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As we close another eventful two months of dedicated climate action, enforcement and policy advancement, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination remains firmly committed to driving Pakistan's transition toward a cleaner, safer and more resilient future. The months of September and October brought significant milestones marked by strong enforcement operations, landmark policy initiatives, global climate diplomacy and vibrant community engagement.

This edition captures the Ministry's multi-pronged efforts to protect our environment and public health. From sealing non-compliant marble factories and demolishing polluting brick kilns, to unveiling Islamabad's most ambitious Vehicular Emission Control Action Plan (VECAP) yet, Pak-EPA and partner institutions intensified their anti-smog action ahead of the winter pollution season. These actions reaffirm our zero-tolerance approach toward violations of environmental laws and highlight our resolve to ensure clean air for all citizens.

At the international level, Federal Minister Senator Dr Musadik Malik and Minister of State Dr Shezra Mansab Ali Kharaal represented Pakistan on prominent platforms, including the Global Green Growth Forum in Seoul, where they reaffirmed the country's commitment to climate-resilient development, carbon market readiness, and global collaboration for green growth. Strengthened partnerships with UNODC, GGGI, the German Government under the SPAR6C programme, and the UN system further underscore Pakistan's determination to align national climate action with global best practices.

The Ministry also continued advancing community-based conservation and environmental stewardship. The Islamabad Wildlife Management Board brought youth and civil society together through Hari Kahani Week at the Margalla Hills National Park, while Pak-EPA and PPI collaborated on plastic reduction drives at the H-9 Weekly Bazaar. Workshops on IT-based plastic waste monitoring and progress under the Plastic-Free Rivers and Seas initiative show that Pakistan is investing not only in enforcement but in innovation, data-driven governance, and behavioural change.

Urban resilience remained a core priority as Pakistan observed World Habitat Day and joined global calls for cities that can withstand climate shocks. Discussions led by national and international experts echoed the urgent need for climate-responsive planning, improved urban systems, and inclusive solutions.

This period also reaffirmed our enduring commitment to biodiversity protection. As the nation marked International Snow Leopard Day, the Ministry reiterated Pakistan's pledge to safeguard the iconic "Ghost of the Mountains" through science-based conservation and community engagement.

As you read through this newsletter, you will see a consistent theme: climate action is no longer a choice. Rather, it is an imperative. Whether through strong enforcement, visionary policy, global partnerships or grassroots mobilisation, the Ministry continues to push forward a unified national agenda for environmental stewardship and climate resilience.

We remain grateful for the support and collaboration of our stakeholders, partners and communities across Pakistan. Together, we move toward a healthier environment, a safer climate and a more sustainable future for generations to come.

— EDITOR, NEWSLETTER

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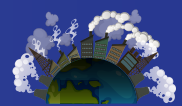
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Pak-EPA seals polluting marble factories in anti-smog crackdown

Islamabad (October 30, 2025) - In a major enforcement operation against industrial air pollution, the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) in coordination with the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration, sealed several non-compliant marble factories operating near Sector B-17, Islamabad, for persistent violations of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997, according to a press release issued here on Thursday



Pak-EPA Islamabad enforcement team, led by Mr. Khalid Mehmood Chadhar, Director (EIA/Monitoring), and Mr. Muhammad Ramazan, Deputy Director (Legal/Enforcement) of Pak-EPA Islamabad under the supervision of the Director General of Pak-EPA Islamabad Nazia Zeb Ali sealing Marble factories in B-17 sector of Islamabad. (Oct 30, 2025).

"The action was part of Pak-EPA's ongoing campaign to curb smog and control dust emissions from marble and granite processing units, which were identified as significant contributors to deteriorating air quality in and around the federal capital," said Muhammad Saleem Shaikh, media spokesperson for the Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination.

The operation was led by Mr. Khalid Mehmood Chadhar, Director (EIA/Monitoring), and Mr. Muhammad Ramazan, Deputy Director (Legal/Enforcement) of Pak-EPA Islamabad under the supervision of the Director General of Pak-EPA Islamabad Nazia Zeb Ali. The inspection, conducted in the presence of a magistrate, found that several marble processing units had failed to comply with repeated notices and warnings issued by the competent authority.

The Director General Nazia Zeb Ali said that excessive dust and fine particulate matter generated during marble cutting and polishing are among the leading causes of ambient air

pollution, which has been worsening during the current smog season, affecting both public health and visibility.

Consequently, the non-compliant units were sealed, and Environmental Protection Orders (EPOs) were issued under the relevant provisions of the law for persistent violations of environmental standards, she added.

"Industrial units must adopt effective pollution-control technologies and comply with the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) to protect public health and Islamabad's environment," said Director General Pak-EPA Nazia Zeb Ali. "Pak-EPA will continue strict enforcement to ensure clean air and sustainable industrial practices across the region."

She reaffirmed federal environmental watchdog's commitment to strict enforcement of environmental laws and urged all industrial operators to switch to environmentally sustainable methods to reduce emissions and support the government's broader anti-smog strategy.

Minister Shezra Mansab highlights Pakistan's climate action at Global Green Growth Forum in Seoul



H.E. Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali Kharal, Minister of State for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination addresses the Assembly Session of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). (Seoul: October 29th, 2025)

SEOUL, Korea (October 29, 2025) Minister of State for Climate Change & Environmental Coordination Shezra Mansab Ali Kharal attended the 14th Session of the Assembly and 18th Session of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in Seoul, Republic of Korea being held between 29th and 31st October, 2025.

The Honourable Minister of State delivered a keynote speech at the Inaugural Session of the event today, titled "Implementing International Carbon Markets: Country Experiences and Strategic Pathways to 2023".

The session was attended by a large number of government officials from New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Senegal, Norway, Sweden, and Zambia among others, Climate Change experts, representatives of NGOs and Media.

In her keynote speech, Minister Dr. Kharal stated that Pakistan has demonstrated significant commitment and leadership in addressing Climate Change both internationally and domestically. She reiterated that Pakistan's comprehensive Climate agenda includes implementing a range of policies and initiatives to enhance country's climate resilience, mitigate emissions, and mobilize climate finance.

On the sidelines of the Global Green Growth Week, the Honourable Minister of State will hold important bilateral meetings with the delegation from the Government of Norway as well as the representatives of various International NGOs.

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) is a treaty-based international organization promoting green growth, balancing economic development, and environmental sustainability. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary General is the current Chair and President of the Institute.

Pak-EPA, ICT jointly demolishes polluting brick kilns in Islamabad in anti-smog operation



Knock-down operation against polluting brick kilns in Islamabad underway in Islamabad led by Mr. Khalid Mehmood Chadhar, Director (EIA/Monitoring), of the Pak-EPA Islamabad under supervision of the Director General of Pak-EPA.

ISLAMABAD (October 29, 2025) - In a decisive move to combat air pollution and smog in Islamabad, the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency Islamabad (Pak-EPA Islamabad) on Wednesday launched an extensive operation to demolish non-compliant and polluting traditional brick kilns operating without Zigzag Technology in the federal capital.

The enforcement operation, led by Mr. Khalid Mehmood Chadhar, Director (EIA/Monitoring), Pak-EPA Islamabad, under the supervision of the Director General of Pak-EPA, targeted brick kilns located in H-16 and H-17 sectors that have kept releasing toxic fumes and fine dust into the air in violation of the relevant environmental laws.

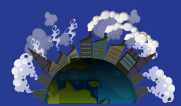
The knock-down operation was conducted in close coordination with the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration, Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Islamabad Police.

Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Ministry Spokesperson Muhammad Saleem Shaikh recalled that for the past few years, Pak-EPA and ICT authorities have repeatedly warned, summoned and issued closure orders to kiln owners if they did not convert to Zigzag Technology - an eco-friendly method that lowers heat-trapping carbon emissions from fuel burned in old-style brick kilns.

Despite multiple compliance opportunities, several kiln operators continued illegal operations, prompting strict enforcement action, Mr. Shaikh said.

He also recalled that following a final public notice published in leading national newspapers earlier this month, kiln owners of traditional brick kilns in the capital city were given until October 20, 2025, to adopt Zigzag Technology or face demolition action. Any kilns found operating in violation beyond the deadline are now being demolished without further notice.

"The government has zero tolerance for activities that endanger public health and the environment," said Muhammad Saleem Shaikh, Media Spokesperson for the Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination. "The demolition of non-compliant brick kilns reflects our unwavering commitment to implement environmental laws without discrimination and to ensure cleaner air for citizens, particularly as winter smog season has already set in." He added that the Ministry, through Pak-EPA Islamabad, will continue to work closely with local administrations and industries to promote cleaner production technologies and sustainable



practices. "We urge all remaining brick kiln owners to immediately transition to Zigzag Technology. Protecting public health and environmental integrity is a shared responsibility," he emphasised.

Meanwhile, Pak-EPA Islamabad's Mr. Khalid Mehmood Chadhar reiterated that such operations are part of a broader national anti-smog strategy designed to safeguard air quality, reduce particulate pollution, and support Pakistan's commitment to sustainable development and environmental protection.

Pakistan reaffirms commitment to protect endangered Snow Leopard



Senator Dr. Musadik Masood Malik, Federal Minister for Climate Change & Environmental Coordination.

ISLAMABAD (Oct 23, 2025) - Pakistan announced its renewed pledge to protect the endangered snow leopard, with Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr Musadik Malik stressing the urgent need to scale up conservation efforts for the iconic high-altitude species.

In his message issued on the International Snow Leopard Day, observed globally on October 23, the minister described the elusive big cat as the "Ghost of the Mountains" and a powerful symbol of the planet's highest and most fragile ecosystems. He said fewer than a few thousand snow leopards remain worldwide, of which around 220 inhabit Pakistan's northern mountain ranges.

"These majestic creatures are vital to safeguarding the natural heritage of our mountains and ensuring healthy ecosystems," Dr Malik said, warning that the species continues to face mounting threats from climate change, habitat degradation, dwindling prey populations and human-wildlife conflict.

He emphasized that snow leopards play a crucial ecological role in maintaining the balance of high-altitude habitats, and their survival is closely linked to the wellbeing of local communities.

The minister said Pakistan has been actively pursuing a combination of habitat protection, scientific monitoring and community-led conservation programmes aimed at preserving the snow leopard's natural range and reducing pressures on its population.

"Pakistan is working to ensure that the snow leopard continues to thrive in the wild," he said. "We are fully aware of the challenges ahead and remain dedicated to strengthening our conservation efforts. Protecting the snow leopard also means protecting our mountains, rivers and the communities that depend on them."

International Snow Leopard Day is observed each year to raise awareness of the species' conservation needs across its range, which spans 12 countries in Central and South Asia. Conservationists say collaborative, long-term strategies are essential to prevent further population decline and to secure the future of the species in the wild.

Pakistan and UNODC agree to jointly combat environmental crimes



Federal Minister Dr. Musadik Malik met with Mr. Troels Vester, Country Representative of the UNODC. Islamabad: October 22, 2025

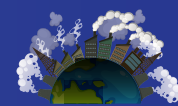
ISLAMABAD (October 22, 2025) - Mr. Troels Vester, Country Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Pakistan called on the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik earlier today in Islamabad.

Their discussion was focused on the ever-growing nexus between illegal electronic trade, money laundering, and organized illegal logging, posing a significant threat to environmental sustainability and governance. There was deep concern over the rising trend of transnational environmental crimes that not only endanger natural resources but also undermine efforts to promote sustainable development.

Dr. Musadik Malik insisted on the urgent need to strengthen Pakistan's legal and policy frameworks by making them more stringent, ensuring effective enforcement mechanisms.

Mr. Troels Vester, who has previous experience as Country Manager of the Programme Office in Indonesia and Programme Coordinator (Country Manager) in the Country Office in Myanmar, acknowledged Pakistan's commitment to addressing environmental crimes and reaffirmed UNODC's full support in this area.

Both sides agreed to develop a joint project aimed at improving inter-agency coordination and modernising laws and enforcement mechanisms to curb illegal activities impacting the environment and economy.



Pak-EPA unveils ambitious action plan to curb air pollution in Islamabad

New plan combines strict enforcement with long-term transition to cleaner fuels and electric vehicles

ISLAMABAD (October 19, 2025) - The Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) launched a comprehensive Vehicular Emission Control Action Plan (VECAP) for the Islamabad Capital Territory, setting out an integrated strategy to curb rising air pollution and smog in the federal capital over the coming years.

The initiative, announced on Sunday by Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination spokesperson Muhammad Saleem, has been developed in collaboration with the ICT administration, Islamabad Transport Authority and the ICT Traffic Police. The policy outlines short- and long-term measures to strengthen emission monitoring, transition to cleaner fuels and scale up electric mobility in the capital.

Mr Shaikh said vehicular pollution has emerged as the second-largest contributor to deteriorating air quality in Islamabad, after industrial emissions. Toxic pollutants including carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and PM2.5 have risen sharply, he said, adding that these emissions are driving a surge in cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses.

"The plan provides a structured, practical and forward-looking roadmap for cleaner air in Islamabad," he said. "It combines enforcement, innovation and public engagement instead of relying on temporary measures."

In its short-term phase, spanning the first 18 months, the authorities will conduct surprise roadside inspections to ensure compliance with National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS). Government vehicles will be required to meet 100 per cent NEQS within the stipulated period, while private and

commercial vehicles will undergo third-party emission testing through accredited laboratories. Mandatory compliance certificates will be linked to registration and transfer procedures. City-wide awareness campaigns will be run across television, radio and digital platforms to promote regular vehicle maintenance and discourage smoke-emitting transport. Enforcement efforts have already begun, Mr Shaikh noted, adding that 215 vehicles were fined and 32 impounded during an enforcement campaign at eight checkpoints in Islamabad. Diesel buses, trucks and tankers will face stricter inspections, while the presence of catalytic converters in petrol vehicles will be closely checked. Open burning of solid waste will also be prohibited under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act.

The long-term phase, covering the 18- to 60-month period, aims to shift the capital's transport system towards cleaner fuels and electric mobility. The government will introduce a Comprehensive Electric Vehicle Promotion Programme that includes EV charging infrastructure across the city, a 10 per cent quota of electric vehicles in government fleets and incentives such as tax exemptions and dedicated EV lanes. Fuel stations will be required to transition to Euro-5 standards by 2027 and Euro-6 by 2030.

A vehicle retirement policy will gradually phase out older high-emission vehicles, particularly those over 10 to 15 years old. Older vehicles will need mandatory fitness certification, while environmentally managed scrapping facilities will be set up for discarded vehicles.

Dr. Musadik Malik engages Samson Group leadership on green investment and reforestation goals



Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senator Dr. Musadik Malik, held a meeting today with the International Advisory Board of the Samson Group of Companies.

ISLAMABAD (October 17, 2025) - Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senator Dr. Musadik Malik, held a meeting today with the International Advisory Board of the Samson Group of Companies, led by Lord Amir Sarfraz of Kensington, Member of the House of Lords (UK), and General Patrick Sander, former Chief of the British Army.

The meeting focused on promoting eco-tourism in Pakistan, particularly in the northern regions, through sustainable development models that balance economic growth with

environmental preservation. Dr. Musadik Malik emphasized the importance of developing tourism in a manner that safeguards the country's natural landscapes and biodiversity while generating livelihood opportunities for local communities.

The discussion also highlighted the Samson Group's ambitious commitment to plant 100 million trees across Pakistan as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The Minister appreciated this large-scale plantation effort and reaffirmed the Government's support for private sector partnerships that align

with Pakistan's broader environmental and climate resilience objectives.

Dr. Musadik Malik underscored that such collaborations play a critical role in advancing Pakistan's green transition and

achieving national reforestation and sustainability targets. Pak-EPA DG meets CDA chairman, discuss urban air pollution issues

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ISLAMABAD (October 14, 2025) - City managers on Monday set Oct 20 as deadline for brick kilns operating in Islamabad to adopt zig-zag technology or face action.

A meeting jointly chaired by CDA chief Mohammad Ali Randhawa and Director General of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA), Nazia Zeb Ali discussed various steps for



DG Pak-EPA Nazia Zeb Ali and CDA Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa and jointly chair a meeting regarding smog prevention and environmental protection at the CDA Headquarters on October 13, 2025.

smog prevention and environmental protection in Islamabad. Besides CDA board members, the meeting was also attended by Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon.

"It was decided that all brick kilns and industries in Islamabad must adopt modern and environment friendly technology. The meeting specifically set Oct 20 deadline for brick kilns to adopt modern zig-zag technology, otherwise strict legal action would be taken against brick kilns," read a statement issued by CDA.

Around 30 brick kilns are operating in Islamabad and the meeting was told that many of them have already adopted zig-zag technology, but those operating on boarder areas of Rawalpindi and Islamabad are reluctant to environment friendly technology.

The CDA Chairman ordered that the brick kilns which do not

adopt modern zig-zag technology, continuously violate EPA's regulations and causing air pollution should be dismantled in accordance with the law.

He also directed that the ICT administration should adopt a joint strategy in consultation with the Rawalpindi administration against brick kilns located in boundary areas.

Meanwhile, during the course of meeting, CDA chief said that in this regard, relevant institutions, in collaboration with the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA), will ensure the implementation of a comprehensive and joint strategy for prevention of smog and clean environment in Islamabad.

The Islamabad DC informed the meeting that various measures are being taken in the city like check on smoke emitting vehicles, brick kilns and industries to reduce smog.

Pakistan Steps up to strengthen carbon market governance, pricing frameworks under SPAR6C initiative



Islamabad: Dr. Musadik Malik met with Ms. Helene Paust, Deputy Head of Cooperation at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Islamabad, and representatives from GGGI and UNEP-CCC under the SPAR6C Programme on October 13, 2025.

ISLAMABAD (October 13, 2025) - Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senator Dr. Musadik Malik, held a meeting today with Ms. Helene Paust, Deputy Head of Cooperation at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Islamabad, and representatives from the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and the UNEP-CCC under the SPAR6C Programme funded by German Federal Government.

The meeting focused on advancing shared goals to strengthen Pakistan's carbon market rules, pricing mechanisms, and governance frameworks under the Supporting Preparedness for Article 6 Cooperation (SPAR6C) program.

The discussion highlighted Pakistan's transition from readiness to implementation in developing a transparent, credible, and high-integrity carbon market aligned with global standards.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Musadik Malik stated, "Carbon markets are not just about trading credits, they're about valuing climate action fairly and ensuring that every ton reduced translates into real benefits for our people and our economy."

The collaboration under the SPAR6C program aims to support Pakistan in mobilizing climate finance, fostering innovation, and achieving its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) through sustainable market-based mechanisms.

Pakistan marks World Habitat Day 2025, calls for urgent urban solutions to escalating climate crisis

AMABAD (October 6, 2025) - Cities must evolve rapidly to withstand escalating climate pressures, Minister of State for

Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr Shezra Mansab said, as Pakistan joined the global community in



Minister of State for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr Shezra Mansab photographed with participants of the World Habitat Day 2025 event held on October 6, 2025 in Islamabad.

observing World Habitat Day 2025. She stressed that the New Urban Agenda offered a transformative pathway for building inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities equipped to meet the challenges of a warming world.

discussed strategies to strengthen Pakistan's urban resilience. UN-Habitat Senior Advisor and Habitat Programme Manager Jawed Ali Khan warned that climate-induced disasters were colliding with rapid urbanisation, straining housing, infrastructure and essential services. "We are witnessing the intersection of two accelerating crises—climate change and unplanned urban growth, which together are intensifying vulnerabilities for millions," he said.

World Habitat Day, observed annually on the first Monday of October, underscores the shared responsibility to create urban spaces that can endure climate shocks while ensuring dignity and opportunity for all. This year's theme, "Urban Solutions to the Climate Crisis," placed a spotlight on the urgent need for climate-responsive planning as urban populations continue to grow.

The observance concluded with participants reaffirming a collective commitment to build cities and human settlements capable of withstanding climate impacts. Stakeholders emphasised that resilient cities must prioritise safety, inclusion and long-term sustainability while offering hope and opportunity to all residents.

At an event organised, representatives from government agencies, civil society, academia and development organisations

Pak-EPA holds workshop on IT-based plastic waste management monitoring



Participants of the Workshop on National Plastic Waste Management Plan and roll out of IT-based Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism organised by Pak-EPA Islamabad in collaboration with World Bank, and UNOPS under the Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) project.



ISLAMABAD (September 26, 2025) - A pivotal workshop on the National Plastic Waste Management Plan (NPWMP) and the roll-out of Pakistan's IT-based monitoring and reporting The NPWMP has been developed under the World Bank-funded Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) Project.

The event was organized by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC), in collaboration with Project Procurement International and Techlogix JV. The event convened key stakeholders from across the plastic value chain. Participants included representatives of EPAs, waste management companies, bulk users of single-use plastics, and academic institutions.

Dr Mohsina Zubair, Director (NEQS/Lab), Pak-EPA, opened the session by emphasising the urgent need for sustainable plastic production and consumption, guided by circular economy principles. She highlighted the importance of robust plastic value chain data to reduce environmental leakage and plastic pollution nationwide.

Representing the World Bank, Sana Ahmed, Senior Environmental and Social Specialist, described the NPWMP as a transformative initiative for both environmental sustainability and national development. She underscored the critical role of stakeholders' collaboration and welcomed feedback to strengthen the plan's implementation.

On the occasion, Ali Abdullah, Senior Research Analyst, provided a comprehensive overview of the plan and demonstrated the newly developed IT-based database for the monitoring and reporting mechanism for the plan. The workshop marks a significant step forward in Pakistan's commitment to addressing plastic pollution through data-driven policy.

The plan involves identifying plastic leakage hotspots using the UNEP methodology for plastic pollution hotspotting and shaping actions. The NPWMP is structured around seven strategic goals ensuring uniform policy alignment across federal and provincial levels, introducing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) mechanisms for producers and brand owners, advancing recycling capacities, including mechanical and chemical technologies, promoting sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics, enhancing community awareness and education, adopting integrated sustainable waste management approaches and securing long-term financing mechanisms for implementation.

Climate Minister Dr. Musadik Malik, Chairman NDMA jointly roll out National Resilience Agenda



Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik, held a meeting today with Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik.

ISLAMABAD (September 25, 2025) - Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik, held a meeting today with Chairman National Disaster Management

Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, to discuss the formulation and implementation of the National Resilience Plan 2025–2026. The plan aims to enhance preparedness for the upcoming 2026 monsoon season and to mitigate the devastation caused by natural disasters.

Dr. Musadik Malik emphasised that the National Resilience Plan must be outcome-focused, with clear strategies to reduce the losses resulting from such calamities, whether in terms of human lives, infrastructure, crops, or livestock.

He stressed the importance of creating a robust mechanism that delivers tangible results for the most vulnerable communities.

Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, underlined the need to identify vulnerable regions across Pakistan and assess their exposure to specific risks, including floods, cloudbursts, glacial melt, GLOFs, and landslides. He highlighted that tailoring preparedness and response mechanisms to these localized risks is essential for building resilience.

The Federal Minister further observed that the current disaster response system is fragmented and requires integration into a single, streamlined framework that is quick, coordinated, and effective. He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to work closely with NDMA and all relevant stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive and unified disaster management strategy.

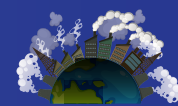
UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan calls on Federal Climate Minister Dr. Musadik Malik



Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik, Meets UN Resident Coordinator Mohamed Yahya in Islamabad on September 23, 2025.

ISLAMABAD (September 23, 2025) – United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Pakistan Mr. Mohamed Yahya called on Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr. Musadik Malik and apprised him of ongoing operations of 24 different UN agencies in different socio-economic development spheres, with their primary focus on supporting the country's development and resilience, particularly in addressing the challenges of climate change.

The Minister and the UN Resident Coordinator discussed in detail the wide range of large-scale programs being implemented by the United Nations in Pakistan. The deliberations covered the scope, implementation strategies, and impact of these initiatives, as well as the future directions for enhancing cooperation in climate adaptation, mitigation, and sustainable development.



Mr. Yahya reaffirmed the United Nations' strong commitment to continue supporting Pakistan in its climate change agenda and to work closely with the Government of Pakistan in advancing shared goals for environmental sustainability and resilience.

Dr. Musadik Malik appreciated the UN's sustained partnership and underscored the Government's determination to strengthen collaborative frameworks that ensure tangible outcomes for communities most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

IWMB Launches 'Hari Kahani Week' at Margalla Hills National Park under Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive 2025

ISLAMABAD (Sep 22, 2025) - The Islamabad Wildlife Management Board (IWMB), under the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, inaugurated Hari Kahani Week with a vibrant awareness and plantation event at the Trail 5, Visitor Information Centre (VIC), Margalla Hills National Park.

The activity brought together civil society volunteers and students from local schools in a joint effort to promote environmental conservation and sustainability.

Students were educated about the rich biodiversity of Margalla Hills National Park and the importance of the prime minister's initiative Ek Beti Ek Shajar, which aligns with the objectives of Hari Kahani Week.



A school child plants sapling at the Trail 5 Visitor Information Centre in Margalla Hills National Park Islamabad on the eve of the launch of 'Hari Kahani' Week on September 22, 2025

Participating institutions included Federal Government Girls Model School, Saidpur, with 45 students and staff members, and Behbud English Medium Primary & Secondary School, Saidpur, with 50 students and staff members.

Highlights of the event included a Seed Ball Dispersal activity, during which approximately 500 seed balls were scattered across various areas of the park to support natural regeneration. Additionally, 200 plants were distributed among participants to foster greenery and contribute to increased tree cover.

The event featured an engaging awareness session where students were briefed on climate change, biodiversity, and ongoing conservation efforts in the Margalla Hills. Hands-on activities such as seed ball making, tree identification, and plantation drives encouraged children to take an active role in environmental stewardship.



Islamabad Wildlife Management Board official supervises schoolchildren planting saplings at the Trail 5 Visitor Information Centre in Margalla Hills National Park on the eve of the launch of 'Hari Kahani' Week on September 22, 2025.

The event drew approximately 150 participants, including students, civil society volunteers, and IWMB staff, marking it as a successful community-driven initiative.

Pak-EPA, PPI launch awareness drive at H-9 bazaar in Islamabad to curb plastic use



Officials of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) and Project Procurement International (PPI) pose for a group photo after an awareness activity at the H-9 Weekly Bazaar in Islamabad, held to promote eco-friendly alternatives and reduce plastic dependency.



The event was inaugurated by Dr Mohsina, Director Pak-EPA, who underscored the rising threat of plastic pollution to public health, the environment and future generations. She urged citizens to shift their daily habits toward reusable and sustainable options, stressing that community-level behavioural change is central to curbing plastic waste.

Following the inauguration, PPI teams conducted a questionnaire-based survey with shopkeepers and visitors to assess public understanding of the environmental hazards posed by single-use plastic bags. The survey also sought opinions on potential alternatives, including cloth bags and other environmentally friendly options. Organisers said the interactive engagement helped gather valuable data while involving the community directly in the discussion.

As part of the drive, cloth bags were distributed free of cost to

both vendors and shoppers to encourage a transition away from single-use plastics. Officials noted that reusable bags not only reduce waste but also serve as a practical, long-term solution to the city's growing plastic problem.

Information banners and educational material were displayed throughout the bazaar, while teams engaged with visitors to explain the importance of reducing plastic dependency and adopting sustainable habits. The initiative, organisers said, aimed to demonstrate that addressing the plastic challenge is a shared responsibility of government institutions, civil society and individual citizens.

They added that similar activities would continue as part of a broader national campaign to promote a cleaner and greener Pakistan.

Swedish Amb, Climate Minister discuss joint climate action in Pakistan



Islamabad: Federal Minister for Climate Change Dr. Musadik Malik Meets Ambassador of Sweden to Pakistan on 16th September 2025.

ISLAMABAD (September 16, 2025) - Her Excellency Alexandra Berg von Linde, Ambassador of Sweden to Pakistan, called on the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik.

The meeting focused on the devastating impacts of recent floods in Pakistan, which have severely affected lives, livelihoods, and critical infrastructure. Dr. Malik underscored the urgent need for climate finance, technology transfer, and resilience-building measures to help vulnerable communities withstand worsening climate shocks.

Both sides explored avenues for enhancing Pakistan-Sweden bilateral cooperation in climate action, sustainable development, and green innovation. Special emphasis was placed on

promoting youth-led green startups and advancing the idea of a Green University of Pakistan as a regional hub for climate education, research, and innovation.

The discussion also highlighted opportunities for academic and research collaboration, including student and faculty exchange programs between universities in Pakistan and Sweden. Issues related to sustainable habitats and urban resilience were also deliberated upon.

Ambassador Alexandra Berg von Linde extended an invitation to Dr. Malik to visit the Swedish Pavilion at the upcoming COP 30 in Brazil. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining close dialogue on global climate diplomacy and to exploring joint initiatives for a sustainable and resilient future.

Federal Minister Dr. Musadik Malik meets Mr. Luke Mayers, Chargé d’Affaires of the Canadian High Commission

ISLAMABAD (September 10, 2025) - Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik, held



Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik Meets Mr. Luke Mayers, Chargé d’Affaires of the Canadian High Commission in Islamabad on September 10, 2025.

a meeting with Mr. Luke Mayers, Chargé d’Affaires of the Canadian High Commission, to discuss the ongoing flood situation in Pakistan and potential areas of bilateral cooperation. Mr. Luke Mayers expressed deep empathy and solidarity with the people of Pakistan over the loss of lives, and destruction caused by the recent floods.

Dr. Musadik Malik apprised Mr. Mayers that nearly 3.6 million people have been displaced. He emphasized that while relief operations are ongoing and showing progress, the real challenge lies ahead, addressing the widespread devastation that will emerge once floodwaters recede.

The two sides also discussed the impact of floods on food security, particularly regarding food regulations, trade opportunities, and the use of GMO seeds to strengthen agricultural resilience.

Furthermore, Dr. Malik highlighted the Ministry’s focus on digitizing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to streamline processes, enhance efficiency, and ensure transparency in environmental monitoring and regulatory compliance.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to collaboration in climate resilience, food security, and sustainable development, expressing intent to explore avenues for enhanced bilateral cooperation.

Federal Minister Dr. Musadik Malik Chairs PM’s committee meeting on flood damages in AJK



Islamabad: September 10, 2025: Federal Minister for Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik Chairs PM’s Committee Meeting on Flood Damages in AJK.

ISLAMABAD (September 10, 2025) - Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik, chaired a high-level meeting of the Prime Minister’s Committee tasked with examining the damages caused by recent floods in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK).

The meeting was attended by Federal Minister for Water Resources Mian Muhammad Moeen Watto, Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, and Chief Secretary AJK Mr. Khushal Khan, along with senior officials from relevant departments and agencies.

The committee was briefed on the initial ground assessment of flood damages in AJK, including the estimated costs required for rehabilitation and infrastructural repairs. Chairman NDMA informed the committee that a comprehensive national survey and audit of total damages and associated costs will be

conducted to ensure a data-driven and transparent approach.

During the meeting, Dr. Musadik Malik recommended adopting a triangulated damage assessment methodology involving the Government of AJK, the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) AJK, and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). He emphasized the need to bring technical experts on board to derive a more accurate and locally contextualized estimate for infrastructure restoration costs.

The committee agreed that this coordinated approach would help streamline decision-making, ensure transparency, and enable the preparation of a well-informed report.

The Prime Minister’s Committee will reconvene in the coming days to finalise its findings and recommendations, which will be presented to the Prime Minister for necessary action and resource allocation.

Ireland and Pakistan explore climate collab as Ambassador Mary O'Neill Calls on Dr. Musadik Malik



Islamabad: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr. Musadik Malik Meets Ireland's First Ambassador to Pakistan, Ms. Mary O'Neill on September 9, 2025.

ISLAMABAD (September 9, 2025) –First Ambassador of Ireland to Pakistan Ms. Mary O'Neill called on Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr. Musadik Malik.

They discussed the current climate situation and the respective approaches of Pakistan and Ireland in tackling the growing environmental challenges.

Dr. Malik highlighted the shifting global dynamics, stating that the world is gradually moving from multilateralism towards bilateralism and, in some instances, unilateralism. He noted that this shift has reduced the level of multilateral support for climate-related initiatives, making self-reliance increasingly necessary. However, he stressed that for developing countries like Pakistan, which are already struggling with the severe repercussions of climate change, building self-reliance remains a significant challenge.

The Federal Minister further observed that the global community as a whole, as well as individual countries, have largely fallen short of achieving their climate goals. In this context, he shared the Ministry's upcoming two-pronged strategy aimed at addressing these challenges effectively: Strengthening Traditional Competence to which end the Ministry will enhance its capacity to access climate funds and design green projects that benefit rural and marginalized communities. Second, Promoting Non-Traditional Competence, by supporting youth-led green startups, empowering young innovators to drive sustainable solutions.

Ambassador Mary O'Neill appreciated Pakistan's initiatives to tackle climate change and expressed Ireland's interest in exploring collaborative opportunities in green innovation, renewable energy, and sustainable development.



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