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OVERVIEW



This week, the *Policy Pulse* captures a moment of consequential transition for Pakistan’s public sector, defined by ambitious reforms in governance, economic restructuring, and strategic diplomacy. The *Pulse* reflects a government actively navigating the tensions between long-term modernization and immediate operational pressures, offering a clear-eyed view of both policy announcements and the institutional challenges that will determine their success.

In governance, the analysis encompasses significant structural shifts, such as the historic privatization of PIA and the approval of a 5G spectrum auction, alongside efforts to modernize visa systems and procurement rules. Socio-economically, the document highlights critical gaps in data governance, such as the exclusion of precious metals from GDP calculations, and addresses regional inequities through tax exemptions for Gilgit-Baltistan. Security analyses remain sober, linking domestic militancy to cross-border dynamics, while international coverage notes a pragmatic recalibration of partnerships, evidenced by the US’s F-16 upgrade approval and high-level UAE engagement.

For practitioners, these directives are already translating into actionable mandates. The finalized PIA sale necessitates a swift handover and new regulatory oversight, while the 5G auction framework demands careful design by the PTA and Ministry of IT to ensure fair competition. Similarly, the federal cabinet’s visa clearance system requires NADRA and FIA to integrate databases and streamline processes, turning a policy approval into a test of inter-agency coordination. These are not abstract plans but immediate operational priorities.

The Policy Nuggets suggest that the establishment of property tribunals in Punjab offers a model for tackling land-grabbing through specialized justice, while the Karachi cybercrime crackdown demonstrates the need for enhanced digital forensics in law enforcement. Furthermore, the ADB’s \$730 million financing package ties infrastructure investment directly to SOE reform, making external funding contingent on tangible governance improvements. Together, these insights underscore that Pakistan’s public sector effectiveness now hinges on executing coordinated, transparent reforms that bridge the gap between high-level strategy and ground-level implementation.

Pakistan’s public sector effectiveness depends on executing coordinated, transparent reforms to bridge high-level strategy with ground-level implementation amid governance, economic, and security transitions.

GOVERNANCE

Cabinet okays visa clearance system to facilitate overseas travel for Pakistanis



The federal cabinet approved key decisions on PIA's privatisation and endorsed multiple policy and legislative measures aimed at economic reform and governance improvement. These included amendments to procurement laws, approval of a national cannabis regulatory policy, extension of the off-grid power levy, and the introduction of a visa clearance system to facilitate overseas travel for Pakistanis. The cabinet also ratified earlier decisions of key committees and reaffirmed commitment to transparency.

Analysis:

The decisions reflect a broader reform agenda focused on privatisation, regulatory modernisation, and administrative efficiency. Introducing a visa clearance system may improve mobility and public trust, while procurement reforms signal an effort to reduce inefficiencies. However, effective implementation and institutional coordination will determine whether these approvals translate into tangible economic and governance gains.

Way Forward:

- The new visa mechanism should be fully online, time-bound, and integrated with NADRA and FIA databases to enhance transparency and reduce delays.
- The extension of the off-grid power levy should be periodically reviewed to ensure it does not discourage industrial productivity or investment.
- Cabinet approvals should be followed by clear timelines, inter-ministerial coordination, and monitoring frameworks to avoid policy stagnation..

ECC approves 600MHz spectrum auction, opening door for 5G



The ECC has approved the auction of 600 MHz telecom spectrum by early 2026, paving the way for 5G rollout in Pakistan. The move aims to strengthen 3G and 4G services, improve broadband quality, and support digital and financial inclusion. The ECC also approved \$8 million to settle tax liabilities related to PIA's Roosevelt Hotel and restructure NBP's dollar loan.

Analysis:

The spectrum auction marks a critical step toward Pakistan's digital transformation and long-term economic growth. By addressing spectrum shortages, the government aims to reduce congestion and improve internet speeds to global standards. However, success will depend on balancing licence costs with incentives for telecom operators to invest in infrastructure and service expansion.

Way Forward:

- Maintain a clear, rule-based auction framework to strengthen investor confidence and prevent post-auction disputes.
- Set spectrum reserve prices that encourage competitive bidding without overburdening operators, ensuring funds remain available for network investment.
- Establish measurable performance standards for speed, latency, and coverage to ensure consumer benefits.

GOVERNANCE

FAPUASA warns of nationwide protest over neglect of higher education sector



Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Associations (FAPUASA) has warned of nationwide protests over the government's continued neglect of higher education issues, despite repeated engagements with Higher Education Commission (HEC). Key unresolved demands include restoration of the 25% tax rebate, a fair BPS promotion policy, revision of Tenure Track System (TTS) salaries, and updating frozen recurring grants. Although commitments and consensus documents were formed, no concrete action or follow-up has occurred. Growing frustration among university teachers has prompted the protest warning.

Analysis:

The issue reflects deeper governance and funding failures in Pakistan's higher education sector, where policy paralysis undermines faculty morale. Prolonged salary stagnation amid inflation has eroded academic livelihoods and institutional capacity. Ignoring negotiated agreements signals weak state-institution coordination and risks brain drain. Nationwide protests could further disrupt academia and expose the urgency for structural reforms.

Way Forward:

- Federal and provincial governments should treat higher education as a strategic investment and increase budgetary allocations in line with national development goals.
- A permanent joint committee comprising HEC, FAPUASA, Planning Commission, and vice chancellors should be formed to prevent policy delays and ensure continuous consultation.
- The government and HEC should clearly announce when and how they will restore the 25% tax rebate, fix TTS salaries, and finalize a fair BPS promotion policy to regain faculty trust.

Illegal ice fishing threatening endangered trout species



Illegal ice fishing is threatening the endangered trout species in the Kunhar River, Kaghan Valley, especially during their breeding season. Locals report that hunters use nets to catch trout from snow-covered river holes, with fish fetching over Rs5,000 per kilogram. Despite claims of trout conservation efforts, enforcement by fisheries and civic authorities remains weak.

Analysis:

This situation highlights a serious ecological and regulatory challenge for Pakistan, where lucrative illegal fishing and weak governance endanger biodiversity. Without effective conservation measures and strict law enforcement, the indigenous trout population risks significant decline, affecting both the ecosystem and local livelihoods dependent on sustainable tourism and fishing.

Way Forward:

- Fisheries and local authorities must strictly enforce bans on fishing in prohibited areas and during breeding seasons, including imposing fines and penalties for violations.
- Launch awareness campaigns targeting locals and tourists about the ecological importance of trout and the long-term economic benefits of sustainable fishing.
- Partner with environmental organizations and research centers to develop scientific management plans and continuous monitoring of trout populations.

GOVERNANCE

NIPP organizes an event on Inter-Faith Harmony



The National Institute of Public Policy (NIPP) at National School of Public Policy (NSPP), Lahore hosted a seminar on inter-faith harmony on December 24, 2025. The speakers emphasized that unity among all religions is a core agenda of Pakistan and of Islam. The event featured readings from both the Quran and the Bible and referenced Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's call for religious freedom for all citizens, while lauding initiatives like *Paigham-e-Pakistan* for spreading messages of peace and inclusion. The event was attended by Chairman of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee and Khateeb of the Badshahi Mosque, Maulana Abdul Khabeer Azad, Executive Director of Peace Center, Father James Channan, Rector NSPP, Dr. Muhammad Jamil Afaqi, Dean NIPP, Dr. Naveed Elahi, and team.

Analysis:

The focus on interfaith unity reflects ongoing efforts within Pakistan to strengthen social cohesion and counter religious intolerance, building on constitutional guarantees and national initiatives. However, translating such dialogue into widespread societal change requires sustained grassroots engagement beyond occasional high-level events.

Way Forward:

- Promote interfaith harmony through education, media, and public messaging based on Pakistan's constitutional values.
- Encourage regular interfaith dialogues at community and grassroots levels, not just formal events.
- Actively implement *Paigham-e-Pakistan* with support from religious leaders, civil society, and youth to strengthen social unity.

President, PM vow to protect minority rights



President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed the government's commitment to protect the constitutional rights of religious minorities in Pakistan during Christmas celebrations, highlighting peace, compassion, and contributions of minority communities to the nation. The Chief of Defence Forces also attended festivities and underscored that safeguarding minority rights is a key pillar of Pakistan's ideology.

Analysis:

The statements of the President and the Prime Minister reflect an official emphasis on inclusivity and national unity, aiming to strengthen social cohesion and counter discrimination. However, such pledges require consistent policy action and enforcement to address systemic challenges faced by minority communities.

Way Forward:

- Establish regular government-minority dialogue platforms to hear concerns and co-create solutions.
- Monitor and report discrimination cases transparently to hold local authorities accountable.
- Celebrate and highlight minority contributions nationally through events, awards, and media campaigns to strengthen social cohesion.

SOCIO- ECONOMIC ISSUES

N A panel for cutting rental expenses of Pak missions abroad



The National Assembly Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs reviewed Pakistan's foreign missions and called for reducing high rental costs by shifting from rented to owned or mortgage-based properties. Officials revealed Pakistan spends about \$14.8 million annually on overseas rentals, while owning 121 buildings abroad. The committee also discussed merging the WTO mission with the UN mission in Geneva and improving the role of trade counsellors. Concerns were raised over administrative inefficiencies and lack of actionable trade intelligence.

Analysis:

The discussion highlights Pakistan's growing fiscal constraints and the need for long-term asset-based diplomacy abroad. Continued reliance on rentals drains scarce foreign exchange, making ownership and mortgages more sustainable. Weak trade intelligence and underperforming economic diplomacy limit returns on diplomatic spending. Structural reforms, professional staffing, and resource rationalization are essential to align foreign missions with economic priorities.

Way Forward:

- Develop clear guidelines for mortgages, repayments, and maintenance costs, supported by regular audits to assess liabilities and prevent fiscal risks.
- Establish dedicated trade intelligence units within missions to provide actionable market insights aligned with Pakistan's export and investment priorities.
- Address inefficiencies through streamlined procedures, digitalization, and stronger coordination between Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other relevant ministries.

R s135bn bid finally takes PIA off govt hands



Pakistan has completed its first major privatisation in nearly two decades as an Arif Habib-led consortium acquired a controlling stake in PIA for Rs135 billion after a competitive, transparent auction. The bidding saw a close contest with the Lucky Cement group, while Airblue exited early. The new owners plan to expand PIA's fleet in phases, and the government has termed the sale a historic milestone

Analysis:

The deal signals renewed investor confidence and a serious shift toward economic reform, particularly in reducing losses from state-owned enterprises. Transparent bidding has strengthened credibility with domestic and international stakeholders, including the IMF. However, PIA's long-term revival will depend on effective management, financial discipline, and successful fleet expansion rather than ownership change alone.

Way Forward:

- The new management should adopt international best practices in transparency, auditing, and board independence to prevent a relapse into inefficiency.
- Fleet growth should be demand-driven and supported by route profitability, avoiding politically motivated or prestige-based expansion.
- Lessons from PIA's transparent bidding process should guide future privatisations to build credibility and attract both local and foreign investors.

SOCIO- ECONOMIC ISSUES

Why are precious metals not being factored into Pakistan's GDP growth calculations?



Pakistan's GDP growth may be underestimated because the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) does not fully account for precious metals such as gold and silver in its national accounts. This gap becomes critical as provisional GDP figures are prepared under IMF conditions. Despite major developments like Reko Diq, parts of the mining sector remain partially uncaptured due to outdated methodology and data limitations. PBS has indicated that rebasing of national accounts is planned to address these gaps.

Analysis:

Excluding precious metals reflects structural weaknesses in Pakistan's statistical framework and coordination with provincial data sources. Underestimation of GDP can distort fiscal planning, debt ratios, and investor perception. In contrast to India's alleged overestimation, Pakistan faces the opposite credibility risk of underreporting economic potential. Timely rebasing and improved mineral data collection are essential to present a more accurate picture of economic growth.

Way Forward:

- Fast-track the planned rebasing of national accounts to reflect new economic realities.
- Conduct comprehensive geological surveys and independent audits of proven reserves and annual output to address data gaps highlighted by PBS.
- PBS should urgently review and update GDP estimation methods to explicitly include precious metals within the mining and minerals sector.

Tax exemptions for GB traders approved



The federal government has approved tax exemptions on income tax, sales tax, and federal excise duty for goods imported from China through the Khunjerab Pass for the exclusive use of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) residents, capped at Rs4 billion annually and covering 2,403 items. This decision, aimed at resolving prolonged trader protests at the Sost Dry Port, includes strict monitoring and penalties if exempted goods are moved outside the region and a quota system for implementation.

Analysis:

While the exemptions are a significant concession to local traders and could revive stalled trade and economic activity in GB, the strict caps and monitoring requirements may limit their broader economic impact and could perpetuate administrative challenges if not effectively enforced.

Way Forward:

- Ensure strict but simple monitoring at Sost Dry Port so tax-exempt goods are used only within GB.
- Gradually review and adjust the Rs4 billion cap and item list based on GB traders' needs and trade volume.
- Improve coordination between the federal government and GB authorities to avoid future protests and policy delays.

SECURITY AND LAW & ORDER

S ecurity forces neutralise 4 terrorists in Balochistan's Kalat: ISPR



According to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), security forces carried out an intelligence-based operation in Balochistan's Kalat district, killing four terrorists reportedly linked to an Indian-sponsored militant group, Fitna al Hindustan, and seized weapons and ammunition from them. The military said follow-up sanitization efforts are underway and reiterated that the broader counter-terrorism campaign under the Azm-e-Istehkam strategy will continue at full pace. President Asif Ali Zardari commended the security forces for the successful operation.

Analysis:

This operation underscores ongoing security efforts in southwestern Pakistan to dismantle organized militant networks, reflecting persistent internal and regional security challenges. Continued operations, while necessary for stability, may also heighten tensions unless coupled with community engagement and development initiatives in affected areas.

Way Forward:

- Strengthen intelligence coordination and surveillance to prevent terrorist regrouping in Balochistan.
- Combine security operations with local development projects to address grievances and build trust.
- Increase community engagement to counter extremist influence and improve public cooperation with security forces..

K undi says KP security situation has 'deteriorated significantly'



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor Faisal Karim Kundi stated that the security situation in KP has "deteriorated significantly" due to rising militancy, urging the provincial government to fully back ongoing military operations to restore stability, without which development and investment cannot progress. He also blamed Afghanistan for the attacks and the Afghan nationals for recent attacks. He emphasized that all foreigners must have valid documentation to reside in Pakistan.

Analysis:

Kundi's comments underscore deepening concerns over militant violence in KP and reflect tensions around cross-border security with Afghanistan, which the Pakistani leadership portrays as a key factor in insecurity. The focus on foreign nationals and military solutions suggests a securitized policy preference that may complicate broader political and humanitarian considerations.

Way Forward:

- Improve coordination between federal and KP authorities to strengthen intelligence sharing and counter-terrorism efforts.
- Tighten border control with Afghanistan to prevent illegal movement and enhance security checks.
- Focus on development, jobs, and basic services in KP to reduce unrest and public support for militancy.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

T rump recalls 30 ambassadors in historic ‘America First’ push



The Trump administration is recalling nearly 30 career ambassadors and senior diplomats appointed during the Biden administration as part of its “America First” policy. The move targets smaller countries and has drawn criticism for potentially politicizing the Foreign Service and weakening US credibility abroad. Affected diplomats are not losing their jobs but will return to Washington for reassignment.

Analysis:

This decision reflects a shift toward prioritizing political alignment over career experience in diplomacy, raising concerns about institutional politicization and its impact on US global influence. Critics argue it could undermine morale, reduce effectiveness, and cede strategic ground to rivals like China and Russia.

Way Forward:

- Pakistan can use this opportunity to engage more actively with regional partners, reducing overreliance on US diplomacy for strategic and economic interests.
- Pakistan should proactively communicate its foreign policy priorities to incoming US diplomats to ensure continuity in aid, trade, and security cooperation.
- With potential disruptions in US diplomacy, Pakistan must rely on institutional government-to-government channels rather than personal relationships with ambassadors.

W ashington okays upgrade package for Pakistan’s F-16 fleet



US has approved a \$686 million upgrade package for Pakistan’s F-16 fleet after Congress raised no objections during the statutory review period. Lockheed Martin will serve as the principal contractor, with the deal covering avionics, software upgrades, sustainment, and interoperability systems. The package aims to extend the service life of Pakistan’s F-16s until 2040. Approval was processed under the Foreign Military Sales framework in line with US law.

Analysis:

The decision signals a cautious revival of US–Pakistan defence cooperation focused on maintenance and interoperability rather than force expansion. By emphasizing flight safety and counterterrorism readiness, Washington avoids altering the regional military balance. For Pakistan, the upgrade ensures operational continuity of a critical air asset amid limited alternatives. Strategically, the deal reflects pragmatic engagement despite broader geopolitical and regional sensitivities.

Way Forward:

- While maintaining interoperability with the US, Pakistan should simultaneously diversify defence partnerships and invest in indigenous capabilities to reduce long-term dependence on external suppliers.
- Prioritize training and knowledge transfer for Pakistan Air Force personnel to internalize maintenance, diagnostics, and systems integration skills.
- Use the deal as an entry point to rebalance Pakistan–US relations beyond security, including economic, technological, and educational cooperation.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

I nternal turmoil, diplomatic crisis grip Bangladesh



Bangladesh faces simultaneous internal and external crises following the assassination of student leader Sharif Osman Hadi. Domestic unrest includes protests, arson attacks on major newspapers, threats against journalists, and demands by Inqilab Moncho to topple the interim government. Externally, diplomatic tensions with India have escalated, with both countries suspending consular and visa services and summoning high commissioners. Authorities have arrested 17 people and promised speedy trials amid mounting political pressure ahead of elections.

Analysis:

The situation reflects deep political instability in Bangladesh, where unresolved violence and weak security measures have fueled public outrage and media-targeted attacks. Reciprocal diplomatic actions with India signal a deteriorating bilateral relationship, potentially affecting regional cooperation. The government's response, including arrests and promises of speedy trials, highlights attempts to assert control, yet the risk of further unrest and international scrutiny remains high.

Way Forward:

- Pakistan should avoid siding with any political faction in Bangladesh, and maintain cordial relations with both the government and opposition to safeguard long-term bilateral ties.
- Pakistan should strengthen consular services, provide guidance to Pakistani citizens and businesses in Bangladesh, and prepare contingency plans in case unrest escalates.
- Maintain an updated understanding of Bangladesh's internal political dynamics to anticipate potential impacts on trade, migration, and diplomatic relations.

U AE president wraps up visit with pledge to boost ties



During his first official visit to Pakistan, United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan held substantive talks with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif aimed at deepening and strengthening long-standing fraternal ties between Pakistan and the UAE. Both leaders pledged to enhance cooperation across economic, investment, energy, infrastructure, technology, and people-to-people exchanges, and emphasised the need to boost bilateral trade and strategic partnership.

Analysis:

The visit signals a renewed focus on expanding Pakistan-UAE ties beyond traditional diplomacy toward broader economic and strategic cooperation, reflecting mutual interests in stability and development. Further engagement may help attract UAE investment to alleviate Pakistan's economic challenges, but real outcomes will depend on concrete project agreements and implementation.

Way Forward:

- Turn diplomatic pledges into action by finalising concrete investment projects with the UAE.
- Improve ease of doing business to attract and retain UAE investors in key sectors.
- Strengthen long-term economic and strategic cooperation through regular high-level engagements.

POLICY NUGGETS

1 National Assembly directs appointment of permanent PTV head

Impact

Aims to restore efficiency, credibility, and self-sustainability of Pakistan Television (PTV).

Recommendation

Appoint permanent heads of media institutions 30 days before tenure completion; expedite restructuring of PTV through digital revamp, professional recruitment, and governance reforms to eliminate nepotism and administrative vacuum. *"The media's role is not only to inform the public but to reform the public sphere."* – Kofi Annan

4 Pakistan, ADB sign \$730m financing for infrastructure and SOE reforms

Impact

Strengthens national power transmission capacity and advances governance and efficiency reforms in state-owned enterprises (SOEs).

Recommendation

Implement Power Transmission Strengthening Project to ensure reliable evacuation of 2,300 MWs and reinforce the national grid. Accelerate SOE transformation enhance transparency, and sustainability, particularly within the NHA. *"Infrastructure is much more than roads and bridges, it is the foundation upon which opportunity and growth are built."* – Christine Lagarde

7 Federal cabinet okays extension of off-grid power levy

Impact

Strengthens governance, promotes regulatory transparency, and advances economic and institutional reforms.

Recommendation

Extend Off-Grid Power Plants Levy Act to third-party gas sales; align PPRA rules with modern procurement standards; implement the National Cannabis Control Policy under strict regulation; operationalise visa clearance system for secure and efficient travel.

"Good governance is not about making correct decisions, but about making decisions that can be corrected." – George Soros

2 Balochistan to implement Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS)

Impact

Boosts financial transparency, efficiency, and accountability across provincial departments and institutions.

Recommendation

Digitise all financial transactions under IFMIS; process payments via the State Bank's Micro Payment Gateway; ensure timely data submission for smooth rollout.

"The advance of technology is based on making it fit in so that you don't really even notice it so it's part of everyday life." – Bill Gates

5 Security forces neutralise 11 terrorists in KP and Balochistan

Impact

Strengthens counterterrorism efforts and reinforces state authority against militant networks across conflict-prone regions.

Recommendation

Sustain intelligence-based operations to dismantle terror networks; enhance coordination between security forces, CTD, and local peace committees; ensure civilian protection and rapid response mechanisms during armed engagements to prevent collateral damage.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

8 Punjab sets up property tribunals to curb land grabbing

Impact

Protects lawful property owners, ensures speedy dispute resolution, and strengthens rule of law in land governance.

Recommendation

Operationalize tribunals with retired judges and dedicated prosecutors; ensure administrative support, transparent processes, and strict adherence to the 2025 Ordinance to prevent illegal dispossession.

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

3 Punjab finalises comprehensive de-weaponisation law

Impact

Aims to curb illegal arms, strengthen firearm regulation, and enhance public safety across the province.

Recommendation

Enact the Punjab Surrender of Illicit Arms Act 2025 to remove illicit weapons, enforce strict penalties, digitise arms records, and ensure transparent oversight through special courts and digital monitoring. Promote public awareness and protect whistle-blowers to ensure effective implementation.

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." – Albert Einstein

6 PM presented with plan to cut port delays, boost exports

Impact

Reduces port dwell times, lowers trade costs, boosts exports 25–30%, and strengthens maritime infrastructure and governance efficiency.

Recommendation

Establish a Unified Port Authority, integrate digital systems, modernize customs, develop port-based industrial zones, and promote public-private partnerships to enhance operational efficiency and global competitiveness.

"Efficiency is doing better what is already being done." – Peter Drucker

9 34 arrested in Karachi cybercrime crackdown on investment fraud

Impact

Disrupts international online investment scam network; protects public from financial loss and strengthens law enforcement credibility in combating cybercrime.

Recommendation

Sustain intelligence-led operations against cybercriminal networks, enhance digital forensics and cross-border cooperation, regulate online investment platforms, and raise public awareness on fraud prevention.

"Cybersecurity is much more than a matter of IT." – Stephane Nappo



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