

DAILY PAKISTAN WATCH

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Security

- ◆ **Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Türkiye Deepen Collective Defence Cooperation** — Military chiefs from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Türkiye met in Riyadh under the **Makkah Joint Defence Agreement (MJDA)** to address regional security challenges following escalating Houthi attacks on the Kingdom. **The participants condemned attacks on Makkah, civilian targets and economic infrastructure, while reaffirming their commitment to the security, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Saudi Arabia.** The three countries discussed enhancing intelligence sharing, military coordination and capability integration to strengthen deterrence and collective defence. The meeting followed consultations among the three nations' foreign ministers on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. **The military leaders pledged to “immediately translate the commitments of the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement into effective military cooperation”.** Turkish Parliament Speaker **Numan Kurtulmus** suggested the pact could eventually expand to include other Muslim states, including Iran. (*The News*, [26 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan Repels Border Incursion, Claims 13 Afghan Taliban Fatalities** — Pakistan's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting stated that security forces thwarted an attempted Afghan Taliban aggression in the Gulistan sector along the Pak-Afghan border on the night of 24-25 September. **According to the ministry, at least 13 Afghan Taliban personnel were killed and several others injured during the engagement and subsequent retaliatory action against Taliban posts.** Islamabad rejected as “fake and fabricated” Kabul's claim that a Pakistani post near Spin Boldak had been destroyed and that Afghan forces suffered no casualties. The incident follows Pakistan's recent military response to alleged drone incursions from Afghanistan. **Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said Pakistan conducted precision air and drone strikes at 10 locations in Afghanistan in response to the attacks.** Security sources further reported that eight drones entering Pakistani airspace were intercepted and shot down. (*The News*, [26 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **Security Forces Intensify Balochistan Counterterrorism Operations** — Pakistan's military media wing, the **Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR)**, stated that security forces killed **33 terrorists in separate counterterrorism operations in Balochistan between 21 and 26 September.** According to the ISPR, 22 terrorists were killed during continued actions under **Operation Shaban**, including five during a raid on terrorist hideouts following an intense exchange of fire. Weapons, ammunition and explosives were recovered, while clearance operations remained underway. In a separate intelligence-based operation in **Nushki district**, security forces engaged a terrorist hideout and killed 11 terrorists. **The ISPR said the operations formed part of the ongoing counterterrorism campaign under “Azm-e-Istehkam”, aimed at eliminating “foreign-sponsored and supported terrorism” from Pakistan.** (*The Nation*, [26 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Suicide Bombing in Dera Ismail Khan Claims 12 Lives** — A powerful suicide blast targeting the **Aman Mela joint check post** in the Darazinda area of Dera Ismail Khan killed **12 people, including a Customs official, and injured 35 others**. According to **Regional Police Officer Ghulam Mubashir Maken**, the victims were civilians, including women and a child, while no Pakistan Army or police personnel were among the deceased. Initial reports indicated that an explosive-laden tractor trolley was rammed into the check post, causing extensive destruction to the facility and a nearby house. **Rescue officials further reported that terrorists targeted a Rescue 1122 ambulance transporting injured civilians, resulting in the death of rescue workers**. President **Asif Ali Zardari** and Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** condemned the attack and reaffirmed their commitment to combating terrorism. (*The Nation*, [27 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **Dera Bugti Clash Leaves Eight Terrorists Dead** — According to police officials, **eight terrorists were killed and seven others arrested** following a clash between armed attackers and the **Bugti Peace Force**, a pro-government tribal militia, in the Loti area of Dera Bugti district. The confrontation began after armed men reportedly attacked the residence of District Council Chairman **Ghulam Nabi Shambani** and a gas company camp, leading to an exchange of fire involving heavy weapons. **One peace force member, Fazal Khan, was also killed and three others were injured during the fighting**. In related incidents in Khuzdar district, tribal leader **Sardar Ghulam Nabi Siyahpad** was shot dead by unidentified attackers, while the residence of **Sardar Muhammad Aslam Bizenjo**, a National Party leader and former provincial minister, came under fire, injuring a security guard. (*Dawn*, [27 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **Security Forces Report Major Gains in Balochistan Counterterrorism Operations** — The **Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR)** stated that security forces have killed **more than 71 militants in Balochistan over the past four days** during Operation Shaban and related operations. According to the military, 33 militants were killed in the Shaban area of Quetta district, while additional operations in Noshki and Mand resulted in further casualties and the recovery of weapons and ammunition. **The ISPR said the operations had cleared large areas and reduced threats to local communities, with clearance activities continuing until the complete neutralisation of militant networks**. Separately, Pakistan's Ministry of Information rejected Afghanistan's allegations linking Pakistani forces to reported violence in Nuristan, describing the claims as "baseless" and calling on the Afghan authorities to act against militant groups operating from their territory. **Islamabad reiterated its commitment to combating terrorism and maintaining regional stability**. (*Dawn*, [28 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **KP Chief Minister Calls for Greater Provincial Role in Counterterrorism Policy** — During a visit to victims of the recent Dera Ismail Khan bombing, **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi** urged the federal government to include the province's input in national counterterrorism policymaking, arguing that security strategies should reflect ground realities. Accompanied by former chief minister **Ali Amin Gandapur**, he said KP had repeatedly warned about the deteriorating security situation and was bearing the brunt of militant violence. **Afridi claimed the provincial government had allocated additional funds for police modernisation and security, but was still awaiting the delivery of armoured personnel carriers and other equipment from federal authorities**. He stressed that "peace cannot be established without taking the people of KP into confidence" and called for closer coordination between Islamabad and Peshawar. **The**

chief minister also announced support packages for families of terrorism victims. (*Dawn*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Security Forces Neutralise Commander in Lakki Marwat Raid** — A joint operation by police and Counter-Terrorism Department personnel in Lakki Marwat's Abdulkhel area resulted in the killing of a wanted terrorist commander named Manzoor. The raid followed a Saturday terrorist attack that left three villagers dead and three injured. Following hours of exchange of fire in the mountainous terrain, security forces eliminated the commander, while a search for his accomplices continues. In separate incidents, a terrorist quadcopter dropped a payload on a house in Bittani subdivision, causing partial damage with no casualties, and a robber was killed during a shootout with police on Hayatkhel Road. (*Dawn*, [28 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **Pakistan Navy Enhances Undersea Deterrence With Hangor-Class Submarine Test** — The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) announced that the Pakistan Navy's newly inducted PNS/M Hangor successfully carried out its maiden live weapon firing in the North Arabian Sea. During the exercise, the submarine launched an anti-ship cruise missile that struck its designated target with precision at extended range. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf, who witnessed the firing, praised the submarine's combat capabilities and stressed the importance of strengthening subsurface warfare readiness and maintaining credible maritime deterrence. PNS/M Hangor is the first of eight Hangor-class submarines being acquired from China under the Pakistan Navy's fleet modernisation programme. The submarine is equipped with advanced combat systems, Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) technology and enhanced stealth capabilities. (*The Nation*, [28 September 2026](#))

Economy

- ◆ **Pakistan Reaffirms Support for China's Global Development Vision** — Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to China's Global Development Initiative (GDI) while addressing a high-level meeting hosted by Chinese Vice President Han Zheng on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York. He described the GDI as a vital platform for promoting solidarity, South-South cooperation and sustainable development, and praised Chinese President Xi Jinping for launching the initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic. Shehbaz Sharif stated that Pakistan would deepen cooperation under the GDI, alongside collaboration through the Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which is entering its second phase. He also called for stronger multilateral cooperation to address development challenges. Several diplomats, academics and political figures praised the Prime Minister's UNGA address for effectively presenting Pakistan's positions on regional and international issues. (*The Nation*, [27 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **China Remains Leading Foreign Investor in Pakistan** — According to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) data, China remained Pakistan's largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI), with net Chinese FDI reaching \$176.2 million during July-August FY2026-27. Net inflows from China increased from \$63.2 million in July to \$113 million in August, accounting for around 35.8 per cent of Pakistan's total net FDI for that month. China's cumulative investment represented approximately 35.6 per cent of Pakistan's total net FDI of \$494.5 million during the first two

months of the fiscal year. The figure was \$55.5 million higher than the corresponding period of FY2025-26, reflecting an increase of about 46 per cent. Overall, Pakistan's net FDI rose to \$494.5 million during July-August FY2026-27, compared with \$398.6 million a year earlier. (*Daily Times*, [27 September 2026](#))

◆ **IMF Review Talks Begin as Pakistan Seeks Next \$1.2 Billion Tranche** — Formal negotiations between Pakistan and an **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** mission have commenced for the **fourth review of the \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF)** and the third review of the Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF). **If the reviews are successfully completed, Pakistan could receive approximately \$1 billion under the EFF and a further \$200 million under the RSF, bringing total potential disbursements to \$1.2 billion by late 2026.** The IMF mission, led by **Iva Petrova**, is expected to remain in Pakistan for nearly two weeks. Separately, **Adviser to the Finance Minister Khurram Schehzad** clarified that the government is neither purchasing aircraft for the privatised PIA nor providing sovereign guarantees for such acquisitions, describing discussions with the US Exim Bank as part of broader economic cooperation covering aviation, refinery upgrades and the Reko Diq project. (*Dawn*, [28 September 2026](#))

◆ **Pakistan's Trade Deficit With Gulf States Continues to Expand** — Pakistan's trade deficit with **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)** countries widened by **2.61 per cent to \$3.45 billion during July-August FY2026-27**, as imports from the region grew faster than exports. Export earnings to the Gulf rose by 7.4 per cent to \$550 million, supported by increased sales to Jordan, the UAE and Oman, while exports to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain declined. **Imports from key Gulf partners, particularly Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, recorded strong growth, reflecting Pakistan's continued dependence on energy imports.** The UAE remained Pakistan's largest Gulf export destination, with exports rising 13.6 per cent and imports falling slightly, helping narrow the bilateral trade gap. **The report noted that regional instability and disruptions to Middle Eastern trade routes have contributed to growing external vulnerabilities for Pakistan.** (*Dawn*, [27 September 2026](#))

Foreign Policy

◆ **Aga Khan and PM Shehbaz Reaffirm Partnership for Development and Peace** — Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** met **Prince Rahim Aga Khan V** on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, where both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening long-standing ties between Pakistan and the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). The Prime Minister praised the Ismaili community's contributions to Pakistan's socio-economic development, including work in financial inclusion, tourism, cultural preservation and community empowerment. **Prince Rahim Aga Khan V lauded the Prime Minister's efforts towards "regional peace and stability" at a time when the region faces significant conflict, and reaffirmed his commitment to deepening cooperation with Pakistan.** Separately, PM Shehbaz highlighted investment opportunities in agriculture, minerals, IT, artificial intelligence, ports and shipping, while emphasising economic reforms and improving Pakistan-US relations. (*The Nation*, [26 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Pakistan Rebuts India's UNGA Remarks, Raises Kashmir and Terrorism Concerns** — Speaking in a right of reply at the United Nations General Assembly, **Pakistan's Counsellor Saima Saleem** rejected India's criticism of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's UNGA address and accused New Delhi of pursuing propaganda, sponsoring terrorism and undermining regional stability. **Saleem stated that Pakistan had suffered heavily from terrorism and alleged that "India's terrorist exports have gone from regional to global", citing cases involving alleged Indian links to militant and assassination plots.** She also challenged India's position on Jammu and Kashmir, describing it as an internationally recognised dispute and calling for the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination. Additionally, she criticised India's handling of the **Indus Waters Treaty** and accused the ruling **RSS-BJP** establishment of institutionalising Hindutva ideology. **Saleem maintained that Pakistan remains committed to dialogue, peaceful dispute resolution and regional peace.** (*The Nation*, [27 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Pakistan Rejects Afghan Allegations Over Nuristan Violence** — Pakistan's **Ministry of Information** rejected allegations by the Afghan Taliban authorities linking Pakistani security forces and intelligence agencies to clashes in Afghanistan's **Nuristan province**, describing the claims as "frivolous, baseless and fabricated". The ministry stated that **no evidence, identities, documents, communications or independent verification had been provided to substantiate the accusations** and dismissed related social media footage as unreliable. Islamabad urged Kabul to take "credible and verifiable action" against militant organisations operating from Afghan territory and to fulfil its commitment that Afghan soil would not be used for terrorism against other countries. **The statement further argued that the presence of terrorist groups inside Afghanistan has been documented by international organisations and that responsibility for internal security challenges should not be shifted through unsubstantiated allegations.** (*The Nation*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Pakistan Launches SCO Chairmanship With Coordinators' Meeting in Islamabad** — Pakistan is hosting the first meeting of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of National Coordinators (CNC)** under its 2026-27 chairmanship in Islamabad from 28 to 30 September. The three-day session will bring together national coordinators from SCO member states and representatives of the SCO Secretariat to discuss cooperation priorities, upcoming meetings and activities under Pakistan's leadership. **The meeting is expected to serve as an important preparatory step for the SCO Council of Heads of State summit, which Pakistan will host in August 2027.** According to the Foreign Office, Pakistan's chairmanship theme is "**Turning Vision into Action: Connectivity, Innovation and Shared Prosperity**", with a focus on connectivity, economic cooperation, innovation and people-to-people contacts. **The session marks the beginning of Pakistan's efforts to advance the organisation's agenda during its tenure as chair.** (*The Nation*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Kashmiri-American Groups Urge UN Action on Kashmir Dispute** — Kashmiri-American organisations and community members from the New York and Washington areas staged a protest outside the **United Nations headquarters**, coinciding with the address of India's foreign minister to the UN General Assembly. Organised by the **World Kashmir Awareness Forum** and affiliated community groups, the demonstration called on the UN to uphold its resolutions on Kashmir and support the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination. **In a joint statement, the organisers**

argued that allowing India to address the General Assembly despite what they described as human rights violations in Kashmir undermined the suffering of affected communities. Protesters demanded implementation of UN resolutions on Kashmir and greater international attention to the situation in the region. **A memorandum was submitted to UN officials, urging diplomatic efforts towards a peaceful and just resolution of the Kashmir dispute.** (*The Nation*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **US Congressman Highlights Pakistan's Potential Role in Regional Diplomacy** — Congressman **Tom Suozzi**, Chair of the Pakistan Caucus in the US Congress, said Pakistan is among the countries most affected by terrorism and argued that the United States should support Islamabad through **intelligence sharing and other security measures**. Speaking during a meeting with foreign affairs expert **Muhammad Mehdi** in New York, he noted Pakistan's strategic position and suggested it could help bridge regional divides, particularly through its engagement with countries across South Asia and the Middle East. **Suozzi also called for stronger Pakistan-US economic relations, citing Pakistan's young population, natural resources and human capital, and proposed an independent arbitration mechanism to encourage foreign investment.** He further advocated cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts, including sporting links, as a means of easing regional tensions. (*The Nation*, [28 September 2026](#))

Politics, Culture, Etc.

- ◆ **Government Claims PTI Delayed March Due to Weak Public Support** — Speaking at a press conference in Islamabad, **Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar** praised Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif's** address to the United Nations General Assembly, stating that it effectively represented Pakistan's stance on Palestine, Kashmir, Islamophobia and regional peace. He highlighted the Prime Minister's support for Palestinian relief efforts and his warning that any attempt to obstruct Pakistan's water rights under the Indus Waters Treaty would be treated as an act of war. **Commenting on domestic politics, Attaullah Tarar alleged that the PTI postponed its planned long march because it had "failed to mobilise people" and had lost political credibility.** He also criticised the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government over law and order and reaffirmed the government's commitment to eliminating terrorism. (*The Nation*, [27 September 2026](#))
- ◆ **AJK Poll Dispute Exposes Strains Within Federal Coalition** — Political tensions between the **Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)** and the **Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)** have intensified following the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) elections, with the PPP alleging electoral rigging and claiming its mandate was undermined, while the PML-N rejected the accusations and defended the results. **The dispute deepened as both coalition partners fielded rival candidates for the offices of AJK president and prime minister, with PML-N candidates Dr Najeeb Naqi and Iftikhar Gilani securing victories.** Despite the friction, senior leaders from both parties are reportedly maintaining dialogue to prevent the disagreement from destabilising the federal coalition. **A senior PPP leader remarked, "The alliance is intact (so far) but fractured," underscoring growing unease within the partnership.** The widening rift has also created opportunities for opposition parties to exert greater pressure on the government. (*The Nation*, [27 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **PM Seeks Dialogue With Opposition Amid Political Uncertainty** — Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** invited **Leader of the Opposition Mehmood Achakzai** for direct talks following the opposition's decision to postpone its planned long march, in what was seen as an effort to promote political stability. According to sources close to the Prime Minister, the invitation was extended but no response had yet been received from the opposition leader. **The development comes as consultations are also required between the Prime Minister and the opposition leader on the appointment of a new Chief Election Commissioner under Article 213(2A) of the Constitution.** National Assembly Speaker **Sardar Ayaz Sadiq** had earlier urged both sides to engage in dialogue on the matter. **The invitation signals the government's preference for political engagement and consensus-building despite ongoing tensions with the opposition.** (*Dawn*, [26 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Reko Diq Scholarship Programme Supports Chagai Students' Higher Education** — The **Reko Diq Mining Company (RDMC)** awarded fully funded scholarships to **55 students from Chagai district** to attend the Foundation Programme at the **Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Sukkur**. The recipients form the second cohort of the RDMC Scholarship Programme, which aims to strengthen the academic preparedness of intermediate students and support their admission to leading universities across Pakistan. **RDMC General Manager Ryan Mitchell** congratulated the students and urged them to use their education to contribute to the development and prosperity of their communities. **RDMC Sustainability Manager Stephen Herb** highlighted the role of education in building resilient communities, while company officials described the initiative as an investment in the talent and future of Chagai's youth. (*Dawn*, [26 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Balochistan Launches First Urban Mass Transit Rail Service** — Balochistan has completed its first mass transit project, the **Jinnah Peoples Train**, which is set to begin operations in Quetta. The project involved the upgrading of a **32-kilometre railway track between Kuchlak and Sariab Railway Station** and was completed in a reported 120 days at a cost of Rs3 billion. The route includes seven stations and is expected to provide affordable and reliable transport for thousands of passengers daily. **Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti** said the service would ease commuting for students, employees, traders and other residents by reducing travel time and costs. He described the initiative as a major step towards modernising public transport and improving urban infrastructure. **The train is expected to significantly enhance transport connectivity in Quetta and its surrounding areas.** (*Dawn*, [26 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Diamer-Bhasha Dam Advances With Key Construction Breakthrough** — The **Diamer-Bhasha Dam Project** achieved a significant construction milestone with the formal commencement of the extraction and transportation of **pozzolan material from Gini in Diamer district**. The material will be processed for use in Roller-Compacted Concrete (RCC), paving the way for the start of RCC placement in the main dam structure. **The development follows coordinated efforts by Wapda and the Gilgit-Baltistan administration to complete the necessary arrangements for the work.** During a visit to the site, officials including **Commissioner Diamer-Astore Division Azim Ullah** and **CEO Diamer Bhasha Development Company Dr Nazakat Hussain** reaffirmed their commitment to accelerating construction. **Local elders and religious leaders described the dam as crucial for the socio-economic development of the region and pledged support for its timely completion.** (*Dawn*, [26 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Pakistan Faces Significant Rabi Water Shortfall Amid Low Reservoir Levels** — Pakistan is expected to face a **water shortage of around 25 per cent during the upcoming Rabi season**, raising concerns about agricultural output and food security, particularly for the wheat crop. Reservoir carryover storage has fallen below **9.5 million acre-feet (MAF)**, the lowest level since 2021, compared with 13 MAF at the start of the previous Rabi season. **The Indus River System Authority (Irsa)** is set to finalise water availability estimates and provincial allocations, while the anticipated shortage may reignite disputes between Sindh and Punjab over water distribution. The report notes that Pakistan already faced an estimated wheat shortfall last season despite adequate water supplies. **Officials and experts fear reduced water availability could place additional pressure on agricultural production in 2026-27.** (*Dawn*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Bhimber Development Review** — Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Iftikhar Gillani is scheduled to make his first official visit to Bhimber to review ongoing regional development and public welfare infrastructure projects. Invited by AJK Legislative Assembly Speaker Chaudhry Tariq Farooq, the prime minister will inspect the under-construction Daanish School and the Chinar Free Dialysis Centre at the district headquarters hospital. **Speaker Farooq stated that development activity in the area will be revived under a new 100-day programme focusing on education, healthcare, infrastructure, and tourism.** Additionally, measures are being planned to make the local technical college fully functional and resolve urban traffic issues. (*Dawn*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Chilas Shooting Incident** — A Gilgit-Baltistan Scouts soldier and two police personnel sustained injuries in a gun attack on their patrol vehicle near Sher Nallah along the **Karakoram Highway in Diamer district**. According to the Chief Minister Secretariat, the vehicle came under fire from the mountainside late Sunday evening, prompting security personnel to be rushed to hospital for medical treatment. **Chief Minister Amjad Hussain strongly condemned the incident, stating that attacks on security personnel challenge state authority and will not be tolerated.** He ordered an immediate investigation, directing law enforcement agencies to track down and arrest the attackers using all available resources. (*Dawn*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Sindh Flood-Fighting Bill Controversy** — The Sindh Irrigation Department has sought chief minister approval for over Rs770 million in liabilities for emergency protection works carried out during "Flood Fighting 2025", despite the province experiencing no major flood emergency that year. While officials defended the spending by citing surging input costs following the Composite Schedule of Rates 2024, sources and agriculture representatives alleged that several projects were overstated or never executed. **Mir Abdul Karim Talpur, Secretary Information of the Sindh Chamber of Agriculture, called for an independent third-party audit utilising satellite imagery to verify the claimed expenditures.** Additionally, Sindh Agriculture Board Chairman Mahmood Nawaz Shah criticised poor irrigation governance, widespread infrastructure deterioration, and inequitable water distribution affecting tail-end farmers. (*The Express Tribune*, [28 September 2026](#))

- ◆ **Christian Cemetery Land Inquiry** — Following an inquiry by the Senate Standing Committee on Minorities Affairs into the alleged disappearance of Christian cemetery land in Rawalpindi and Islamabad, strict departmental action has been initiated. Authorities have dismissed a clerk from service and issued notices to former Roman Catholic Christian Cooperative Society president

Tariq Sultan and Assistant Registrar Sehar Fatima, directing them to appear in court. **The complaints involve serious allegations, including the construction of a three-storey house on cemetery land, illegal plot transfer fees, fund embezzlement, and the issuance of a plaza construction NOC.** Meanwhile, Section Officer Fayyaz Ahmed has ordered the Registrar Cooperative Societies Punjab to complete a thorough inquiry and submit a report within seven days. (*The Express Tribune*, [28 September 2026](#))



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