 accession agreement with Quaid-i-Azam. Kalat division itself was split into Khuzdar and Lasbela divisions, while several new districts, tehsils and sub-divisions were created. (Dawn, [11 July 2026](#))



Pakistan Railways published a poster in several national newspapers highlighting its revenue performance. According to the poster, total revenue increased from **PKR 93 billion** to **PKR 115 billion** (a **24% increase**), while freight revenue rose from **PKR 31 billion** to **PKR 41 billion** (a **32% increase**).



The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan, published a poster in several national newspapers announcing the **9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Women**, to be held in **Islamabad** on **12-13 July 2026**.

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