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Dh6bn The Wadi launch brings 3,950 homes to Yas Island

Waterfront mixed-use community to feature nearly 3,950 homes, commercial spaces and lifestyle facilities.

(International Desk) Abu Dhabi: Cosmo Developments has officially launched THE WADI, a major mixed-use residential project on Yas Island with an estimated investment of AED6 billion. The development is being introduced by Cosmo Developments, a joint venture between Abu Dhabi-based Flag Holding Group and Reportage Group, with Reportage responsible for development, delivery and long-term management. The project is planned across approximately 140,700 square metres along Yas Canal and is expected to include around 3,950 residential units. According to official launch information, the development will offer studios along with one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, as well as commercial areas, recreational facilities, sports amenities and a hotel within the wider master plan.

THE WADI is being designed as a nature-focused waterfront community featuring landscaped areas, water features, pedestrian pathways, cycling routes and a marina. Developer details indicate that parking and vehicle movement will largely be planned underground, while a six-kilometre running route is planned above ground to encourage a pedestrian-friendly environment. Sales activities have started following the project launch, while physical construction has not yet been presented as completed or operational. The development is expected to be delivered in phases, with the first construction phase planned after the initial preparation period.



Dubai completes major road upgrade, cuts travel time from 20 to 5 minutes

14-kilometre road upgrade improves traffic capacity and connectivity across key Dubai districts.

(International Desk) Dubai: Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has completed all works on the Oud Maitha Road and Al Asayel Street Development Project, a major infrastructure upgrade aimed at improving connectivity between Oud Maitha, Al Jaddaf, Za'abeel and Umm Hurair. The completed project delivered 14 kilometres of upgraded roads, improvements at four major intersections, four bridges and two tunnels with a combined length of 4.3 kilometres. According to RTA, the development has significantly enhanced the capacity of the road network and improved movement across the busy corridor. RTA said Oud Maitha Road's capacity has increased from 10,400 to 15,600 vehicles per hour in both directions, representing an increase of up to 50 percent. The authority also reported that average journey time through the upgraded corridor has been reduced from 20 minutes to five minutes, providing a 75 percent reduction in travel time.



Abu Dhabi makes verified emissions reporting mandatory for major facilities

Targeted facilities required to register, report and verify emissions under new environmental regulation.

(International Desk) Dubai: Abu Dhabi: The Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) has issued Resolution No. 03 of 2026, introducing a formal system for measuring, reporting and independently verifying greenhouse gas emissions across the emirate. Under the new framework, facilities operating in targeted sectors and meeting the specified emissions threshold will be required to register with EAD, prepare emissions measurement plans, submit emissions reports and ensure their data is verified by professionals registered and accredited by the authority.



The verification process includes requirements related to technical capability, independence and preparation of verification reports to improve accuracy and reliability of emissions data. EAD will also establish and manage a digital emissions database for receiving, reviewing, storing and archiving reported information. The authority said advanced analytics and modern technologies will be used to improve data quality and develop indicators that can support future environmental policies and emissions-management decisions. The new regulation builds on Abu Dhabi's earlier Measurement, Reporting and Verification programme, under which large carbon-emitting facilities were expected to monitor and report annual emissions, with the first reports scheduled for 2026.

Maldives signs deal with Eagle Hills for major new island development project

Ras Malé development planned with resorts, residences, marina and mixed-use waterfront facilities.

(International Desk) Malé: The Government of Maldives and Abu Dhabi-based Eagle Hills have signed a commercial terms agreement for the development of the Maldives Waterfront and Marina project in the Ras Malé area. According to Eagle Hills, the agreement establishes the shared vision and principal commercial terms for the proposed development, while detailed contractual arrangements will be finalised as the project moves forward. The integrated destination is planned to include hotels and resorts, premium and branded residences, a marina, waterfront promenades, retail outlets, dining, entertainment, wellness, education, healthcare and community facilities.

Eagle Hills said properties within the development will be offered under a leasehold structure of up to 99 years in accordance with Maldivian law. The company describes the project as a major waterfront destination aimed at combining tourism, residential and commercial facilities.

There is currently a difference in reported investment figures for the project. Eagle Hills' official September 21 announcement describes the development scale at around USD 12 billion across multiple phases, while Maldives government-linked reports have referred to an envisioned USD 20 billion investment. Until detailed terms are published, both figures remain separate reported estimates. The project is planned on reclaimed land, with Eagle Hills stating that no further dredging will be carried out and that independent marine monitoring will accompany construction activities. The Maldives government has projected employment, housing and tourism benefits from the development, though these remain expected outcomes rather than completed results.



Dubai Miracle Garden reopens on Oct 8 with 150 million flowers

World-famous floral attraction to reopen on October 8 with millions of blooms and new seasonal experiences.

(International Desk) **Dubai:** Dubai Miracle Garden will reopen for its 15th season on October 8, 2026, following its annual summer closure. The reopening date has been confirmed on the attraction's official website, which is already promoting the upcoming 2026–27 season. The garden features more than 150 million seasonal flowers spread across approximately 72,000 square metres, making it one of Dubai's most popular outdoor attractions during the cooler months. The venue includes more than 50 floral displays and themed installations for visitors.



Popular attractions at the garden include the Floral Castle, Heart Tunnel, Smurfs Village, Sunflower Field and the life-size floral Emirates A380 display. The attraction continues to combine large-scale floral designs with family entertainment experiences. For general visitors, adult tickets start at Dh100, while children's tickets are listed at Dh80. Children under three years can enter free of charge. UAE residents and nationals can access special rates of Dh70 for adults and Dh50 for children with a valid Emirates ID. A combined ticket for Dubai Miracle Garden and Butterfly Garden is available at Dh140, excluding VAT. Season 15 is also expected to feature family activities, pop-up markets, live entertainment and seasonal events.

Sharjah approves new Al Freish Lake project in Kalba

51,200-square-metre lake planned with recreational facilities, water features and family spaces.

(International Desk) **Kalba:** Sharjah Ruler Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi has approved the plan for the Al Freish Lake project in Kalba, a new development aimed at creating a family-oriented recreational destination in the region. The planned lake will cover approximately 51,200 square metres and is designed to store up to 28 million gallons of water. The project also includes around 200 parking spaces to facilitate visitors and improve access to the recreational area. The lake will be located behind Al Marsh Square and is expected to extend for nearly 750 metres. The surrounding area is being developed with mountain landscaping, tree plantations, waterfalls, walking paths and outdoor spaces where visitors can relax and enjoy the natural environment.



The wider leisure development will also include family seating areas, water activities and a 2.6-kilometre vehicle track around the lake. The project is part of Sharjah's efforts to expand recreational destinations and enhance outdoor tourism facilities in Kalba. The project plan has been approved and work is progressing on parts of the surrounding area. However, Al Freish Lake is still under development and should not be presented as a completed or operational attraction at this stage.

The project is expected to add a new outdoor destination for residents and visitors in Kalba, combining natural landscapes with leisure facilities. Authorities aim to create a space that encourages family activities, walking and recreational experiences in a scenic environment. Further details regarding the construction timeline, completion date and official opening schedule have not yet been announced. Once completed, the lake is expected to become part of Kalba's growing network of tourism and community-focused developments.

UBS says Dubai home purchases easier than in many global cities.

UBS report shows Dubai property affordability compared with income levels, despite elevated market risks.

(International Desk) Dubai: Dubai has emerged as one of the more affordable major global cities for buying a home when property prices are compared with local incomes, according to the UBS Global Real Estate Bubble Index 2026, which analysed 23 major housing markets worldwide. According to UBS data cited by Khaleej Times, a skilled service-sector worker earning an average income in Dubai would require around five years of gross income to purchase a 60-square-metre apartment near the city centre. In comparison, the same measure reaches around 15 years in Hong Kong and 11 years in London, while several other major cities including Tokyo, Paris and Seoul require more than a decade. Dubai also recorded a relatively strong position on the price-to-rent measure. UBS estimates that around 16 years of rental income would equal the purchase price of a comparable apartment, placing Dubai among the shorter periods within the 23-city comparison.

However, the term "affordable" in this context refers to affordability relative to local incomes and rental levels, not that Dubai property prices are low in absolute terms. UBS continues to place Dubai in the "elevated" housing bubble-risk category, although the level of risk has reduced compared with earlier assessments. The report also indicates signs of market moderation, with Dubai's real home prices rising around 0.4 percent in the year to Q2 2026, while real rents declined by approximately 4 percent after several years of strong growth.



PM Shehbaz Sharif addresses 81st UN General Assembly

Pakistan highlights Palestine, regional conflicts, climate finance and reform of international institutions.

(International Desk) New York: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressed the General Debate of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 25, 2026, outlining Pakistan's position on major regional and international issues. He called for dialogue and diplomacy as means of resolving conflicts and addressing growing international tensions. The Express Tribune During his address, the prime minister discussed the situation in the Middle East and Pakistan's concerns regarding Palestine, terrorism, climate change and global economic challenges. He also called for stronger international action on climate finance and development, while stressing the need for reforms to international institutions.

On Palestine, Shehbaz Sharif reiterated Pakistan's support for Palestinian self-determination and called for an independent Palestinian state based on the pre-1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital. These remarks formed part of Pakistan's stated position during the UN session. The prime minister also emphasised the importance of multilateral cooperation and peaceful engagement in addressing international disputes. Pakistan's position on dialogue and diplomacy was also reflected in Shehbaz Sharif's separate meeting with UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the sidelines of the General Assembly. PID



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Naqvi warns petrol shortage could push prices to Rs1,000 per litre

Minister's statement highlights supply risks, while Rs1,000 per litre figure is not an announced fuel price.

Islamabad: (Staff Reporter) : According to a statement attributed to Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, petrol could become unavailable even at a price of Rs1,000 per litre amid the prevailing situation. The statement linked the warning to concerns over fuel availability and supply conditions. Mohsin Naqvi credited Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik with maintaining fuel supplies in Pakistan and said several countries were facing fuel availability challenges. He also stated that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was closely concerned about the situation and related developments.



The Rs1,000 per litre figure mentioned in the statement refers to a possible supply scenario highlighted by the minister and does not represent an announced petrol price or any official fuel price revision. Current petroleum prices are determined through the government's regular pricing mechanism. The statement could not be independently verified through additional sources reviewed. Authorities have not announced any official increase to take petrol prices to Rs1,000 per litre or confirmed such a pricing scenario. Fuel supply and pricing remain sensitive issues due to international oil market conditions, import costs and domestic distribution factors. Any future changes in petroleum availability or prices would require official confirmation from the relevant authorities.

Islamabad residents can now pay property tax, water bills through PAK App

Digital services expansion allows Islamabad residents to access civic facilities through online channels.

Islamabad: (Staff Reporter): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) have expanded digital civic services by adding property tax and water bill payment facilities to the PAK App. The move allows residents and businesses to pay these charges online instead of depending only on government counters. According to CDA, the expansion was officially announced on September 20 and is part of efforts to promote digital, cashless and paperless public services in Islamabad. Users can also submit applications and required documents online, track application progress and make eligible payments through digital channels.

Additional services being added to the platform include parking permits, generator licences, advertising permissions, open-space approvals and other municipal services. The system is designed to maintain electronic records of applications, approvals and payments while improving transparency and accessibility for citizens. CDA and MCI said the digital platform will also support complaint registration and tracking where available, with more civic services expected to be added gradually. The initiative is aimed at reducing manual procedures and making government services more convenient for residents and businesses.



The PAK App is developed by the National Information Technology Board (NITB). It uses Pak ID-based sign-in and supports digital payments through Raast, providing users with a central platform for accessing multiple government services.

Islamabad Police holds open court to address citizens' complaints

Police officials hear public concerns and issue directions for prompt resolution of grievances.



Islamabad: (Staff Reporter): SP Industrial Area Zone Dr Ayaz Hussain held an open court to hear complaints and issues raised by citizens. The session provided residents with an opportunity to directly communicate their concerns and seek assistance from police authorities. During the hearing, citizens presented their complaints while the SP listened to their issues and issued directions to relevant officers for prompt resolution. Officials were instructed to ensure that complaints are addressed according to legal procedures and that necessary action is taken on merit. The open court initiative is aimed at improving public engagement, strengthening communication between citizens and police departments, and providing a direct platform for addressing community concerns. Such sessions are conducted to enhance accessibility and improve public service delivery.

Police authorities said officers concerned were directed to follow up on the complaints and ensure appropriate action. The initiative reflects efforts to make grievance redressal mechanisms more effective and responsive for citizens. However, the available information does not provide details regarding the total number of complaints received, specific cases discussed during the hearing or the completion status of actions taken after the session. The police department has been conducting such public interaction sessions to improve coordination with residents and understand issues faced by communities. These hearings also provide officials with an opportunity to review public concerns directly and guide relevant teams for necessary follow-up actions. The authorities have emphasised that complaints will be reviewed according to legal procedures, while officers concerned are responsible for ensuring timely responses. Further updates regarding resolved complaints or additional measures may be shared through official police channels. The session was part of efforts to improve public facilitation and strengthen trust between citizens and police authorities.

KP govt accelerates Peshawar revitalisation road upgrades

Drainage and infrastructure improvements underway as city roads undergo upgradation.

Peshawar: (Staff Reporter): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government is continuing development activities under the Peshawar Revitalisation Plan, with a focus on improving major roads and enhancing urban infrastructure across the provincial capital. Under the supervision of Local Government Minister Meena Khan Afridi, construction work is underway on Hashtnagri Road, where teams are carrying out drainage construction, steel fixing and concrete work for drain slabs. The ongoing activities are part of efforts to improve road conditions and upgrade public facilities in the city.



The Peshawar Revitalisation Plan includes multiple urban improvement initiatives aimed at improving connectivity, infrastructure quality and public spaces. Authorities have stated that such projects are intended to provide better facilities for residents and support smoother movement across major city areas. The latest update highlights ongoing construction progress at Hashtnagri Road, showing work being carried out on drainage and related infrastructure components. These improvements are expected to contribute to better road management and urban services once completed.

However, the available information does not provide details regarding the total project cost, completion deadline, funding allocation or additional development phases. Further updates regarding progress and timelines are expected through official channels.

Islamabad administration inspects hospitals for cleanliness, medical supplies

Officials review hygiene measures, dengue SOPs, oxygen availability and medicine supplies at major hospitals.

Islamabad: (Badar Butt): District administration inspections are continuing at hospitals across the federal capital to review cleanliness arrangements, dengue-related standard operating procedures (SOPs) and the availability of essential medical facilities. Assistant commissioners visited major healthcare facilities including Polyclinic, CDA Hospital, PIMS, Maroof Hospital and Akbar Niazi Hospital as part of the ongoing inspection process. During the visits, officials reviewed cleanliness conditions, implementation of dengue prevention measures, oxygen availability and the supply of medicines. According to the provided information, authorities are taking measures to ensure uninterrupted availability of oxygen and essential medicines at hospitals. The inspections are aimed at monitoring healthcare facilities and ensuring that required arrangements remain in place for patients.

Officials also reviewed whether hospitals were following precautionary measures related to dengue management, particularly during the ongoing seasonal risk period. The administration said such inspections are part of efforts to improve healthcare standards and strengthen monitoring mechanisms. However, the available information does not provide details about any specific violations identified during the inspections, penalties imposed on hospitals or corrective actions required for particular deficiencies. Further updates regarding hospital performance, inspection findings and any additional administrative measures may be shared through official channels.





Motorway blockades being removed gradually across routes

Removal work continues on M-1, M-14 and other highways as teams clear remaining obstacles.

Islamabad: (Staff Reporter): The process of removing obstacles from motorways and highways is continuing gradually, with work underway on Motorway M-1, M-14 and other major routes. Sources said teams are working to clear the remaining blockades and restore smooth traffic movement. According to sources, the removal process is taking additional time at some locations due to the condition of the obstacles. Some containers reportedly contain soil and sand, while certain barriers have been secured with welded steel sheets, making their removal more difficult. Authorities are carrying out the clearance operation in phases to ensure that the routes are reopened safely. The work is being conducted at different points as teams assess and remove the barriers placed on the roads. The gradual removal process is expected to improve traffic flow on affected motorway sections once all obstacles are cleared. Further updates regarding complete restoration of routes will depend on the progress of the ongoing operation.

The clearance work is being carried out with focus on reopening affected routes and facilitating commuters and transport operators. Officials are monitoring the situation at different points to ensure that remaining barriers are removed without causing further disruption. The exact timeline for completing the removal process has not been announced, as progress depends on the condition and location of the remaining obstacles. Further updates are expected as clearance operations continue on major motorway routes. The removal operation is being carried out through coordination between relevant departments and field teams. Authorities are assessing each location before clearing the obstacles to ensure safe reopening of the routes.

GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Punjab's Apni Chhat Apna Ghar programme selected for UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour

Punjab housing initiative recognised internationally as government highlights support for low-income families.

Lahore: (Badar Butt): The Punjab government has announced that its Apni Chhat Apna Ghar programme, launched under Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has been selected for the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award. According to the government, the programme has benefited more than 200,000 families, with Rs260 billion provided in interest-free loans to support affordable housing for lower-income households. The initiative aims to help families build or improve their homes through financial assistance. The government said the international recognition highlights Punjab's efforts in promoting affordable housing solutions and expanding access to shelter facilities for deserving families. Officials described the programme as part of a broader housing strategy focused on providing support to people who face difficulties in arranging housing through traditional financing options.



The UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award is presented to recognise initiatives that contribute to improving human settlements and supporting better living conditions. The selection announcement places Punjab's housing programme among initiatives receiving international attention in the housing sector. However, details regarding the award ceremony, final presentation date and the specific category under which the programme has been recognised were not provided in the supplied announcement.

Peshawar's Hazar Khwani overpass nears completion under revitalisation plan

PDA confirms ongoing construction activity as major traffic infrastructure project moves towards completion.

Peshawar: (Staff Reporter): Construction work on the Hazar Khwani Overpass is nearing completion under the Peshawar Revitalisation Plan, according to the latest supplied update. The project is being developed as part of efforts to improve traffic movement and strengthen urban connectivity in the provincial capital. The development is being carried out under the leadership of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Muhammad Sohail Afridi, while Local Government Minister Meena Khan Afridi is overseeing related administrative matters. The Peshawar Development Authority has also confirmed that construction activity is continuing at the site. The Hazar Khwani Overpass is part of the wider transport infrastructure improvements planned under the Peshawar Revitalisation Plan, which includes multiple projects aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving movement on major city corridors.

Officials have continued monitoring progress at the site to ensure that construction activities move forward according to required standards. The project is expected to provide improved traffic flow and smoother connectivity for commuters using the area. However, the supplied update does not mention a confirmed completion date or official opening schedule. Therefore, the project should be described as nearing completion based on the latest update, while the final inauguration timeline remains subject to official announcement.



New climate-resilient building completed for Benazir Girls Public School



New school facility aims to provide female students with a safer and more suitable learning environment.

Shaheed Benazirabad: (Badar Butt): A modern building for Benazir Girls Public School in 60 Mile, Taluka Daur, Shaheed Benazirabad district, has been constructed to provide female students with a safer and more suitable educational environment. The new infrastructure is being presented as part of efforts to improve public-sector education facilities in the area. According to the available information, the school building has been designed to withstand local weather conditions while providing students with a secure, peaceful and supportive setting for education. The improved infrastructure is intended to create better conditions for classroom learning and student activities. The development is also being highlighted as an effort to strengthen educational facilities for girls in the district. A purpose-built school environment can provide students with improved access to basic educational infrastructure and support a more comfortable learning experience.

The new building is being presented as an important step towards improving the overall educational environment at Benazir Girls Public School. It also reflects wider efforts to develop and upgrade public-sector school infrastructure in areas where improved facilities are required. However, the available information does not provide details about the total project cost, construction timeline or number of students expected to benefit from the facility. Specific climate-resilient features incorporated into the building have also not been identified in the supplied information.

Lahore overcharging crackdown: Rs13.77m fines imposed, 481 arrested

Authorities report thousands of overpricing violations, fines and enforcement actions across the city.

Lahore: (Staff Reporter): The district administration conducted 112,449 price inspections across Lahore during the month, according to a report issued on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Captain (retd) Muhammad Ali Ijaz. The inspections were carried out as part of ongoing efforts to monitor prices and address violations in markets across the city. According to the supplied report, price control magistrates conducted 45,337 inspections, while the Punjab Enforcement and Regulatory Authority carried out another 67,112 inspections. Authorities reportedly detected 2,748 cases of overpricing, along with 478 violations related to the non-display of official rate lists and 2,811 other violations during the enforcement activities.



The report states that fines totalling Rs13.77 million were imposed during the inspections. Authorities also registered 402 FIRs, sealed 705 premises and arrested 481 people in connection with reported violations. In addition, officials issued 3,165 warnings, while 698 individuals were fined as part of the enforcement process. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali Ijaz directed enforcement teams to continue action against overpricing and ensure that official rate lists are displayed prominently at shops and commercial establishments. The administration said regular inspections would continue to monitor compliance with notified prices.However, the reported figures could not be independently confirmed through a publicly accessible official report. Therefore, the inspection and enforcement numbers should be attributed to the supplied district administration report rather than presented as independently verified figures.

The administration said the inspections covered markets and commercial areas across Lahore as part of regular price-monitoring activities. Officials have directed enforcement teams to continue checking essential commodities and take action against traders found violating notified prices. Teams are also being instructed to ensure that official rate lists are clearly displayed at shops so consumers can compare prices. The reported warnings, fines, FIRs and sealing actions form part of the ongoing enforcement drive aimed at improving compliance in local markets. Authorities are expected to continue inspections across different areas of the city, while consumers can use designated complaint channels to report suspected overpricing or missing rate lists. Further enforcement figures will depend on the administration’s continuing inspections and future reports.



Lahore price inspection finds substandard items at Bedian Road superstore

Administration orders better quality, proper rate lists and compliance with DC counter standards.

Lahore: (Badar Butt): Price inspections are continuing across Lahore on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Lahore Captain (Retd.) Muhammad Ali Ijaz, with officials checking compliance at markets and major retail outlets. Assistant Commissioner Saddar Dr Abid Mumtaz Khan Sial inspected a superstore on Bedian Road and reviewed the condition of its DC counter. During the inspection, fruits and vegetables at the outlet were reportedly found to be of poor quality, while several required items were not available at the DC counter. Officials also found that the counter was not being maintained according to the prescribed standards. Following the inspection, a fine of Rs30,000 was imposed on the superstore.

The deputy commissioner directed superstores to maintain their DC counters properly and ensure that essential items available through the counters meet required quality standards. Officials were also instructed to adopt zero tolerance towards the sale of substandard items and ensure that consumers receive quality products at notified prices. The administration further directed retailers to prominently display official rate lists so customers can check prices before making purchases. Authorities said price-control inspections would continue across Lahore to monitor overcharging, product quality and compliance with government instructions. Superstores and other retailers have been directed to address violations and maintain proper facilities for consumers.

Lahore administration intensifies chicken shop inspections over price violations

Authorities take action against overcharging, under-weighing and failure to display official rate lists.

Lahore: (Badar Butt): The Lahore district administration has intensified inspections of chicken shops across the city to ensure compliance with the notified price of Rs439 per kilogram. According to the provided information, 3,149 inspections were conducted during the past 24 hours in areas including Harbanspura, Ichhra, Nishtar, Iqbal Town and Model Town. During the inspections, authorities reportedly took 1,019 actions against shops over alleged overcharging, while another 148 actions were taken against outlets for failing to display the official rate list. The enforcement activity was carried out by Assistant Commissioners, Price Control Magistrates and teams from the Punjab Enforcement and Regulatory Authority (PERA).

Authorities also imposed fines totalling Rs250,000 on 124 violators for overcharging and under-weighing. Three cases were registered during the enforcement operation, while field teams continued checking chicken prices and weighing practices at shops across different parts of Lahore. Deputy Commissioner Lahore Captain (Retd.) Muhammad Ali Ijaz directed officials to maintain strict price control and take action against violations without discrimination. The administration said inspections would continue to ensure that chicken is sold to consumers at the notified price and according to required weight standards.



The administration said the inspections will continue across all major markets and commercial areas of Lahore. Officials have also been directed to monitor weighing practices and ensure that consumers receive the correct quantity at the notified price. Shopkeepers found violating the rules may face fines or further legal action. The district administration has asked field teams to maintain regular checks and report violations during ongoing price-control operations.

Icon Mall & Tower Lahore offers premium commercial shops on easy instalments

Retail project promotes premium commercial spaces with flexible installment options for investors.



Lahore: (Staff Reporter): Icon Mall & Tower is offering commercial shop investment opportunities in Lahore through an easy installment plan, according to the project details. The development is being marketed as a premium retail destination designed for businesses and investors seeking commercial spaces. According to the available project information, commercial shops are being offered starting from Rs1.3 million, with a monthly installment option of 1%. The payment structure is being promoted as a flexible investment opportunity for buyers interested in securing retail space in the project. The project is positioned as a commercial hub aimed at attracting businesses, retailers and investors looking for opportunities in Lahore's expanding real estate market. Marketing material highlights limited available units and encourages potential buyers to explore the available commercial options.

Commercial developments such as shopping malls and retail towers are generally designed to provide business spaces along with customer-focused facilities and improved shopping experiences. The success of such projects depends on factors including location, development progress, approvals and market demand. However, details regarding the project's approval status, completion timeline, developer information and official payment schedule were not provided in the available information. Buyers and investors should verify all project documents, approvals and payment details through official project sources before making any investment decision.

The project is being promoted as an opportunity for businesses to establish a presence in a planned commercial environment with access to modern retail facilities. Investors are being encouraged to explore available units while considering location, development progress and market conditions. Further details regarding possession schedule, commercial categories, facilities and future development phases would need to be confirmed through official project updates and documentation. The commercial project is aimed at providing investors with retail options in one of Lahore's developing business zones. Potential buyers are advised to review all legal and financial details before proceeding with any booking. The project's future growth will depend on timely development, occupancy and overall market response.

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Pine Avenue Lahore gets Cove Residency with 50+ planned amenities

Upcoming residential development to feature studio, 1-bed and 2-bed apartments with lifestyle facilities.



Lahore: (Staff Reporter): UK Developers is promoting Cove Residency, an upcoming residential project located near Valencia Roundabout on Pine Avenue, Lahore. The developer's official website lists the project as an upcoming residential development with a planned completion timeline of 2028. The project is being marketed with studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments, targeting residents seeking modern living options in a developing area of Lahore. Promotional material highlights a range of lifestyle facilities, including a swimming pool, gym, jogging track, spa, cinema/home theatre, children's areas and other recreational amenities. The project's promotional campaign also mentions more than 50 amenities. However, this figure is currently based on developer marketing information, and a complete independently verified list of all claimed facilities was not available during the review.

Located at Pine Avenue near Valencia Roundabout, Cove Residency offers connectivity toward important areas including Valencia Town, Lake City, Raiwind Road and Lahore Ring Road. The location is being promoted as a convenient residential destination due to access to major roads and nearby developments. The project remains under development and is not yet an operational residential building. Further details regarding construction progress, possession schedule, approvals and final delivery timeline would need to be confirmed through official project updates.

Lahore Smart City shows fresh progress as development work continues

Road and infrastructure work continues in multiple sectors as possession has started in parts of Overseas Prime.

Lahore: (Staff Reporter): Fresh on-ground development activity has been reported across Lahore Smart City, with construction work continuing in different parts of the housing development. The latest weekly Progress Journal shared by The One highlights ongoing activity related to infrastructure, community areas and other development zones within the project. Lahore Smart City's available project information states that construction work remains in progress and confirms that possession has already been initiated in Sectors A and B of Overseas Prime. The development is located along Lahore Ring Road and the M-11 Lahore–Sialkot Motorway corridor, providing connectivity to major routes around Lahore.

Earlier on-ground reporting from September also showed active road and infrastructure work in several areas, including Overseas Central, Overseas West, Executive West and Overseas Prime. Development activity has also been reported along the project's main boulevard, indicating that work is continuing across multiple sections rather than being limited to a single area. The latest Progress Journal provides updates on ongoing development activity but does not give a verified overall completion percentage for the entire Lahore Smart City project. It also does not announce a new project-wide completion date. Therefore, the latest position is that development remains active, while possession has already started in specified sectors of Overseas Prime.



Greenland Valley markets ready-possession plots on Rs9,000 monthly instalment plan

Residential plots starting from Rs9,000 monthly are being marketed near Quaid-e-Azam Interchange.

Lahore: (Staff Reporter): Greenland Valley Lahore is marketing a limited number of ready-possession residential plots through an instalment plan starting from Rs9,000 per month. According to the supplied project material, booking is reportedly available against an initial payment of 15 percent, with several residential plot options being offered to prospective buyers. The advertised plot sizes include 3, 5, 8 and 10 marlas. The housing scheme is located near Lahore Ring Road's Quaid-e-Azam Interchange, opposite the Manawan Police Training Centre. The location is being promoted for its access to major road links and surrounding residential and commercial areas. Project promotional material lists several facilities, including a gated entrance, commercial market, park, water filtration plant, electricity, sewerage and a graveyard. A mosque is also mentioned as currently under construction, while the development is being marketed as a residential community with basic infrastructure and community facilities.

However, the supplied offer does not specify the total price of each plot, duration of the instalment plan, possession conditions or any additional charges. These details can significantly affect the overall cost and should therefore be confirmed before booking or making any payment. Prospective buyers should independently verify the specific plot, payment schedule, ownership documents and regulatory status through the developer and the Lahore Development Authority's official approved-schemes portal before proceeding with a transaction.



Kuwait Mall reports round-the-clock construction progress in Bahria Town Lahore

Project update highlights ongoing work, while completion and handover timelines remain unspecified.

Lahore: (Staff Reporter): Construction work at Kuwait Mall in Bahria Town Lahore is continuing around the clock, according to a project update dated September 23, 2026. The latest update describes development activity as progressing rapidly, although it does not identify a new structural milestone or provide a current overall completion percentage. Kuwait Mall is being marketed as a mixed-use commercial and residential development in Bahria Town Lahore. United Actros identifies itself as the project developer and has promoted the development as an investment and commercial destination. The project is being developed with both commercial and residential components.

According to the developer's website, Kuwait Mall has been approved by the Lahore Development Authority. However, the available update does not provide the specific approval number, sanctioned building plan or detailed information regarding the approved development scope. The project update also does not specify an expected completion, possession or handover date. Prospective buyers should therefore verify the latest construction status, approval documents, sanctioned building plan, unit details and payment schedule directly through the developer and relevant LDA records before making any booking or investment.



METRO POLITAN

Lahore's Nasir Bagh underground parking plaza grey structure completed, finishing underway

Finishing work continues day and night as Lahore's underground parking facility moves towards completion.



Lahore: (Staff Reporter): The grey structure of the Nasir Bagh underground parking plaza, including both basement levels, has been fully completed, according to the latest supplied report. Construction activity has now entered the finishing stage, with work continuing day and night to complete the remaining components of the project. The underground parking facility is being developed to provide organised parking space for Nasir Bagh and surrounding areas. The project aims to reduce roadside parking pressure, improve traffic movement and provide visitors with a dedicated parking solution in one of Lahore's busy areas.

Officials say the completed facility will offer a modern parking environment with better arrangements for vehicles and improved management of parking-related issues. The project is expected to support smoother traffic flow by reducing congestion caused by vehicles parked along roadsides. The completion of the grey structure marks an important milestone, while finishing, beautification and other remaining works are still underway before the facility becomes operational. The supplied report, however, does not mention an official opening date or final inauguration schedule.

CDA launches action against 377 structures along Islamabad Expressway East

Authority begins sealing, regularisation and demolition operations over encroachments and building violations.



Islamabad: (Badar Butt): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has initiated action against 377 structures along Islamabad Expressway East over alleged encroachments and building violations. The operation is being carried out jointly by CDA's Building Control Section, Enforcement Directorate and the district administration. According to CDA, the targeted structures include 281 commercial properties, while enforcement teams are reviewing cases involving unauthorised construction, land-use violations and other regulatory issues. The authority has started sealing, regularisation and demolition operations as part of the ongoing enforcement drive. Officials have stated that property owners and businesses are being dealt with according to applicable regulations, while cases eligible for regularisation may be processed after fulfilling legal requirements and payment obligations.

CDA officials said the action is aimed at ensuring compliance with approved building regulations and recovering dues linked to unauthorised use of land. The authority estimates that approximately Rs3 billion can be recovered in land-conversion charges, penalties and other applicable payments associated with building violations. The operation forms part of CDA's broader efforts to regulate development activity along major corridors of the federal capital and address construction carried out without required approvals. The authority has not announced a final timeline for completion of the operation, while enforcement activities are expected to continue along Islamabad Expressway East.

KMC develops Col Sher Khan Park, sports ground in Karachi's Manghopir

New public facility in Manghopir aims to provide recreational and sports opportunities for local residents.

Karachi: (Staff Reporter): Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) has developed Col Sher Khan Park and Sports Ground in the Pakhtoonabad area of Manghopir Town as part of local development efforts aimed at improving public facilities in the city. The newly developed facility includes a park and sports ground designed to provide recreational opportunities for residents of the area. The project is intended to create a dedicated public space where people, especially young residents, can participate in sports activities and spend leisure time in a better environment.



The development is located in a low-income neighbourhood and reflects efforts by local authorities to improve community spaces and provide access to recreational facilities in different parts of Karachi. Officials say the establishment of parks and sports grounds plays an important role in improving urban living conditions by offering residents safer spaces for physical activities, community interaction and outdoor recreation. However, details regarding the total project cost, funding source, construction timeline and official completion date were not provided in the available update. Further information regarding the facility's management, maintenance arrangements and additional features may be released through official KMC updates. The facility is expected to provide residents with improved access to outdoor activities and encourage healthier community engagement. Such public spaces can also support local youth by offering better opportunities for sports and recreational activities.

KP govt continues construction of Hazarkhwani overpass under revitalisation plan

Six-lane project on Peshawar Ring Road remains under construction as authorities monitor progress.

Peshawar: (Reporter Badar Butt): Construction work on the Hazarkhwani Overpass is continuing under the Peshawar Revitalisation Plan of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government. The project is located at the Hazarkhwani intersection on Peshawar Ring Road and forms part of a wider programme aimed at improving the city's urban and transport infrastructure. The overpass is being developed alongside other projects including underpasses, flyovers and road improvements across Peshawar. These interventions are intended to improve traffic movement, address congestion at major intersections and strengthen connectivity between different parts of the provincial capital. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Secretary inspected the Hazarkhwani Overpass along with other ongoing Peshawar Development Authority projects in August. During the inspection, officials were directed to maintain construction quality and accelerate development work within the stipulated timelines.

Official information previously stated that the Hazarkhwani Overpass is a six-lane project being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs1.257 billion. The project remains part of the wider urban development programme being implemented in Peshawar. However, the available information does not provide a revised completion date for the Hazarkhwani Overpass. The current position is that construction remains underway, while further updates regarding progress and the opening schedule are expected from the relevant authorities.





Lahore's Neela Gumbad restoration advances alongside underground parking project

Historic site undergoes conservation as finishing work continues on the underground parking plaza.

Lahore: (Badar Butt): Restoration and development work around Lahore's historic Neela Gumbad is progressing alongside the construction of an underground parking plaza, as authorities continue efforts to improve and preserve the heritage area. The approximately 350-year-old site is being restored as part of wider initiatives focused on protecting Lahore's historic landmarks. According to recent project updates, the grey structure of the Neela Gumbad underground parking plaza has been completed, while finishing work is continuing across its three basement levels. The parking facility is being developed as part of the wider urban infrastructure improvements planned for the surrounding commercial and heritage area.

Earlier official information stated that the plaza was designed with three underground basement levels along with associated urban infrastructure. The facility is intended to improve parking arrangements in the area and help address traffic and parking pressures around the historic site. The heritage conservation work at Neela Gumbad is being carried out separately from the parking construction. The wider development programme is focused on improving the surrounding historic environment while maintaining the character and significance of the landmark. The latest position indicates that structural work on the parking plaza has reached an advanced stage, with finishing activities still underway. However, the available information does not provide a confirmed opening date for the parking facility or a final completion schedule for the wider restoration programme.

Nasir Bagh, Neela Gumbad parking plazas near completion in Lahore

LDA reports major progress as finishing, electrical and technical works continue at both projects.

Lahore: (Staff Reporter): Construction work on the Nasir Bagh and Neela Gumbad underground parking plazas has entered an advanced stage, with finishing and technical activities currently underway at both projects. The developments are part of Lahore's urban infrastructure improvements aimed at increasing organised parking capacity in central areas. According to the latest LDA update supplied for this report, the Nasir Bagh parking plaza has reached 83 percent completion, while the Neela Gumbad parking plaza has reached 80 percent completion. Painting, electrical works and camera installation activities are currently in progress, while LDA Director General Tahir Farooq has directed project teams to speed up the remaining work.



Recent LDA updates also support the advanced construction status of both projects. On September 19, LDA reported that the grey structure of the Neela Gumbad underground parking plaza had been completed, with finishing work continuing across its three basement levels. On September 20, LDA stated that the grey structure of both underground levels at Nasir Bagh had reached completion, while finishing activities were ongoing. The parking plazas are designed to improve parking facilities and reduce pressure on surrounding roads in busy areas of Lahore. Earlier reports indicated that both projects had missed their previous completion targets, with October 30, 2026 reported as the revised completion target.

LWMC steps up cleanliness checks across Lahore markets, roads

Suthra Punjab programme focuses on sanitation checks, waste clearance and anti-littering activities across the city.

Lahore: (Staff Reporter): Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) teams are continuing field monitoring and waste collection operations across major roads, commercial markets and residential areas of the city under the Suthra Punjab cleanliness programme. According to the September 26 media updates provided for this report, LWMC CEO Shehryar Arif Khan inspected sanitation arrangements in areas including Gawalmandi, Kacha Nisbat Road, Temple Road, Lakshmi Chowk and Lytton Road. During the visits, he reviewed waste management activities and also sought feedback from residents regarding door-to-door waste collection services in Mozang and Abid Market areas. The update further stated that monitoring activities were carried out around Mayo Hospital, Anarkali, Qurtaba Chowk, Tollinton Market and Camp Jail. Commercial market waste-container clearance and anti-littering operations are also being conducted as part of ongoing cleanliness efforts across Lahore. Shopkeepers have been advised to keep dustbins outside their businesses and ensure that waste is disposed of through designated collection arrangements. Authorities said these measures are aimed at improving cleanliness standards and strengthening public participation in waste management.



Recent APP reports also confirm that Shehryar Arif Khan has been conducting repeated field inspections across Lahore. On September 24, APP reported his visit to Tollinton Market, where sanitation arrangements, shopkeeper awareness and anti-littering measures were reviewed. Earlier inspections covered areas including Samanabad Town, Muslim Town, Gulshan Ravi and Moon Market.

LDA DG Tahir Farooq reviews urban regeneration pilot project on Inner Circular Road

Pilot initiative includes footpaths, seating areas, parking facilities and façade improvements.

Lahore: (Badar Butt): Lahore Development Authority (LDA) Director General Tahir Farooq visited Inner Circular Road and Bhatti Chowk to review the pilot upgradation project being carried out under the urban regeneration initiative. The project is focused on improving the appearance, functionality and public facilities along the corridor. The development work includes the construction of improved footpaths, seating areas and a designated parking space along Inner Circular Road. The initiative also includes façade upgrades and installation of uniform signage aimed at creating a more organised and visually improved urban environment. During the visit, the LDA Director General reviewed the completed development features and assessed the ongoing progress of the urban regeneration work. Officials briefed him about the improvements being carried out as part of the pilot project.

The initiative is part of wider efforts to enhance public spaces, improve pedestrian facilities and upgrade important urban corridors in Lahore. Such regeneration projects focus on improving accessibility, cleanliness and the overall experience for residents and visitors. However, the available information does not provide details regarding the total project cost, completion timeline or whether similar upgradation work will be expanded to other areas of the city.



WEATHER

PMD forecasts dry weather across Pakistan as hot conditions continue in plains

PMD forecasts dry conditions in major cities while light rain remains possible in upper regions.

Islamabad: (Staff Reporter): The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast mainly dry weather across most parts of the country, with hot conditions expected in plain areas. The weather outlook issued for September 23 indicates that major urban centres are likely to experience mostly dry conditions. According to the forecast, Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi are expected to remain dry, with temperatures recorded around 22°C, 26°C and 28°C respectively. Residents in these cities may experience warm conditions, particularly during daytime hours.

The Met Office stated that partly cloudy weather with chances of light rain may occur in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir and adjoining hilly areas during the evening. Some areas in these regions may experience changing weather conditions due to local atmospheric developments. The PMD advised citizens to remain cautious during warm weather, especially in plain areas where temperatures are expected to remain higher compared with northern and hilly regions. People involved in outdoor activities are encouraged to take necessary precautions.



Waterlogging can create temporary disruptions in urban areas when rainfall exceeds the capacity of drainage systems or when existing drainage infrastructure becomes overwhelmed. Timely clearance of accumulated water is generally important for restoring normal traffic movement and reducing inconvenience for residents. The timing and extent of this particular incident could not be independently verified through the sources reviewed.

Lahore remains among most polluted cities as AQI levels fluctuate

Air quality readings change throughout the day while weather conditions also show possible rain activity.



Weather conditions in Lahore are also changing, with the city experiencing hot and hazy conditions on Sunday. Updated forecasts indicate a possibility of thunderstorms on Monday morning, while the earlier expectation of no rain in the next 24 hours should not be considered certain. According to the Flood Forecasting Division (FFD) Lahore, a westerly system may bring isolated to scattered rain and thunderstorms over upper Punjab and other northern regions until September 29.

Lahore: (Staff Reporter): Lahore remained among the world's most polluted major cities on September 27, with air quality readings continuing to fluctuate throughout the day. At the latest check, IQAir's live global ranking placed Lahore second among polluted cities, although the AQI level had changed from the 187 figure mentioned in the supplied morning update to around the 140s later in the day. Air quality rankings and AQI readings are updated frequently and can change depending on monitoring time, weather conditions and the location of measuring stations. Therefore, pollution figures should always be considered with their specific time of measurement. The supplied locality-based readings for areas including Iqbal Town, Paragon City, Barki Road, Model Town, Bedian Road and Chaman Park could not all be matched with the latest official Punjab EPA monitoring feed. Different air-quality networks may also report varying readings due to differences in station locations and measurement methods.