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## Political Developments

### **Lax enforcement of gender laws in GB worries activists**

*Dawn, 18 March 2025*

Human rights bodies and activists have expressed concerns over the non-implementation of laws concerning women's rights in Gilgit Baltistan. They said that several laws to protect women's rights were pending in the GB Assembly, while the laws already in place were not being enforced.

These concerns were expressed during a dialogue on "Accelerating Implementation of Pro-Women Laws in Gilgit Baltistan" organised by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) in Gilgit to commemorate International Women's Day.

The event brought together students, journalists, lawyers, civil society organisations, lawmakers, human rights defenders and government officials to discuss challenges hindering the implementation of pro-women laws in GB, according to a press release issued after it.

The discussion highlighted cultural behaviours, social attitudes, institutional and capacity gaps and lack of political will as major barriers, the statement added.

The speakers regretted that in the absence of pro-women laws, the rights of women were not protected in GB. Yasmin Karim, a woman activist told Dawn that GB women faced a number

of gender issues. She regretted that successive governments in GB failed to take serious steps to ensure women's rights available to them in other parts of the country.

She said that family courts had not been established in GB to give women access to justice on domestic issues and family matters. According to her, the draft of a law to stop early marriages has been pending since 2017. Similarly, the bill on the prohibition of domestic violence and the Women Protection Bill were pending in the assembly. She said there were no shelter homes or separate jails for women in GB.

According to the National Commission on the Status of Women, the Diamer district of GB had the highest rate of early marriages across Pakistan. Shereen Karim, a journalist, said women were deprived of their rights in many areas of GB. She said domestic violence and workplace harassment cases usually go unreported in GB.

She claimed girls' education in the Diamer district was still banned. Women in Diamer also had no right to vote, she added.

"Basic health and education rights of women are not protected in remote areas," she said.

The representation of women in the GB Assembly and other forums was also merely symbolic, as women elected on reserved seats were decided by men, she claimed.

She claimed that workplace harassment cases in GB were not being registered.

Former GB Assembly member Amina Ansari, who was the only female candidate in GB to contest the region's general elections, told Dawn that she had contested three elections for GB assembly from Ghanche district.

The activists lamented the cases of honour killing, which usually go unreported in the region.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1898609/lax-enforcement-of-gender-laws-in-gb-worries-activists>

### **Road Accidents in 'Azad Kashmir': A Tragic Consequence of Poor Infrastructure and Government Negligence**

*Daily Parliament Times, 18 March 2025*

A coaster skidded off the icy Rangla-Katkair road due to heavy snowfall and frost, but a strong protective barrier prevented a disaster, ensuring the safety of all passengers. In stark contrast, another tragic incident unfolded on the Lusdana-Haveli Kahuta road. The weak protective wall failed to withstand the vehicle's weight, causing bus number 2789, traveling from Kahuta to Lahore, to plunge 200 feet into a deep ravine. Several lives were lost, and families were left devastated. The heart-wrenching video of the accident is circulating online, capturing the horrifying reality of this tragedy. Who is Responsible? The alarming increase in such accidents underscores a glaring

issue—no attention is being paid to road construction and maintenance in mountainous regions. Substandard construction and inadequate safety measures continue to claim precious lives daily, while those responsible remain silent spectators. Without a doubt, the real culprits of these tragic deaths are the officials in power, entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining these roads. Travelers have no choice but to risk their lives on unsafe routes; some suffer lifelong disabilities due to accidents, while others lose their lives. Yet, those with authority choose to look the other way. 'Azad Kashmir's' Communication & Works Department (C&W Department), responsible for road construction and maintenance, is plagued by inefficiency and corruption. Officials, including the Chief Engineer, Executive Engineer, and Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO), excel in approving funds and signing documents but fail miserably in ensuring public safety. Where is the oversight on the use of substandard materials? Who is accountable for the lack of robust safety barriers? No one steps forward to answer. Meanwhile, the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and district administration merely issue customary statements after every accident, making the same empty promises and continuing their negligence. Demanding Accountability and Justice as people share the Haveli bus accident video, they must also highlight the lack of boundary protection walls and the

absence of a snow-melting insulation system. Journalists must adopt forensic investigative techniques, and civil society must raise its voice to demand legal action against the contractor responsible for this substandard construction. This tragedy did not just claim the lives of innocent civilians seeking an honest livelihood; it also exposed the moral failure of officials, contractors, and politicians. The MLA under whose tenure these roads were built must be held accountable. The PWD officials responsible should be suspended and brought to justice. Is it enough to simply label every victim a “martyr” and move on? These passengers were not heading to a battlefield; they were civilians, workers, and breadwinners for their families.

Had a person from an influential community been among the victims, the media would have descended upon the scene like vultures. People lament inflation during Ramadan, but these tragedies demand attention too. The unchecked negligence in road construction, rampant corruption, and bureaucratic irresponsibility must

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2025/03/18/road-accidents-in-azad-kashmir-a-tragic-consequence-of-poor-infrastructure-and-government-negligence/>

### **ICT, ‘AJK’ achieve elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus**

*The Nation, 21 March 2025*

Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and ‘Azad Jammu and Kashmir’ have

achieved the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT), taking Pakistan closer to interrupting the transmission of this life-threatening disease for mothers and newborns nationwide. The validations were confirmed by the World Health Organization (WHO) following a weeklong final review led by WHO and UNICEF at the request of the Federal Government.

Around 80 percent of Pakistan’s population (190 million people) now live in areas where the spread of neonatal tetanus remains under controlled limits – less than one case of tetanus per 1,000 live births. Sindh recently achieved elimination in December 2024, while Punjab graduated in 2016. “This milestone not only reflects the strength of our immunization strategies and the diligence of our frontline workers but also serves as a benchmark for the entire nation,” said Director General, Ministry of National Health Services, and Director of the Federal Directorate of Immunization (FDI), Dr. Shabana Saleem. This achievement is the result of the transformative strategies led by the national and regional governments, in partnership with UNICEF and WHO. Combined efforts include improved immunization for pregnant women and women of childbearing age, surveillance, community engagement, safer delivery practices, improved skilled birth attendance, cord care, and enhanced access to other antenatal, maternal, newborn and child health services. In 2024 alone, WHO

and UNICEF supported the vaccination of 5.4 million pregnant women and women of childbearing age across Pakistan.

“This achievement is testament to the commitment of the Pakistani authorities and health workforce, as well as the communities, to save lives and protect every mother and child from a preventable disease. To achieve prosperity and sustainable development, every country needs healthy mothers and newborns. WHO will stand by Pakistan and its partners to achieve the elimination of neonatal tetanus across the country,” said WHO Representative in Pakistan Dr Dapeng Luo. Despite progress, Pakistan remains among the 10 countries worldwide that have yet to eliminate MNT. In 2024, a total of 322 cases and 6 deaths were reported across the country, although WHO experts estimate that only 30% of cases are notified to the authorities. While MNT elimination in Islamabad Capital Territory and ‘AJK’ is a major achievement, sustained efforts are needed to maintain the hard-fought gains.

“This milestone is an important step forward for maternal and child health in Pakistan. No mother or child should die from this preventable disease. UNICEF will continue to support the government of Pakistan’s efforts to fully eliminate this disease by strengthening routine immunization and ensuring access to safe childbirth practices, so every child can survive and thrive,” said UNICEF Representative in Pakistan Abdullah

Fadil. UNICEF and WHO will stand by Pakistan to accelerate action and support the remaining provinces and regions – Balochistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan – to achieve the elimination target by 2028, according to a press release.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/21-Mar-2025/ict-ajk-achieve-elimination-of-maternal-and-neonatal-tetanus>

### **Lasting peace in South Asia cannot be guaranteed without resolving Kashmir issue: SLA Ch.Latif Akbar**

*Daily Parliament Times, 20 March 2025*

Speaker of the ‘Azad Jammu and Kashmir’ Legislative Assembly Ch. Latif Akbar has said that lasting peace in South Asia cannot be guaranteed without resolving the Kashmir issue. The foundation of the People’s Party was laid on the Kashmir issue, and martyred Zulfikar Ali Bhutto gave the immortal idea of a thousand-year war on Kashmir.

‘Azad Kashmir’ will have to become a base camp for the freedom movement in the true sense. The political and administrative setup in ‘Azad Kashmir’ is due to the Kashmir freedom movement. The martyrs pay tribute to Kashmir in wonderful words. He expressed these views while addressing an Iftar dinner ceremony in honor of the Hurriyat Conference, anchor persons and senior journalists.

On the occasion, Muhammed Farooq Rahmani, Mahmood Sagar, Syed Yousaf Naseem, Mir Tahir Masood,

Sheikh Muhammed Yaqub, Abdul Majid Malik, Altaf Butt, Tanveer -ul -Islam, President National Press Club Azhar Jatoi, Aamir Mehboob, Secretary National Press Club Nair Ali, Raja Ghulam Rahman, Raja Kafil and others were also present.

He said that President Asif Ali Zardari promoted reconciliation politics in the country. According to his vision, the federal government is moving forward and the country is coming out of the crisis. He said that the PPP is a real representative party of the people which guarantees the rights of the deprived class.

He said that Ms Benazir Bhutto was very careful about the All Hurriyat Conference. She had given the Hurriyat Conference a observer at the Islamic Summit. She was a strong supporter of freedom of movement. The world is trying to pay attention to this. She called on the international community to take notice of human rights abuses in 'occupied Kashmir' and play its vital role in resolving the Kashmir issue.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2025/03/20/lasting-peace-in-south-asia-ca-annot-be-guaranteed-without-resolving-kashmir-issue-slach-latif-akbar/>

**All departments must allocate development funds in a fair and equitable manner: PM 'AJK'**

*Daily Parliament Times, 20 March 2025*

Prime Minister 'Azad Kashmir' Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that all departments must allocate

development funds in a fair and equitable manner. The Prime Minister expressed these views during a meeting, which was attended by Secretary Planning and Development Aamir Latif, Accountant General Kamran Rashid Khan, Additional Secretary Rashid Kaleem and Additional Accountant General Mir Asghar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister emphasized the importance of prioritizing transparency and minimizing unnecessary expenditures to guarantee that public funds are used equitably for the development and well-being of citizens. The government, he said, has given priority to transparency. "The government will not allow misuse of tax money at any cost", he said, while directing the authorities concerned to utilize all resources for timely completion of mega projects.

The Prime Minister further said that all available resources will be utilized to remove sense of deprivations amongst the people. He said that the dream of real development hinged on a fair and transparent system. The officials in attendance, on the occasion, apprised the Prime Minister about the financial management including disbursement and distribution of development funds on ongoing projects in the region.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2025/03/20/all-departments-must-allocate-development-funds-in-a-fair-and-equitable-manner-pm-ajk/>

## Glacier Melting in Baltistan: A Humanitarian and Environmental Crisis Threatening Livelihoods

*Pamir Times, 23 March 2025*

Nowadays, climate change impacts are becoming more immediate, shaping the world while threatening lives everywhere. One of the most alarming consequences is the instability of glacier lakes, particularly those directly fed by retreating glaciers. As the Earth's temperature rises, these lakes become increasingly unstable, leading to a higher risk of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs). These destructive events unleash torrents of water that can wipe out entire villages within minutes.

Gilgit-Baltistan hosts the largest group of glaciers outside the polar regions, including massive ones like Siachen, Baltoro, and Hisper. With global temperatures rising, glaciers have been melting at an accelerated rate, causing floods with increasing frequency and severity. Pakistan has around 7,000 glaciers, most of which are in Gilgit-Baltistan, home to three of the world's largest glaciers identified by the Global Green Natural Environment.

Climate change is accelerating glacial melt, heightening the risk of floods and glacier lake bursts. Surprisingly, even the UK has been identified as a relatively high-risk zone for GLOF-related hazards. In recent years, erratic glacier movements have triggered devastating floods, water shortages, and food insecurity in small British

communities. Many affected households, already struggling with poverty, have seen their farmlands eroded and vital water sources disappear, leaving thousands in a dire fight for survival.

This crisis is not gender-neutral—women and children bear the brunt of its consequences. Women, who are primarily responsible for food production, household management, and water collection, face severe hardships when resources become scarce. Children, meanwhile, suffer from interrupted education, malnutrition, and illness, pushing families deeper into poverty. The situation is further exacerbated by limited access to early warning systems and disaster preparedness initiatives, leaving communities vulnerable to sudden devastation.

Glacial melting is more than just an environmental issue—it is a humanitarian catastrophe. Failure to act now will lead to irreversible damage in Gilgit-Baltistan and other already impoverished regions.

The effects of glacial melt are most pronounced in high-altitude areas. The Himalayas and the Karakoram mountain ranges in Gilgit-Baltistan, home to some of the world's largest non-polar glaciers, face an elevated risk of GLOFs. The Andes in South America are also experiencing similar threats, with glacial retreat causing severe water shortages in Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. Meanwhile, shrinking Arctic ice sheets are altering



weather patterns and raising sea levels, and Europe's Alps are rapidly losing glaciers that supply freshwater and sustain tourism.

In May 2022, the Shisper Glacier in Hasanabad, Hunza, caused a devastating GLOF, destroying farmland crucial for Indigenous families who relied on crops like wheat and barley. The impact extended beyond food loss, as the destruction of irrigation systems forced women to walk miles daily in search of water. A bar graph highlighting Gilgit-Baltistan's agricultural production shows that apricots, apples, and tomatoes form a significant portion of the region's crops, further emphasizing the gravity of losing these essential food sources.

Glacial melting is crippling the agricultural sector, the backbone of food security and income in Baltistan. While the initial increase in water flow may seem beneficial, the long-term effect is disastrous—severe water shortages. Farmers in Gilgit-Baltistan, reliant on glacier-fed rivers for irrigation, are witnessing declining water levels, leading to reduced crop yields and drought-like conditions.

Sudden floods and landslides further aggravate the crisis. Climate change-induced landslides, coupled with GLOFs, can wipe out entire fields of barley, wheat, and vegetables within seconds. This destruction plunges families deeper into poverty, depriving them of both income and food.

The loss of agricultural productivity has severe nutritional consequences. With reduced crop output, families must survive on nutrient-poor diets, leading to widespread malnutrition. Pregnant women and children, in particular, suffer from iron and vitamin deficiencies, weakened immune systems, stunted growth, and anaemia. Women, traditionally responsible for food preparation and caregiving, struggle to provide adequate nutrition for their families amid these challenges.

The agricultural cycle in Gilgit-Baltistan, dependent on distinct seasonal patterns, is being disrupted by rising temperatures. Abnormal summer heat and unusually warm autumns are interfering with natural melting processes, causing erratic river currents. Once-thriving farmlands in areas like Skardu are now barren, with crops such as tomatoes, onions, cabbages, and spinach becoming unviable.

In essence, the rapid melting of glaciers is not just an environmental disaster but a humanitarian crisis. The combined impact of water scarcity, catastrophic floods, and shifting climate patterns is eroding food security and jeopardizing the well-being of entire communities, especially women and children.

Addressing the challenges posed by glacial melting in Baltistan requires a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach. Climate-resilient agricultural practices, such as drought-resistant crops and improved irrigation

systems, must be introduced to help farmers adapt to shifting water availability. Establishing early warning systems and community-based disaster preparedness initiatives is also essential for mitigating sudden climate-related shocks.

Additionally, targeted support for women and children must be prioritized. Improved access to healthcare and nutritional programs can alleviate the severe physical toll of food insecurity. Investing in economic and educational opportunities for women will empower them to build resilience and secure a better future for their families.

Finally, a collaborative effort involving non-governmental organizations, national governments, and international bodies such as UNICEF is crucial. Through coordinated financial aid, technical assistance, and policy measures, these partnerships can drive long-term improvements and protect vulnerable regions from the worsening effects of climate change.

<https://pamirtimes.net/2025/03/22/glacier-melting-in-baltistan-a-humanitarian-and-environmental-crisis-threatening-livelihoods/>

### **Raja Shabir Ahmad praises British MP Imran Hussain for highlighting the issues of 'Occupied Kashmir' and Palestine**

*Daily Parliament Times, 23 March 2025*

Pakistan Peoples Party UK leader Raja Shabir Ahmad have praised British MP Imran Hussain for highlighting the

issues of 'Occupied Jammu & Kashmir' and Palestine in the UK Parliament. In a congratulatory message, Raja Shabir Ahmad lauded Imran Hussain as a "strong and unwavering voice for Kashmiris and Palestinians." He credited Hussain's efforts for initiating a historic debate in the UK Parliament on the human rights violations in both 'occupied regions', emphasizing that raising global awareness on these injustices is the need of the hour. Raja Shabir Ahmad expressed pride in Imran Hussain, stating that as a Kashmiri, he has emerged as a powerful advocate for 'oppressed Kashmiris' and Palestinians. He highlighted that even British MPs now acknowledge the need for the UK to play a role in resolving these long-standing conflicts. He reiterated that the people of 'Occupied Jammu & Kashmir' seek their right to self-determination in accordance with UN resolutions, while Palestine has already been recognized as an independent state by much of the world. He further denounced Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as "the butcher of Kashmiris" and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as "the oppressor of Palestinians." Calling for unity, he urged people to become the voice of Kashmiris and Palestinians through social media and every available platform to support their struggles for freedom.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2025/03/23/raja-shabir-ahmad-praises-british-mp-imran-hussain-for-highlighting-the-issues-of-occupied-kashmir-and-palestine/>

## **Bodies of couple handed over to India by 'AJK' authorities**

*Dawn, 23 March 2025*

'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK) authorities handed over the bodies of a young man and woman to their counterparts from 'India-held Jammu and Kashmir' at Kaman Bridge in the Chakothe-Uri sector on Saturday.

The deceased — 23-year-old Yasir Hussain and 20-year-old Asia Bano — had reportedly jumped into the Jhelum River on March 5 in Uri after their families allegedly opposed their plans to marry.

Bano's body was later recovered from the river in Lower Chattar, a neighborhood of Muzaffarabad, while Hussain's body was found along the Jhelum River bank in Chinari, about 12 kilometers from the Chakothe-Uri crossing point. Photographs shared by police showed Hussain's body entangled in ropes. It later emerged that his body had initially been spotted near Kaman Bridge on 'India held side' on Thursday afternoon. Rescue teams and police had attempted to retrieve it using ropes but were unsuccessful due to strong river currents. The body eventually drifted to the 'AJK' side, where Chinari police recovered it from the riverbank.

After completing procedural formalities, Hattian Bala's Assistant Commissioner Kamran Khan and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Raja Ilyas formally handed over the coffins to Indian authorities between

11:50am and 12:30pm, in the presence of military officials from both sides.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1899751>

## **Economic Developments**

### **'AJK' govt for revival of sick industrial units**

*Business Recorder, 17 March 2025*

The 'Azad Jammu Kashmir' government has inked a plan initiating immediate required steps for the early revival of sick industrial units in the twin industrial districts of Mirpur and Bhimbher in the Mirpur division, official sources said.

"Under an integrated industrial uplift plan, the state government has specially focused on promoting the industrial activities in Mirpur and Bhimbher districts under the spirit to provide more job opportunities to the unemployed skilled and unskilled persons," the sources close to the State Department of Commerce and Industry told.

The sources continued that in response to the recommendations of the business community of 'Azad Jammu Kashmir', especially the industrial sector, the 'AJK government' has principally decided to form a high-level committee comprising officials of commerce & industry, electricity, finance, and taxation to inquire about the problems of the local corporate sector, including the existing and intending entrepreneurs.

The committee is said to be assigned to ink and forward proposals to the

government for early redressal of the grievances of the business fraternity, including industrialists, including those involved in the cottage industry of sericulture, nut wood carving, furniture, carpet, and Kashmiri rug weaving in the northern region of AJK.

Meanwhile a high level meeting of the officials of the 'AJK' government including the State Department of Commerce and Industry, reviewed and discussed in length, with the owners of the Mirpur and Bhimber districts , based sick industrial units, the ideas for quick revival of the units, the sources said.

The owners of the sick units tabled various proposals for the revival of the sick units with the due assistance of the concerned state functionaries and assured to resume their functioning soon after their revival in line with the determined policy of the government, the sources added.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40353215/ajk-govt-for-revival-of-sick-industrial-units>

### **China focusing on Karakoram Highway, ML-1 projects, says consul general**

*Dawn, 16 March 2025*

The Chinese consul general Yang Yundong has said both China and Pakistan are focused on the completion of the Karakoram Highway (KKH) and the Main Line-1 (ML-1) project, Dawn.com reported.

The Chinese envoy expressed this commitment at a time when the

government and the ministry of railways are expecting a long-awaited visit of the high-powered technical team from China within weeks. Just a day ago, federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi told the media in Lahore that the government might fund the ML-1 project from own resources in case international funding was unavailable.

In September last year, China agreed to assist Pakistan in completing four major projects namely ML-1, M-6 and M-9 projects along with the second phase of Karakoram Highway (KKH) and the construction of Kaghan-Naran, Jhal Khand, Babusar Top and Tunnel till KKH.

Yang Yundong says bilateral ties at crucial point, asks both sides to seize opportunity to boost cooperation in various fields. Speaking at a press briefing for 'Two Sessions for 2025' at the Chinese consulate general on Friday, Yang said, "Both sides are working very hard to complete these projects."

The new international airport in Gwadar, which was completed only last year, would also contribute in opening more opportunities, he said, adding that both countries were encouraging more ships to use the Gwadar Port for trade.

The 'Two Sessions' marked an annual event pivotal to China's economic and social development. Yang revealed that China achieved the major targets for the year's economic and social development in 2024. "Chinese

modernisation has made significant new achievements, with high-quality development advancing steadily and new productive forces developing robustly,” he said, adding that China anticipated GDP growth of around 5 per cent.

“At the same time, China will continue to expand high-standard opening up to the outside world and promote the deep and substantive advancement of the high-quality joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative,” he added.

He said major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics had opened new horizons, and international cooperation achieved fresh progress for China.

“This year’s government work report emphasised that China will adhere to an independent and peaceful foreign policy, remain committed to the path of peaceful development, and steadfastly pursue an open strategy of mutual benefit and win-win cooperation,” he continued.

The Chinese official said that 2025 marked the 10th anniversary of President Xi Jinping’s historic visit to Pakistan, adding that the two countries would celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations next year.

“China-Pakistan relations are at an important juncture and development opportunity,” he said, adding that both countries and their peoples should seize this opportunity to further enhance communication and coordination, deepen practical

cooperation in various fields, and upgrade the CPEC.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1898190/china-focusing-on-karakoram-highway-ml-1-projects-says-consul-general>

## **From Vernacular Urdu Media**

### **Government must take back its decision of increasing sugar cost: Muzaffar Hussain Manhas**

*Jammu and Kashmir Times, 13 March 2025*

We reject and criticize the government’s brutal decision of increasing the levy taxes over the Sugar and Petroleum products. Such thoughts were shared by the ‘Azad Kashmir’ Pensioners Association Secretary information, Muzaffar Hussain Minhas during an interaction with the media persons. He said that the government should roll back 25-30 rupees on the price of sugar. He further said that adding the levy tax on the petroleum is also a brutal act and the government should roll back this too, and ensure it gets available at its earlier price.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/muzaffarabad/kashmir/live-news-4369161.html>

### **After ban on crusher plants, digging gravel from the streams now prohibited, several Labourers affected**

*Jammu and Kashmir Times, 19 March 2025*

After crusher plants, digging gravels from the ordinary streams have now

been prohibited, thus dousing the hearths of the labourers. In the headquarters of the 'Azad Kashmir', Muzaffarabad after crusher plants, digging and collecting the gravel from streams has now been banned, thus causing hardworking labourers to suffer in the holy month of Ramadan. Undoubtedly, the owners of the crusher plants are wealthy people but with this crusher and gravel, how many hearths are connected.

<http://jammukashmirtimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Resize-of-FRONT-PAGE-19.jpg>

### **From Social Media**

**WAJAHAT ALI @wajahatgilgiti**

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Press conference of the leaders of the huqooq do dam banavo

Link to the video:

<https://x.com/wajahatgilgiti/status/1902414197725528147>

**Roshan Din Diameri @Roshan\_Din**

22 March 2025

A UN and ICIMOD report warns that if this trend continues, most glaciers could disappear by the end of this century, threatening water and food security for 2 billion people. ⚠️  
#ClimateChange #GlacierMelting

<https://suchtv.pk/pakistan/gilgit-baltistan/item/130579-hindu-kush-himalaya-glaciers-in-peril-icimod-w>

@icimod

Link to the tweet:

[https://x.com/Rohshan\\_Din/status/1903369542266446210](https://x.com/Rohshan_Din/status/1903369542266446210)

**JAMIL NAGRI @jamilnagri**

22 March 2025

Blossom, snow avalanche, Rakaposhi, in one view while traveling on KKH from Nagar

Link to the tweet:

<https://x.com/jamilnagri/status/1903191071661703313>

**WAJAHAT ALI @wajahatgilgiti**

20 March 2025

Traitors should be expelled, Rana Farman orders

#gilgitbaltistan #pmln

Link to the video:

<https://x.com/wajahatgilgiti/status/1902785329263767841>

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