



Doha summit vows to counter Israeli designs

- Signatories seek to end Israel's occupation of Palestinian land, rid region of nuclear weapons
- Final draft calls on states to review economic, diplomatic ties with Israel
- Pakistan floats Arab-Islamic task force to counter Israeli expansionism
- Qatari emir terms attack on Hamas leadership 'attempt to derail talks'
- Gulf states urge US to rein in Israel as Rubio due in Qatar today

DOHA: The Arab-Islamic Summit in Doha convened in response to the Israeli attack on Hamas leadership in Qatar reportedly called for all possible measures against Tel Aviv, including the review of diplomatic and economic ties, while also reaffirming the concept of "collective security" in the face of common challenges and threats.

The joint Arab League and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation summit was called by Qatar to pile pressure on Israel, which has been facing

mounting calls to end the war and humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Qatar-based outlet *Al Jazeera* reported that the Council of the League of Arab States adopted the resolution 'Shared Vision for Security and Cooperation in the Region' "to reaffirm the concept of collective security and shared destiny of Arab and Islamic States, the necessity of unity in facing common challenges and threats, and the importance of beginning to put in place the required implementation

mechanisms".

The signatories said, "Any future regional arrangements must enshrine the principles of international law and the UN Charter, good-neighbourly relations, respect for sovereignty, non-interference in the internal affairs of states, equality of rights and duties without preference of one state over another, [and] settlement of disputes by peaceful means".

They also underscored the need to end Israel's occupation of Palestinian land along the 1967 lines and to rid the region of nuclear weapons.

The AFP citing the final draft of the statement said that Israel's "brutal" aggression "threatens all that has been achieved on the path towards establishing normal relations with Israel, including existing and future agreements". It also said the draft had called "upon all States to take all possible legal and



PM SHEHBAZ Sharif meets Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman in Doha.—White Star

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New AGP to face fallout from 'most expensive typo'

After repeatedly defending its controversial audit report, containing astronomical figure of 'irregularities', auditor general's office finally blames 'typos' for the discrepancy

Dawn Report

ISLAMABAD: A new auditor general will have to clean up the mess left by his predecessor, after the Auditor General of Pakistan's (AGP) office backtracked on a controversial report, which gave an astronomical figure for irregularities unearthed in the federal government's accounts.

Maqbool Ahmed Gondal was sworn in as the country's 22nd AGP on Monday, at a ceremony held in the Supreme Court.

Appointed for a fixed tenure of four years, Mr Gondal will immediately have to deal with the fallout from the AGP office's U-turn its 'Consolidated Audit Report of Federal Government for the

Audit Year 2024-25'.

The original report, released in August this year, contained the illogical figure of irregularities worth Rs376 trillion, which is 3.5 times more than the country's total gross domestic product (GDP).

It had alleged procurement-related irregularities of Rs284tr, defective civil works worth Rs85.6tr, receivables of Rs2.5tr, and unresolved circular debt of Rs1.2tr.

The figures implied financial anomalies far beyond the size of Pakistan's kitty, sparking disbelief even within government circles.

Although the outgoing auditor general, Muhammad Ajmal Gondal, had

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JALALPUR PIRWALA: People wade through waist-deep water as the entrance to the M5 (Multan-Sukkur) motorway is submerged, causing problems for traffic on this key national artery.—APP Reports on Page 12

Come high water, Sindh and Punjab remain at odds

- Sindh officials claim discrepancies in data shared by Punjab authorities
- Punjab seeks proof, says auto and manual systems working accurately

By Mohammad Hussain Khan in Hyderabad and Khalid Hasnain in Lahore

caused considerable consternation in Sindh.

Combined with inflows from the Indus, the amount of water heading towards Sindh was initially estimated to be around 900,000 cusecs.

These estimates were then revised downwards, with Sindh chief minister subsequently telling the media that a peak of 650,000 to 700,000 cusecs would be received at Guddu.

Discrepancies?

After hearing reports of discrepancies in flow data, a delegation of Sindh irrigation officials visited Panjnad on Sept 7.

The officials, who spoke to *Dawn* on condition of anonymity, attributed the confusion about flows to discrepancies in Punjab's data.

They noted a difference in the gauge installed at Chacharan Bridge in Rahim Yar Khan district. The Chacharan gauge indicates river flow patterns to Sindh before they reach Guddu Barrage.

A Sindh irrigation official shared the correct reading of 11.3ft, in comparison with the 11.7ft reading shared by Punjab during monitoring. "We shared this image with our Punjab counterparts and they then corrected it. This was before Guddu attained its peak of Sept 14," said an official.

A federal government official, who observes flows

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AS THE swollen eastern rivers rage through Punjab towards downstream Sindh, there is some uncertainty about the total inflows at Guddu Barrage in Sindh, with different numbers circulated in the media, causing some measure of confusion.

When the rivers started overflowing last month, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had estimated that 1.3 million cusecs were expected to hit Guddu.

This claim probably came after over one million cusecs passed through Qadirabad Barrage on the Chenab River on Aug 27.

Guddu, in fact, had first passed a medium flood (390,107 cusecs on July 30) and a high flood (501,299 cusecs on Aug 23 at 12pm). On Aug 24, a peak of 510,798 cusecs flowed through at 12pm.

But statements about a 'super flood', high flows in Chenab and multiple breaches across Punjab,

Dozens of terrorists killed in Bannu, Lakki Marwat operations

Five security officials, including army captain, martyred in Kech blast

By Ghulam Mursalin Marwat

LAKKI MARWAT: Dozens of terrorists were killed in intelligence-based operations in Bannu and Lakki Marwat over the weekend, according to an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) statement issued on Monday.

Local sources claimed that

fighter jets targeted militant hideouts in the Bakkakhel area of Bannu district, killing terrorists and injuring many others.

They said that a community hall and a school being used by the terrorists as safe havens and for storing explosive devices, rocket launchers, ammunition and explosives, were destroyed in the strikes on Saturday and Sunday.

The military's media wing said that security forces killed 31 terrorists during the intelligence-based operations in Lakki Marwat and Bannu districts. There was no mention of the aerial strikes in the official

statement.

The ISPR said that the operations were conducted by the security forces on the reported presence of Khawarij in the area.

The term 'Fitna al Khawarij' is used by the state to refer to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). It said that during the operation in Lakki Marwat, security forces effectively engaged the terrorist location and, after an intense exchange of fire, 14 Indian-sponsored Khawarij were eliminated.

"Another intelligence-based operation was conducted in

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Diesel rate up by Rs2.78, petrol price unchanged

By Khaleeq Kiani

ISLAMABAD: The government has increased the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs2.78 per litre while kept petrol price unchanged till the end of September.

The Ministry of Finance in a late-night announcement said that the government has revised petroleum prices for next fortnight following a review of prevailing international market trend and upon the recommendation of Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority and relevant ministries.

The ex-depot price of HSD was increased by Rs2.78 to Rs272.77 per litre for next fortnight from Rs269.99. The ex-depot petrol price was kept unchanged to at Rs264.61 per litre.

The government is currently charging about Rs98 per litre on both petrol and diesel. Although general sales tax (GST) is zero on all the petroleum products, the government is charging Rs79.50 per litre on diesel and Rs80.52 per litre on petrol and high octane products on account of petrol levy and climate support levy. This

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SBP extends policy rate status quo

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has kept its policy interest rate unchanged at 11 per cent for the third consecutive meeting, warning that recent flooding could raise inflation and widen the current account deficit during FY26. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) cited growing risks to the near-term macroeconomic outlook due to supply-side disruptions, particularly in the crop sector. **Page 9**

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