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Pakistan Kills Over 80 Militants in Airstrikes Along Afghan Border



ISLAMABAD , 22 Feb — Pakistan's armed forces carried out airstrikes along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border by killing more than 80 militants linked to the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) as a retaliation for recent suicide bombings in Islamabad, Bajaur and Bannu, including attacks during the holy month of Ramadan.

Pakistani officials accused Afghanistan-based TTP leadership of orchestrating the assaults and said repeated calls for Kabul to dismantle militant sanctuaries had gone unheeded. The President Zardari in his X post has termed these attacks as the acts of self defence.

Secret Service Fatally Shoots Armed Man Near Trump's Mar-a-Lago Estate



PALM BEACH, Fla. 22 Feb— The United States Secret Service said its agents shot and killed an armed man early Sunday after he breached the security perimeter of Mar-a-Lago, the Florida residence of President Donald Trump.

The incident occurred around 1:30 a.m., officials said. Mr. Trump was in Washington at the time, and no protectees were present at the estate.

According to the Secret Service, agents saw a man in his early 20s near the north gate carrying what appeared to be a shotgun and a fuel can. After being ordered to drop the items, the man raised the weapon, prompting a deputy and two agents to open fire. He was pronounced dead at the scene. No officers were injured.

Pakistan and Muslim Nations Condemn U.S. Envoy's Remarks on Israel's Expansion



ISLAMABAD , 22 Feb — Pakistan and 13 other Muslim-majority countries on Sunday denounced remarks by the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, after he suggested he would not oppose Israel taking control of territory stretching from the Nile to the Euphrates.

In a joint statement, foreign ministers from Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye and several other nations, along with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States and the Gulf Cooperation Council, expressed “profound concern” over the comments.

The statement said the remarks violated international law and the United Nations Charter and posed a serious threat to regional stability. The ministers reaffirmed that Israel holds “no sovereignty” over occupied Palestinian or other Arab territories and rejected any attempt to annex the West Bank or separate it from Gaza.

Mr. Huckabee made the comments during an interview with commentator Tucker Carlson, arguing that Israel has a biblical right to land between the Nile and the Euphrates.

Iran Warns It Will Defend Itself if U.S. Attacks



GENEVA, 22 Feb — Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, said Sunday that Tehran would respond to any American military strike, while expressing cautious optimism that diplomacy could avert renewed conflict.

In an interview with CBS, Mr. Araghchi said Iran had a “good chance” of reaching a diplomatic solution with Washington in upcoming talks expected later this week in Geneva.

But he warned that if the United States initiated an attack, Iran would consider retaliation a legitimate act of self-defense.

“If the U.S. attacks us, that is the act of aggression,” he said. “What we do in response is self-defense.” He suggested American bases in the region could be targeted in such a scenario.

Opposition Alliance Demands Elections and Medical Care for Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD, 22 Feb— The Tehreek-e-Tahaffuz-e-Ain Pakistan (TTAP), an opposition alliance, on Sunday called for immediate free and fair elections, the release of political prisoners and proper medical treatment for the jailed former prime minister Imran Khan.

Speaking at a news conference in Islamabad, TTAP leader Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, flanked by senior figures from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, criticized what he described as a “hybrid regime,” warning that continued governance without public mandate risked destabilizing the country.

Mr. Khokhar accused the government of economic mismanagement and political repression, saying new elections would help resolve, rather than deepen, the current crisis. He also questioned reported financial decisions, including the handling of the Roosevelt Hotel owned by Pakistan International Airlines.

PTI leader Taimur Saleem Jhagra cited declining foreign investment, rising poverty and unemployment, and falling household incomes as signs of economic strain. He criticized what he called extravagant official spending amid widespread hardship.

Separately, a TTAP spokesman said Mr. Khan required a second medical procedure for an eye condition and demanded he be transferred to Shifa International Hospital, with his personal physicians and a family member present.

The government has not yet responded publicly to the alliance’s latest demands.



MQM-P Calls Sindh Assembly Resolution on Karachi ‘Unconstitutional’

KARACHI, 22 Feb — The Muttahida Qaumi Movement–Pakistan on Sunday denounced a resolution passed by the Sindh Assembly rejecting the creation of a new province, calling it unconstitutional and politically motivated.

The resolution, introduced by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah of the Pakistan Peoples Party, declared that Karachi “is and will remain” an integral part of Sindh. It followed remarks by MQM-P leader Mustafa Kamal, who recently called for Karachi to be designated Pakistan’s economic capital and placed under federal administrative control.

Sharjeel Memon Says Imran Khan's Release Hinges on 'Own Conduct'

KARACHI, 22 Feb — Sindh Information Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said on Sunday that the release of former prime minister Imran Khan depends on his "own conduct," while adding that he prays for the jailed leader's health and long life. Speaking to reporters during a visit to the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit project in Karachi, Mr. Memon urged the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf to focus on legal efforts for Mr. Khan's release and avoid abusive language on social media.

"Disagreement is a democratic right, but abusive language is not acceptable," he said, cautioning that hostile political discourse can have broader social consequences.

His remarks come amid renewed concern over Mr. Khan's health, with PTI leaders and family members calling for improved medical care



and transparency regarding any potential hospital transfer.

Turning to development issues, Mr. Memon said work on Karachi's Red Line BRT project was continuing despite delays linked to customs duties on imported buses. He called for uniform taxation policies across provinces and described the transit scheme as a long-term investment in the city's infrastructure.

He also urged restraint in political statements concerning the Governor House, describing it as a constitutional office that should not become a platform for confrontation.

Gas Cylinder Blast in Karachi Flat Kills Teen, Critically Burns Two

KARACHI, 22 Feb — A 15-year-old boy was killed and two others critically injured after a gas cylinder exploded in a residential flat in Karachi's North Nazimabad area early Sunday, authorities said.

The incident occurred at Bismillah Residency near Five Star Chowrangi in Block D. The explosion sparked a fire that damaged vehicles and prompted the evacuation of all residents. The boy, identified as Burhan Mustafa, was recovered from the apartment and buried at Sakhi Hassan graveyard.



Two adults, Tasleem, 70, and Haneen, 40, suffered severe burns of 90% and 80% respectively and were admitted to the Civil Hospital burns ward. Additional residents, including two women and a child, were treated for injuries.

South Africa Ends India's 12-Match T20 World Cup Winning Streak



SOUTH AFRICA, 22 Feb — South Africa delivered a stunning performance to defeat India by 76 runs, ending the hosts' 12-match winning streak at the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup. The match, held at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, was the opening Group 1 Super Eights fixture. After losing early wickets to slip to 20-3, South African batsmen David Miller (63) and Dewald Brevis (45) stabilized the innings, while Tristan Stubbs contributed an unbeaten 44 off 24 balls to post 187-7.

India struggled in their chase, dismissed for 111 in 18.5 overs. Left-arm pacer Marco Jansen took 4-22, and spinner Keshav Maharaj claimed 3-24, exposing the fragility of the Indian batting lineup.

South African captain Aiden Markram praised his team's adaptability to the challenging pitch, while India captain Suryakumar Yadav acknowledged their batting shortcomings.

The defeat leaves India needing victories against Zimbabwe and the West Indies in their remaining Super Eights matches to stay in contention, with the heavy loss impacting their net run rate.

This clash was a rematch of the 2024 T20 World Cup final, where India had emerged victorious in Barbados.

England Crush Sri Lanka for 95 to Win Super Eights Opener



ENGLAND, 22 Feb — England handed Sri Lanka a 51-run defeat in the opening match of the T20 World Cup Super Eights in Kandy, with captain Harry Brook celebrating his 27th birthday in style.

After batting first, England posted 146-9, with Phil Salt top-scoring at 62. Sri Lanka's reply collapsed early, losing five wickets for 34 runs in the six-over power play, largely to the bowling of Jofra Archer (2-20) and Will Jacks (3-22).

Sri Lanka were bowled out for 95, with captain Dasun Shanaka top-scoring with 30. Left-arm spinner Dunith Wellalage claimed 3-26 for the hosts.

Brook praised his team's bowling, noting the effective use of pace and spin on the slow Kandy pitch. The win boosts England's net run rate, giving them an early edge in a Super Eights group affected by weather disruptions.

England have now won 12 consecutive T20 matches against Sri Lanka, while the hosts will look to recover in their remaining Super Eights fixtures.

Atiqa Odho Offers Nuanced Take on Aurat March

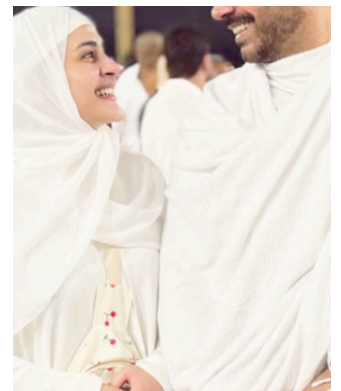


22 Feb- Pakistani actress Atiqa Odho, known for her roles in popular TV dramas like Humsafar and Neeli Kothi, shared a surprising perspective on the Aurat March during an appearance on a Talk Show .

Odho highlighted that while women face injustices worldwide, these issues are not exclusive to Pakistan. She cautioned against generalizing men, saying, “When people say all men are dogs or abused men, it feels like someone is insulting my brother or my father, who are very good men.” She added that women can also be toxic, citing instances of men suffering in difficult marriages.

Her remarks have drawn attention for emphasizing fairness and individual accountability in discussions about gender and societal issues.

Gohar Rasheed Opens Up About Life Changes After Marriage and Their Memorable Nikah in Makkah



22 Feb - Pakistani actor Gohar Rasheed and actress Kubra Khan, who tied the knot in a destination wedding in Makkah in February 2025, shared candid insights into how marriage has influenced their personalities and strengthened their relationship.

The couple appeared on Green Entertainment’s Ramzan special transmission Mehfil-e-Ramzan, hosted by Rabia Anam and Danish Taimoor, to discuss life after marriage and the experiences surrounding their widely discussed Nikah.

Reflecting on the changes that naturally come with marriage, Gohar Rasheed admitted, “Yes, we were close friends before marriage and knew each other well, but honestly, people do change after marriage. Personalities evolve, and sometimes you feel like you are discovering a whole new person you started life with. Even though we are fundamentally the same, each day brings new realizations about each other, and that is truly the beauty of Nikah.”

Appeal to Sindh Health Minister Regarding Understaffed Health Facility

Wahi Pandhi is a town located in Taluka Johi, District Dadu. With a population of over fifty thousand, the town is served by only a single government-appointed doctor. Despite the presence of more than ten private clinics in the area, the government hospital has been staffed with just one MBBS doctor.

Wahi Pandhi functions as a healthcare hub for several surrounding areas. Unfortunately, since the 1990s, only one medical officer's position has been sanctioned at the government health centre.

For decades, local residents have been forced to rely on private healthcare facilities due to the severe shortage of government medical staff. As a result, essential health services remain inaccessible to low-income citizens.

It is strongly urged that the higher authorities in the Health Department take immediate measures to address the shortage of doctors in Wahi Pandhi, ensuring that basic healthcare facilities are available to the people of the region.

Safan Ali Rustamani
Wahi Pandhi, Dadu

A Plea to Sindh Culture Minister for a Library

I wish to draw attention to the urgent need for a public library in Wahi Pandhi. The town, home to a large population of students, young professionals, and lifelong learners, currently lacks access to a dedicated space for reading, research, and cultural activities.

A public library would provide essential resources—books, reference materials, and digital access—to support students preparing for exams, school and college students conducting research, and residents seeking self-education. Beyond academics, it would serve as a hub for literacy programs, workshops, and community engagement, fostering a culture of reading and knowledge-sharing in the town.

I urge the Sindh Culture Department to prioritize the establishment of a public library in Wahi Pandhi. This initiative would not only enhance educational opportunities but also contribute to the intellectual and cultural growth of the community.

Mudassir Tayyab Inayat
Hyderabad,

Sindh's Integrity Must Be Preserved

On February 21, 2026, the Sindh Assembly unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming that Karachi, the economic heart of Pakistan, is an integral and inseparable part of Sindh. Presented by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, the resolution came in response to renewed political calls for federal control over Karachi and suggestions of dividing the province. Murad Ali Shah emphasized that any attempt to separate Karachi or alter Sindh's territorial integrity is contrary to the Constitution, history, and public interest.

The resolution reflects not only the current political consensus but also Sindh's historical and cultural identity. Sindh, often referred to as the cradle of the Indus Valley Civilization, has a rich history of resilience, culture, and governance that predates modern Pakistan. From the era of the mighty Indus cities of Mohenjo-daro and Harappa to the rule of the Samma dynasty, Soomra dynasty, and later under British colonial administration, Sindh has consistently maintained a distinct administrative and cultural identity. Even after its incorporation into Pakistan in 1947, the province retained its linguistic, cultural, and territorial distinctiveness, as enshrined in Articles 140-A and 239(4) of the Constitution, which safeguard provincial integrity and empower local governments.

Yet, despite these constitutional and historical safeguards, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement–Pakistan (MQM-P) recently held a press conference challenging the resolution, labeling it “unconstitutional.” The party's claims are not only legally unfounded but also politically motivated.

The resolution passed by the Sindh Assembly merely reaffirms existing constitutional provisions and historical facts—it does not seek to curtail federal powers nor undermine democratic governance. On the contrary, it asserts that no unilateral political maneuver should disrupt Sindh's unity.

Karachi, as Pakistan's largest city and economic hub, has always been the focal point of national and provincial politics. Its rapid urbanization, massive contribution to the national economy, and diverse demography make it a critical part of Sindh. Throughout history, attempts to isolate Karachi politically or economically have not succeeded, and today's resolution ensures that any future attempts to fragment the province are firmly rejected.

Sindh's historical experience shows that divisions based on language or ethnicity often weaken governance and fuel instability, as seen in past political movements that attempted to manipulate Karachi's status for partisan gains.

The resolution also serves as a reminder that national cohesion requires respect for provincial boundaries and historical identity. Pakistan's strength lies in its diversity, and Sindh's integration within the federation has been a cornerstone of this balance. Any attempt to manipulate Karachi's status for political leverage undermines this balance and risks stirring tensions in an already politically sensitive city.

In conclusion, the Sindh Assembly's resolution is not only constitutional but also historically and politically justified. It safeguards the unity of Sindh.