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## **Political Developments**

### **Four cops injured in attack near Babusar Top**

*The Dawn, 1 September 2025*

At least four police personnel were injured when militants attacked a patrol van near Babusar Top, within the jurisdiction of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, officials told Dawn on Sunday night.

According to details, one of the injured personnel is said to be in critical condition.

According to police, the attack occurred at around 9:30pm in the Gatidas area, which lies at the boundary between Diamer district of Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. A preliminary report from the Naraan Police Station in KP stated that their personnel were on patrol near Babusar Top when assailants opened fire on their van.

Diamer SSP Abdul Hameed told Dawn that the incident took place within KP's jurisdiction. He said that Diamer police personnel stationed at the Babusar Top checkpoint were the first to respond, informing KP authorities and rescuing the injured, who were later shifted to Naraan. One of the officers reportedly sustained head injuries and remains in critical condition.

This attack follows another deadly assault two days earlier, in which two GB Scouts personnel were martyred and another injured in a terrorist attack on a security checkpoint along the

Karakoram Highway in Hudur, Chilas (Diamer district). According to GB Home Minister Shams Lone, the GB Scouts checkpoint had been established on December 2, 2023, in response to a previous firing incident on a passenger bus that left nine dead and 21 injured.

The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which claimed responsibility for the earlier attack, also claimed the latest ambush on the KP police van. SSP Diamer Abdul Hameed confirmed that the TTP had officially claimed responsibility for the Chilas attack.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1938831/four-cops-injured-in-attack-near-babusar-top>

### **Flood survivors in Ghizer face mental health crisis**

*Dawn, 1 September 2025*

Flood-affected communities in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), particularly in Ghizer district, are facing a growing mental health crisis, prompting the regional government to plan psychological rehabilitation efforts in the disaster-hit areas.

According to mental health professionals, a rising number of individuals from flood-affected regions have reported trauma-related psychological issues, highlighting the urgent need for post-disaster mental health support.

Israruddin Israr, a social activist from Ghizer and the regional coordinator for the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, told Dawn that mental health

issues have been widely reported in areas severely affected by recent floods. "The suicide rate in Ghizer is concerning and may be linked to trauma from past disasters," he said.

Experts note that displacement and direct exposure to disasters often result in psychological stress and trauma. Mr Israr cited findings from a study conducted in Bubar Valley, devastated by floods in 2022, where many children began exhibiting symptoms of trauma whenever it rained. "They would cry and be unable to sleep, haunted by the memory of the disaster," he explained.

Mental health symptoms often emerge weeks after the initial disaster, and Mr Israr pointed out that the government has historically failed to prioritise mental rehabilitation for affected populations. During the recent floods, around 5,000 people were displaced in Ghizer alone. Many of them are now showing signs of psychological distress.

The GB government has acknowledged the problem, noting that flood victims — particularly children, women, and the elderly — are suffering from serious psychological challenges as a result of the disaster. To address these issues, a high-level meeting, chaired by Additional Secretary for Social Welfare Arif Tahseen, decided to devise a coordinated strategy for psychological rehabilitation in flood-hit areas.

The additional secretary noted that the recent floods had caused not only physical and economic devastation but

also deep emotional and psychological damage.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1938833/flood-survivors-in-ghizer-face-mental-health-crisis>

#### **4th death anniversary: Bhat pays glowing tribute to Geelani**

*The Express Tribune, 1 September 2025*

Senior Hurriyat leader and Jammu Kashmir Salvation Movement (JKSM) Chairman Altaf Ahmed Bhat has paid rich tribute to legendary Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani at his 4th death anniversary, saluting his lifelong struggle and unwavering stand for the freedom of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bhat said Geelani's entire life was devoted to the cause of Kashmir's liberation and its destined annexation with Pakistan, which he viewed as the completion of the unfinished agenda of Partition.

"Geelani's slogan 'Hum Pakistani hain aur Pakistan hamara hai,' continues to inspire and strengthen the spirit of resistance among the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said in a statement. Describing him as an embodiment of Kashmiri resistance, Bhat added that Geelani was more than a political figure.

"For decades, he endured imprisonment, house arrests, and relentless persecution, yet never once wavered from his principle of standing with Pakistan and demanding the right of self-determination for his people," he said.

He said Geelani's speeches, writings, and sacrifices ignited a consciousness that still fuels the Kashmiri movement today. Even in the face of severe restrictions during his last years, Geelani remained a symbol of courage, integrity, and an uncompromising voice for freedom, he added.

Highlighting the present political moment, Bhat stressed that after Pakistan's recent victory in May's conflict with India, Islamabad must accelerate its diplomatic efforts and seize the opportunity once provided by US President Donald Trump for mediation on the Kashmir dispute. He said the inclusion of key Kashmiri leadership in such talks is vital, as no solution is possible without the genuine representatives of the people.

Bhat strongly condemned the continued imprisonment of senior leaders including Yasin Malik, Shabbir Ahmed Shah, Dr Abdul Hameed Fayyaz, Masarat Alam Bhat, Asiya Andrabi, Zaffar Akbar Bhat and others.

He said these towering leaders of the Kashmiri freedom struggle are being subjected to detention and denial of medical care, which has pushed many of them into serious health crises.

He particularly noted that the Indian government's intent to convert Yasin Malik's life imprisonment into a death sentence inside jail is nothing short of a political assassination. Such actions, he warned, amount to a grave humanitarian tragedy, and must be condemned by the international

community. Bhat demanded the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, stressing that their freedom is essential for any meaningful and credible peace process.

Reaffirming Geelani's vision, Bhat urged the UN to intervene and fulfill its long-standing commitment of granting Kashmiris their right to self-determination.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2564397/4th-death-anniversary-bhat-pays-glowing-tribute-to-geelani>

### **Neelum-Jhelum project 'a failure of planning, execution'**

*Dawn, 3 September 2025*

The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has declared the Rs507 billion Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project a failure in terms of objectives, planning and execution, saying it neither secured Pakistan's water rights nor delivered the designed energy output, as its multiple tunnel faults and collapses have raised serious questions about the quality of work on a project of national importance.

In its performance audit report for 2022-23, submitted to the president and parliament, the AGP noted that the findings did not even include the major collapse of the headrace tunnel last year, which has kept the project shut. The report was finalised based on responses from Wapda's management to audit objections. According to the report, the project faced considerable delays despite the provision of tunnel boring machines (TBMs) meant to

speed up excavation, mainly due to design changes.

“The project could not reap envisaged benefits of generation of planned electricity, establishment of water rights over Neelum River, selling of carbon credits under CDM, and completion of mitigation measures to safeguard the environment,” the AGP said.

Although the first unit was commissioned in 2018, contractors failed to complete pending punch list items, fulfil contractual obligations, or supply spare parts needed for smooth operation. “The major collapse in the tailrace tunnel (TRT) of the powerhouse just a few years after construction also casts doubt on the quality of design and works,” it added.

The report recalled that Wapda was to execute the project in line with the original PC-I, approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (EcneC) in December 1989 at a cost of Rs15.012bn. After three intermediate revisions, EcneC approved the fourth revised PC-I in May 2018 at Rs506.808bn, against which Rs423.446bn had been spent up to June 2023.

The project was delayed by almost eight years, raising its cost from Rs84.502bn (first revised PC-I) to Rs419.454bn, a cost overrun of Rs334.952bn. The AGP said the project was not executed efficiently as resources were poorly managed and timelines under PC-I were ignored.

Contractual issues also remained unresolved due to contractors’ delays.

On its effectiveness, the audit concluded the project failed to deliver its objectives of cheap electricity and securing water rights over the Neelum River. The TRT collapse forced the powerhouse to remain shut until March 2023, leading to massive generation losses and worsening load shedding. “Neither the envisaged benefits of generating 5,150GWh annually were achieved nor water rights over the Neelum River established, particularly after Pakistan lost the Kishenganga case in the International Court of Arbitration,” the report noted.

The four generating units came online between July and December 2018. Funding was arranged through cash development loans from the federal government, Wapda’s own equity, the Neelum-Jhelum surcharge on electricity consumers, and local and foreign loans. The audit was conducted under INTOSAI Auditing Standards, Performance Audit Manual, and relevant rules.

Key audit findings included failure to generate the planned 5,150GWh annually, failure to establish water rights on the Neelum/Kishenganga, a nine-year time overrun, and a cost overrun of Rs338.944bn. Other serious lapses cited were an increase in the project’s payback period from five to 12 years, non-realisation of \$50.133m in revenue under the Clean Development



Mechanism, reduced annual generation, and environmental damage due to poor studies at the planning stage worth Rs3.05bn.

The report also highlighted Rs70.44bn in lost revenue due to non-approval of reference tariff by Nepra, Rs20.387bn in generation losses from the TRT collapse without inquiry, unjustified excess payment of Rs1.78bn to contractors without verifying raw stone aggregate quantities, non-recovery of costs for unexecuted telecom works and advance payments for an 11kV overhead line, undue benefits to contractors due to non-reinstatement of spoil deposits, non-indemnification of a Rs42bn insurance claim for the TRT collapse, and non-supply of spare parts and failure to execute punch list items by contractors.

The AGP concluded that the Neelum-Jhelum project fell short on nearly every planned objective, leaving behind massive financial losses, unresolved contractual disputes, and serious structural flaws.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1939326/neelum-jhelum-project-a-failure-of-planning-execution>

### **Five army personnel including two majors martyred in helicopter crash**

*The Express Tribune, 1 September 2025*

Five Pakistan Army personnel, including two majors, were martyred when an Army Aviation helicopter crashed in Hudar, Diamer district of Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B), the military's media wing said on Monday.

According to the statement, the MI-17 helicopter was on a routine training flight when it developed a technical problem. Crew members, martyred in the crash, included Pilot in Command Major Atif, Co-pilot Major Faisal, Naib Subedar Flight Engineer Maqbool, Crew Chief Hav Jahangir, and Crew Chief Naik Amir.

The ISPR statement further mentioned, "Training missions are part of routine activities of Army Aviation to maintain operational readiness for performing tasks varying from operational support to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief." President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have expressed deep grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of officers and soldiers in helicopter crash. In their separate messages, the president and prime minister prayed for high ranks of the martyred crew members and heartfelt condolences to the families.

The Chief Minister of G-B Haji Gulbar Khan, also expressed sorrow over the incident and rushed the authorities to the crash site. A government spokesperson Faizullah Faraq said, district administration, local authorities, Commander FCNA, DG G-B Scouts, and Commissioner Diamer reached the crash site immediately.

Faraq noted that this helicopter was occasionally used in relief operations. Emergency measures have been implemented at Chilas Hospital. The government has directed all doctors and medical staff to ensure their

presence at the hospital to handle emergencies. The incident has raised serious concerns about aviation safety in the mountainous region, where challenging terrain and technical faults pose recurring risks.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2564408/government-helicopter-crashes-near-chilas>

### **Kidnapped woman polio vaccinator found killed in 'AJK'**

*Dawn, 3 September 2025*

A woman polio vaccinator, who had been kidnapped a few days ago from Gojra, was found killed in Bagh area of 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK). Reports said Shaarish Bibi of Chak 283-JB, had been called to a meeting at the Gojra Health Office by her team in-charge, Muhammad Saqib.

According to the first information report registered by her brother Qaiser Iqbal at the Gojra Saddar police station, she was allegedly abducted by Saqib and his accomplice, Muzammal. Bagh police later informed Gojra police that her body had been recovered from their area.

On Tuesday, Gojra police brought her body back and shifted it to Gojra Hospital for a post-mortem examination. Her brother claims that she was poisoned to death. Police have launched raids to arrest both suspects.

Two young men were also murdered in a targeted attack near Chak 276 JB Dandewal, Faisalabad. According to Thikriwala police, victims Rana Ihsan Sardar (30) and his brother-in-law Rana

Amer Latif (32) were traveling by a motorcycle from Chak 275 JB Painsara to Chak 336 JB when they were ambushed by their rivals, Sikandar Akbar and Asif Maqbool. The assailants, following them in a car, opened indiscriminate fire with automatic weapons.

Sources said Ihsan Sardar had previously been jailed in connection with the murder of Sikandar Akbar's brother and was released recently.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1939258/kidnapped-woman-polio-vaccinator-found-killed-in-ajk>

### **Record \$370,000 Astore Markhor Trophy Hunting Permit Auctioned in Gilgit-Baltistan**

*Pamir Times, 3 September 2025*

A trophy hunting permit for the prized Astore markhor has been auctioned for a record \$370,000 at the annual bidding session of the Gilgit-Baltistan Wildlife and Parks Department, held at the Forest, Parks & Wildlife Complex in Gilgit.

This year's auction offered permits for 118 animals, including four Astore markhors, 100 Himalayan ibexes, and 14 blue sheep. The highest bid was placed by Raja Farhad Maqpoon of Shikar Safari, who secured the Nanga Parbat Conservancy permit. The remaining three Astore markhor permits fetched \$286,000, \$270,000, and \$240,000.

Permits for blue sheep and ibex also drew keen interest. Muhammad Ali Nagri of Markhor Safaris won the blue



sheep permit for \$40,000 and the Himalayan ibex permit for \$13,000.

### **Revised Base Prices**

For the current season, the Wildlife Department raised the minimum rates as follows:

Astore markhor: \$200,000 (previously \$150,000)

Blue sheep: \$30,000 (previously \$9,000)

Himalayan ibex: \$10,000 (previously \$5,500)

Officials noted that the revised rates reflect increasing demand for Gilgit-Baltistan's regulated trophy hunting programme, which has gained international recognition for linking conservation with community development.

### **Community and Conservation Benefits**

Introduced in 1990, the programme directs almost 80 per cent of the revenue to local communities for conservation, education, health, and development projects, while the remainder is allocated to wildlife conservation and departmental needs.

<https://pamirtimes.net/2025/09/03/record-370000-astore-markhor-trophy-hunting-permit-auctioned-in-gilgit-baltistan/>

### **Looming Glofs**

*Dawn, 2 September 2025*

THE Met Office's latest high-priority alert for glacial lake outburst floods in Gilgit-Baltistan ought to jolt the

authorities into action. Rising temperatures, well above normal, are accelerating glacier melt, threatening sudden deluges in valleys including Darkut, Hisper, Hopar, Ghundus and Gulkin. For GB's residents, this is more than a forecast: it is a frightening prospect of yet more loss. In recent weeks, a glacier burst in Ghizer district displaced over 3,000 people, destroyed more than 200 houses, and severed critical road links. Entire villages had to flee, saved only by the quick thinking of a shepherd who raised the alarm in time. In Danyor, seven volunteers were buried alive while repairing water channels damaged by earlier floods. Such events have shown that when disaster strikes, ordinary citizens are the first responders, while the state arrives late, if at all. Pakistan has not lacked resources or projects. Donor-backed initiatives such as Glof-II promised early warning systems, resilient infrastructure and community preparedness. Yet, the same mistakes are made every year. Relief is delayed, coordination between agencies is weak, roads and bridges are rebuilt only to collapse with the next flood and local knowledge is sidelined. After each tragedy, officials offer condolences and compensation cheques, but lasting preparedness remains elusive.

This time must be different. Authorities in GB cannot wait for rivers to burst their banks before acting. Evacuation plans should be in place, safe shelters identified and relief supplies stockpiled. Search-and-rescue teams

must also be pre-deployed in vulnerable valleys, ready to move immediately rather than hours later. Communities must be kept informed with timely, clear warnings, not vague advisories. Volunteers need proper training and protective equipment, not reliance on their bravery alone. Infrastructure must be reinforced, not patched up with stopgap fixes. Above all, accountability is essential: funds earmarked for disaster management must be transparently audited and publicly disclosed, so citizens can see whether promises are matched by actual delivery. GB's glaciers will continue to melt given our ever-warming climate. But while Glofs are inevitable, repeated human failures are not. The people of GB deserve more than sympathy after the fact; they deserve a government that takes their peril seriously. If this warning too is allowed to pass without action, it will not be nature alone that is to blame for the devastation to come.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1939072/looming-glofs>

## **Economic Developments**

### **China ready to build upgraded version of CPEC, Xi tells Shehbaz**

*The Nation, 3 September 2025*

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday said that closer ties between China and Pakistan are crucial for safeguarding regional peace and stability. President Xi, during his meeting with visiting Pakistani Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Beijing, said China and Pakistan should work to accelerate the building of an even closer community with a shared future in the new era, aimed at delivering greater benefits to both peoples and setting an example for the wider region, state-run Xinhua News reported.

"China stands ready to work with Pakistan to build upgraded versions of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement," Xi said, hoping Pakistan will take effective measures to ensure the safety of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in Pakistan.

Islamabad said that the Chinese president assured that Beijing will continue to assist Islamabad in all fields as the two countries are set to launch the second phase of the multi-billion-dollar CPEC, according to a statement from Sharif's office.

Pakistan and China on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the iron-clad and all-weather strategic cooperative partnership through enhanced cooperation, reflecting their unique bilateral relationship.

The bilateral ties were discussed in a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People here, wherein they agreed that the relationship between their countries was unique and unparalleled which should be reflected in their enhanced bilateral cooperation. Both

leaders also discussed important regional and global developments and agreed to continue close cooperation between Pakistan and China in this regard.

Prime Minister Shehbaz reaffirmed the desire to continue working closely with China for the successful implementation of the next phase of upgraded China Pakistan Economic Corridor, with its five new corridors. He congratulated President Xi Jinping on the success of the SCO Council of Heads of State Summit in Tianjin and offered his felicitations on the 80th anniversary of World's Anti-Fascist War.

He appreciated China's unflinching support to Pakistan's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and socio-economic development, as well as the significance of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor as a flagship project of President Xi's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to help both countries to build an even stronger Pakistan-China community with a shared future. The prime minister hailed President Xi Jinping's strong commitment to strengthen multilateralism and said Pakistan fully supported President Xi's landmark steps in this regard including the Global Governance Initiative, Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative as well as Global Civilization Initiative.

President Xi said that China would continue to assist Pakistan in all fields of economic growth and development,

especially as the two countries were now ushering in the second Phase of CPEC that would focus on Pakistan's most important economic sectors.

Prime Minister Shehbaz renewed his "most cordial" invitation to President Xi Jinping to undertake an official visit to Pakistan next year, when both countries would celebrate the 75th anniversary of establishment of Pakistan-China diplomatic ties.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/03-Sep-2025/china-ready-to-build-upgraded-version-of-cpec-xi-tells-shehbaz>

### **From Vernacular Urdu Media**

**Peaceful Protest is Every Citizen's Right, We Are Seriously Monitoring the Ongoing Protest at Sost Port: Shams-ul-Haq Lone**

*Urdu Point, 7 September 2025*

Gilgit-Baltistan Home Minister Shams-ul-Haq Lone has stated that the government is closely and seriously monitoring all matters related to the ongoing protest at Sost Port. Peaceful protest is a fundamental right of every citizen; however, a specific group is attempting to hold the port's system hostage and create an anti-state narrative, which will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Speaking at a press conference, the Home Minister said that the government is considering all legitimate demands. For this purpose, a committee comprising provincial ministers, senior ministers, and the

Secretary of Finance has been formed, which will hold a meeting soon. The committee will engage in negotiations with all stakeholders and border authorities and share a Charter of Demands with the federal government.

He stated that the provincial government will make every effort to resolve the issue within a democratic and legal framework to facilitate local traders and ensure the continuity of commercial activities. He emphasized that Sost Port is the backbone of the people of Gilgit-Baltistan, and its functionality and transparency are the government's top priorities.

Lone further stated that no group or mafia will be allowed to hijack the port, nor will the government permit such actions. The trade process will continue in a transparent manner under a legal framework. He added that the government will not tolerate narratives against institutions; however, the government stands with the people for the resolution of their legitimate and legal demands and is committed to resolving issues peacefully.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/daily/livenews/2025-09-08/news-4545762.html>

### **Gilgit-Baltistan Police Imposes Ban on TikTok Use for Officers and Personnel**

*Urdu Point, 8 September 2025*

The Gilgit-Baltistan Police Department has made a significant decision to maintain discipline, uniformity, and

dignity within the force by strictly prohibiting police officers and personnel from using the social media platform TikTok.

According to a circular issued by the office of the Inspector General of Police, Gilgit-Baltistan, all District Police Officers and Unit Heads have been directed to inform their subordinates about this order. The circular clearly states that departmental action will be taken against those who fail to comply with these instructions. It further emphasizes that this measure is essential to uphold the force's dignity and ensure discipline.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/daily/livenews/2025-09-08/news-4545762.html>

### **PTI Terminates Basic Membership of Gilgit-Baltistan Chief Minister and 12 Assembly Members**

*Urdu Point, 7 September 2025*

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has terminated the basic membership of the Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan along with 12 other assembly members. The Additional Secretary General of PTI issued a notification regarding the termination of the party membership of the dissenting Gilgit-Baltistan assembly members. According to the notification, these members are accused of violating party policy, forming a forward bloc, and voting against the party.

PTI stated that the basic membership of Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Gulbar

Khan, Shamsul Haq Lone, Raja Azam, Abdul Hameed, Amjad Zaidi, Haji Shah Baig, Suraya Zaman, and Raja Nasir Maqpoon has been terminated. The notification further states that the membership of Gilgit-Baltistan assembly members Mushtaq Ahmed, Dilshad Bano, and Fazal Rahim has also been revoked. Additionally, a show-cause notice has been issued to former Gilgit-Baltistan Governor Raja Jalal Hussain Maqpoon. The Gilgit-Baltistan members have been prohibited from using the party's name, flag, and designation.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/daily/livenews/2025-09-07/news-4544276.html>

### **Bunyan Marsoos National Badminton Championship Concludes, Chief Secretary 'Azad Kashmir' and GOC Chinar Division Attend as Special Guests**

*Urdu Point, 6 September 2025*

The Bunyan Marsoos National Badminton Championship 2025 concluded in Muzaffarabad, the capital of 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir'. The grand closing ceremony was held at the Sports Complex Jalalabad, attended by Chief Secretary 'Azad Kashmir' Khushhal Khan and General Officer Commanding (GOC) Chinar Division Major General Zarrar Mahmood as special guests.

The event was organized jointly by the 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' Badminton Association, the Department of Sports, Youth and

Culture, and the Pakistan Army. Renowned players across 'Azad Kashmir' participated, showcasing exceptional performances. The special guests also watched the final match.

The closing ceremony was attended by Secretary Forests Ansar Yaqoob, Secretary Sports Tahzeeb-un-Nisa, Secretary Religious Affairs Aamir Mahmood Mirza, Special Secretary Home and President of the Badminton Association Raja Tahir Mumtaz, Chairman TEVTA Naeem Bismal, Director General Sports, Deputy Commissioner, government officials, sports personalities, and a large number of citizens.

During the ceremony, the GOC Chinar Division, Chief Secretary, Secretary Sports, and Special Secretary Home distributed prizes and trophies to the winning teams and players, while special shields were awarded to players who demonstrated outstanding performance. Speaking on the occasion, the GOC Chinar Division praised the organizers for the successful event, stating that he was delighted to witness the talent of 'Azad Kashmir's youth, with all teams showcasing commendable performances.

Major General Zarrar Mahmood emphasized that the Pakistan Army would continue to provide full support for promoting positive activities in the region. He announced a prize of PKR 100,000 for the winning team and PKR 50,000 for the runner-up. Secretary Sports Tahzeeb-un-Nisa expressed



gratitude to the guests for their participation in the closing ceremony.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/daily/livenews/2025-09-06/news-4544209.html>

## **From Social Media**

**JAMIL NAGRI** @jamilnagri

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**Link to the tweet:**

<https://x.com/jamilnagri/status/1963278854342246658>

**WAJAHAT ALI** @wajahatgilgiti

*4 September 2025*

The Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly is being run by remote control, after Friday it will be a spectacle of fervor, Javed Hussain #Gilgitbaltistan

**Link to the video:**

<https://x.com/wajahatgilgiti/status/1963497547621642682>

**PAMIR TIMES** @pamirtimes

*1 September 2025*

Four policemen were injured late Sunday night when unidentified assailants opened fire on a Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police mobile near Gitidas, close to Babusar Top.

According to initial reports, the attack occurred at around 9:25 PM when a police patrolling party had left its post for routine duty. The mobile came under heavy gunfire shortly after reaching the Gitidas area.

The injured personnel have been identified as:

- Constable Ehtsham (B No. 2363)
- Constable Amir, Elite Force (B No. 2830)
- Constable Raja Kashif (B No. 1535)
- Constable Ishfaq (B No. 3125)

All four were evacuated to the Basic Health Unit (BHU) Naran for medical treatment.

Security forces have cordoned off the area, and an investigation is underway to trace the attackers.

This is the second attack on law enforcement personnel in the region. Two days ago, two personnel of GB Scouts were shot dead at Hudur, south of Chilas. #Babusar #Chilas #GilgitBaltistan

**Link to the tweet:**

<https://x.com/pamirtimes/status/1962226137649549378>



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