

DAILY PAKISTAN WATCH

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Security

- ◆ **Tributes to Kargil hero on 27th 'martyrdom' anniversary** — President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif paid homage to Captain Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed Nishan-e-Haider, describing his sacrifice as eternal. The president said, “The martyrs of Pakistan are our national asset; their sacrifices will always be remembered with appreciation and respect.” The prime minister lauded Sher Khan’s “extraordinary bravery and eternal sacrifice in the most adverse circumstances”, calling it a shining chapter in Pakistan’s military history and a guarantor of peace and sovereignty. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan urged to strengthen institutions against FATF pressure** — In his commentary, Zeeshan Ahmed, senior executive and strategist, argues that India’s appointment of Vivek Aggarwal as FATF Vice-President offers symbolism but not unilateral power. He warns that “the real danger is not Vivek Aggarwal personally; the danger is technical unreadiness meeting geopolitical intent.” Pakistan, he stresses, must rely on better documentation, cleaner institutions and financial credibility as a national-security asset, making relisting technically difficult and diplomatically costly. He emphasises preparation, disciplined briefings, and robust AML/CFT controls, especially for virtual assets. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **US backs Pakistan’s right to self-defence** — In its editorial, *The Express Tribune* notes Washington’s reaffirmation of support for Islamabad against terrorism emanating from Afghan soil. The paper stresses that Pakistan, having lost over 70,000 lives, remains a prime victim of terrorism. The endorsement, linked to the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy review, validates Pakistan’s right to self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter. It highlights US proscription of groups like the BLA and TTP, urging robust intelligence sharing and a unified diplomatic front to counter regional threats. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan’s India policy demands clarity and strength** — In his column, Fahd Husain, journalist and TV anchor, argues that India under the Hindutva regime is a “mere headache” for Pakistan, requiring a decisive cure. He rejects Track-2 diplomacy or petitions for dialogue, insisting “we have nothing to gain from talking with India as long as our neighbour continues to burn in Hindutva fever.” Husain identifies exceptions: Indian ‘Occupied’ Kashmir and India’s sponsoring of terrorism via Afghanistan, where Pakistan must adopt a firm stance. He calls for an offensive defence doctrine, pre-emptive clarity, and readiness to inflict intolerable pain if provoked. (*The Express Tribune*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **JuA’s reported split raises questions over TTP cohesion** — Militant faction Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (JuA) has reportedly announced its third separation from the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), prompting debate over whether this reflects routine restructuring or deeper ideological rifts. JuA,

once led by **Omar Khalid Khorasani** with **Ehsanullah Ehsan** as spokesman, first broke away in 2014 over leadership disputes, later rejoining in 2015. Analysts suggest the latest split stems from disagreements over policy and proximity to hardline factions, with JuA pursuing a broader operational reach across Pakistan, including Karachi and Lahore. (*The Express Tribune*, [04 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Japan's shift in joint statement raises concerns in Islamabad** — Senior foreign affairs correspondent **Kamran Yousaf** notes that Japan, for the first time in recent years, explicitly associated Pakistan with “**cross-border terrorism**” in a joint declaration with India during PM **Sanae Takaichi's** visit. Traditionally cautious, Tokyo's language reflects its evolving **Indo-Pacific strategy**, deeper security ties with India, and hawkish views on China. While not a wholesale policy shift, analysts warn it strengthens New Delhi's diplomatic narrative. Yousaf stresses that for Pakistan, diplomacy must be proactive, as even one sentence can signal larger strategic trends. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Suspected drone strike kills children in Waziristan** — In Lower South Waziristan's **Nargasi area of Birmal tehsil**, a suspected quadcopter attack killed **three girls aged six to 15** and injured four family members, including a woman and three boys. Local residents rushed to rescue victims, who were moved to **DHQ Hospital Wana**. Authorities have yet to issue an official statement or confirm responsibility. The incident has deepened grief and fear in the community, which reports repeated quadcopter strikes and rising violence in the region. (*Dawn*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Security challenges beyond policing** — Security expert **Muhammad Amir Rana** highlights Pakistan's multidimensional law-and-order crisis, where terrorism, insurgency and organised crime overlap, eroding social cohesion and state legitimacy. He warns that “**instead of investing in accountable policing, the authorities are relying on coercive legislation**”, citing Punjab's 2026 bill empowering police and intelligence officials. Rana stresses that weak policing, political interference and neglect have left citizens vulnerable, especially in Balochistan, KP and urban centres. He urges prioritising civilian policing and community safety to bridge the widening gap between state power and citizen security. (*Dawn*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Bodies discovered in Gwadar** — Police recovered **five bullet-riddled bodies** from two locations in Gwadar district on Saturday. The victims were found dumped between **Panowan and Ganz**, with locals alerting authorities. The bodies were shifted to **Government Hospital Jiwani** for identification. Officials confirmed two of the deceased as Shah Bakhsh and Peri from Robar, Tehsil Jiwani, while three remain unidentified. Hospital staff reported multiple bullet wounds on all victims, indicating gunfire as the cause of death. (*Dawn*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Russia's risky embrace of Taliban rule** — Former KP health minister **Akbar Jan Marwat** warns that Moscow's recent defence cooperation agreements with Taliban-controlled Afghanistan represent a dangerous gamble. Despite concerns over extremist groups like **TTP, IS-K, Al-Qaeda, ETIM and IMU** operating from Afghan soil, Russia hosted Taliban Defence Minister Mullah Yaqub in Moscow. Marwat stresses that “**cooperation may actually be strengthening a region actively nurturing terrorist groups**”, undermining Russia's own security. He argues that legitimising the Taliban risks empowering militant networks and jeopardising regional stability. (*Pakistan Observer*, [04 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Arms race versus human development** — An editorial notes India's approval of **\$5.46 billion in new military acquisitions**, adding to nearly \$39bn earlier this year and an annual defence budget of \$85bn. The spree includes anti-drone systems, missiles, kamikaze drones and maritime surveillance platforms. The piece warns that **"sustainable peace and prosperity in the region cannot be achieved through an endless accumulation of military hardware"**, urging investment in health, education and infrastructure instead. It stresses Pakistan's credible defence and calls on New Delhi to prioritise cooperation over belligerence. (*Pakistan Observer*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Summary of TTP-Claimed Operations: July 4, 2026:** On 4 July 2026 (18 Muharram al-Haram 1448 AH), Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for eight distinct military operations across multiple administrative regions. The attacks targeted security forces and local infrastructure, heavily utilizing temporary assaults, grenade drops, and grenade launcher (GL) strikes. While TTP intelligence claimed one direct fatality—a "peace committee" member in Dera Ismail Khan—most reports cited unconfirmed casualties and damage to military assets, including communication equipment and checkpoints. Operations were concentrated primarily across North Waziristan and Bajaur, alongside isolated tracking and urban strikes in Peshawar and South Waziristan.

Overview of Claims by Region

District	Area	Attack Type / Target	Claimed Outcome
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Zirkai)	Assault on two military posts	Unconfirmed casualties and material loss
North Waziristan	Mir Ali (Shina Algad)	Grenade launcher attack on Charmarai checkpoint	Suspected casualties
North Waziristan	Miran Shah (Eidak)	Grenade launcher attack on Khwaja Cheena post	Suspected casualties
Bajaur	Salarzai	Ambush on a military vehicle	Suspected casualties and material loss
Bajaur	Wara Mamond (Dama Dola)	Assault on Chaptara post	Suspected casualties and material loss
Dera Ismail Khan	Kulachi (Gharah Guldad)	Intelligence-led targeted operation	One peace committee member killed; motorcycle seized
South Waziristan	Tiarza (Karwan Manza)	Assault on military checkpoints	One security member wounded; equipment damaged
Peshawar	Peshawar City (Sarband)	Hand grenade attack on a police checkpoint	Suspected casualties

Summary of TTP-Claimed Operations: 5 July 2026: On 5 July 2026 (19 Muharram 1448 AH), Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for six distinct military operations across four regions. The insurgent group intensified its offensive, resulting in at least four reported fatalities among security personnel. Notable operations included an ambush on an army patrol in Razmak District and a direct assault on a military post in Spin Wam District, each allegedly causing two deaths and destroying a double-cabin vehicle. Additional attacks involved mortar fire against a checkpoint in Bannu and a convoy ambush in Khyber. Furthermore, TTP forces utilised explosives to demolish an abandoned army fort in Tank Province to prevent re-establishment by state forces.

Distribution of Claims by Region

Region	District/Area	Target & Nature of Operation	Claimed Outcome
North Waziristan	Mir Ali	Direct attack on a military camp	Unconfirmed casualties
North Waziristan	Razmak (Dangen)	Ambush on an army patrol	2 personnel killed; 1 vehicle destroyed
North Waziristan	Spin Wam (Datta Khel)	Direct attack on a military post (<i>occurred 6 days prior</i>)	2 personnel killed
Bannu	Bakakhel	82 mm mortar strike on Wali Noor checkpoint	1 defensive bunker destroyed; suspected casualties
Tank	Jandola (Khaisora)	Demolition of an abandoned army fort using explosives	Infrastructure destroyed
Khyber	Jamrud (Malik Shaga)	Assault on a military convoy	Suspected casualties

Economy

- ◆ **Dar urges Turkish investment in key sectors** — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has invited **Turkiye to invest in energy, mining, defence, IT, manufacturing, agriculture, logistics and tourism**, stressing these fields offer “**tremendous opportunities not only for commercial success but also for technology transfer, industrial modernisation, and employment generation.**” Speaking at the Pakistan-Turkiye Business Conference, he highlighted reforms under PM Shehbaz Sharif to boost investor confidence and ease of doing business. Dar emphasised that “**economic diplomacy is the name of the game**”, urging transformation of political trust into dynamic economic partnership. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Borrowed wisdom and Pakistan’s economic decline** — Former federal secretary and policy strategist **Younus Dhaga** argues that Pakistan’s reliance on donor-driven reforms has eroded its economic strength. Once ahead of **India, Bangladesh, China and Vietnam** in per capita income, Pakistan now lags far behind after decades of IMF and World Bank prescriptions. He highlights how “**the only true consistency we have demonstrated has been a total reliance on imported ideas**”, citing the dismantling of **Wapda**, costly power contracts, premature trade liberalisation, and policy reversals that raised exporters’ tax burdens to **55pc**. Dhaga calls for an indigenous vision, institutional discipline, and sovereign policymaking to unlock Pakistan’s potential. (*Dawn*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **World Bank’s fiscal critique and Pakistan’s federalism** — Economist **Kaiser Bengali**, a member of the 7th NFC, argues that the World Bank’s report *Strengthening fiscal federalism in Pakistan* earns “**an A+ for technical standards, but suffers from political naivete.**” He stresses that the **18th Amendment and the 7th NFC Award were designed to correct historical imbalances, not to finesse technicalities**. Bengali notes provinces have outperformed the FBR in GST collection, while federal intrusion has stalled subsequent awards. He proposes reform by splitting the divisible pool into direct and indirect tax components to incentivise progressive taxation. (*Dawn*, [06 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Economic failure and political unpopularity** — Former finance minister **Dr Miftah Ismail** argues that the PML-N government has lost public support due to its inability to deliver growth, jobs and affordability. He notes that after four years of Shehbaz Sharif's rule, **“the average Pakistani is poorer than he was four years ago”**, with inflation surging 78 per cent, unemployment at a two-decade high and poverty rising to 29 per cent. Exports have declined, investment has collapsed, and debt has nearly doubled. Ismail concludes that **“no vision, competence or reforms”** explain the government's unpopularity. (*The News*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Railways left behind in reform** — Governance specialist **Syed Asad Ali Shah** argues that Pakistan Railways exemplifies the cost of deferred reform, suffering a **net loss of Rs61bn in FY2024-25** with no corporate structure, board or audited accounts. Despite assets worth Rs515bn and 68,000 employees, it remains a department, excluded from the SOE Act 2023. Shah stresses that **“Pakistan Railways is not just a loss-making department. It is the price of refusing to reform a strategic national asset.”** He calls for corporatisation, separation of functions and freight prioritisation. (*Business Recorder*, [06 July 2026](#))

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **Iranian delegation visit may place Islamabad at diplomatic centre stage** — A high-level Iranian team led by **Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni** is expected in Islamabad after the funeral of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on 9 July. Publicly, the agenda focuses on **trade, connectivity and cultural exchanges**, but diplomats believe the trip could pave the way for the next round of **indirect Iran-US talks in Pakistan**. Islamabad, having co-facilitated the **Islamabad MoU** with Qatar, is increasingly seen as a preferred venue for negotiations, underscoring Pakistan's growing role as a regional intermediary. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistani defence minister rebuts Indian attacks** — Defence Minister **Khawaja Asif** has dismissed Indian propaganda and personal attacks against him, saying such tactics will not salvage Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's “pitifully crumbling reputation”** at home or abroad. In a post on X, Asif argued that criticism of Modi's foreign honours, raised by **Rahul Gandhi** and reported by *The Guardian*, shows they are “AI-generated or self-managed to project a global statesman image,” instead enhancing his image as a “global con man.” He accused Modi of importing fake laurels to stabilise a “pathetically unstable” reputation. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan-Turkiye reaffirm strategic partnership with \$5b trade goal** — Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** and President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** pledged to raise bilateral trade to **\$5 billion**, deepening cooperation in **energy, transport, critical minerals, IT and defence**. At a joint press conference in Istanbul, Erdogan warned that **“Israel must not be allowed to dynamite the US-Iran peace deal”**, stressing regional backing for lasting peace. Shehbaz hailed Türkiye's support on **Kashmir** and emphasised shared history and solidarity. Both leaders highlighted investment in **special economic zones** and a proposed **Pakistan-Turkiye Digital Corridor**. (*The Express Tribune*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan's anti-migration strategy hailed internationally** — Minister of State for Interior **Talal Chaudhry** announced that illegal migration from Pakistan has **fallen by 47%**, crediting the country's strategy as a model for others. Addressing the **Global Alliance to Counter Migrant**

Smuggling in Vienna, he described irregular migration as a global challenge beyond national borders, stressing that **“no country can address the issue in isolation.”** Chaudhry called for stronger international cooperation and joint strategies to dismantle smuggling networks and curb human trafficking. (*The Express Tribune*, [05 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Diplomacy abroad, reforms at home** — Former ambassador **Maleeha Lodhi** cautions against exaggerated expectations of economic windfalls from Pakistan’s mediation between the US and Iran, stressing **“Pakistan’s destiny will be shaped by choices made at home, not by its external engagements.”** She argues that while diplomacy has boosted Pakistan’s global image, domestic priorities must take precedence: political reconciliation, counter-insurgency review, and urgent economic revival. Lodhi highlights fragile IMF-backed stabilisation, stalled growth, weak investment, and deteriorating human development indicators, urging bold reforms and inclusive governance to secure Pakistan’s future. (*Dawn*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Dialogue needed amid estrangement** — Former ambassador **Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry**, chairman of the Sanober Institute, observes that India’s BJP government has pursued **“a policy of complete disconnect with Pakistan”** for a decade, halting even people-to-people links and carrying out three kinetic aggressions. He stresses **“there’s an urgent need to find ways to defuse tensions during crises”**, urging more communication channels beyond weekly DGMO calls, including backchannels on Kashmir and water sharing. Chaudhry warns that India’s suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty risks confrontation, while Pakistan must prioritise economic security and inclusive governance. (*Dawn*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Reviving peace through Track-II and Track-III diplomacy** — Meritorious professor of International Relations **Dr Moonis Ahmar** highlights two recent developments: an appeal by over 100 civil society representatives urging India and Pakistan to take **“meaningful and sustained” steps to restore peace**, and RSS chief Sunil Ambekar’s call for people-to-people interaction. He recalls past initiatives such as the Indo-Pak People’s Forum for Peace and Democracy, noting setbacks since the Mumbai attacks and the revocation of Article 370. Ahmar stresses that **“Track-II and Track-III diplomacy are the hope for a better future”** if political will exists. (*The News*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Border trade as an engine of growth** — Chairman of Tehrik Jawanan Pakistan **M Abdullah Hamid Gul** argues that easing US sanctions on Iran and the recent visit of President **Dr Masoud Pezeshkian** to Pakistan could transform the 900-kilometre Pak-Iran border from a hub of smuggling into a legal trade gateway. He stresses that **“legal energy trade alone [could] generate \$9 to \$14 billion annually”**, while petrochemical cooperation might yield \$23–36bn. Gul warns, however, that without swift reforms and infrastructure development, Pakistan risks losing this historic opportunity for economic recovery. (*The Pakistan Observer*, [05 July 2026](#))

Politics, Culture, Etc.

- ◆ **AJK elections see record participation** — The ‘Azad’ Jammu and Kashmir Election Commission has confirmed that **852 candidates will contest 45 constituencies** in the 2026 Legislative Assembly elections, following the withdrawal of over 320 aspirants. **Election symbols have been allotted to**

24 registered political parties, with independents to follow. Kotli leads with **135 contenders across six constituencies**, while Muzaffarabad and Poonch/Sudhanoti each field **126 candidates**. Refugee constituencies will see **126 candidates competing for 12 seats**. Other districts, including Mirpur, Bagh, Haveli, Bhimber, Neelum and Jhelum Valley, also report strong participation. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))

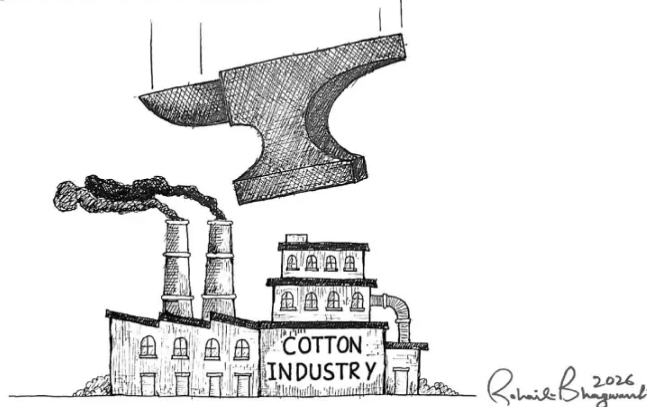
- ◆ **Sukkur Barrage modernisation on track** — The **Rs23.44 billion Sukkur Barrage rehabilitation project** has achieved **58 per cent physical progress** and **49 per cent financial progress**, with completion due by **February 2027**. Executed by a joint venture of **China Road and Bridge Corporation** and **Hubei Shuizong Water Resources and Hydropower Construction Co Ltd**, the project involves cofferdam construction across 36 gates, mechanical and electrical rehabilitation of 44 gates and hoists, civil engineering repairs, and dredging to improve water flow. The barrage remains a **critical irrigation lifeline for millions of acres in Sindh**. (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Punjab faces urgent groundwater challenge** — Experts warn that **falling groundwater levels, climate change and irregular rainfall** are worsening Punjab's water crisis, especially in Lahore where studies show depletion of up to **one metre annually** in areas like Gulberg and Shadman. The **Climate Resilient Punjab Vision 2024** sets 2030 targets for rainwater harvesting, recharge systems and efficient water use, but progress is slow. Officials highlight recharge wells and underground tanks, while **Dr Muhammad Yasin** cautions that **"recharge wells alone are not sufficient; extraction must be controlled."** (*The Express Tribune*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **PTI discord surfaces publicly** — Internal divisions within the **Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)** became visible after a heated exchange between **Aleema Khan, sister of Imran Khan**, and **Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram** in a WhatsApp group. Aleema accused party leaders of failing to secure her brother's release, writing, "If party leaders cannot secure Imran Khan's release, they should not expect the family to abandon its efforts". Waqas reminded her of the sacrifices made by PTI workers, but both eventually quit the group. He later told *The Express Tribune* that disagreements were natural. (*The Express Tribune*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Bilawal condemns July 5 coup as attack on democracy** — PPP Chairman **Bilawal Bhutto Zardari** marked the 49th anniversary of General Ziaul Haq's military coup, declaring **"July 5, 1977, will forever be remembered as a dark scar on Pakistan's democratic spirit"**. He said the coup was not merely the overthrow of the country's first elected government but **"an attack on the people's fundamental right to determine their future through the power of the vote."** Paying tribute to **Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Benazir Bhutto and PPP workers**, Bilawal praised their resilience against dictatorship. (*The Express Tribune*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Balochistan threatens legal action over water cuts** — The **Balochistan government** is weighing legal proceedings against **Sindh** over what it calls unfair canal water distribution. Officials say the province is receiving **46% less than its allocated share**, despite improved river flows. Superintending Engineer **Mudassar Khoso** reported that Balochistan is getting only **0.365 MAF against 0.678 MAF**, with major shortfalls at RD-109 and RD-102. Provincial Minister **Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani** accused Sindh's irrigation department of continuing deductions despite

assurances, vowing Balochistan will not allow further violations of its water rights. (*The Express Tribune*, [05 July 2026](#))

- ◆ **Reconstruction pledged for Sikh Dharamsala in Sheikhpura** — Prime Minister's Coordinator for the **National Paigham-e-Aman Committee** **Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi** announced the restoration of the **125-year-old Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Sahib** after a wall collapse and illegal demolition attempt. Touring the site with Sikh community members and interfaith leaders, Ashrafi assured protection, stressing **“no one has the right to insult someone's sect, religion, place of worship, or sacred artefacts.”** The committee vowed no encroachment or change of ownership of religious sites, rejecting Indian propaganda and affirming Sikh control. (*The Express Tribune*, [04 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Negligence claims after tragic manhole deaths** — In Punjab's **Chishtian**, two sanitary workers died of suffocation from toxic gases while cleaning a manhole, and a third remains critical. Families alleged **Rescue 1122's delayed response** and accused municipal officials of failing to provide safety gear. Rescue officials countered that immediate entry without precautions would have endangered their personnel. The **Municipal Committee suspended its sanitary incharge** pending inquiry, while **Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz** ordered a report. The incident underscores persistent safety lapses in sanitation work. (*Dawn*, [05 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Millions denied classrooms despite promises** — A Civil Services Academy (CSA) review finds **over 25 million Pakistani children remain out of school**, making Pakistan the world's second-largest out-of-school population. The crisis stems not from policy gaps but **“repeated failure to act on well-known solutions”**, with weak governance, poor financing and provincial disparities widening. Punjab struggles with retention, Sindh faces bottlenecks beyond primary, KP lacks female teachers, and Balochistan suffers from ghost schools and vast distances. Experts **Dr Abdul Hameed** and **Dr Faisal Bari** stress poverty, disability and lack of prioritisation as key drivers. (*The News*, 06 July 2026)
- ◆ **Safeguarding Taxila's heritage** — This editorial stresses that **Taxila is “one of South Asia's greatest archaeological landscapes”**, yet its authenticity is now under scrutiny. UNESCO has warned that recent work at Mohra Moradu and Sirkap may have crossed from conservation into reconstruction, risking placement on the **World Heritage in Danger list**. The Punjab archaeology department disputes this, but the editorial urges Pakistan to act with urgency: share records, pause further work, invite independent experts and reverse damaging interventions. **“Taxila's past cannot be rebuilt once it has been overwritten.”** (*Dawn*, [06 July 2026](#))
- ◆ **Systematic marginalisation of Indian Muslims** — Freelance journalists **Adeela Naureen** and **Waqar K Kauravi** analyse how Hindutva politics since 2014 has entrenched the **“otherisation”** and **“de-nationalisation”** of India's 250 million Muslims. Drawing on sociologist **Professor Tanweer Fazal's** theory, they highlight exclusionary mechanisms such as the **CAA, NRC and SIR**, disenfranchising millions and rendering many stateless. State-sanctioned violence, cow vigilante lynchings, and discriminatory laws like UAPA reinforce Muslims as outsiders. The authors warn that electoral disenfranchisement and demographic targeting amount to a **“slow-motion legal genocide”**, deepening fear and marginalisation. (*The Nation*, [04 July 2026](#))



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