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# OVERVIEW



This *Policy Pulse* offers a comprehensive snapshot of Pakistan's contemporary governance and policy landscape, presenting a blend of reform directives, socio-economic initiatives, and diplomatic maneuvers. This edition captures a nation at a pivotal juncture, striving to balance structural overhauls with immediate public needs, while treading a complex regional security environment. It serves as both a report card on recent actions and a forward-looking agenda, highlighting the tension between ambitious institutional modernization and the practical challenges of implementation.

The analyses reveal a concerted push toward efficiency and transparency across key sectors. Governance reforms, such as the secure messaging app Beep and Punjab's real-time performance dashboard, emphasize digital transformation. Simultaneously, the market-driven solutions are exemplified by an accelerated privatization of power sector entities. Socio-economically, a strategic shift from aid-dependence to trade and investment is underscored. In international affairs, the analyses assess security threats from Afghan-based militancy and the recalibration of partnerships with the US and regional neighbors.

These insights reflect a clear mandate for public sector practitioners. The written justifications for passenger offloading, following an LHC ruling, translate into immediate procedural changes for the FIA and airlines. Similarly, the call to modernize Karachi's firefighting system links provincial assembly resolutions to urgent budgetary and procurement decisions. The approved Integrated Energy Plan, once operational, will require unprecedented coordination between federal and provincial energy divisions, moving planning from projects to a unified national strategy.

The Policy Nuggets confirm the digitization of Balochistan's land records via the LIMS, while Denmark's partnership for climate-resilient agriculture in Gilgit-Baltistan models how international cooperation can directly bolster local food security. Furthermore, the launch of modern cleanliness systems in Punjab's markets improves public health and Punjab Model Courts demonstrate judicial efficiency. In summary, the *Pulse* underlines Pakistan's path to stability and growth hinges on linking high-level reform commitments with grounded, accountable execution at every tier of government.

**Pakistan is pursuing digital governance, economic reform, and strategic diplomacy, but its progress depends on turning ambitious plans into effective action at all levels of government.**

# GOVERNANCE

## P M calls for expediting privatisation process of Discos, Gencos



PM Shehbaz Sharif directed authorities to fast-track the privatization of power distribution companies (Discos) and generation companies (Gencos), stressing that a competitive electricity market is key to resolving Pakistan's energy crisis. Progress was reviewed on power sector reforms, including reduced line losses, battery energy storage projects, and transmission upgrades. He also underscored quality-driven development of Daanish University with inclusive access nationwide. Separately, he welcomed the SBP's 50-basis-point rate cut as timely support for economic activity and SMEs.

### Analysis:

The push for privatization and market competition reflects a structural reform approach to improve efficiency and reduce losses in the power sector. Investment in storage, transmission, and fuel switching signals an attempt to modernize energy infrastructure and manage costs. Focus on Daanish University highlights parallel human-capital development to support long-term growth. Monetary easing complements these reforms by lowering borrowing costs, aiming to translate macro stability into real economic relief.

### Way Forward:

- Introduce smart metering, grid digitalisation, and AI-based loss detection to further reduce theft, improve billing efficiency, and enhance service delivery.
- Link Daanish University's research agenda with energy, technology, and industrial needs to produce skilled human capital supporting economic reforms.
- Align monetary easing with targeted SME financing, regional development incentives, and job creation programmes to ensure broad-based and inclusive growth.

## P M forms committee to probe frequent offloading of travellers



PM Shehbaz Sharif has formed a special committee to investigate the frequent offloading of passengers from international flights despite valid documents, following public complaints and incidents nationwide. The move comes amid stricter immigration checks after the 2024 Greece boat tragedy. The committee will examine causes, ensure safe migration, and present recommendations by the end of January 2026.

### Analysis:

The decision reflects growing concern over rights violations of genuine travellers under heightened anti-smuggling measures. While stricter scrutiny aims to curb illegal migration, inconsistent enforcement has caused hardship for lawful passengers. The committee's effectiveness will depend on balancing border security with transparent procedures and accountability, particularly within the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA).

### Way Forward:

- Establish an independent monitoring cell with real-time reporting and strict disciplinary action against officials found guilty of wrongful offloading.
- Launch awareness campaigns on safe migration and enforce strict licensing and monitoring of visa agents to prevent exploitation.
- Develop and publicly notify clear, uniform criteria for passenger offloading to eliminate arbitrary decisions and ensure consistency across all airports.

# GOVERNANCE

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### ovt to roll out WeChat-like app for officials



The government will roll out Beep, a secure, locally developed messaging app for federal ministries and departments, supporting encrypted communication and integration with e-Office. The app aims to improve internal coordination and data security. Lawmakers criticized Pakistan Telecommunication Authority's (PTA) 99% user satisfaction claim for mobile and internet services, calling for credible, independent assessments.

#### Analysis:

The plan to launch a locally developed secure messaging app for government officials for official use which will also be integrated with the federal e-Office system is a step towards enhancing efficiency. This would also reduce reliance on external messaging apps. The app would provide end-to-end encryption for messages and video calls and with servers being in Pakistan will also increase data security.

#### Way Forward:

- Continuously update encryption protocols and cybersecurity features to safeguard official communications against emerging digital threats.
- Fully integrate Beep with Pakistan's federal e-Office system to streamline document sharing, workflow coordination, and secure communication across all government institutions.
- Keep all servers within Pakistan to ensure data sovereignty and reduce dependence on foreign platforms for sensitive government communications.

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### indh Assembly calls for modernisation of Karachi's fire-fighting system



The Sindh Assembly urged the provincial government to modernise Karachi's fire-fighting system, currently under-resourced for the city's population and high-rise growth. The resolution called for more stations, staff, and upgraded equipment to enhance emergency response. Tributes were paid to APS Peshawar and East Pakistan martyrs, while several other proposed resolutions, including a new university, were rejected.

#### Analysis:

The passage of this resolution reflects widespread recognition among Sindh legislators that Karachi's existing fire safety infrastructure is insufficient and outdated, posing significant risks to public safety and growth. Addressing this gap will require substantial investment and policy commitment from provincial authorities.

#### Way Forward:

- Procure modern firefighting equipment, including fire tenders, snorkels, protective gear, and communication tools, aligned with international safety standards.
- Implement advanced dispatch systems, real-time tracking, and rapid deployment strategies to reduce emergency response times across the city.
- Coordinate firefighting infrastructure with urban development projects, ensuring high-risk areas and commercial hubs receive priority coverage.

# GOVERNANCE

**W**ritten reasons must for offloading passengers, rules LHC



The Lahore High Court (LHC) ruled that authorities like the FIA must provide written reasons to any passenger who is offloaded or prevented from travelling abroad, especially when they hold valid travel documents, as a necessary safeguard under the law. The court stressed that this written explanation isn't a mere formality but essential for transparency, accountability, and protection of fundamental rights such as freedom of movement.

## Analysis:

This decision reinforces the rule of law by limiting arbitrary administrative actions at airports and ensuring citizens have due process when travel restrictions are imposed. It also holds authorities accountable and gives affected individuals the ability to challenge such actions.

## Way Forward:

- All airlines and immigration authorities should be officially instructed to issue written reasons immediately when passengers are offloaded.
- Provide training to immigration and airline officials on passengers' legal rights.
- Establish a clear, accessible complaint and appeal process for passengers who believe they were wrongly offloaded.

**P**erformance management unit approved to monitor govt depts



Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has approved the creation of a Punjab Performance Management Unit to systematically to monitor in real time the performance of government departments and field administration using a central digital dashboard. The unit will track 22 key performance indicators including civic issues like cleanliness, inflation, stray dogs, public infrastructure, and price controls, with a virtual tour wall allowing direct oversight of officers' attendance and on-ground work.

## Analysis:

This initiative aims to boost governance, transparency, and accountability in provincial administration by digitizing performance monitoring and tying oversight directly to measurable indicators, potentially improving service delivery if effectively implemented. However, its impact will depend on how consistently data are used to guide actions and enforce accountability rather than just observe performance.

## Way Forward:

- Give each department a few easy-to-measure goals and review them regularly.
- Acknowledge officers who perform well and take timely action where work is lacking.
- Establish similar performance units in other provincial and federal governments so good governance practices are standard across Pakistan, not just in Punjab.

# SOCIO- ECONOMIC ISSUES

**S**mart meter prices drop by up to 40pc, saving Pakistan Rs150bn annually: Leghari



Smart meter prices in Pakistan have dropped by up to 40%, with three-phase meters falling from Rs45,000 to under Rs25,000, potentially saving the country Rs150 billion annually, said Federal Minister Sardar Awaiz Leghari. The reduction is attributed to competitive procurement, regulatory reforms, bulk purchasing, and international participation. The rollout aims to replace outdated meters, improve billing accuracy, reduce theft, and enhance grid performance.

## Analysis:

The price drop represents a major step toward modernizing Pakistan's power sector through digitalisation and efficiency gains. By reducing costs and improving monitoring, smart meters can lower consumer bills, curb line losses, and enable more transparent electricity management. Widespread deployment also supports faster service restoration and facilitates prepaid billing, aligning with broader reforms in energy governance.

## Way Forward:

- Coordinate smart meter deployment with tariff rationalization, renewable integration, and circular debt reduction to strengthen sector sustainability.
- Accelerate installation across all Discos to replace outdated and defective meters, ensuring full coverage and enhanced efficiency.
- Educate consumers on benefits of smart meters, prepaid billing, and usage tracking to promote energy conservation.

**S**hifting focus from aid to trade with Gulf states, says Aurangzeb



Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb highlighted Pakistan's strategic shift from aid dependence to trade- and investment-led engagement, with progress on a Free Trade Agreement with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries at an advanced stage. He noted macroeconomic stabilisation achievements, including single-digit inflation, primary fiscal surpluses, stable exchange rates, and improved foreign reserves. Efforts are underway to expand the tax base, reform energy, and attract foreign direct investment (FDI), while remittances from GCC countries remain significant.

## Analysis:

The shift towards trade and investment signals Pakistan's intent to build sustainable economic partnerships and reduce reliance on external aid. Macroeconomic stability and structural reforms enhance investor confidence, positioning the country for growth. Engagement with GCC countries aims to leverage remittances, FDI, and sectoral investment, fostering industrial revival and long-term economic resilience.

## Way Forward:

- Attract FDI in energy, oil and gas, AI, digital infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and mining to stimulate industrial growth and job creation.
- Continue disciplined fiscal and monetary policies while implementing structural reforms in taxation, public financial management, and SOEs to ensure sustainable growth.
- Widen the tax net to sectors like real estate, agriculture, and retail, while using AI-enabled monitoring to increase revenue efficiency and fiscal sustainability.

# SOCIO- ECONOMIC ISSUES

**P**unjab becomes first province to approve comprehensive child protection policy



Punjab has approved Pakistan's first comprehensive child protection policy to ensure children's safety and rights. The policy provides a coordinated framework among government departments and stakeholders to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It reflects a zero-tolerance approach and focuses on sustainable, effective child protection throughout the province.

## Analysis:

Punjab has become the first province in Pakistan to approve a comprehensive child protection policy, signalling a major step toward safeguarding children's rights. The policy establishes a coordinated framework involving multiple departments and institutions to prevent violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It emphasizes a zero-tolerance approach and aims for effective, responsive, and sustainable child protection mechanisms across the province.

## Way Forward:

- Establish dedicated units in each district to ensure the policy is actively enforced at the local level.
- Maintain continuous collaboration among government departments, law enforcement, social welfare agencies, and civil society to create a unified child protection network.
- Allocate long-term funding and technological support to strengthen child protection infrastructure, hotlines, and rehabilitation services.

**A**ll regions must prosper for nation to progress: PM



At a ceremony at the University of Haripur, where he distributed 500 laptops amongst students of various universities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, PM Shehbaz Sharif emphasized that Pakistan's national progress depends on the prosperity and development of all regions and federating units, not just one area, and highlighted the need to provide equal opportunities across provinces. He also stressed investing in youth skills and education to ensure future growth and resilience in the face of challenges.

## Analysis:

The PM's remarks reflect an attempt to reinforce federal unity and address regional disparities, which have historically contributed to political and economic imbalances in Pakistan. The focus on youth empowerment and equal access to opportunities could help build more inclusive development if backed by targeted policies and sustained investment.

## Way Forward:

- Expand vocational training and technology education initiatives tailored to local economies to increase employment opportunities for young people nationwide.
- Strengthen inter-provincial coordination to identify and implement region-specific growth strategies.
- Encourage small businesses, agriculture, and local industries in each region to create jobs close to home.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## ‘US weapons in Afghanistan stoking militancy in Pakistan’



A report by Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), a US government watchdog, reveals that billions of dollars' worth of US military equipment abandoned in Afghanistan in 2021 now largely arm the Taliban and have proliferated to militant groups, including Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), directly impacting Pakistan's security. Around \$7.1 billion in weapons, vehicles, and aircraft intended for Afghan forces remain unaccounted for, fueling black markets and cross-border attacks. Pakistani security forces face advanced threats, including drones and night-vision-equipped arms, highlighting the regional spillover of Afghan militarization.

### Analysis:

The US withdrawal and abandonment of military hardware created a significant security vacuum, enabling militants to acquire advanced weaponry and intensify attacks in Pakistan. This underscores the consequences of poorly managed foreign interventions and the risks of untracked arms proliferation. The situation highlights the need for regional cooperation, stronger border security, and accountability mechanisms to prevent further destabilization in South Asia.

### Way Forward:

- Advocate for a coordinated South Asian security framework to address the proliferation of arms and militancy emanating from Afghanistan.
- Equip and train Pakistani security forces with advanced technology and counter-drone capabilities to address the asymmetry created by smuggled arms.
- Engage with Afghan authorities, GCC, US, and other stakeholders to secure commitments on preventing the transfer of weapons to terrorist groups.

## Secretary general selection: Historic push for first female UN chief



Ahead of the 2027 UN Secretary-General selection, 147 member states, including Pakistan, emphasize gender balance and principled, proactive leadership. Pakistan urges the next SG to strengthen UN pillars, address SDG financing gaps, prevent conflicts, and ensure compliance with international law. Islamabad also highlighted Jammu and Kashmir and regional stability, calling for multilateralism and Security Council reform.

### Analysis:

As the UN prepares to select its next Secretary-General for 2027, member states are emphasizing gender balance, highlighting that no woman has ever held the position. Pakistan has stressed that the next SG should demonstrate independence, integrity, and proactive leadership, strengthen all UN pillars, and address development gaps, conflict prevention, and compliance with international law. It also highlighted unresolved disputes such as Jammu and Kashmir and regional stability issues, calling for multilateralism, reform of the Security Council, and revitalization of the General Assembly.

### Way Forward:

- Urge attention to unresolved disputes affecting South Asia, particularly Jammu and Kashmir, and promote adherence to international treaties such as the Indus Waters Treaty.
- Demand consistency, credibility, and impartiality in Council actions, ensuring adherence to UN Charter obligations and resolution implementation.
- Urge concessional financing, debt relief, and fulfillment of long-standing development commitments to mitigate economic vulnerabilities that can exacerbate conflicts and instability.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## I ndia wary as US backs Pakistan with F-16 upgrades and mineral projects: report



The US is set to upgrade Pakistan's F-16 fleet and provide over \$1 billion in financing for mineral projects, signaling a renewed bilateral partnership. The cooperation focuses on defence, critical minerals, and regional stability, particularly in Balochistan. India has expressed concern, but the US insists these moves will not disrupt regional military balance.

### Analysis:

The US and Pakistan are deepening defence and mineral sector cooperation, with Washington approving F-16 upgrades and financing for critical mineral projects like Reko Diq. This marks a significant warming of ties compared to previous tensions and reflects convergence on security, commercial, and counterterrorism interests, particularly in Balochistan. India views this rapprochement warily, though the US maintains it will not alter the regional military balance, while continuing robust ties with New Delhi.

### Way Forward:

- Leverage the F-16 and mineral agreements to consolidate long-term cooperation with the US in defence, technology transfer, and critical resource management.
- Utilize US financing and expertise for the Reko Diq copper and gold project and other critical mineral ventures to attract investment.
- Communicate Pakistan's strategic goals clearly to regional actors and international partners to manage perceptions and reduce misgivings regarding military and economic partnerships.

## K abul's claim of denying militants safe haven called into question



A United Nations Security Council monitoring report has rejected the Taliban government's claim that Afghan territory is not being used by militant groups to launch attacks, stating this assertion is "not credible" and highlighted that groups including TTP, Al Qaeda and others have a presence in Afghanistan and continue external operations. The report notes that the TTP is using Afghan sanctuaries to conduct frequent attacks in Pakistan, straining bilateral ties and contributing to border closures and economic disruption.

### Analysis:

The report underscores a significant disconnect between Kabul's rhetoric and independent UN assessments, revealing the Taliban's limited willingness or capacity to restrain hostile militant groups, particularly the TTP, which poses a direct security threat to Pakistan. This dynamic complicates regional stability and erodes trust between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

### Way Forward:

- Enhance coordinated border monitoring and intelligence sharing to detect and intercept militant movements before they threaten Pakistani territory.
- Enhance diplomatic engagement with international partners to pressure Kabul into enforcing commitments against harbouring militants and to establish joint counter-terrorism mechanisms.
- Expand support for border-region development and deradicalization initiatives to reduce local recruitment into militancy.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**P**resident Zardari reaches Baghdad on official visit, to hold bilateral meetings with Iraqi leadership



President Asif Ali Zardari arrived in Baghdad, Iraq on December 20, 2025 for a four-day official visit where he will hold high-level meetings with Iraqi leadership to review and strengthen bilateral ties between Pakistan and Iraq. The discussions are expected to focus on enhancing cooperation in trade, investment, energy, manpower, technology, education, religious tourism and other areas of mutual interest.

## Analysis:

The visit signals Pakistan's intent to deepen strategic and economic engagement with Iraq, leveraging historical and cultural ties to boost cooperation and explore new areas of partnership. Strengthening these relations could help diversify Pakistan's foreign partnerships and support economic opportunities for both countries.

## Way Forward:

- Organise targeted business delegations to Iraq to explore export opportunities for Pakistani goods such as textiles, food products and pharmaceuticals.
- Work with Iraqi authorities to streamline visa and travel arrangements for Pakistani pilgrims visiting holy sites like Karbala and Najaf.
- Encourage Pakistani firms to pursue contracts in Iraq's reconstruction and energy sectors and establish frameworks for safe, regulated labour export.

**D**ar speaks with Iran, Turkiye FMs on regional issues



Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Foreign Minister (FM) Ishaq Dar held separate telephonic conversations with the foreign ministers of Iran and Turkiye to review bilateral cooperation and exchange views on key regional developments, reaffirming commitments to deepen collaboration in trade, connectivity, investment, and people-to-people ties as well as promoting regional peace and stability. With Iran, the DPM/FM also discussed regional peace and development, while with Turkiye, perspectives were exchanged on evolving regional and international issues such as the situation in Palestine and Gaza.

## Analysis:

These high-level diplomatic engagements signal Pakistan's intent to sustain and diversify its regional partnerships amid shifting geopolitical tensions, leveraging ties with neighbouring and friendly states to bolster economic and security cooperation. The emphasis on multidimensional cooperation highlights a pragmatic foreign policy approach aimed at expanding Pakistan's regional influence while contributing to collective stability.

## Way Forward:

- Pakistan should focus on increasing trade and economic cooperation with Iran and Turkiye through easier trade rules and regular follow-up meetings.
- Pakistan should continue close diplomatic coordination with both countries on regional conflicts to support peace and stability.
- Pakistan can expand cultural exchanges, tourism cooperation, and educational links to deepen long-term relationships with Iran and Turkiye.

# POLICY NUGGETS

## 1 Pakistan and Russia discuss oil-sector cooperation

### Impact

Potential agreements in oil exploration, production, refining, and steel production could reduce Pakistan's import costs, diversify energy sources, and strengthen bilateral economic ties.

### Recommendation

Advance negotiations between energy ministries, explore refinery upgrades and new industrial projects, and leverage strategic partnerships to ensure energy security and industrial growth.

*"Energy is the lifeblood of modern civilization."* – Thomas Edison

## 4 Punjab launches modern cleanliness system in fruit, vegetable markets

### Impact

Improves hygiene, transparency, and efficiency in market operations; enhances public health and strengthens local governance.

### Recommendation

Deploy Safe City-based tracking for market monitoring; expand waste-to-value initiatives; introduce digital auction systems to curb corruption; and incentivize off-season vegetable cultivation through modern farming practices.

*"Cleanliness is the hallmark of perfect standards and the best quality inspector is the conscience."* – J.R.D. Tata

## 7 Ahsan Iqbal calls for export-led growth to end IMF dependence

### Impact

Shifts focus from import substitution to export-driven strategy for sustainable economic stability and reduced external borrowing.

### Recommendation

Implement governance and legal reforms to attract productive investment, enhance competitiveness, and raise exports to \$63 billion by 2029.

*"Trade is a critical driver of growth and poverty reduction."* – Christine Lagarde

## 2 Balochistan partners with Land Information Management System (LIMS) to digitise land records

### Impact

Modernises land management, enhances transparency, and reduces property disputes across the province.

### Recommendation

Adopt GIS-based mapping in all districts; establish centralized digital land information centers; train local officials in data management and cybersecurity for sustainable implementation.

*"Information is the oil of the 21st century, and analytics is the combustion engine."* – Peter Sondergaard

## 5 Cabinet Committee on Energy to approve Pakistan's first Integrated Energy Plan

### Impact

Creates a unified framework for coordinated, evidence-based energy planning, improving efficiency and reducing circular debt.

### Recommendation

Ensure Power-Petroleum Division coordination, implement WACOG with provincial consensus, and operationalize CTBCM for a competitive energy market.

*"Energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability."* – Ban Ki-moon

## 8 Punjab Model Courts deliver record case disposal in November

### Impact

Improves judicial efficiency, reduces case backlog, and ensures timely delivery of justice, strengthening public trust in the legal system.

### Recommendation

Continue implementing judicial reforms, strict timelines, and modern case management systems across all district and model courts to sustain high-quality, prompt adjudication.

*"Justice delayed is justice denied."* – William E. Gladstone

## 3 Security forces eliminate seven terrorists in Dera Ismail Khan

### Impact

Operation disrupts terrorist networks, reinforces national security and demonstrates the state's commitment to countering terrorism.

### Recommendation

Continue targeted operations, intelligence coordination, and community engagement under the "Azm-e-Istehkam" framework to eradicate foreign-sponsored terrorism.

*"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."* – Thomas Jefferson

## 6 Denmark, Agha Khan Foundation partner for climate-resilient agriculture in GB & Chitral

### Impact

Enhances food security and livelihoods through climate-smart, regenerative farming and inclusive green business models for mountain communities.

### Recommendation

Scale up climate-resilient practices, strengthen water management, and ensure women and youth-led participation in sustainable agriculture.

*"Our planet is our shared home—investing in resilient agriculture is investing in our future."* – António Guterres

## 9 Pakistan calls on India to respect Chenab River flows

### Impact

Unpredictable river flows threaten irrigation, wheat crops, and farmers' livelihoods in Punjab.

### Recommendation

Ensure India's compliance with the Indus Waters Treaty to secure predictable water supply and protect agricultural and food security.

*"Water is life's matter and matrix, mother and medium."* – Albert Szent-Györgyi



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