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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

End of judiciary?, Editorial, *The News*, 11 November 2025

The Senate passed the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill on Monday amid the opposition's protest. Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar presented the 59-clause bill, which received the required 64 votes. Apart from the treasury members, the Awami National Party (ANP), PTI-backed Saifullah Abro and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl's (JUI-F) Ahmed Khan were among the senators who voted in favour of the amendment. The Tehreek-e-Tahafuz Ayeen-e-Pakistan (TTAP), a multi-party opposition alliance, has announced a nationwide protest movement against the proposed constitutional amendment. Apart from this, civil society has also come into action against this amendment. *The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) says the government's haste including the absence of any meaningful consultation with the political opposition, the wider legal fraternity and civil society – calls into question the very intention behind moving this amendment bill. The human rights body has also said the bill's content “has alarmed constitutionalists, the legal fraternity, human rights defenders and many others who believe in the independence of the judiciary and the tenets of civilian supremacy in a democracy” – and has planned an urgent consultation with a wide range of stakeholders to examine the proposed amendment and its far-reaching impact on the country's polity and society.* Legal observers say that the 26th Amendment was an attempt to subjugate the judiciary but it has been 'buried' now through the 27th Amendment, adding that parliament and most political parties seem to have been co-opted and do not want more freedoms but less. Is this the end of the judiciary? Is this the end of democracy? We may not know the answers just yet, but one thing is certain: the silence of institutions, political actors and citizens in this moment will define Pakistan's democratic future.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail/?id=444611>

Follow Through, Editorial, *The Nation*, 20 November 2025

It is encouraging to see that the government's crackdown against the proscribed organisation Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan has not eased now that public attention has shifted elsewhere. Too often, groups and individuals targeted under public pressure manage to strike quiet deals once that pressure fades, pledging cosmetic reforms and adopting a conciliatory tone. After years of repeating this cycle with criminal and militant outfits, it appears Pakistan has finally learnt its lesson. *There must be no more leniency for anti-state actors and no mercy for those who weaponise a distorted version of Islam to justify violent, power-driven agendas. It is therefore commendable that the Punjab government has constituted twelve joint investigation teams to probe the cases registered against TLP. While the creation of such teams is routine police procedure, the reality of Pakistan's fractured political patronage system means that lower tiers of law enforcement often allow cases to slip unless firm instructions come from the top of the political and institutional hierarchy.* With both the provincial and federal governments monitoring their performance, there is hope that investigators will approach their work with greater diligence, aware of the scrutiny they face. Publicly announcing JITs for offences committed so openly is also essential in signaling to any remaining TLP supporters that the state's resolve has not weakened. Should they attempt to resume the disruptive and violent activities witnessed in the past, they must understand that the full weight of the law will turn towards them next.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/20-Nov-2025/follow>

Political prisoner, Editorial, *Dawn*, 30 November 2025

It seems unnecessary and ultimately counterproductive for the government to continue imposing such restrictions. Whatever it may think of Imran Khan today, the fact remains that he is a former prime minister and, as such, entitled to basic dignity during his incarceration. *Things have taken a particularly concerning turn since some publications in hostile countries recently published articles alleging that Mr. Khan may have been grievously harmed in custody. Though such news appears to be*

fabricated and aimed at agitating Mr. Khan's supporters, it has still sparked some concern for his general well-being in his family. It is unkind of the government to not allow them to at least satisfy themselves regarding his health, even if it wants to prevent lengthy conferences. Prisoners in Punjab, including political detainees, are generally allowed five visitors per week and 30 minutes of phone time under the jail manual. There is no defensible reason why a public figure like Mr. Khan should be denied these basic privileges. Leaving such decisions to the personal discretion of a jail superintendent reflects poorly on the current government, whose cabinet members have repeatedly tried to justify such actions, but only end up deepening the impression of vindictiveness. Pakistan's political class has, for decades, sent each other to jail. If they cannot break this cycle, they can at least agree on a minimal standard for how political prisoners should be treated, regardless of which party happens to be in power. Anything less will merely ensure that today's enforcers become tomorrow's victims, and that no one ever learns from the past.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1958246/political-prisoner>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

In a 'good spot'?, Editorial, *The Express Tribune*, 06 November 2025

Pakistan's obsession with a staff-level deal with the Washington-based lender has come full circle. The solace is that the successful second loan review with the IMF will see a new tranche doled out by December, cushioning the borrowed economy with some relief. The finance guru on an optimistic note has, however, stressed the need for synergising the economy on the lines of proactive reforms that have got a pat from the Fund, and that specifically entail expansion of tax base by using AI, digitizing the entire spectrum of economy and focusing on existential issues such as climate change and population control. To boast at inception, the government has an addition of 900,000 new tax filers incidentally in a country where millions of elite and movers-and-shakers are still out of the tax net, as burden is heaped on

salaried class and on direct retail taxation. The recent deception wherein Sindh and Punjab decamped from their commitment to enforcing agriculture tax at the rate of 45% is a case in point. Last but not least, despite 23 programmes with the IMF, sustainability and self-reliance remain a far cry as savings and wealth generation are concept notes in limbo. A lot needs to be done to resurrect the economy and pull it out of the clutches of foreign lending. Getting the house in order by ushering in political stability is a sine qua non, to be followed by winning the confidence of the investors and local entrepreneurs. Only then can we dream of big-ticket investments and a rollover into stable zones of productivity.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2576008/in-a-good-spot>

SECURITY SITUATION

Patience Wearing Thin, Editorial, *Daily Times*, 10 November 2025

The Taliban, meanwhile, arrived in Istanbul with no clear agenda, no written proposals, and no willingness to acknowledge Pakistan's evidence of TTP sanctuaries inside Afghanistan, evidence corroborated by multiple security assessments shared privately with mediators. Instead, *Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid accused Pakistan of "irresponsibility" and claimed that ordinary families, not militants, had migrated across the border. It was an astonishing act of rhetorical gymnastics, underlining a narrative that seeks to paint seasoned insurgents as innocent migrants and a government defending its borders as an aggressor.* Mujahid's statement, now widely circulated, is dangerous because it erases the distinction between refugees and armed combatants, and it attempts to guilt-trip a country that has hosted millions of Afghans for more than four decades. *That hospitality, however, is reaching its moral and political limit. Pakistan's recent decision to repatriate undocumented Afghans, implemented humanely but firmly, is not a betrayal of brotherhood, as Kabul insists. It is a sovereign response to a security threat. Islamabad*

has made it clear that no state, however sympathetic, can allow its goodwill to be exploited by those who offer a safe haven to terrorists. The international community must now face an uncomfortable truth. If Kabul truly believed its territory was free of anti-Pakistan militants, it would welcome a joint monitoring mechanism. Its rejection of that idea speaks louder than any statement.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1397392/patience-wearing-thin/>

Fire and Thunder, Editorial, *The Nation*, 21 November 2025

The recent victory over India in the air battle in May has only reinforced the credibility of Pakistan's aviation capabilities. It is therefore unsurprising that the JF-17 Thunder Block 3, the fighter jointly developed by Pakistan and China, drew substantial attention at the Dubai Airshow 2025. The aircraft once again became a major focal point, with reports of yet another memorandum of understanding signed with a friendly nation for its procurement.

Pakistan has already supplied the JF-17 to an African nation, recently delivered it to Azerbaijan, and is now in discussions with a diverse range of countries stretching from Asia to South America. The fact that these offers are being taken seriously reflects growing confidence in Pakistan's defence manufacturing sector, despite the country not possessing a massive industrial base. This should serve as a point of pride for Pakistan's leadership. The ability to develop, export, and sustain effective warplanes is vital not only for maintaining a capable and self-reliant military, but also for generating revenue, strengthening diplomatic ties, and supporting long-term strategic partnerships. The Pakistan Air Force remains a premier arm of the Armed Forces, and ensuring that its equipment stays modern and competitive must remain a national priority. Beyond the JF-17, Pakistan should also focus on acquiring and eventually developing fifth-generation platforms, especially as regional threats continue to expand and multiply.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/21-Nov-2025/fire-thunder>

Hardening rhetoric: Af-Pak, Editorial, *Dawn*, 27 November 2025

With the Pakistani state hardening its position against the Afghan Taliban, and the Kabul regime accusing this country of bombing its territory, the already limited space for a negotiated, peaceful settlement with Afghanistan is closing fast. *On Tuesday, the Taliban said that Pakistan had bombed several Afghan provinces, allegedly causing civilian casualties. The state swiftly denied these accusations, with the military spokesperson saying Pakistan had not attacked Afghan civilians, and adding that this country announces its strikes. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, who also denied hitting Afghan civilians, was blunt in his criticism of the Taliban. He said Pakistan had “no good hope from them” while noting that it would be “idiocy” to trust Kabul’s current rulers. Despite the Afghan claims, the ceasefire reached between both states last month is holding, and it is hoped matters do not escalate further. ... The Taliban are difficult customers, but ‘writing them off’ will not help. In the long term, it is primarily diplomacy, as well as collective regional pressure, that can address the issue of cross- border terrorism, and restore harmony to the Pak-Afghan relationship.*

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1957651/hardening-rhetoric>

Journalists' safety, Editorial, *Dawn*, 17 November 2025

It is only fair to point out at this juncture that many past cases, some concerning serious crimes like abduction, torture, harassment and even assassinations of journalists, have still not been closed. Despite efforts by rights activists and the media community, these cases were never investigated or prosecuted with the seriousness they deserved. Until the impression that journalists can be targeted with impunity is dispelled, no commission, no matter how high-powered, can be expected to act as an adequate safeguard against violence targeting journalists and media workers. While this commission has been granted the powers of a civil court, recognising those powers and complying with the commission's requests for assistance should not be left 'optional' for state institutions. It is vital for the health of any society that its media be able to speak truth to power without fear of violent

or financially devastating reprisals. The government must commit fully to that principle to be taken seriously. The 12-member commission constituted by the government to oversee their protection is, without a doubt, a welcome step, but Pakistani journalists have also witnessed a long history of persecution, often exercised with impunity, that has left many unable to trust such initiatives. They will wait and see whether the newly constituted commission, comprised mainly of leaders and representatives of various journalists' bodies, can meaningfully change that trajectory.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1955587/journalists-safety>

URDU MEDIA

Pak Army reiterates its commitment to establishing peace through strength,
Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, 05 November 2025

DG ISPR Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, speaking to the media in blunt terms, said that in the Doha and Istanbul talks, Pakistan has clearly told the Afghan regime to stop terrorism originating from their side. Kabul is not the guarantor of Pakistan's security; the guarantors of Pakistan's security are the Armed Forces. We are neither dependent on anyone nor do we extend our hands begging before anyone. The countries or powers that met defeat at the hands of the Pakistan Army and Air Force in the just battle may now attempt to restore their balance by means of false-flag operations or vile games from across the sea, but whatever action is taken will be dealt a crushing response. Whatever India does, Pakistan's response will be far stronger and firmer than before. The DG ISPR rightly demanded that during Pakistan's operations against terrorism, those terrorists who fled to Afghanistan — if the Afghan regime returns them — Pakistan will hold them accountable under its constitution and law. There is now evidence that the Afghan regime is moving these elements into neighbourhoods so that if

Pakistan acts, they can raise an outcry about collateral damage. Mediators in Doha and Istanbul have also realised that the chain of terrorism in Pakistan is connected to Afghanistan. It remains to be seen how the mediators and guarantors who arranged the ceasefire will prevent the Taliban regime from supporting terrorists.

...The TTP is essentially a branch of the Afghan Taliban. Its leader himself had clearly said that their allegiance is to the Afghan Taliban's emir. In light of such statements, how can the Taliban government claim it has no control over the TTP? If the TTP has become so uncontrollable that the Taliban regime cannot control it, then instead of hindering Pakistan's efforts to eliminate it, they should support Pakistan. They will never do that because, in collusion with India, they want to destabilise Pakistan. Then they must be prepared to bear the consequences.

There is rot in the intentions of the Taliban rulers. They are not prepared, at the behest of Pakistan's eternal enemies, to give peace a chance. The Pakistan–Afghanistan border is approximately 2,600 kilometres long and includes mountains, rivers, canals and streams. Checkpoints are generally established every 25 to 40 kilometres. Border management is the shared responsibility of both countries, but regrettably, timely and effective management has been lacking on Afghanistan's side. The Taliban regime suggested negotiating with the TTP, but history is before us, when talks began in 2014, the worst attacks occurred.

Like other Islamic countries, Pakistan has shown goodwill toward the Afghan people and still stands with them, but the unrepresentative people calling themselves the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" have decided to stand with foreign powers. The Taliban's aggressive behaviour, baseless statements, false propaganda and exaggerations are now clear. *By showing Russian tanks, they misrepresented Pakistan's tanks, and some media circles distorted facts. Shameful acts were committed to disgrace Pakistan internationally by claiming fake military uniforms belonged to Pakistan's soldiers. Allegations of American drone strikes are also baseless; Pakistan has no agreement with the U.S. under which such operations take place.* This is mere propaganda, and it would be better if the Afghan regime resolved matters

through negotiations; otherwise, Pakistan reserves the right to pursue other options to defend itself. ...

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/laore/2025-11-05/page-5v>

State has turned the judiciary into a rubber stamp to suppress dissent, BYC, Daily Sangar, 09 November 2025

The Baloch Yekjehti Committee (BYC) has said in a statement regarding the party leadership case that once again during the jail trial on 8 November, the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) failed to submit the complete report in the BYC leadership case.

The statement said that the case is being deliberately prolonged through delaying tactics. Since the beginning, the CTD has consistently avoided submitting the complete challan; while the court has been supporting these delaying tactics. Despite the failure to submit the complete challan, the court is in a hurry to decide the case on the basis of an incomplete report. However, the case should proceed only after all the reports are properly submitted. Unfortunately, the court seems to be supporting the irregular procedure of the CTD.

The spokesperson said that from the beginning, the CTD has prepared a series of fabricated FIRs against BYC leaders (Tarjumaan ne kaha ki shru' se CTD ne bYC rehnumayoo ke khilaf man-ghadat FIRs ka eek silsila tyaar kiya hai). Despite the judge's remarks during the earlier physical remand hearing that all FIRs against the BYC leadership should be filed together, the CTD prepared more than twenty-five fake FIRs. But in the ongoing hearings, the CTD is providing reports that include new FIRs against BYC leaders that were not filed earlier. This not only proves that the state is weaponizing its legal system against Baloch human rights activists but is also tarnishing the reputation of the judiciary itself. ... The statement said that during proceedings on 8 November, Dr. Mahrang asked the judge whether there is freedom of expression in this country. The judge replied, "Yes, there is, and it is a constitutional right of every citizen." However, in practice, there is no freedom of speech, as all the cases

against BYC leaders are based on their public speeches. The same judge who recognizes freedom of expression as a constitutional right is denying it by following the orders of intelligence agencies rather than the judicial system itself.

The spokesperson added that we appeal to human rights organizations to take immediate notice of the state's misuse of the law against human rights defenders and play their role in ensuring the release of the BYC leadership.

<https://dailysangar.online/?p=67393>

Afghan Taliban regime, Sayed Akhtar, Nawa-i-Waqt, 19 November 2025

The Afghan Taliban regime and the Kharijites are those faces hidden under the cloak of Islam that now stand fully exposed before the world. These are the people who, in the name of Islam, are actively pursuing their impure intentions and malicious objectives. It is they who have turned Islam, a religion of peace, into a symbol of fear and terror. Whereas Islam, being a universal religion, teaches humanity to its followers. Taking the lives of innocent people and shedding their blood is not Islam; it is a war against humanity.

It is an acknowledged fact that ever since the Afghan Taliban settled in Kabul and took the reins of power, incidents of TTP and BLA infiltration into Pakistan have increased, and acts of terrorism have risen abnormally. In this context, on various forums, the Afghan Taliban made many verbal and written promises and agreements before the international community. ...

The Taliban government established in Afghanistan comprises militant commanders belonging to various Pashtun tribes. There is no representation of non-Pashtun ethnic groups, even though Afghanistan officially recognizes 14 ethnic communities, including Tajiks, Pashtuns, Uzbeks, and Hazaras. All key ministries are in Pashtun hands. All cabinet and council members were part of the militant Tehreek-e-Taliban Afghanistan before coming to power. ... *Afghanistan is Pakistan's neighbouring brotherly Islamic country. Pakistan has always wished well for*

Afghanistan, advocating its prosperity, development, and strength. But Afghanistan has consistently played into India's hands. The world knows and witnesses that Pakistan's efforts for peace are made with sincerity. This is why the Afghan Taliban regime has gained no acceptance anywhere in the world. Therefore, it is certain, as Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has publicly stated, that the Afghan Taliban's conspiracies will be strongly countered. The action Pakistan will soon take against terrorists inside Afghanistan is something the world will see.

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/laore/2025-11-19/page-5>

Setting priorities in CPEC Phase II, Dr. Talat Shabbir, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, 24 November 2025

The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a project between the two countries that has opened new avenues of economic cooperation. The objective of CPEC is to connect Pakistan with the global economic value chain through regional and international connectivity, based on the belief that no country can progress in isolation. The development of any nation today, this two-front war and the kind of defense relationship between China and Pakistan that threatens to break the status quo in the region were not acceptable to the US. Therefore, they have been continuously pressuring Pakistan not to take cooperation with China.

Now, in a possible war with Pakistan, India wants to neutralize China in such a way that it cannot adapt to a two-front war. ...

The speed at which Pakistan is falling under the influence of the Western lobby and the way Gwadar Port is becoming dull and deprived of becoming a center of trade, this question becomes important- is the old level of Pakistan-China relations still there? India is weakening this relationship in such a way that this relationship and cooperation do not emerge as a challenge for New Delhi. The changed style of the Indian Army Chief is a manifestation of this strategy.

<https://jasarat.com/2025/11/23/251123-09-6/>

Enough is enough: Blood and business cannot go together with Afghanistan,
Editorial, *Nawa-i-Waqt*, 27 November 2025

The briefing given by DG ISPR Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry to senior journalists has clearly highlighted the scale of the terrorism threats facing the country and the intensity of the ongoing operations to counter them. Pakistan has now entered a stage where decisive action against terrorism originating from both sides of the border has become inevitable. The killing of 200–300 terrorists on the Pak-Afghan border within a few days, and more than 67,000 operations conducted across the country this year, prove that the state is standing firmly against terrorists with full force. Since 2021, Pakistan has repeatedly tried to resolve the issue through negotiations with Afghanistan. Doha and Istanbul talks were also part of this effort, but unfortunately, the Afghan Taliban's interim government does not seem willing to take any practical and serious action against terrorist groups.

The DG ISPR explicitly rejected allegations of Pakistan's so-called attacks inside Afghanistan, stating that Pakistan announces any such action formally. This transparency reflects both state responsibility and Pakistan's policy. His statement was likely in response to the tweet by Afghan Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, who claimed that Pakistani forces carried out airstrikes in Paktika, Khost, and Kunar. According to Mujahid, a house was targeted in the Gurbuz district of Khost, killing ten people, while four were injured in Kunar and Paktika. Sadly, the Taliban government, like India, has also made false accusations a routine practice. Pakistan's policy is against terrorists, not against the Afghan people. This stance rejects all such misrepresentations that attempt to portray Pakistan as an opponent of the Afghan public. Significant progress has been made in the investigation of the 11 November suicide attack at the G-11 courthouse. Security arrangements were effective, and intelligence agencies arrested four suspects within 48 hours who were part of a plan formulated in Kabul. Sajidullah alias Sheena, who brought the suicide bomber, joined the Afghan Taliban in 2015 and received training at various camps. In 2023, he met commander Dadullah, through whom Noor Wali Mehsud issued orders

for attacks in Rawalpindi and Islamabad. Sajidullah went to Afghanistan in August 2025, held meetings in Shegal district and Kabul, and the entire plan was finalized there. The suicide bomber was also an Afghan citizen. ...

Enough is enough. Pakistan has decided to give a clear and final response for the protection of national security, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/laore/2025-11-27/page-5>

Sarmachars attack forces in Nok Kundi, Reko Diq and Saindak compound, Daily Sangar, 30 November 2025

Baloch freedom fighters attacked the compound of Pakistani forces and broke through the security fence and entered foreign staff of Reko Diq and the Saindak project in Nok Kundi area of Chagai district of Balochistan.

Sources say that the armed men entered the camp after a major explosion at the main gate of the headquarters (Headquarter ke markazi gate per ek badey dhamakey ke ba'ed masalah afraad camp ke andar dakhil hugaye). According to sources, loud explosions and gunfire have been heard for the past hour.

Officials have confirmed that the armed men entered after attacking the main gate of the Frontier Corps (FC) headquarters in the Nok Kundi area. According to sources, two helicopters have left for the scene from Quetta. According to security officials, the camp was attacked from two sides, in which some personnel have been injured so far.

On the other hand, the Baloch freedom militant organization BLF claimed responsibility for the attack and said that a heavy attack by the Sarmachars is ongoing on the main compound established for foreign staff of Reko Diq and Saindak projects in Nok Kundi.

Spokesperson Gwahram Baloch said that the BLA Sarmachars have launched a major attack on the main compound for foreign personnel and engineers associated with Reko Diq and Saindak in the Nok Kundi area of Balochistan which is still going on. He said that a detailed statement will be issued soon.

<https://dailysangar.online/?p=68090>

Dozens arrested in Peshawar during search operations, Mohd Qasim, *Ummat*, 30 November 2025

Due to the possible security threats, police, CTD and security forces carried out search operations in the provincial capital of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Peshawar and other areas of the province. During the operations, dozens of suspects and unregistered tenants were arrested and weapons and drugs confiscated. The operations were carried out on 28 November suddenly to keep them secret.

During the operation, illegal weapons were seized, unregistered tenants and illegal Afghan refugees, anti-social elements and suspects were arrested from the Phandu and Akhoonabad areas. The arrested are being interrogated.

According to sources, search operations are being carried out in various areas on a daily basis to improve the security in the province. At the same time, patrolling and security at the entry and exit points have been improved. On the other hand, due to the security concerns, political leaders have been advised to limit their political activities (Security soorat-i-haal ke ba'es siasi shakhsiyat ko apni sargarmiyaan mehdoood rakhne ki hidayet ki gayi hai). That is the reason that the political leaders are sending their advisors and secretaries to attend various functions, like weddings. The IG said that conspiracies are being hatched to destabilize the province and the country at large. But the police were fighting the enemy strongly. The terrorists are laced with sophisticated weapons. But we are also using the latest weapons to fight them.

The IG is paying visits to the South districts to boost the morale of the police force. To fight terrorists sophisticated weapons are given to the police so that order and stability can be restored in the province. For some time now the security situation in KP has deteriorated, in the south particularly.

<https://ummat.net/epaper/news.php?date=2025/11/30/&p=story6.gif>

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The debate about the 27th Amendment & Bilawal's Tweet, Off The Record, ARY News, 5th November 2025

The host pointed out that the debate on 27th amendment has taken speed in the country because of the tweet of Bilawal Bhutto who tweeted that the PML-N government has asked for help on the new amendment from the PPP. He added that the last 26th amendment was brought by this government in a hurry and therefore there was no discussion on the same but due to the leak by Bilawal Bhutto this time there is ample discussion on the new possible 27th Amendment. Faisal Vawda met with JUI-F head Maulana Fazl Ur Rehman and stated that this 27th Amendment will be passed smoothly as everyone is on board. The government is sure that this new amendment will focus more on NFC and if the government want to take everyone on board, then it will take time. But the government has given a date 14th November till which it want to pass the new amendment. He asked is there any divide in the government on the same, are all stakeholders on board? Guests: Senator Dr Afanullah Khan-PML-N, Humayu Mohammad-PTI, Aslam Guari-JUI-F & Nasir Hussain Shah-PPP.

<https://videos.arynews.tv/video/x9t980k/>

Secret Pak-Afghan contacts? Pakistan Afghanistan tensions, *Talk Shock*, 19 November 2025

In the latest episode, journalist Fida Adeel revealed that although Pakistan-Afghanistan negotiations are currently stalled and trade at all borders has been halted, diplomats from both countries in Kabul and Islamabad remain in contact. *He added that there are reports suggesting Pakistan wants to engineer a regime change in Afghanistan, however, he noted that this is not Pakistan's strategy. Pakistan expects a stable and friendly Afghan government that poses no threat to its security. He said that Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's statement that Afghanistan is stopping all trade with Pakistan is an individual decision by Baradar and not a policy of the current Taliban regime or administration.* There are also reports that the Taliban have ordered all businesses to stop selling Pakistan-origin goods. He clarified that the conflict is between Pakistan's security agencies and the Afghan Taliban, not between the peoples of the two countries. He also said that Pakistan should consider ensuring that trade to Afghanistan remains accessible, as Afghanistan is a landlocked country without direct access to the sea. He pointed out that Afghan civilians and leaders have long had access to Pakistani hospitals and medicine, and the sudden statements by some Taliban leaders to stop using medicine from Pakistan again reflects individual decisions rather than the policy of the Taliban regime as a whole. He discussed Pakistan's options regarding Afghanistan, stating that there is no credible opposition or force in Afghanistan today that can replace the Taliban regime. He said that pocket-based resistance groups, whether inside or outside Afghanistan, are not in a position to defeat the Taliban either on the ground or through elections, as no such electoral mechanism exists. He added that even the international community knows there is currently no viable alternative to the Taliban in Afghanistan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BT1GPoXqEPA>

PML-N largely sweeps lackluster “by-elections”?, Off The Record with Ashfaq Ishaq Satti, ARY News, 24 November 2025

The host informed that after polls closed in by-elections across 13 constituencies for six national and seven provincial assembly seats in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the ruling PML-N bagged almost all seats, except for one in Muzzafargarh, which was secured by the PPP, unofficial results showed. Amid an opposition boycott and low voter turnout, the by-polls were held in response to the disqualification of a number of PTI lawmakers following their conviction in May 9 violence cases. The main opposition PTI, however, stayed away from the electoral exercise, save for two National Assembly constituencies in Lahore and Haripur. The PML-N fielded its candidates on all seats except in Muzaffargarh, and the PPP contested on two NA and one Punjab seat. Why is the PTI silent on the by-elections and the statement of Mariam Nawaz that this by election was a referendum on PTI? Guests: Senator Afanullah Khan-PML-N & Barrister Umer Khan Niazi-PTI. Senator Afanullah Khan pointed out that it is a good sign for PML-N and Mariam Nawaz is right in saying that the by-elections are a referendum by the people in favour of PML-N and against the PTI. People have rejected the protest politics of the PTI and are now fed up with their policy. Barrister Umer Khan Niazi underlined that the PTI leaders who got a mandate in February are ultimate and final and therefore we boycotted on the seats from where these leader won and it was up for grabs in the by elections. Talking about the loss of seats in KP in the by elections he added that these seats are disputed. The whole thing is about the number game and the PML-N is trying to get the numbers. Talking about Haripur and the de-seating of the PTI seat of Umar Ayub, he added that it was a total fraud on not based on merit. There are so many scandals in Pakistan under the PML-N government and this government has come into power by stepping on the seats of the PTI. It is a setback for the PTI that even though we are in power in KP, there was fidgeting of elections.

<https://videos.arynews.tv/video/x9uck9q/>