



➤ Soldiers guard outside the damaged entrance after an attack on the Cadet College Wana in the South Waziristan district on Thursday. Agence France-Presse

ISLAMABAD

Islamabad court, Cade College Wana terror attacks traced to Afghan citizens, minister tells Senate; Pakistan rules out talks with terrorist groups; FO cites surge in attacks from Afghan soil

Afghans carried out two suicide bombings in Pakistan, says Naqvi

Pakistan said on Thursday Afghan nationals carried out two deadly suicide bombings in its territory this week, amid sharpening tensions between the South Asian neighbours over militant violence. The involvement of Afghans in the attacks — one outside a courthouse in the capital on Tuesday, the other at a military school the day earlier — was “our major, serious concern,” Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi told parliament. “We have traced the Islamabad blast culprits. The suicide bomber was from Afghanistan,” he said, without offering any evidence. “It will be decided on a government-level what to do,” the minister told reporters when asked how the government would proceed with regards to Afghanistan. Naqvi repeated accusations that the Afghan Taliban administration was supporting militants who attacked Pakistan. The Afghan Taliban — which came to power in 2021 and has also accused Pakistan of backing Daesh-KP militants in its territory — denies that Pakistani militants are present on its soil. A faction of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, the first to hit the

capital in nearly three years. “We have also, on many occasions during operations against Daesh-KP, killed, neutralised, or captured Pakistani nationals,” Afghan Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid told Reuters after the minister’s televised speech. “That does not mean the entire Pakistani nation behaves that way or that their government is responsible,” Mujahid added. Also on Friday, Pakistan categorically ruled out any possibility of negotiations with the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) or any other terrorist groups, reiterating that recent terror attacks in the country have intensified under the Afghan Taliban regime. Addressing the weekly media briefing in Islamabad, the Foreign Office Spokesperson Tahir Hussain Andrabi said Pakistan supports dialogue with governments, but not with terror outfits. “Pakistan has never eschewed dialogue with any government in Kabul. However, Pakistan will not hold dialogue with any terrorist groups, be it TTP or BLA,” he said. A suicide bomber blew himself up close to a

police patrol outside a lower court in Islamabad on Tuesday, killing 12 people and wounding 27. Another bomber rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into the main gate of a military school in South Waziristan district, near the Afghan border, on Monday, killing three people. Militants then entered the school, which is run by the military but educates civilians, triggering a fight with Pakistani soldiers that continued for more than 24 hours until all of the attackers were killed. The Pakistan army on Thursday escorted journalists from Islamabad to the Cadet College Wana, which showed clear signs of the assault. Pakistan’s Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said that all five attackers in the assault on the Cadet College Wana were killed by security forces. More than 600 people — including 525 cadets, their teachers and staff — were safely rescued, he told reporters. Tarar said the assailants appeared to be attempting a repeat of the 2014 Peshawar school massacre, when a Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) splinter group killed 154 people, mostly children, at an army-run school.

According to local media, authorities have arrested some suspects for questioning in connection with the Islamabad attack, and the detainees were captured in multiple raids. Pakistan’s Ministry of Information said the attack on the cadet college was planned and directed from Afghanistan and carried out by Afghan nationals using weapons supplied from there. In a post on X, the ministry said the assault was orchestrated by a militant identified only as Zahid, with approval from TTP’s chief Noor Wali Mehsud. Earlier, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has said that attacks on terrorist sanctuaries in Afghanistan could not be ruled out after Tuesday’s gruesome terrorism incidents in Islamabad and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Asked during a TV interview if Pakistan would respond after these attacks and statements from the leadership linking them to Afghanistan, Asif said “God willing,” adding that attacks on terrorist sanctuaries in Afghanistan “could not be ruled out” and could definitely happen. Tariq Butt / Agencies

General Asim to serve 5 years as Chief of Defence Forces: Minister

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir’s tenure will be restarted after he takes charge as Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), according to a law passed by the parliament on Thursday. After Defence Minister Khawaja Asif presented the bill to amend the Army Act, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar said that the CDF’s term would be five years from the date of his appointment. He made the remarks during the National Assembly session that passed the bills amending the Army, Navy, and Air Force Acts after the cabinet’s endorsement. A new notification will be issued for Field Marshal in his capacity as CDF, as per the proposed changes to the Army Act. On the recommendation of the army chief/CDF, the prime minister would appoint the National Strategic Command (NSC) Commander, who could be reappointed for a term of three years. In line with the proposed changes, the army chief will have the authority to appoint a Vice

Chief of Army Staff or Deputy Chief of Army Staff. Additionally, the army chief will oversee the restructuring and integration of all branches of the Pakistan Army as the CDF. The post of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee will be abolished from November 27, the proposed Army Act stated. Khawaja Asif introduced the Pakistan Army Act (Amendment) Bill 2025, the Pakistan Air Force (Amendment) Bill 2025 and the Pakistan Navy (Amendment) Bill 2025, which were passed with a majority vote. Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar introduced the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2025, which was also passed with a majority vote. Tarar said the four bills, which were passed in nine minutes without any debate, were meant to harmonise the existing laws with the recently signed 27th Constitutional Amendment Act. “These are not new laws. These are amendments to the present laws,” he said.

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Justice Aminuddin takes oath as first CJ of newly established FCC

ISLAMABAD: Justice Aminuddin Khan was on Friday sworn in as the first chief justice of the newly established Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) after the 27th Amendment was enacted into law a day earlier. Meanwhile, President Zardari appointed six judges to the FCC. A notification issued by the law ministry said that the president made the appointments under Clause 3 of Article 175-A read with Article 175-C of the Constitution. Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Ali Baqar Najafi of the Supreme Court, Justice K.K. Agha of the Sindh High Court and Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Rozi Khan Barrech, Justice (retd) Arshad Hussain Shah has also been appointed as Supreme Court judge Justice Musarrat Hilali was not willing to join the FCC. Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Asim Munir and Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (JCSC) General Sahir Shamshad Mirza were also present for the swearing in ceremony. Supreme Court Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, Presi-

dent Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif sat alongside Justice Aminuddin Khan on the stage. Pakistan People Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, his sister Aseefa Bhutto-Zardari, Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq, Senate Chairman Yousuf Raza Gillani, and members of the federal cabinet were also in attendance. In his oath, Justice Aminuddin Khan vowed to discharge his duties in accordance with the Constitution and the law, while also abiding by the code of conduct issued by the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC). “That I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions. That I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and that in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of people according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will,” he said in his oath, after which he shook hands with the president.

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ABU DHABI NATIONAL CO. FOR BUILDING MATERIALS

Invitation to Attend the General Assembly Meeting

For Abu Dhabi National Building Materials Company - Bildco (Public Joint Stock Company)

The Board of Directors of Abu Dhabi National Building Materials Company – Bildco (PJSC) is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the General Assembly Meeting of the Company, to be held on **Saturday, 6 December 2025 at 10:00 AM**, at the Company's headquarters and remotely through the electronic participation system approved by the Securities and Commodities Authority (“SCA”).

The General Assembly will discuss the following agenda:

Agenda of the General Assembly:

- To approve the entry of Abu Dhabi Integrated Investment Holding Company as a strategic partner in the capital of Abu Dhabi National Building Materials Company – Bildco through an in-kind contribution (land with a total area of 36 million square meters) valued at AED 2,31,000,000, in accordance with the proposal of the Board of Directors.
- To approve the In-Kind Share Valuation Report prepared by KPMG and to ratify its contents regarding the valuation of the in-kind contribution and its compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.
- To approve the increase of the Company's capital by AED 1.2 billion, distributed over 1.2 billion shares with a nominal and issue value of AED 1 per share, to be issued in favour of the strategic partner

Notes:

- In accordance with SCA directives, shareholders must register their attendance and vote electronically. Registration opens on Friday, 28 November 2025 at 2:00 PM and closes on Friday, 6 December 2025 at 9:00 AM.

For electronic registration, please visit: <https://www.smartagm.ae>

- Proxy holders may also register through the same platform (<https://www.smartagm.ae>), complete the proxy form, and upload it with the supporting documents once registration opens.
- A shareholder entitled to attend the General Assembly may authorize another person, other than members of the Board of Directors, employees of the Company, the brokerage company, or its employees, by a special written proxy. The agent may not represent more than 5% of the Company's capital by proxy.

Persons lacking or losing legal capacity shall be represented by their legal guardians or representatives. A legal entity may authorize one of its representatives or managers, pursuant to a resolution of its board of directors or equivalent, to represent it at the General Assembly, and the authorized person shall have the powers specified in the authorization resolution.

The requirements of Items (1) and (2) of Article (40) of the Chairman of SCA Decision No. (3/R.M) of 2020 concerning the adoption of the Governance Guide for Public Joint Stock Companies shall apply.

- Only shareholders registered by Friday, 5 December 2025 shall be entitled to vote at the General Assembly.
- The meeting shall be valid only if attended by shareholders holding or representing by proxy at least 50% of the Company's capital.

If the required quorum is not met, a second meeting will be held on 13 December 2025 at the same time and place, and the adjourned meeting shall be valid regardless of the number of attendees.

- Shareholders may view the “Investor Rights Guide in Securities” available on the Authority's official website: <https://www.sca.gov.ae/ar/regulations/minority-investor-protection.aspx>

Instructions for Electronic Registration, Attendance, and Voting:

- Invitations will be sent via SMS and email to all shareholders registered in the shareholders' register on Monday, 17 November 2025 at 4:00 PM, containing the registration link.
- Upon verification of the registration data, login credentials (meeting link, username, password) will be sent one day prior to the meeting to approved shareholders and authorized representatives via SMS and email provided in the registration form.

For inquiries regarding electronic registration, attendance, or voting, please review the instructions available on the Smart General Assemblies Portal (<https://www.smartagm.ae>), use the support channels provided on the portal, or contact the Company at: m.hamtou@bildco.ae